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AMUSEMENTS.

BUNGALOW THEATER—(Twelfth and Morrison)—Baker Stock Company in "The College Widow." Tonight at 8:15. BAKER THEATER—(Third near Yamhill)—Paul Gilmore in "The Boys of Company E." Tonight at 8:15. ORPHEUM THEATER—(Marina, between Sixth and Seventh)—Advanced vaudeville. Matinee at 2:15; tonight at 8:15. GRAND THEATER—(Washington, between Seventh and Park)—Vaudeville de luxe. 8:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

WILL ERRECT CLUBHOUSE.—At the meeting of the North Albina Improvement Club Monday night the committee of the clubhouse site submitted a report to the effect that the project is receiving general favor among business men and property owners. The committee is composed of T. C. Shaw, J. H. Nolte, R. L. Osborne, R. H. Beach, A. C. Meyer, M. M. Long and C. L. Daggett. The committee was instructed to select a site and make a deed on same. The committee was also instructed to draw a plan for the organization of a local commercial club and a form of incorporation. An architect will be consulted regarding the design of the clubhouse. It is proposed to erect either a two or three-story fire-proof building, the lower portion being reserved for business. The cost to range from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

PREPARING PLANS FOR CHAPEL.—Plans are being drawn for a chapel and home building for God's church to be erected on Union avenue and Garfield street, in Upper Albina. A quarter block was recently purchased at this corner. G. T. Neak, superintendent, says that modern buildings will be erected. This church formerly had quarters in the building on Hawthorne avenue, between East Sixth and East Seventh streets, but that property. The new buildings will cost about \$15,000. A considerable portion of the work will be done by members of the church.

WILL SPEAK TO WOMEN.—Rev. John M. Dean, of the Seattle Baptist Church, who is holding special meetings in the Central Baptist church, East Twelfth and Ankeny streets, will deliver an address to women this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He speaks last night on "Holy Hieroglyphics," and his topics for the remainder of the week are as follows: Tonight, "The Difficulties of Forgiveness"; Thursday, "Take the Bunch"; Friday, "Sin Under the Microscope." Professor Wilder's men's chorus leads the singing at all the meetings.

PENINSULA PROPERTY SOLD.—In the transfers recorded yesterday was the ten acres on the Lower Peninsula in the sum of \$15,000. The land was transferred to William A. Mac Rae, manager of the Bank of California, by James M. Elliott. Mr. Mac Rae said last night that he acts as trustee in the deal and that the buyers take over the property as an investment. The land is located near Madras Junction. The total transfers yesterday amounted to \$119,584, about one-third of them being recorded at nominal figures.

STORY TO BE ADDED.—One more story is to be added to the building on the west side of First street, south of Burnside, formerly occupied by the Pacific Rubber Company. The building was gutted by fire nearly a year ago and since has been unoccupied. Lang & Co. have made a lease of the building which belongs to the Hotaling estate. When built a few years ago, the foundations and walls were put in with a view to adding additional stories when required. The addition is estimated to cost \$25,000.

CHEMICAL ENGINE SECURED.—Through subscriptions of residents a chemical fire engine has been secured in the Arleta district on the Mount St. Helens highway and the engine will be delivered to the volunteer fire company today. Tonight between 8 and 9 o'clock the volunteers will have the engine out and make a public demonstration of its work. The engine cost \$700, and most of the money has been subscribed by the residents. The engine is light and can be handled easily by hand.

WOMAN'S PRESS CLUB MEETING.—The Woman's Press Club meets tonight with the corresponding secretary, in room 811 Selling-Hirsch building. After paragraphs on current events by the members the papers of the evening will be presented by Mrs. Addison and Mrs. M. L. T. Hadden. The former speaks on "The Evolution of Women in Literature," and the latter on "The Woman's Mission Through Women's Work." General discussion follows.

ELKS' SOCIAL TONIGHT.—Arrangements have been made by the committee from the Portland Lodge of Elks for the third social evening of the season to be given tonight in Myrlark Hall. There will be dancing. Tables have been provided for those who wish to play cards. The committee in charge is made up of the following: W. C. T. U. meetings, Mrs. McDonnell, T. J. Swivet, E. J. Krusch, Ed. Perkins, William Harris, H. A. Politz, Guy Haines.

Mrs. MONTGOMERY WILL SPEAK.—At the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society this afternoon at the lecture-room of the Third Presbyterian church, East Pine and East Twelfth streets, Mrs. A. J. Montgomery will deliver a lecture, on the subject, "Unto All the World." It will be illustrated with stereoscopic pictures of the work of the missionaries of officers will be held at this meeting.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.—The regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in the Selling-Hirsch hall. D. Sella Cohen will address the members on "To Land." A summary of current events will be given by Mrs. M. Barah and Miss Delta Watson will be the soloist of the afternoon. The social hour will follow.

SPEAK ON "CHILD CULTURE."—Miss Louise Francis, associated with Professor N. N. Riddell in psychological research, will give an informal talk and answer questions on "Child Culture," at the regular musical and literary programme of the Ladies Aid Society, First Congregational church today at 2 P. M.

SAVE THE DISCOUNT.—Send check or pay at office on or before the 10th to save the discount on March bills for the Automatic Telephone. Home phone your long-distance calls to Tacoma, Seattle and way points. Home Telephone Company, corner of Park and Burnside streets.

WILL INTERVIEW LEGISLATORS.—J. H. Nolte and others interested in the Interstate bridge across the Columbia River will interview members of the Legislature and ascertain if the matter can be reopened should there be an extra session of the Legislature.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET.—The monthly meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Grace Methodist Episcopal church will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Yates, 25 East Seventeenth street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

EXTEND EAST SEVENTEENTH STREET.—Proceedings for the extension of East Seventeenth street from the north line of Midway Annex in Allon Park, through Midway to Hamilton have been started. The street will be 60 feet wide. East Seventeenth street opened northward to within one block of Powell street through which it is proposed to condemn right of way. The extension of East Seventeenth through Midway will take several lots and parts of lots, but it is said to be the only way that a street parallel to Milwaukie road can be had. Besides East Seventeenth street will be at once opened through the Ladd farm to Sellwood where it will connect with East Nineteenth street. Opening of East Seventeenth street is considered one of the most important improvements undertaken for Midway and Sellwood for some time. Its opening will be followed by a widening main and an improvement through to Sellwood.

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION.—The receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is now very much overcrowded, so children being on hand, most of whom are looking for homes for many of these children. There are boys on hand from 4 to 14 and girls from 7 to 12 years, also several aged but intelligent children, all of whom are to be placed out in families for legal adoption or under agreement that they be sent to school, boarded and clothed, under supervision of the society. Nearly all of these children are committed from outside counties and through the misfortunes or vice of their parents have been taken from their guardianship and placed under the guardianship of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Applications will be thankfully received by the superintendent at the receiving home, East Twenty-ninth and East Irving streets, or by phone East 6000.

BOY SHOES THEFT SENTENCED.—Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, committed Hugh S. Hughes, a 17-year-old boy of 2000 1/2 Street, to the Industrial School yesterday afternoon, and suspended sentence. The boy will be allowed to go to his home, 2000 1/2 Street, on Washington street, with Charles Helme, and stealing three pairs of shoes. One Zimmerman, and a boy nicknamed "Peanuts," who stole shoes from the store, were also committed to the Industrial School. Zimmerman had been implicated in the theft. They met at a Japanese poolroom on Davis street, and stole shoes from the store. Zimmerman had been implicated in the theft. They met at a Japanese poolroom on Davis street, and stole shoes from the store.

LABORER FOUND DEAD.—Henry Clarke, an aged laborer, fell dead yesterday morning while dressing to go to his daily work. His body was found last night in his room in the Jefferson lodging-house, 2704 Front street, which had fallen face downward by the bedside. Heart disease had caused his death before he had put on all his clothes. Little is known about the man. He had been living in this house for the past year and worked about at day labor. He told no one of his antecedents and the coroner could not ascertain whether he had any living relatives. His body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Dunning, Milburn & Gilman.

STAMP SALES STILL INCREASE.—Stamp sales at the Portland Postoffice continue to increase at a flattering rate. These sales for the month of February aggregated \$5,287.45 as against \$5,432.23 for the same month last year. This increase of \$144.64 amounts to a percentage increase of 2.6. "When stamp sales at the Portland office have reached a total of over \$900,000 annually," said Postmaster Minto yesterday, "we have got to do some business to increase an increase of 8 or 9 per cent in monthly sales as compared with the corresponding month of the preceding year. Stamp sales for the fiscal year ending on March 31 will aggregate close to \$900,000."

ANKLE BADLY SPRAINED.—J. D. Bode, manager of the Fischer-Thorsen Paint Company, with a painful accident yesterday afternoon while alighting from a buggy at Front and Morrison streets. He slipped on the curb injuring his ankle. Believing that his ankle was broken the Red Cross ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital. Here it was found that it had been sprained badly, and after it had been dressed Mr. Bode drove to his residence.

TWO YOUTHS IN TROUBLE.—Horace Reed and Brownie Barr, two youths of 19 years, were arrested yesterday afternoon as the result of a confession made by the latter. Reed, 28, arrested some time ago for pilfering houseboats up the Willamette River. Although Dunn at first insisted that he had no confederates he has told Detective Hyde that Reed and Barr were implicated. The two were locked up on charges of larceny. Dunn is charged with burglary.

DR. FLETCHER HUMAN TO ADDRESS.—Methodist Young People. The third quarterly rally of Portland District Epworth League will be held tonight at Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University, will be the chief speaker. He will speak on the results of the early efforts of the pioneer Methodists in the Northwest, and he will also deal with educational matters pertaining to the work of the church. He will be introduced by Dr. D. I. Hays, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, who will also speak briefly. Owing to pressing business at Salem, Judge J. C. Moreland, clerk of the State Supreme Court, will be unable to deliver an address as he had intended.

NEW REPORTING STATION.—Edward A. Beala, district forecast official, has returned from a trip to North Yakima. He has placed a reporting station at that place and two reports will be forwarded daily to the Portland office. Albert Bender was placed in charge of the North Yakima station. He will be known in official circles as a Special Observer. North Yakima is the center of the new irrigation district.

LADIES' BENEFIT MEETS.—The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Relief Society was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church, at which the regular routine business was transacted. Mrs. W. B. Ayer, who had acted as the visitor for the month at the Children's Home, gave the most favorable report from that institution.

CENTRAL W. C. T. U. MEETING.—Central W. C. T. U. will meet as usual today at 2:30 P. M., at the Goodrich building, Fifth and Yamhill streets. There will be a business meeting, monthly reports of officers and superintendents, and a talk by Mrs. C. A. Pomeroy, on "Our Periodicals." All visiting White Ribboners are invited.

DR. WILLIAM JONES returned to former office in Abington bldg., 106 1/2 Third. COLUMBIA RIVER SHEET, 3 lbs. for 10c. Read Smith's prices—back page. WANTED, Architectural draughtsman, by D. L. Williams, architect, 106 1/2 Third. Dr. McCracken, dentist, Rothchild bldg., 106 1/2 Third.

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ABSTRACTORS PAY QUALITY EACH ONE WORKING IN COURT-HOUSE IS TAXED.

"Facilities" in New Law Becomes "Opportunities" and Multinotch Gets \$100 Month.

Ought the taxpayers of Oregon to be compelled by law to furnish abstractors, who work in the Courthouse at the county seats, typewriters, paper, carbon, tables and chairs with which to do their work, and ought the counties of the state to give them the use of the county's space free of charge? County Clerk Fields says they ought not; and Multnomah County is now charging the abstractors \$5 a month each. Thus the county receives a revenue of \$100 a month from the abstractors at work on county records. The \$5 a month rate has been in effect for two months.

Multnomah County abstractors put forth strenuous efforts to have House bill 23, compelling counties to furnish them with "facilities, without fee or reward" to the county, for the making of abstracts, put through and made a law. It has become a law, but the "facilities" phrase has been removed from it. It now reads as follows: Section 1. All officers having the custody of any state, county, school, city or town records, during the usual business hours, shall be deemed to have the custody of all persons having occasion to make extracts from them, and shall be deemed to have the custody of all records and regulations as shall be necessary for the protection of said records and files, and to prevent the interference with the regular discharge of the duties of such officer.

Relief in Prospect for Gittings' Family

Charitable Homes Will Soon Take Charge of Widow and Children Now in Want.

As a result of investigations made into conditions existing in the family of J. W. Gittings, the policeman who was killed by Melville G. Bradley about one year ago, steps have been taken to place the children in the Children's Home, and send the mother either to the Home for People-Minded Persons or to the County Poorhouse. The family has been cared for during the past year by the Police Officers' Social and Aid Society, an organization that has existed since the time of Policeman Gittings' death and whose sole aim was to render the widow material assistance. For over a year it has allowed her regularly \$11 monthly for groceries and meat. Mrs. Gittings is mentally incapable of managing her home or children, although her devotion to her babies is the one appealing and beautiful note in a hovel of filth and untidiness.

The children, of which there are four, are all too young to assist, and the baby—13 months old—lies the mother at home, even were she physically capable of manual labor. The two eldest children, Albert, aged 10, and Carrie, aged 8, are both attending school, and are exceptionally smart. The others are Guy, a boy of 6, and the baby girl, Vivian, born several months after her father's death. Their home, which was built and deeded to Mrs. Gittings by the police officers of Portland, has been so neglected that it cannot be disposed of until the youngest child becomes of age.

At present the family needs clothes and provisions very badly, and is absolutely destitute of both. They have a good supply of uncut wood, and one charitable citizen has assumed their milk bill for a period of six weeks. The matter can be satisfactorily arranged there are objects of worthy charity—and while the disposition of the children is pending, the family in its present condition relative to the matter of their definite decision has been given out. Mrs. Gittings lives at 73 Humboldt street. To render the home it is necessary to take a St. John car to Patten avenue, walk south to Humboldt, and then east to No. 73, a small green house.

LEAGUE WILL HOLD RALLY

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SHOULD LANCE MR. WILLS

Views of an Outsider on the Problem of Portland's Purification.

SEASIDE, Or., March 1.—(To the Editor.)—I have noticed the efforts being made by the city officials—such as Mr. Wills—to purify the morals of Portland, and am led thereby to offer a few suggestions. Mr. Wills seems to be constantly urging that the moral standard of the city be raised. It may be lack of training, and if this be the case, I suggest that Mr. Wills employ a competent trainer who shall devote his whole time to that animal, teaching it to clean itself.

It is just possible that there is no wolf to be tamed, but if there is, the wolf in the business are too busily engaged chasing the "moral standard" to be able to trap the real wolf. Some of the men named are chasing phantoms instead of burglars, and some are chasing phantoms instead of burglars. I have heard of a number of men named "gentlemen" getting into trouble through the efforts of the "moral standard." But a number of respectable married persons have been routed out of bed late at night and made to give an account of themselves. It is just possible that there is no wolf to be tamed, but if there is, the wolf in the business are too busily engaged chasing the "moral standard" to be able to trap the real wolf.

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TAX RECEIPTS ARE HEAVY Record Payments in Day Amount to \$127,415.16. Tax receipts in Multnomah County amounted to \$127,415.16 yesterday. Monday the receipts were \$11,824.90. These amounts are the largest received by Deputy Sheriff Martin, of the tax department, since the collection began, February 1. As the large property owners usually pay their taxes just before March 15, the last day on which the 3 per cent. rebate is allowed, Mr. Martin predicts a constant increase in the amounts collected each day until that time. After that taxpayers will be compelled to pay the full amount of the tax until April 5, when they become delinquent. Half the tax, however, may be paid now, and the other half before the first Monday in October. Deputy Martin says much time may be saved if taxpayers will write to the tax department of the Sheriff's office, asking for a statement, and describing their property by lot, block and addition. This saves a long wait in line while a deputy is looking up the property in the books, and a check or money order can be mailed for a period of six weeks or less 3 per cent. Or, if the taxpayer prefers, he can make the trip to the courthouse, and in a few moments pay his tax and obtain his receipt.

Amusements "The College Widow." Manager Baker secured a veritable tentacle when he contracted for George Ade's famous comedy "The College Widow" for the Baker Stock Company, and though it is regarded as the largest production in this city, he is packing the theater every night. Paul Gilmore in New Play. No traveling actor has more friends and acquaintances by this city than has Paul Gilmore, who is appearing at the Baker all this week in his latest and greatest success, "The Boy of Company E." The actor, the dashing young Captain, Mr. Gilmore has full right for his well-known acting powers.

ROWENA M. HOGAN Photographer Has reopened the Rembrandt Studio 525 ABINGTON BLDG. All coupons issued before the fire will be honored if presented before May 1.

THE WORLD'S BEST SAMPLE SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN \$2.00 for Women's Sample Shoes \$2.50 for Men's Sample Shoes

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. The Remington Pictures. Kid Gabriel & Co. are presenting something new and novel in the vaudeville line at the Pantheon Theater this week, by permission of Frederick Remington and Collier's. It will probably be necessary to secure reservations in advance.

Central America Calms Down. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Affairs in Central America, where there has been some uneasiness because of reported military and naval activities, are again beginning to assume their normal conditions. Prompt action by the State Department in despatching two cruisers to Amalapa, Honduras, has had a salutary effect and the general situation in Nicaragua is much improved.

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