

# PORTLAND IS WELL EQUIPPED WITH MODERN THEATERS

PARQUET OF HEILIG THEATER  
FOURTEENTH AND WASHINGTON STS.



PANTAGES THEATRE  
FOURTH AND STARK STS.

PORTLAND has always been known as a good "show town," and as a result of the strong support given worthy theatrical offerings, high standards have been maintained in the character of attractions offered. With progressive managers in charge of the local theaters, the best of road companies are brought to this city each season, while a stock company of exceptional merit is one of the recognized institutions, and the best vaudeville attractions of the country appear here.

Although an election year, theaters in Portland did not feel the depression that was reported in Eastern amusement cities, and especially during the past two months has business been unusually good. As a result, managers of the several playhouses have arranged to give their patrons excellent productions during the remainder of the season. Increased demands have also assured the erection in Portland at an early date of one of the best theaters west of Chicago.

The Heilig Theater, at Fourteenth and Washington streets, is under the management of W. T. Pangle and is a member of the Northwestern Theatrical Association, of which Calvin Heilig is president and John Cort manager. The Heilig plays the leading Klaw & Erlanger attractions besides other high-class companies that visit Portland.

Although the plays already produced at the Heilig this season have been excellent, the attractions scheduled for the next few months promise to be even better. Among the offerings announced are the following: "Ben Hur," "The Red Mill," "Girls," "Ole Skinner in 'The Honor of the Family,'" Norman Hackett, Lew Fields in "The Girl Behind the Counter," "The Alaskan," Thomas Jefferson in "Hip Van Winkle," Guy Standing in "The Right of Way," Florence

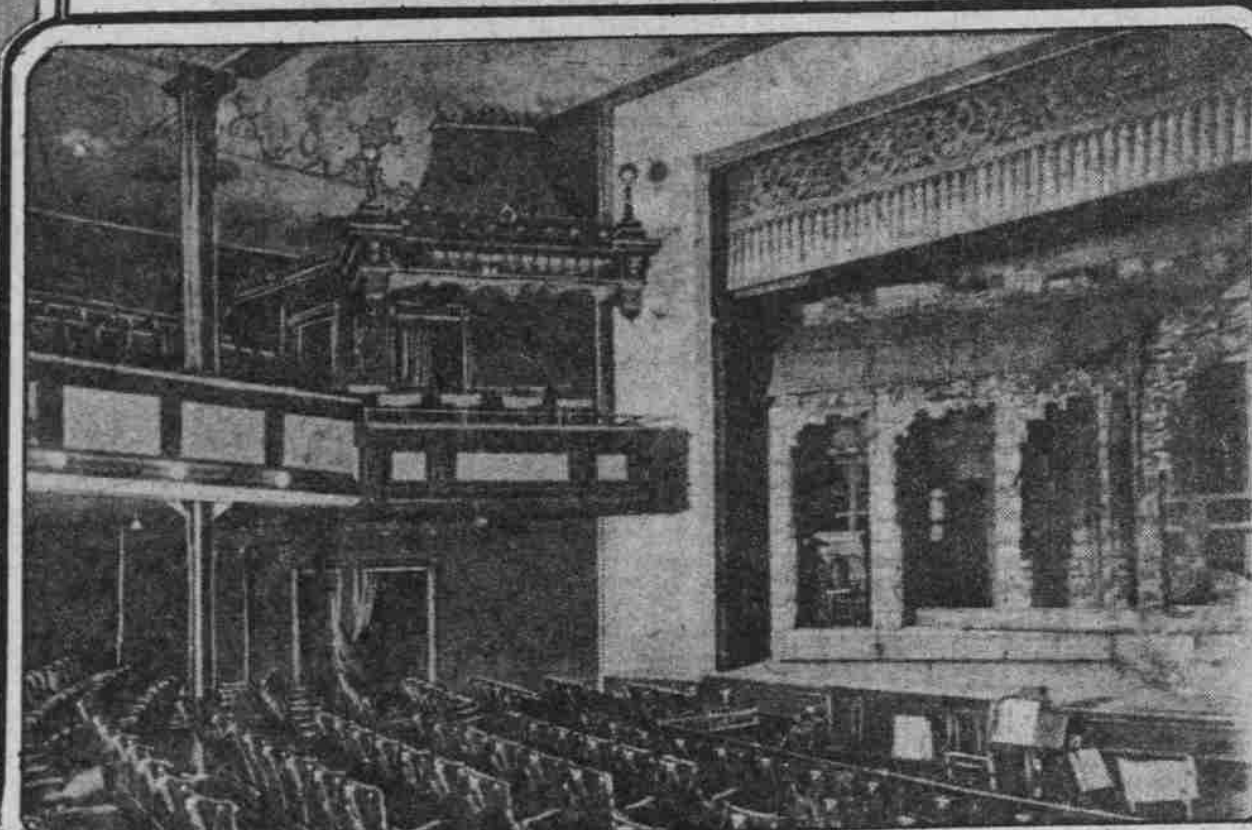
Roberts, Corinne in "Lola From Berlin," John Drew in "Jack Straw," "The Merry Widow," Charles B. Hanford, "The Wolf," "Brewster's Millions," Harry Berensford in "Who's Your Friend?" the Lombard Grand Opera Company, E. H. Southern, Richard Carls in "Marry's Lamb," Lillian Russell and Ethel Barrymore.

An important change in local conditions this year was the shifting from stock to road companies at the Baker Theater. George L. Baker, the manager, is presenting the secondary Klaw & Erlanger attractions, each company holding the boards for one week. Many of the bills are put on for the first time in Portland at popular prices, and as a result crowded houses prevail.

Among the attractions that have already been seen at the Baker this winter are "A Royal Chef," "The Isle of Spice," "The Honey-mooners," "Little Johnny Jones," "His Hopkins," "The Land of Nod," and "Arcturion." Others that will be seen this season are "The Devil's Auction," "Babes in Toyland," "The Flower of the Ranch," "Florence Gear," Paul Gilmore, "The Gingerbread Man" and "Dream City."

The Baker Stock Company, which had long held the boards at the Baker, has this season been strengthened and housed at the Bungalow, formerly the Empire. The Bungalow has been remodeled and the Baker Company includes some of the country's foremost artists in stock. The regular members of the company are: Isetta Jewel, Louise Kent, Mariel Seymour, Mina Crolius Gleason, Lucile Webster, Elsie Jewel, Marie Hamlin, Sydney Ayres, James Gleason, Howard Russell, William Dills, William Gleason, Earl Dwire, Ronald Bradbury, William Volbert and Walter Renfort. Donald Bowles is leading juvenile and stage director.

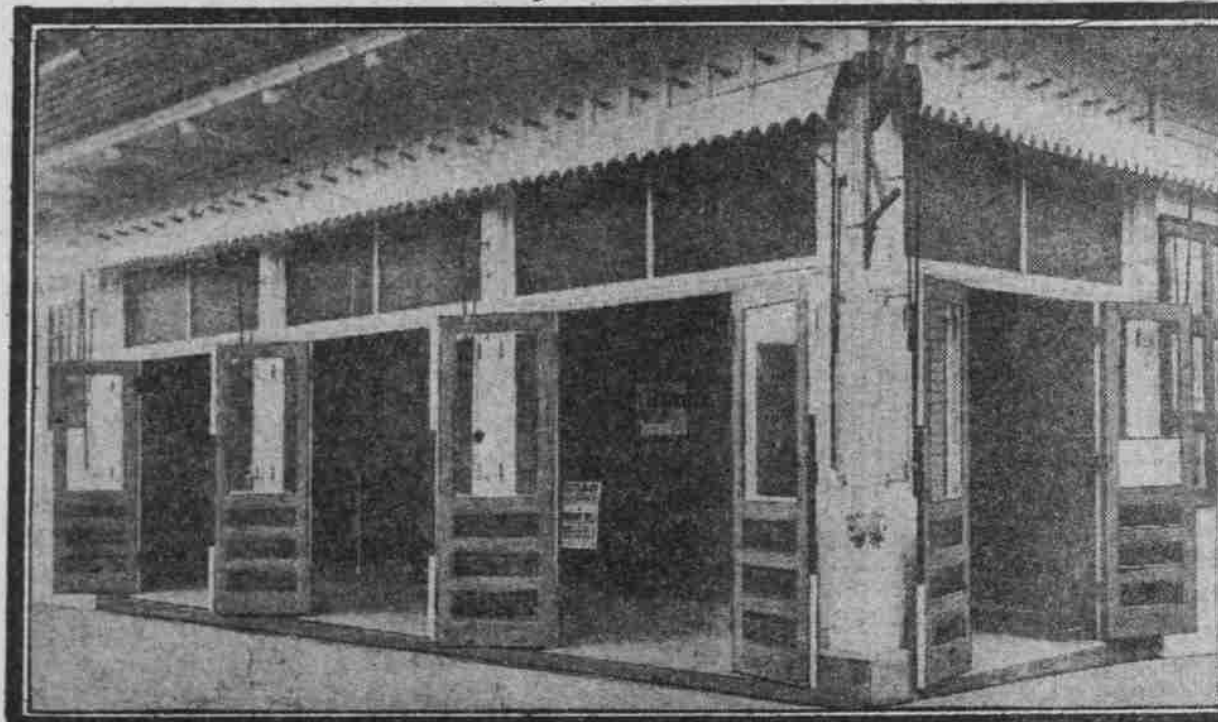
Among the plays yet to be presented at the Bungalow this year are: "Are You a Mason?" "A Royal Family," "The Kishna," "In the Bishop's Carriage," "The Light Eternal," "The Sign of the Cross," "Masters of Men," "My Wife"



INTERIOR OF BAKER THEATRE  
THIRD NEAR JAMHILL ST.



GRAND THEATRE, PARK AND WASHINGTON STS.



BUNGALOW THEATRE TWELFTH AND MORRISON STS.

INTERIOR DETAIL OF ORPHEUM THEATRE  
MORRISON NEAR SIXTH ST.



ENTRANCE TO STAR THEATRE  
PARK AND WASHINGTON STS.

and "The Hair to the Hoarh." Negotiations are said to be under way for rights to "The College Widow," "The County Chairman," "Way Down East," "The Darling of the Gods," and "The Great Divide."

The event of the year in vaudeville circles was the advent of the Orpheum attractions which are well known in all large cities of the country. The Orpheum people had for some time intended to start a theater in this city, and last Summer leased the Marquam Grand, changing the name to the Orpheum. This historic playhouse on Morrison street, between Sixth and Seventh, is now the home of the regular Orpheum attractions, and the liberal patronage that has been received has fully justified the management in establishing a theater in Portland. The Orpheum is under the management of C. N. Sutton, who came to Portland from St. Paul to take charge of the theater. There is complete change of bill weekly, and the management fully up to the advance representations.

In the Grand and Pantages, Portland has two other vaudeville houses that have won permanent places in the hearts of local theatergoers. The Grand is at Washington and Park streets and is managed by James H. Erickson. The Sullivan & Conditine attractions are brought to the Grand, and the bills during the present season have been of the highest order. Pantages, under the management of A. Johnson, is located at Fourth and Stark streets. It plays the regular acts of the Pantages circuit, the popularity of which is attested by the capacity houses at practically every performance. During the past year, Pantages Theater has been completely remodeled.

The Star Theater, at West Park and Washington streets, has a field of its own in the local amusement world. It is the home of the Star & Havlin attractions which are put on at popular prices and are well received. The Star is in charge of Mr. Erickson, manager of the Grand. Its bills during the present season have invariably pleased and surprised in the beauty of their scenery and ability of the actors.

## STATE SCHOOL POPULATION.

The following table shows the number of children in the several counties of the State of Oregon between the ages of 4 and 20 years:

| COUNTY.          | Male   | Female | Total   |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Baker .....      | 2,590  | 2,521  | 5,111   |
| Benton .....     | 1,293  | 1,315  | 2,608   |
| Clackamas .....  | 4,562  | 4,235  | 8,797   |
| Clatsop .....    | 2,042  | 2,088  | 4,130   |
| Columbia .....   | 1,548  | 1,357  | 2,905   |
| Coos .....       | 2,579  | 2,506  | 5,085   |
| Crook .....      | 910    | 1,170  | 2,080   |
| Curry .....      | 2,125  | 2,267  | 4,392   |
| Douglas .....    | 581    | 591    | 1,172   |
| Gilliam .....    | 601    | 511    | 1,112   |
| Grant .....      | 856    | 945    | 1,801   |
| Harney .....     | 507    | 456    | 963     |
| Jackson .....    | 2,972  | 2,932  | 5,904   |
| Josephine .....  | 1,629  | 1,499  | 3,128   |
| Lincoln .....    | 704    | 642    | 1,346   |
| Lane .....       | 4,696  | 4,461  | 9,157   |
| Linn .....       | 3,212  | 3,256  | 6,468   |
| Malheur .....    | 1,128  | 1,032  | 2,160   |
| Marietta .....   | 5,456  | 5,122  | 10,578  |
| Morrow .....     | 855    | 809    | 1,664   |
| Multnomah .....  | 19,474 | 17,113 | 36,587  |
| Polk .....       | 2,029  | 1,919  | 3,948   |
| Sherman .....    | 535    | 554    | 1,089   |
| Tillamook .....  | 851    | 742    | 1,593   |
| Umatilla .....   | 2,141  | 2,090  | 4,231   |
| Union .....      | 2,440  | 2,552  | 4,992   |
| Wallowa .....    | 1,259  | 1,271  | 2,530   |
| Wasco .....      | 2,584  | 2,525  | 5,109   |
| Washington ..... | 3,456  | 3,122  | 6,578   |
| Wheeler .....    | 461    | 427    | 888     |
| Yamhill .....    | 3,017  | 2,617  | 5,634   |
| Totals .....     | 82,656 | 77,357 | 160,013 |

## LIBRARY MEETS ALL NEEDS

Public Institution Has Nearly 80,000 Volumes Catalogued, With Annual Circulation of About 400,000.

By Miss Mary Frances Isom, Librarian, Portland Public Library.

Is this a Carnegie library? Weekly and during the tourist season almost daily some energetic sightseer leans over the Librarian's desk asking information. And it is always with pride and pleasure that he is assured the Public Library of Portland is not a Carnegie library, but that from its beautiful central building to its tiniest station it stands a monument first to the generosity of some of the pioneer builders of the city, and then to the interest and wisdom of the citizens of today, who recognize the value and necessity of a public library in the civic life.

The Library Association as a public library opened its doors and received its first members on March 10, 1902. The membership at the end of that first year was 856, and the circulation of books for home use was 110,652. There were 37,725 books in the library, over half of them uncatalogued. From that day to this

there has been a steady and consistent growth in membership and in general use. There are now nearly 23,000 members, and the number of books drawn for home use during this year will amount to about 400,000. There are nearly 80,000 catalogued volumes upon the shelves.

From the small beginning on the first floor of the building on Seventh and Stark streets the library has extended its activities until its work now includes the whole country. As means have allowed, departments have been added and branches, reading-rooms and deposit stations established; perhaps the happy time is not far distant when the dreams of those early days will be fulfilled and those books both useful and entertaining, both pleasant and profitable, will be as easily at the disposal of the farmer on his ranch as they are of the dweller in Portland.

The library now occupies the entire building, and every crack and cranny of it, too. The first floor is devoted to the loan departments both for adults and children, the Librarian's office, the county department and the checkroom. The second floor is set apart for quiet read-

ing and study. Behind the iron gates are the workrooms of the library, where the books are catalogued and prepared for the shelves. The reference collection is housed in the handsome room over the loan department. The basis of this library is the splendid collection of books, many of them now very rare, bequeathed to the association by the late John Wilson. To this new and useful work in every department of knowledge have been added month by month, until now there is a working collection in all branches not easily surpassed in a library of its size. During the past year an alcove has been set apart for engineering and kindred subjects. Here may be found standard works, bound periodicals and the transactions and proceedings of various societies. Students not only of Portland, but from all over the Northwest, avail themselves of the facilities of this department. The periodical room is on the same floor, and contains 345 magazines and 55 newspapers.

A central library, however well equipped, cannot hope to reach all its constituents; time and distance must be considered, and if a library is to fulfill properly its mission in a community it must reach out in all directions. It must follow the example of the public school system and place its books in every neighborhood, taking care that no quarter of the community is neglected, but that every man has the opportunity which is his right. In pursuance of this idea, the Library Association during the

past year established three branches—one at Sellwood at 613 Umatilla avenue, Montavilla, Peninsula, South Portland, Troutdale and University Park. These

## INCREASE IN PORTLAND'S VOTING POPULATION.

Portland's rapid growth in population is indicated by the increase in the number of voters as shown by the comparative registration at the office of County Clerk Fields. The total registration for the state election in 1906 was 23,346, and for the Presidential election in 1908 was 28,297, the figures in both instances including the entire County of Multnomah. The strength of the various political parties is given in the registration of 1908 as follows: Republican, 25,328; Democrats, 5953; miscellaneous, 2478. The comparative increase in registration on the West Side, East Side and in the country precincts is shown by the following table:

|                 | 1906   | 1908   |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| West Side ..... | 10,379 | 14,333 |
| East Side ..... | 8,559  | 13,679 |
| Country .....   | 2,408  | 2,285  |
| Totals .....    | 21,346 | 28,297 |

rooms are attractively furnished, and are one in Albina at 558 Williams avenue and one on the East Side in the attractive little building, a gift to the association, on the corner of East Eleventh and East Alder streets. There are between 200 and 300 volumes in each branch, and each is in charge of a competent Librarian.

In addition to the branches there are seven reading-rooms—at Grisham, Lewis, maintained by the people of the locality, the library providing the Librarian, the books and the magazines. To a community too limited in size to make possible a branch or a reading-room, the library offers a "deposit station," that is, a collection of 50 books, to be changed at intervals, and placed in a convenient center, such as a postoffice or Grange hall, or sometimes the home of some public-spirited, book-loving citizen. There are 12 such stations distributed about the county, from Palmer and Bridal Veil on the east to Germantown and Cedarville on the west. The children are not forgotten, and in every country schoolhouse may be found a box of books all during the school term. These are in number according to the size of the school, and are adapted to the various ages of the readers.

This is but a brief outline of the distributing agencies of the Public Library. Of its educational work and in hand with students, schools, clubs, Granges, there is neither time nor space to speak, but it is work of equal magnitude.

## COLLEGES TAKE HIGH RANK

Both State and Denominational Institutions in Oregon Offer Exceptional Opportunities to Students.

ALTHOUGH Oregon has none of the so-called great universities of the country, the state has educational institutions which for thorough work will bear comparison with those of any state in the Union. Not only is the public school system of a high class, but there are many denominational and private institutions that are doing a creditable work and offer opportunities to all who desire to pursue their studies along general or specialized lines.

The two chief educational institutions maintained by the state are the University of Oregon, at Eugene, and the Oregon Agricultural College, at Corvallis. The University of Oregon has a reputation for thorough courses in the higher branches, has a competent corps of instructors and is well equipped.

The Agricultural College has a larger enrollment than any other institution in the state. Military discipline is maintained among the undergraduates and courses are offered in all of the technical branches. The Oregon Experiment Station is conducted in connection with the

college and valuable information is collected for the benefit of farmers throughout the state. Besides these institutions the state maintains several normal schools.

Oregon has also strong denominational schools, both colleges and academies. The oldest institution in the state is Willamette University of Salem, a Methodist school which did a notable work in the pioneer days and has an important place in the educational field. Pacific University, at Forest Grove, the second oldest college in Oregon, is under Congregational control, although not purely a sectarian institution. Through the generosity of Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, and other philanthropists, Pacific University has received the largest endowment of any school in the state.

Other denominational colleges in Oregon are Albany College, Albany, Presbyterian; McMinnville College, McMinnville, Baptist; Pacific College, Newberg, Friends; Dallas College, Dallas, United Evangelical. In professional schools and business colleges the state is also well equipped.