

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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HEILIG THEATRE—(14th and Washington) New American religious drama, "Ben Hur." Tonight at 8 o'clock sharp.

BUNGALOW THEATRE—(Twelfth and Morrison)—Baker Stock Company in "A Royal Family." Tonight at 8:15.

BAKER THEATRE—(Third and Yamhill)—"The Flower of the Ranch." Tonight at 8:15.

ORPHEUM THEATRE—(Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—Advanced vaudeville. Matinee at 2:15; tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATRE—(Washington, between Seventh and Park)—Vaudeville de luxe. 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

PANTAZZO THEATRE—(Fourth and Stark)—Continued vaudeville. 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

STAR THEATRE—(Washington and Park)—"In a Woman's Power." Tonight at 8:15.

BEW CAMPBELL'S NARROW ESCAPE—Word was brought to Portland by the station manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harman line, of the narrow gauge recently of the family of Ben Campbell, vice-president of the York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

GERMAN AID SOCIETY.—The annual meeting and election of officers of the General German Aid Society of Portland, was held January 14, at 8 P. M. After reading of the financial reports of the secretary and treasurer it was voted to donate to the relief committee for the earthquake sufferers in Italy \$50; also to the Ladies' Relief Society of the Children's Home \$25. The society spent during last year, for charitable purposes, to needy Germans, sick and out of employment the sum of \$224.16, and since its existence \$28,968.40.

TRAVELING SALESMAN DEAD.—A telegram received Saturday by F. M. Sellen conveyed news of the death of David Broedel, at the Denver Tuberculosis Sanatorium, "Days" Broedel, as he was known by a host of traveling men in the Northwest, was a salesman for M. Sellen & Co., and during the Winter of 1906, contracted tuberculosis on a trip to the interior of Eastern Oregon.

TRUSTEES MEET TODAY.—Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce, elected at the annual meeting last week will hold their first meeting this morning in the rooms of the organization at 11 o'clock. In addition to a number of important matters to be considered that have been left over from their last meeting, the election of an assistant to Secretary Edmond C. Giltner will come up.

AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO.—Moved to corner Sixth and Oak.

A GREAT SHOWING. A Year's Record Which is Entitled to Much Consideration.

ELSEWHERE IN TODAY'S OREGONIAN will be found the published annual statement of January 1, 1909, of the Home Insurance Company of New York.

WHERE TO DINE. All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant's fine private apartments for ladies, 305 Wash., near Fifth.

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COURTS TO DECIDE

Question as to Meaning of District Assessment Law.

WHO PAYS FOR MAINS?

Extension of Water System Causes Complications Because of New Plan of Taxing Benefitted Property for Improvement.

There appears to be trouble ahead for the city in collecting assessments for water mains under the present system of charging the costs to "benefitted property" abutting the improvement. A point of law as to what constitutes "benefitted property" is involved, and it seems at this time that the courts will be called upon to construe this. The first remonstrance to be filed against such an assessment is now in the hands of City Auditor Barbur.

THE WATER MAIN IS BUT ONE OF MANY which have been ordered installed by the City Council under the law, passed by the people last June, the provisions of which direct the City Auditor to assess costs to the "benefitted property." It has already been found that this is a very difficult method, it being extremely indefinite as to what is the property benefited.

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"In a Woman's Power" at the Star

"In a Woman's Power," a melodrama in four acts, is the bill this week at the Star. Patrons of this sort of entertainment will find the play quite to their liking, as it contains several strong scenes and a generous share of comedy.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JULIA C. BEEBE.—PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—On the 15th inst. there died in Clackamas County, Oregon, Mrs. Julia C. Beebe, aged 88 years, 5 months and 18 days.

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gather for the long period of 44 years, always lovingly and happily. Mrs. Beebe was a devoted wife, mother and friend, gentle, kind and charitable, ever ready to assist with hand and heart neighbors and those in need of help of any kind and until recalled by death. Her husband was a member of the Grand Old Law of all her acquaintances. Every one who ever knew her was her friend and will lament her demise. Mrs. Beebe was the lineal descendant of good old Revolutionary stock and a woman of ardent patriotism and an ardent supporter of the Union.

ALICE IS TOTAL LOSS. No Chance of Saving Any Part of Ship or Cargo.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—That the French ship Alice is a total loss with her cargo of cement is now an established fact, and there is no chance of saving any part of her cargo except of what may be washed ashore as wreckage.

SHANAHAN APOLOGIZES. Not Enough Salespeople to Handle the Trade.

WE WERE UNABLE TO WAIT ON ALL OF THE people yesterday who came to take advantage of the low prices at our sale of goods damaged by water during the recent thaw.

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CAPITAL STOCK \$3,000,000.00. The Assets of the Company Are as Follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, Cash in hands of Agents and in course of collection, Real Estate, Loans on Bonds and Mortgages.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 15,000 Shares Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Morris & Essex Railroad, Reading Company First Preferred, Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie R. R., Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. Preferred, United New Jersey R. R. & Canal, Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry. Co. Preferred, Cleveland & Pittsburg R. R. Co., 7 per cent., Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. Common, Rochester & Genesee Valley R. R., N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co., Manhattan Railway Co. Stock, Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Common, Great Northern Railway Co., Preferred, Great Northern Iron Ore Beneficial Certs., Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha Ry. Co., Preferred, Kansas City, Fort Scott & Denver R. R. Co., Preferred, Fort Wayne & Jackson R. R. Co., Preferred, Pennsylvania & Saratoga R. R., Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co., Preferred, Louisville & Nashville R. R., Valley Railroad, Northern Railway, Preferred, Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, Preferred, Atchafalaya & Hudson R. R., Preferred, Illinois Central Railroad Co., Cleveland & Pitts. R. R. Co. 4 per cent., Northern Securities Co. Stubs., Northern Pacific R. R. Co. Subscriptions Receipts, Full Paid, Chicago, Mil. & St. P. Com. Stock Inst. Certs., 85 per cent. Paid, Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, The Mackay Co. Preferred, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Twenty-third Street Railway Co., American Exchange National Bank of N. Y., Fourth National Bank of N. Y., Manhattan Company, N. Y., Bank of America, N. Y. & C., Chatham National Bank of N. Y., Franklin Trust Company, Brooklyn, Long Island Loan & Trust Company, United States Mortgage & Trust Co., Metropolitan Trust Company.

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Surplus as regards Policyholders, \$13,682,821 51. Especial attention is called to the creation by this Company of a Confiragration Surplus now amounting to \$800,000, a sum exceeding the entire assets of many companies seeking business in the United States and Canada, and the only company doing business in this country maintaining a reserve of this character, rendering substantial its claims to being "confiragration proof."

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