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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER—Fourteenth and Washington.—The American drama, "The Great Divide." Tonight at 8:15. BUNGALOW THEATER—(Twelfth and Morrison)—Baker stock company in "Masters of Men." Tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATER—(Third, near Yamhill)—"Babes in Toyland." Tonight at 8:15. OREGONIAN THEATER—(Marion, between Ninth and Seventh)—Admission, vaudeville. Matinee at 2:15; tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER—(Washington, between Seventh and Park)—Vaudeville de luxe. 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. PANTHEON THEATER—(Fourth and Stark)—Continous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M. STAR THEATER—(Washington and Park)—"Thorns and Orange Blossoms." Tonight at 8:15.

WILL OPEN LONG STREET.—M. H. Carter, chairman of the Committee appointed by the Peninsula Development League, to take up the matter of improving a thoroughfare through the Peninsula to St. John from Killingsworth avenue, announced yesterday that he had been informed there will be a provision in the new charter providing for a district assessment for such improvement. However, Mr. Carter says he has ascertained that a district assessment may not be called for. He has been talking to the property-owners on Pippin and Dawson streets, and finds them willing to have the improvement made whether a district be formed or not. "We have not settled whether Patton avenue or Green street will form the connecting link with Killingsworth avenue," said Mr. Carter, "but I am inclined to think Mr. Patton, on Patton avenue, will have the street railway company, as it owns a private right-of-way on Dawson street, but this can be overcome. Our committee expected to have a conference with the Charter Board last Tuesday, but no meeting was held.

DR. SOLTAJ WILL SPEAK.—The Evangelical United Brethren Ministerial Association will meet today at 10 A. M. in the First Evangelical Church, East Market and East Sixth streets, and Dr. George Soltau, of London, evangelist, will address the association. At this meeting it will be settled where future meetings will be held. A report of the special committee on church union and publication will be submitted. This committee was appointed to draw up a circular letter to the entire membership of all three denominations in the state urging that effective measures be taken for organic union. This committee will report on the result of its investigations as to the advisability of publishing a magazine on the Pacific Coast in the interest of organic union and kindred subjects of interest to the West. Rev. C. C. Poling, Rev. H. C. Shaffer and Rev. F. Benz, representing the three denominations, comprise this special committee.

SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD.—At all the special meetings yesterday at the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church there were large audiences. At the morning service the church auditorium and Sunday schoolroom were both taxed to capacity. Extra chairs were brought in and still not all could find seats. Rev. W. E. Zentler delivered the sermon, a large chorus choir in charge of Harold Coffin, late of the Moody Bible College, of Chicago, furnished the music. Mr. Coffin sang several solos. In the afternoon there was another large congregation. Besides the regular services several extra meetings were conducted during the day, one being held in the boys' high school, on East Yamhill street. During the coming week meetings will be conducted every night in spite of the unfavorable weather. Members from the Sunnyside and Home churches are taking part in these meetings.

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JOHN C. MATTHEW DIES.—John C. Matthew, son of Mrs. M. C. Matthew, widow of Edward F. Matthew, died at Palo Alto, Cal., yesterday morning at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. M. Anthony. Mr. Matthew, a young man of 23 years, was quite popular in Portland and throughout the valley, having a wide circle of acquaintances. He was a grandson of F. X. Matthew and the late Judge John F. Caples. The young man was taken ill a few months ago with tuberculosis and was taken to California by his mother and aunt with the hope of staying the ravages of the disease. The remains will be brought to Portland for interment.

LAURENCE LUNCH LANE.—Captain Carl Weir is out with a proposition to establish a line of small, swift launches between Portland, St. John and Linnton. He says that he can land passengers in St. John in 30 minutes, which is better time than the streetcars make under favorable circumstances. With the rapid growth in Lower St. John it is believed that such a launch line would be very popular, people living on the hill would use the streetcars as the most direct way of reaching their homes.

FUNERAL OF T. A. TOLLISON.—The funeral of T. A. Tollison, who died at his home on Russell street Friday, was conducted yesterday under the auspices of Willamette Lodge, A. F. and A. M. There was a large attendance of members of the Masonic Lodge, Maccabees, teamsters' and longshoremen's unions, of which Mr. Tollison had been a member. He had lived in Portland for the past 25 years.

LAST DAY OF DISCOUNT.—Monday, January 11, on account of the 10th falling on Sunday the discount period is extended to cover Monday, January 11. Pay your bills by check or at the office of the company, Park and Burnside streets, and save the discount. Pay your bills on Monday. Home Telephone Company. EXCHANGE OF TICKETS FOR reserved seats for Italian earthquake sufferers' benefit can be made, at Bungalow Theater, on and after Friday, January 8.

ST. MARTIN'S HOT SPRINGS HOTEL, is closed for repairs and will reopen about February 15, 1909. FOR RENT.—A few nice offices in The Oregonian building. See Superintendent, room 211. THIS VERY BEST RESULTS from the use of Collins Hot Mineral Water for rheumatism. COLLINS SPRINGS open all year. North Bank Railway stops all trains at house. DR. E. C. BROWN, EYE, EAR, MARQUAM.

BUILDING SHOWS INCREASE.—From official figures furnished the American Contractor of Chicago by 40 cities of the country, a much greater increase in the value of building permits is shown for December than had been anticipated. The whole list shows a total gain of 52 per cent over the corresponding month of 1907. Of the Coast cities, Spokane made the largest percentage of gain the total of last month being \$315,000 against \$102,000 in December, 1907. Portland gained 183 per cent on a total of \$238,000. Seattle gained 25 per cent; Tacoma, 47, and Los Angeles, 55. Only three cities of the country report a loss—Chicago, Pittsburg and Syracuse.

RECRUITS OF DELAYED TRAIN.—Two tourist cars carrying 90 recruits for the United States Army were due to arrive yesterday over the O. R. & N., but did not reach this city. The recruits will on arrival be sent to Vancouver Barracks, but some doubt is expressed as to whether the new soldiers will get through to Portland. No trains from the East arrived in Portland yesterday up to midnight. After the men get to Portland they will be transferred to the North Bank road and be taken across by way of the bridges.

ST. JOHN WANTS FREE FERRY.—St. John wants a free ferry, and a bill will be introduced at the coming Legislature enabling the county to operate the ferry. The City Attorney of St. John has been authorized to prepare the bill covering this matter. At present there is a ferry operated at St. John by a private corporation, but it is proposed to purchase this ferry and franchise and then turn it over to the county to be run the same as the Albina and Sellwood ferries.

TELLS OF EVANGELIST WORK.—At the Baptist Ministerial Association meeting to be held this morning in the Y. M. C. A. Dr. George Saults, of London, will read a paper bearing on certain aspects of Evangelism. Dr. Saults is an evangelist of note, and will hold special services of that character in various local churches during the next few months.

NEW YORK SOCIETY MEETING.—The annual meeting of the New York Society of Oregon will be held tomorrow evening, at the residence of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Pope, at West Park street. The election of officers and other important business will come up. All New Yorkers, visitors or residents, are cordially invited.

WILL ADOPT CONSTITUTION.—The committee on constitution will submit a report tonight at the meeting of the North Albina Bible Church, which will meet in the firehouse. It is desired that all members should be present, as business of importance will come up.

PORTLAND ACADEMY on account of plumbing work not open until Tuesday morning at 8:45. J. R. Wilson, principal. SMITH'S cold-weather meet special-back page.

WILL BUILD HIGH SCHOOL

St. John to Vote on \$50,000 Bond Issue.

School District No. 2, of St. John, will hold an election of the taxpayers in the Central building January 28 to decide on the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$50,000. The money will be used as follows: Forty thousand dollars for the erection of a High School building upon block 29, James John Addition, and \$10,000 for erecting a grade school on the block "17" recently purchased by the district.

The block for the High School is about all the district realized out of the James John estate, valued at over \$150,000. By erecting this High School the district secures possession of the block, and in some measure carries out the wishes and intention of James John when he made a will giving all his property in St. John to school purposes. This will be considered the most remarkable document ever put ever framed in this state. Hardly any two lawyers ever construed it in the same way. They agree, however, in the opinion that Mr. John wanted to found a school in St. John. It is expected that the proposed High School building will bear his name.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.

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NEW BILLS OPEN AT THEATERS

"MASTERS OF MEN" AT THE BUNGALOW. F. M. Davis.....James Gleason. Charles M. Bentz.....William Dills. Burton Clark.....Sydney Ayres. Jessie Melville.....Maribel Jewell. Dorothy Davis.....Isola Kent. Mrs. Keane.....Louise Kent. Aunt Sally.....Louise Kent. William.....Walter Renfort. Jimmy Clark.....Howard Russell.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. A BRAND splitter new play was tried out by the Baker players yesterday and if the demonstration of the people who braved the weather to hear it may be taken as a criterion, it is a distinctly enjoyable piece. "Masters of Men" closely resembles "The Man of the Hour" and a number of politico-social plays of recent production. The author, Avery Hopwood, has studied previous successes and written with a view to taking advantage of the interest in "reform" drama which has followed the movement for purifying governmental conditions in our municipalities.

The "boos" who as a matter of fact is a necessity in American politics and not half a bad thing in itself, is given a very bad bill of health in this newest anti-graft piece. Part of this may be laid at the door of the author and part of it to "Boss Buntz" his character of a cross between a sure-things hithorn working a county fair and a "Cripple Creek" dance-hall proprietor. He is boorish, he shouts, wears impossible clothing and acts altogether so offensively that it is a reflection on one's intelligence to be asked to believe that this man was the political master of a city of hundreds of thousands.

In the now familiar role of ambitious and fearless young district attorney, Sidney Ayres gives tolerable satisfaction. Burton Clark, who is running for into the arena as a reform prosecutor is in most respects a reasonably probable character as he is drawn, although the flagrantly melodramatic scene and speech given him at the end of the third act is calculated to make one who knows anything about politics and campaigning smile a large smile. Mr. Ayres works hard enough for doing the part so well as he does. The sins are mostly to be laid at the door of the author.

In the inevitable girl in the case, Miss Jewell plays an inconspicuous role in her usual capable way. One of the features of the performance that will be most warmly commended is the character of the son's impersonation of the sanctimonious pillar of the church who reaps millions out of franchise grabbing and other nefarious financial transactions. Mr. Gleason's impersonation of the reform financier who enjoys the hatred of some thousands of victims. He has duplicated the beard, the carriage and the cold, unlovely person so accurately that the audience immediately recognized it. The younger Gleason has seldom demonstrated his versatility to better advantage.

An adventures of the most ordinary variety, a particularly distasteful character, is the unhappy assignment of Louise Kent to the role of a girl who nobly to the demands but must hate herself while simulating such general coarseness as she is called upon to supply. Maribel Seymour has an attractive little ingenue role and Howard Russell is pleasing as the attorney's irrepressible younger brother.

"Masters of Men" will be the bill all week with the exception of tonight when the company lays off so that the theater may be used for the Italian sufferers' benefit. Manager Baker has generously donated the Bungalow. It had been intended to take the company to Astoria where a one-night stand was to have been made, but owing to weather conditions it was decided at the last moment to abandon the trip and the engagement was canceled.

"BABES IN TOYLAND" AT THE BAKER. Alan.....Eddie Hedway. Jan.....Nellie Lynch. Uncle Barnaby.....John F. Ward. Tom Tom.....Helen McLeod. Contract Mary.....Beth Tate. Inspector Marmaduke.....Gus Pixley. The Master Toy-maker.....W. H. Hatter. Grumble.....Leon Mayo. Jill.....May M'Cook. The Widow Pimper.....Ida Ward. Rodrigo.....Gus Pixley. Gonzago.....Will H. Hatter. Hilda.....Gertrude Laurence. Bo-Peep.....Eita Munnell. Red Riding Hood.....Violet Clifford. Little Boy Blue.....May Brinkley. Simple Simon.....Helen Edmond. Tommy Tucker.....Ethel Vernon. Little Miss Muffet.....Eleanor Fisher. Lemon of the Forest.....Frank Kennard. The Brown Bear.....Len Delmore. Teddy.....Dexter Dick. The Sun Queen.....Fanny Dressler. The Moth Queen.....Grace Finlayson. The Fire Queen.....Carrie Ellsworth.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. THAT bright and tuneful musical frivolity which opened its second local engagement at the Baker yesterday afternoon is calculated to please all the amusement seekers who are so fortunate as to see it during the week it is to run. Something like twenty years ago it came to the Heilig after remarkable exploitation as one of the big New York successes of the day and the favorable impression it made at that time was deepened yesterday. It's a happily conceived hedge-podge of mirth and music with just enough plot to fasten it together.

Owing to a delayed train it was nearing 4 o'clock when the curtain was run up but the audience which had waited for more than an hour was a good natured one and when the performance got under way felt well repaid for waiting. Probably never in the annals of local theaters was a production staged so quickly as this and it was an interesting experience to see the stage crew at work frantically throwing the scenery together, assisted both by the advice and manual assistance of George L. Baker. After the opening chorus it took excellent care to itself and nothing untoward happened.

This year's cast is capable in the matter of principals and the chorus is run up but the audience which has contributed some delightful numbers to this piece while the book of Glen Macdonough is full of bright lines and novel situations. Such well known popular songs as "The Merry Widow" and "Rock-a-Bye Baby" and "Beatrice Barefacts" are all songs that you'll remember and besides them there are a number of other good numbers. Given reasonable weather conditions "Babes in Toyland" should be largely attended at the Baker this week. There will be a matinee Wednesday.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather and the fact the benefit for the Italian sufferers has worked against the Portland Symphony Orchestra concert, the advance sale is very good, and with the date now changed to tomorrow night, the concert promises to be a big success. The orchestra has had its last rehearsal and Conductor Rosebrook is now ready to present the organization to the public. The following from the Seattle Times in regard to Miss Goodson, the soloist for Tuesday night, indicates that she more than met expectations in that city:

She was a sensation. Added to a superb technique, which includes a fingering and a phrasing developed to a degree which makes them seem merely incidental, Miss Goodson has a musical insight which made her selections last night seem interpretations rather than performances. She chose the beautiful Grieg concerto in A minor for her big number, and played it so well that it was understood by the audience at the end of the first movement the house rose to her with heartfelt applause and cries of "Bravo" from the musicians.

"Thorns and Orange Blossoms" at Star

Resenthal's great shoe sale is on. PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHANGES DATE OF CONCERT. FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 11, TO TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12. KATHERINE GOODSON. The Great English Pianist. Masonic Temple Hall West Park and Yamhill Streets.

REAL DAUGHTER OF 1776

Oldest Woman in New England Dies, Aged 108. DEER ISLE, Maine, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Salome Sellers, 108 years old, real daughter of the Revolution, and said to be the oldest person in New England, is dead at her home here.

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mix-up and it begins to look rather bad for the young wife when she succeeds in clearing herself. Outraged at the treatment she has received, she leaves the splendid establishment of Ryverswell and goes to work in the London slums. Of course, after a while her innocence is proved and everybody is forgiven.

A pleasing deviation from the rather worn Bertha M. Clay plot is the introduction of Tommy Swift, drummer of a meat-packing house of Chicago, who after all he does yesterday's show a success were, Marion Zimmerman, who played Monica Ryvers, the wronged wife, with fine effect and wore some fine gowns; Miss Lois Meredith, as the Dowager Lady Ryvers, certainly upheld the mother-in-law tradition in fine style. The other characters were all well sustained.

GREAT SEATTLE SUCCESS

Miss Goodson, Who Appears Here Tomorrow, Scored Triumph.

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