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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington)—Klaw & Erlanger's production General Lew Wallace's Biblical play, "Ben Hur." This afternoon at 2. Tonight at 8.

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

BAKER THEATER—(Third, near Yamhill)—"The Power of the Ranch." Matinee 2:30 P. M.; tonight at 8:15.

ORPHEUM THEATER—(Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—Advanced 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.

PANTAGES THEATER—(Fourth and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

STAR THEATER—(Washington and Park)—"In a Woman's Power." Matinee, 2:30 P. M.; tonight at 8:15.

FIRE SCORCHES HEIGHTS HOME.—Fire was discovered about 7:25 last night in the upper floor of the new residence of M. H. Houser on Portland Heights, at Twenty-first and Jackson streets. The blaze had made considerable progress in the draperies surrounding the windows of a bed chamber before attention was directed to it. Mr. Houser himself making the discovery. The Heights fire department responded to a call and in a short time after its arrival the flames were put out with chemical apparatus. Beside furnishings being ruined, the woodwork was considerably scorched, the whole entailing a loss estimated at about $1000. How the fire originated was not known last night. Mr. Houser and family had recently moved into their new home, which is one of the handsomest on the Heights.

REMAINS PLACED IN CRYPT.—Final obsequies were held over the remains of John ("Baron") Schlenk yesterday afternoon at Finley's undertaking rooms. Father McDevitt conducted the services, after which the body was taken to the Portland Burial Vaults, near the crematorium, where Mrs. Schlenk had bought a crypt in which the body was placed, incased in a hermetically sealed casket. Mrs. Schlenk has decided to have the body remain in its present burial place and not have it removed to another as she had determined a day or two ago. The services at the undertaker's were attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, and the relatives and intimate friends accompanied the body to the vaults.

WILL SPEAK ON SOUND.—Rev. James D. Corby, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Good Tidings, of Portland, has accepted an invitation to deliver two lectures, one in Tacoma, January 26, and another in Seattle. The subject of his lectures will be "The Practical Reform of Fallen Women." Recently, when Mayor Lane ordered these women to leave the city, Dr. Corby, who has had experience in reform movements in New York, will show in his lectures that the mere driving out of these women will not reform them nor help the community, but that places where they can have a home and work, without their past constantly appearing before them, must be provided.

CELEBRATE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.—The A. J. Smith Post, G. A. R., and the Sellwood Board of Trade will hold a joint celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, on the night of February 12. Peter Hume and John W. Campbell, from the Board of Trade, and a committee from the post will make the arrangements for the celebration. A patriotic programme will be arranged, and the public will be invited.

ERROR CAUSES DELAY.—An insignificant error in the published proceedings for the big West Sellwood sewer system necessitates that the notice be republished. The word easterly was substituted for westerly, which changed the meaning of the advertisement. There will be about five weeks' delay. It is expected that the bids will be called for in March. The sewer is a large one and will cost about $100,000.

WILL USE SHAVER SCHOOL.—City Superintendent Rigler, of the public schools, is arranging to use the Shaver school building for a high school to serve the district in North Albina, where a new building has been authorized. It is the purpose of the Superintendent to open the high school recitations in the Shaver school by February 1, and to use it until the other building is ready for occupancy.

THE OREGONIAN BUILDING has a few choice offices for rent. Will arrange rooms to suit permanent tenants. Prospective tenants are referred to room 201 for inspection of offices.

RATE WAR.—Steamer Nome City sails direct for San Francisco Friday noon. Cabin $10, berth and meals included. Frank Bollam, Agt., 128 Third st.

DR. BARR and his sister, Miss Barr, of Vienna, have left for the Catalina Islands. They will return the middle of February.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Blumauer Photo-Supply Co. has removed to 111 Sixth st., near Washington st. Phone Main 1874.

WANTED.—A lot close in on West Side; no agent; for particulars, price, terms, etc., address E 582, Oregonian.

Dr. J. G. Swensson returned after one month spent at Eastern surgical centers.

DIVA GADSKI SINGS HERE

Great Soprano Will Be Heard Friday, January 29.

Mme. Gadski, who will sing here next week at the Heilig Theater, is one of the most gracious and winning personalities on the operatic or concert stage. She is one of those rare favorites of the muses who seem to grow bigger and nobler every time they have an opportunity to display their wonderful achievements. There has been known no voice more thrilling in the tumultuous operas of Wagner, where thrill is of more consequence than beauty, and it is said there is no soprano who can quite compare with Gadski in singing the German lieder, which are of the very essence of the beautiful in music.

Gadski will be here Friday, January 29. She sings at the Heilig Theater, and the programme to be rendered is a large and varied one. The first group consists of old English and French songs; the second of classics from Schubert, Robert Franz and Richard Strauss, with two very beautiful compositions by Frank La Forge, the young American pianist and composer, who made a highly favorable impression on musical Portland when he was here with Gadski on the previous tour. The third part of the programme is Wagnerian. The event is under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

PETITION IS ALL SAFE

Mrs. Duniway Looks Forward to Another Suffrage Vote.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Will you permit me to say, through your columns, to the many thousands of equal suffragists in Oregon, only about half of whom were represented at the June election by the nearly 47,000 votes cast in our favor, that there is no cause for alarm over the constitutional amendment proposed by young Speaker McArthur "to limit the activities of the suffragists for eight years?"

Under the state constitution "no ex post facto law shall ever be issued," nor can any citizen or class of citizens be righteously denied "the equal protection of the laws."

The State Equal Suffrage Association, anticipating this retroactive "coup" by the one active, self-imported "anti" in Oregon, took care to file its petition for a referendum vote at the November election of 1910 in ample time to checkmate her machinations. So please, dear lovers of liberty, possess your souls in patience. No "ex post facto law" can stand the constitutional interpretation of the Supreme Court. The Legislative Assembly has not voted for the "remonstrants'" proposition yet, nor is it likely to do so in the face of our initiative petition, placed on file in the office of the Secretary of State September 16, 1908, the receipt for which is in our possession.

If the Prohibitionists have been caught napping and are to be put to sleep for eight years, or for all time, that is their lookout.

"No taxation without representation" is the slogan of the suffragists for the state election of 1910. We are the catspaw for no party, nor shall we cease our "activities" till the mothers of Oregon men are free and equal with the sons of Oregon women before the law. ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

President Equal Suffrage Association.

P. S.—Webster defines "ex post facto" as "done after another thing; from or by an after act, or thing done afterward."

MORE TIME IN PORTLAND

SPOKANE TRAIN WILL LEAVE AT LATER HOUR.

Changes in Schedules Just Decided on O. R. & N. Become Effective Next Sunday.

One of the most important changes in local time schedules made for some time was adopted by the O. R. & N. yesterday to take effect next Sunday.

PROMINENT PORTLAND WOMAN IS DEAD.

Mrs. Laura May Howlett Powell.

Mrs. Laura May Howlett Powell, widely known throughout the city, died at her home, 1750 Fisk street, University Park, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. She had been failing in health for three years, being afflicted with some disease of the heart which baffled medical skill. She is survived by a daughter, aged 8 years, and by her brothers. The funeral will occur tomorrow morning from the undertaking parlors of F. S. Dunning, East Sixth and Alder streets.

Train No. 4, leaving Portland for Spokane, known as the Spokane flyer, which now leaves this city at 5 P. M., will after Sunday leave at 7:30 P. M. The importance of this change lies in the fact that passengers from Spokane and Walla Walla will have in the one case two hours and 20 minutes longer to remain in this city and in the other one hour and 30 minutes.

The train from Spokane, known as No. 3, is to leave that city at the same time as at present, 7:30 P. M., but will arrive in Portland at 9:20 A. M., instead of 10 A. M., as at present.

Walla Walla sleepers will be hooked on the 7:30 P. M., train hereafter instead of the train leaving at 6 o'clock, which, as referred to, will give passengers more time in Portland.

MANY JOIN SPOKANE JUNKET

Winter Trip to California Extremely Popular in Interior.

Reports received from Spokane indicate that at least 200 persons will come to Portland with the Midwinter excursion planned by the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The schedule provides for departure from Spokane Friday, February 5, and arrival at Portland the next day. Saturday will be spent in this city and includes lunch at the Portland Hotel and dinner at the Commercial Club, after which a reception will be held until 10:30, when the special train will leave for a trip to California.

The Puget Sound excursion, booked for February 20, which is intended as a "boost" for the coming Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, has also been scheduled to include a day in this city where a similar programme is outlined as that for the Spokane excursion. William McMurray said yesterday that when members of the recent Walla Walla excursion returned to the Union Station to continue the trip south, nearly every one carried bundles of merchandise, indicating that considerable shopping had been deferred until their arrival here.

Bridge Causes Inconvenience.

Cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, that ordinarily cross the Madison-street bridge, have been diverted to East Water street on account of the draw on the Madison bridge getting out of order and failing to close so that cars could pass over it in safety. Trains from Oregon City and Cazadero stop at East Morrison and East Water streets, where for the present transfer is made. Passengers over the Sellwood, Mount Scott and Hawthorne avenue lines are provided with transfers at First and Alder streets to Grand avenue and Hawthorne, extra cars being provided to make the trip to and from that point. The temporary derangement of the Madison bridge is causing much discomfort to passengers, as the East Side transfer points are located in places not well provided with sidewalks.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Imported Black Dress Goods on sale today as follows: 44-in. in all-wool prunella, $1.50 grade at $1 a yard; 45-in. Turkish mohair, $1 quality at 73c; 45-in. brilliantine, 85c grade at 65c; 44-in. collenne, best $1.35 grade at 98c; 50-in. wool serge, $1.50 value at $1.15 a yard. Your opportunity. McAllen-McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

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CLOSING BIG DEAL

Sales in Warehouse District Will Soon Be Public.

MORE OPTIONS ARE TAKEN

Conflicting Rumors Among Realty Men Are That Milwaukee and O. R. & N. Are Purchasing Valuable North End Tract.

That full information regarding the purchase of the tier of blocks from Hoyt street to the river and between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets cannot much longer be withheld from the public is the view taken by several prominent real estate dealers.

That options have been secured on most of the property in the strip referred to is firmly believed by many in the realty business and by others who have watched the proceedings from an outside viewpoint. Three important pieces in the blocks—the Zan Bros.' 100x150, on the south side of Lovejoy; Churchley Bros.' quarter block at the southeast corner of Thirteen and Marshall, and the quarter at Twelfth and Pettygrove, which belonged to H. Varwig & Son, are among those reported on the street yesterday as having been sold within the past few days. Dom Zan, when asked about the sale of his holding, declined to discuss the matter, but did not deny that "something is doing" in that quarter of the city.

One of the rumors most frequently heard is that the Milwaukee road is behind the movement to secure the strip, but no verification of these rumors can be secured. Another conjecture made in some offices is that the O. R. & N. is the more probable purchaser, and plausible arguments are advanced to sustain this conjecture. Railroad representatives are absolutely dumb on the subject.

Every one, even those remotely interested in the real estate business, is agreed that the recent activity in warehouse sites farther to the westward can be accounted for in one way that lends credence to the reports of the Hoyt-Willamette tier transaction—that owners in that tract sell only when assured they can obtain other suitable sites for their business buildings, and that purchases or options made point to that fact. If a railroad company, they say, is in this deal, the firms now occupying a number of the blocks involved naturally would prefer to remain in that vicinity.

As against this point it is maintained by some dealers that a growing demand for warehouse and manufacturing sites is quite apparent and explains the activity through that reason.

Whatever foundation there is for the story of the big deal, operators in realty assert that these rumors have had a marked influence on the market, but may result in clogging the whole proceeding if owners of the portions of the strip not already tied up advance values to prohibitive figures. "Railroad corporations are considered easy prey," said one dealer yesterday, "but they, like all buyers, have their limit of offering prices and 'buck' when they believe they are being held up."

MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

Death of Robert Livingstone at Reuben Still Unaccounted For.

ST. HELENS, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—On Friday, December 11, Robert Livingstone, an employe of the Northern Pacific, was murdered in his cabin at Reuben. Robbery is supposed to have been the object of the murder, as it was known he had money, and a considerable sum was found by the authorities when his room was searched. The Sheriff and his deputies did everything in their power to secure a clew as to the identity of the murderer, and at one time had considerable hope of success. A woman who kept a lodging-house at Goble and a young man named Roy Malone were arrested as suspects, but the woman, after being detained in jail here for some time, was liberated without any charge having been preferred against her. Malone is now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury at the May term of court on a charge of burglary.

No reward was offered by the County Court or by the corporation employers of the murdered man, and it is not now probable the murderer will ever be brought to justice.

NEWSPAPER MAN MARRIED

Charles M. Stow Weds Miss Marion Cook, of Irvington.

Charles M. Stow, member of the editorial staff of The Oregonian, and Miss Marion Cook were married yesterday afternoon. The wedding, an informal affair, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus M. Cook, in Irvington. Rev. Paul Rader, of the Hassalo - Street Congregational Church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Stow took an evening train for a few days' trip out of town.

A book of poems, recently published by Mrs. Stow, then Marion Cook, attracted much favorable attention. Mr. Stow came West several years ago from Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a student at Stanford several years.

Excursionists Enjoy Trip.

In a message received yesterday from C. Vandewater by William McMurray, the traveling passenger agent said that the Walla Walla excursionists were being handsomely entertained in California. He said the Chamber of Commerce of Oakland had taken the entire party in automobiles on a 50-mile ride through Berkeley, Alameda and Piedmont. Good weather is reported and the excursionists are enthusiastic over the entertainment provided for them since leaving home, especially in Portland. The train made schedule time all the way south, and the published programme is being carried out to the letter.

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Ignoring the gaping slits in the soles of his shoes, 14-year-old Alfred Bloomer stole a bottle of perfume from the toy department of a local department store early in the week, "just because he wanted to smell good." He will be haled before the Juvenile Court Friday afternoon. He has been sent temporarily to the Detention Home. The lad said that his father and mother have separated and he is left to shift for himself. It is probable that the court will see that a position is found for him as soon as he is old enough to go to work. In the meantime, he will be sent to school.

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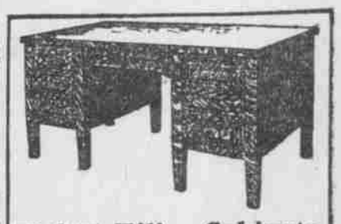

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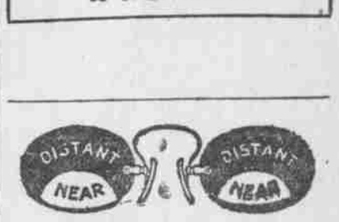

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