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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington)—Klaw & Erlanger's production General Lew Wallace's Biblical play, "Ben Hur." 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 Flower of the Ranch." 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." Tonight at 8:15.

DROP SNOWBALLS DOWN CHIMNEY.—How long will a snowball last in a real hot furnace? This is a question easily answered, perhaps, but what would you do if you had a cheerful fire burning in your grate during such a storm as recently held Portland in its "icy grasp" (or words to that effect) and some mischievous youngsters centered upon your humble home as a fit place for some sport, and filled your fire-place full of snow? Would not it annoy you? There is a large house, just across Fourth street from the City Hall, and it was there that a bunch of young boys gathered one day during the recent storm to indulge in some fun, at the expense of the householder. The chimney on the house is a large one, and it occurred to the youths that it would be some sport to try their skill on tossing snowballs into the air, the test being to make the balls drop down the chimney into the fire-place. It was great fun, and the boys enjoyed it immensely, particularly after the man of the house emerged from within, shivering with the cold, and started an investigation to ascertain why the cursed chimney was taking in so much snow. His fire was "dead," and he wanted to know why. Arranging a ladder, the householder scrambled on the roof, shovel in hand, to remove the snow; but he found none near the chimney—that is to say, not sufficiently near to cause the trouble. He was clearly puzzled, and as the youngsters fled at his appearance without being noticed by him, it is probable that this explanation will be his first knowledge of why his fire went out on that cold day.

FUNERAL OF COMRADE NEALE.—The funeral of Felix R. Neale, veteran of the Civil War and pioneer, was conducted yesterday afternoon at Dunning's Chapel, 414 East Alder street, jointly by Sumner Post, G. A. R., and Phalanx Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in the presence of a light congregation of friends. All G. A. R. posts in the city were represented and the Knights of Pythias were present in large numbers. A great profusion of floral pieces and decorations was contributed. Rev. W. T. Kerr, chaplain of Sumner Post, had charge of the services. Rev. C. E. Cline gave the prayer. Rev. Mr. Kerr delivered an address on the life of "Comrade" Neale, and spoke of his war record as one of great credit and his private life above reproach. Mr. Kerr remarked that few soldiers of the Union had a more remarkable record for bravery and fidelity to duty. Rev. E. H. Bryant, representing the Knights of Pythias, spoke for that order, and told of the services of Mr. Neale. At the conclusion of the services the body was escorted to Lone Fir Cemetery where the final obsequies were held. Comrade Neale is the 81st member of Sumner Post who has answered the last call.

QUARTER BLOCK SOLD.—John Kiernan has purchased from Dr. Andrew C. Smith the quarter block, 100x100 feet, on the northwest corner of Thirteenth and Glisan streets, the deed being dated January 12. The quarter block is platted as lots 6 and 7, block 6, Couch Addition. In the record $30,000 is given as the consideration. The sale has more than ordinary interest at the present time on account of the location being contiguous to the much-talked-of tier of blocks from Hoyt street north to the river, believed to be under option to a railroad company.

PLANS FOR W. C. T. U. MEETINGS.—At the meeting of Central W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon, several plans for future work were discussed. Arrangements were made for White Ribbon day on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, and for the observance of Frances Willard Memorial day, February 17. Interesting exercises are being planned for this occasion and the programme will be announced later. The subject next week will be "Systematic Giving" conducted by Mrs. M. K. Wooddy.

CHARGED WITH INSANITY.—MRS. LIZZIE Humphrey is in the County Jail. An insanity warrant was sworn out for her yesterday, and she was taken into custody. Her children were placed in institutions by Judge Gantenbein of the Juvenile Court last Tuesday, because her husband, Matthew Humphrey, said to be a religious fanatic, left "the Lord" to provide for his eight children. Mrs. Humphrey said Tuesday that he had deserted her.

EAST MORRISON STREET OPENED.—East Morrison street is open between East Seventh and East Ninth streets, where a fill was recently completed. Sidewalks have been laid. However, vehicles find it hard matter to get over the soft fill at present, which is saturated with water. The surface will be covered with crushed rock the coming Spring, and for the present teams will find East Alder street best.

BROOKLYN CLUB TO MEET. — The Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club will hold its regular meeting tonight in the hall on the corner of Milwaukie and Powell streets. Some important subjects are coming up, including the movement for the proposed high bridge for South Portland and also the condition of streetcar service on the Brooklyn carline.

FUNERAL OF MRS. POWELL.—Funeral services will be held this morning over the remains of Mrs. Laura M. Powell, who died at her home, 1750 Fiske street, Tuesday morning. The services will take place at 10 o'clock, at Dunning Chapel, East Sixth and East Alder streets. Mrs. Powell was the wife of S. D. Powell. She leaves, also, an 8-year-old daughter.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED.—The annual meeting of the East Side Business Men's Club, announced for tonight, in the Grand-avenue theater, has been postponed on account of the absence of Tom Richardson, who is to address the meeting. The meeting may not be held before February.

SWEDISH REVIVAL. — Swedish revival services are being held at the Swedish Methodist Church, corner Beech and Borthwick streets. The meetings will continue every night this week and next Sunday. All are welcome.

WRESTLING!
Tomorrow night the M. A. A. Club vs. Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago, at the club gymnasium. Tickets for sale at Schiller's and Caldwell's cigar store. *

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. *

DR. BAAR and his sister, Miss Baar, 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 1374. *

Waffles today.—None better. Come and try them. Woman's Ex. 133 Tenth st. *

CREDIT MEN DISCUSS BILL.—At the meeting of the Portland Association of Credit Men, held last night in the convention hall of the Commercial Club, the principal topic for discussion was a proposed recommendation to the Legislature to pass a bill regulating the assignment of wages. R. L. Sabin made the leading address on the subject and was followed by members of the association. The proposed recommendation was made by vote of the meeting. Among other points in the proposed bill are to require the signature of the wife in cases of married men, the document to be in writing, and assignment to cover only existing debts. In further discussion at the meeting there was a sentiment expressed that mercantile agency reports are not as full as they might be and are unsatisfactory in other respects. In the absence of the president H. K. Arnold, vice-president, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance at the meeting.

WOMEN'S CLUB TOMORROW.—The Women's Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow at 2 P. M., in Women of Woodcraft Hall, Tenth and Taylor streets. It will be "Seamen's day," and the programme is as follows: Songs, "A Sea Lullaby," one of the four sea lyrics by Edward German, and "My Lover Will Come Today" (Cadman), Miss Delta Watson, Mrs. John Flanders Beaumont, accompanist; song, "Anchored," Mr. Clark, of the British ship Neotesfield; address, "They That Go Down to the Sea In Ships," by Mrs. E. H. Roper, wife of Rev. E. H. Roper, of the Seaman's Friend Society, a nonsectarian, international association devoted to uplift work among seamen. The programme will close with the singing of chanties by several sailors. Mrs. M. Baruh is the chairman of the day.

LINCOLN COMMITTEE NAMED. — Mayor Lane yesterday morning named Councilmen Cottel, Menefee, Baker, Annand and Wallace as a committee to arrange for a fitting celebration of the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, "The greatest President in the history of the Nation," as the Mayor states in his official communication to the City Auditor. Councilman Cottel introduced the resolution which brought about the appointment of the committee.

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

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BUILDING SAVED BY OIL

MIXTURE LEFT BY INCENDIARY FAILS TO BURN.

H. C. Giese Arrested on Charge of Attempting to Destroy Marshall Showcase Factory.

Only through the bungling ignorance of an incendiary did the furniture and showcase factory of the J. I. Marshall Manufacturing Company escape destruction at an early hour yesterday morning. In preparing a devilish mixture of paints, oils and chemicals, intended to make a raging furnace of the factory in a few seconds, the incendiary erred in adding a large portion of boiled linseed oil, which burns only when exposed to great heat. This oil served to limit the fire to several small holes in the floor of the factory.

H. C. Giese, formerly employed by the company as a finisher, is in jail on a charge of having attempted to fire the building, which stands on Couch street, between Third and Fourth. He was seen hovering about the premises at 1 A. M., the time of the fire. He was either drunk or shamming drunkenness, for when arrested in front of the premises he staggered so much that the patrol wagon had to be sent out for him.

Had a highly combustible compound been sprinkled over the floor in as liberal quantities as was the mixture supplied by the incendiary, the factory would now be in ruins. As there was a strong wind blowing at the time, it is quite likely that adjoining structures might have gone.

If Giese really set fire to the place, as is now believed, he made the mistake of remaining close at hand to see the fire. Smoke was just beginning to emerge from the place when it was seen by Albert Innes, 52 Fifth street North. He at once gave the alarm and on investigation it was found the fire had burned itself out after scorching a couple of holes in the floor. Evidences of the incendiary's mixture were freely at hand.

Giese asserts that a mistake has been made in his arrest. He is the father of six children. Inasmuch as his shoes bear oil stains, in addition to the fact that he was seen peering into the factory at the time of the fire, he may find it difficult to establish his innocence. He will have a hearing in the Municipal Court today.

FUNERAL OF TROUTDALE BOY TODAY.

The Late J. Louis Young.

The funeral of J. Louis Young, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Clara Larson, of Troutdale, who died January 4, will be held today. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Latourelle, of Latourelle Falls, Or., where he lived for a number of years.

SEE TODAY'S AD.

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THUGS BEAT BAKER

R. E. Olson, of Creston, Struck Down at His Oven.

ROBBERS TAKE SMALL SUM

Found Insensible in Pool of Blood by Employe Five Hours Later. Gives Good Description of Two Assailants.

Beaten into insensibility between 11:30 o'clock and midnight Tuesday, and robbed of between $10 and $12, R. E. Olson, the owner of the Superior Bakery, at Creston Station, on the Mount Scott carline was found at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning, lying in a pool of blood near the bakery oven. Charles Altig, who drives the delivery wagon for the bakery, was the first to discover his employer, who had lain unconscious for more than five hours.

Olson's head was bruised in two places, just above each cheek bone, and the wounds evidently were the work of a blackjack or club. His chin and lower jaw were cut for about two inches, as though he had been dealt a severe blow with a pair of brass nuckles. He also sustained a wound in the groin. At last reports he was said to be resting easy at his home, where he was attended by two physicians. He regained consciousness at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, after being taken home.

Mrs. Olson believes that this was an attempted murder, with robbery as a blind. In support of her contention she said yesterday that her husband set up a bakery at Arleta last September, and that on October 23 the building was burned. The fire proved to have been of incendiary origin, a candle having been set in a quantity of kerosene in such a manner that when it burned down the oil ignited. The grand jury investigated the matter, upon the theory that Olson set the fire himself to obtain the insurance, but failed to find evidence against him.

"We have suspicions that this was a deliberate attempt to lay Mr. Olson out," said his wife, "and that the money was taken as a blind, but I cannot say anything about it, as I am not sure."

After regaining consciousness, Olson gave Sheriff Stevens' deputies a description of the two men. They were of medium size, he said, and about 30 years old. One wore a khaki suit, the other a dark suit. Neither of them was masked, although they stood around in the bakery for 15 minutes. Olson says that between $10 and $12 is missing from the pocket of a pair of trousers which hung on the wall in the back room of the bakery. The sum of $1.50, which was in the back pocket of the trousers he was wearing, was undisturbed, as were also a gold watch and ring, and $75 in his vest, which was hanging on the wall.

"The men came in and stayed about 15 minutes," said Mr. Olson. "I asked them if there was anything they wanted. The one with the khaki suit said 'No.' I then told them that this was no place for them. Thinking that they would leave, I went about my business for a few minutes, and that is the last I remember until I regained consciousness about 6 o'clock this morning. This is the first night I had worked alone, having had a helper every night before."

Mr. Delamater, a butcher, has noticed the two men hanging about for three or four nights. He said he saw them each time about dusk. Several nights ago Mrs. Delamater, on alighting from the streetcar with her husband, noticed the men and remarked that they were hard-looking.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE MEETS

Mutual Insurance Company Shows Healthy Growth in Portland.

The Farmers' Alliance held its fifth annual meeting yesterday forenoon in the Logus building on Grand avenue and East Washington street. There was a large representation of the membership. H. W. Snashall, president, briefly reviewed the work of the body since it was started five years ago as a farmers' fire insurance association for the protection of farm property in Oregon. He showed by figures that since organized the alliance has extended into 18 counties and now covers farm property to the amount of $1,867,288. President Snashall also showed that all this property was farm property except a small portion that had been taken into cities through annexation of outside territory. The report was received with applause.

At the close of the remarks of the president, Secretary J. J. Kern read his annual report, which was a mass of figures indicating a generally prosperous condition, all funds showing healthy balances.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of H. W. Snashall as president and J. J. Kern as secretary and treasurer without opposition. The old board of directors was re-elected. President Snashall was authorized to appoint a special committee to inquire into the legality of the electing of directors annually.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-Policeman J. F. Kerrigan and wife returned Monday from Honolulu, where they had been for some time.

O. P. Pratt, a well-known Union County implement dealer, is a guest at the Imperial, while attending the annual convention of hardware men.

Phil Gevurtz leaves for the East tonight to select the furniture and furnishings of the new Rosenblatt Hotel at Tenth and Alder streets. He will be away for six weeks.

Charles F. Towle, manager for "Ben Hur," accompanied by his wife and daughter Ruth, are registered at the Danmoore Hotel. Mr. Towle is one of the prominent managers of the Klaw & Erlanger forces.

Mrs. Dan J. Moore, who has been very ill for about five months, is to be removed to Good Samaritan Hospital today to undergo an operation. This course was decided upon after several consultations by three of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, who agreed that an operation would tend to restore the patient to health. The surgeons hold out hope to the family that the operation will result favorably.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Northwestern visitors registered at the leading hotels are:

Portland—Mrs. A. A. Gerst, I Lowengart and child, at the Auditorium Annex; C. J. Groat, at the Great Northern.

Pendleton—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cohen, at the Auditorium Annex.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Margaret Danaher, of Portland, will be a bridesmaid at the wedding, Wednesday afternoon, of Miss Rosalie Marie Willard and Nathaniel Nelson Leonard.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The following Portland visitors are registered at the leading hotels:

Auditorium Annex, Mrs. George L. McPherson; Great Northern, A. Winans; Palmer House, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clark; Brevoort, O. M. Boner.

SMALLPOX AT MILWAUKIE

State Board of Health Takes Measures to Prevent Spread.

On account of the presence of smallpox in Milwaukie, the State Board of Health has been investigating the matter and found that there at present four cases in two families, and the community has been pretty thoroughly exposed. The original cases occurred in November, when W. H. Black, a streetcar conductor was taken ill, and afterwards his wife, who worked in a restaurant, broke out. These cases were not diagnosed at that time. Later, Mrs. Carnutt, who also worked in the restaurant, broke out with smallpox, and recovered without having called a physician. Following this, the proprietor of the restaurant herself and a young woman, Ada Davis, were taken ill.

One of Mrs. Carnutt's daughters has the disease now, and another visited Mr. Murphy, living one mile east of Mount Tabor reservoir, carrying the disease to his family in her clothes, although she herself at the time of visiting Mr. Murphy had not yet broken out. The city authorities are awakening to the seriousness of the situation and are taking active measures to eradicate the disease. All school children who are not vaccinated will not be allowed to attend school after next Monday, and children remaining at home will be restricted to their own yards.

Mayor Strieb and the Council have taken measures to carry out the instructions of the State Board of Health.

INVOKES PURE FOOD ACT

Pacific Coast Syrup Company Is Charged With Adulteration.

United States Attorney McCourt, yesterday afternoon filed an information against the Pacific Coast Syrup Company, a San Francisco concern with a branch in Portland, charging the company with a violation of the pure-food act. The complaint alleges that the Pacific Coast Syrup Company, sent to the Pomeroy Mercantile Company, of Pomeroy, Wash., 44 cans of alleged maple syrup, called Toboggan Maple Syrup, which had been adulterated with sugar cane syrup. Mr. McCourt also alleges that the cans were misbranded. This makes the second case of alleged violation of the pure-food act filed within the past week.

The local manager of the Pacific Coast Syrup Company is H. A. Connor, and arrests will be made as soon as deputy marshals can find the defendants. The penalty prescribed by the law is a fine of $200 for the first offense and a jail sentence for any subsequent violation. The company does a large business throughout the Northwest.

GERMAN DRAMA.

Last Friday night, at the Lyric, the German Dramatic Stock Company reopened its series of plays in the German language at the Lyric Theater. Such a decided hit was scored that the continuance of these performances is now assured. "The Lamb and the Lion," last week's production in four acts, will be followed tomorrow (Friday) evening by "Grosstadtluft," a comedy in four acts by Schoenthan and Kadelburg, two of the most famous German authors. This will give an exceptionally good opportunity to students of the German language to become familiar with conversational German.

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All-wool Knot Coat Sweaters for boys and girls now on sale at 85c each. A standard $1.25 quality and never sold for less. Come in cardinal and navy, edged with contrasting colors.

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