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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 B." 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.

PLAN TO LAY WATER MAINS.—Frank Perkins, from the East Side Business Men's Club, has submitted a plan for laying water mains, which meets the approval of the club. He proposed that the City Attorney draw up an amendment to the present plan of laying water mains providing that all mains of ten inches in diameter and less shall be paid for out of the income of the water plant, and above ten inches the cost to be paid for out of general taxation. For laying the large mains the plan is to levy a special tax of not more than one-half mill. Mr. Perkins contends that this plan would be equitable for all property-owners in the city and would distribute the cost all over the property. He said that the City Attorney says that the present method of assessment for laying mains will result in endless entanglements. This plan of Mr. Perkins is about the seventh one that has been proposed to take the place of the present one. Thomas Hislop, and other property-owners are contending that the water plant ought to be self-sustaining. However, Mr. Hislop admits that Mr. Perkins' plan is next best to the self-sustaining plan. Councilman Rushlight wants the larger mains laid by issuing bonds and Dr. C. H. Raffety would have them laid by district assessment. All agree that the laterals should be paid for out of the income from the plant. The voters will have a long list of plans to select from if all proposed go on the ballot.

MONMOUTH NORMAL CLUB MEETS.—Members of the Monmouth Normal club met Tuesday night in Portland to consider the present and future status of the home school at Monmouth. Attendance was large and much enthusiasm was manifested when the subject of the preservation of the home school was taken up. It was the consensus of opinion that Monmouth is the logical place for the location of the state normal when the state comes under the one normal school system. Many strong reasons were advanced during the meeting to uphold this contention which, when the time comes, will be given to the public by the various members of the club. A programme of unusual interest was also rendered. The constitution provides that the membership shall be made up of the alumni, present and past members of the faculty and students and beneficiaries of the school. Persons who are eligible are requested to attend the next meeting which will be held on April 6, at room 235 Worcester block.

SLOW PROGRESS ON BRIDGE.—The work of repairing the damage to the Burnside bridge is progressing slowly. Contractor Wakefield has a barge at the east end of the draw, and is now endeavoring to lift the end of the span that dropped. Three 50-ton jacks gave way yesterday under the weight, and still the span was not raised. Engineer Stutsman said that it will be necessary to have power to lift nearly 250 tons in order to raise the end of the span back into place. More powerful jacks have been secured and the work will go on until the repairs are completed.

SHOW HOW TO PLOW.—Gill Bros., who are successful growers of fruits and vegetables east of Montavilla, will give a practical demonstration of the best way to plow land. Saturday afternoon at the meeting of Evening Star Grange, on the Section Line road. They hold that ignorance of the correct way to plow and take care of land results in poor crops. They will show how land should be plowed by a demonstration in a field near the Grange hall, provided the weather will permit the demonstration to be made.

SPEAKS AGAINST CHARTER.—George B. Frank, of the Alberta Improvement Club, spoke against the new charter and commission plan at a well-attended meeting held in Oddfellows hall, in Montavilla, under the auspices of the Board of Trade. Mr. Frank declared that it contained no features that could be commended, that it was not drawn to represent the common people, but favored corporations and centralization of power. H. B. Dickinson also spoke in opposition to the charter.

FROEBEL ASSOCIATION TODAY. — The regular monthly meeting of the Portland Froebel Association will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon, in St. Helen's Hall kindergarten. Miss Gladys Brown, and Miss Anna Blair are chairmen. The topic will be "Birds of Oregon," discussed by Dr. Emma J. Welty, of the Audubon Society. Miss Clara B. Howell will give a solo "Just This One Day" (Roebuck). Those interested are invited.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES TO MEET.—The Missionary Societies of Taylor-Street Church will meet in the church parlors, tomorrow. At 11 A. M. there will be devotions followed by the business meeting of the Foreign Society. After luncheon the devotions will be led by Rev. Benjamin Young, D. D. Music by Mrs. Miller's double quartet of ladies. Paper, "Lest We Forget," by Mrs. F. W. Brooke.

LECTURES ON "CHILD NATURE."—Professor D. A. Grouth, Assistant City Superintendent of schools, lectured Tuesday night in the Sellwood Presbyterian Church, on "Nature and Child Nature." The address was filled with information for parents and appreciated by all who heard it. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Reading Circle.

WILL CONSIDER GRANGE FAIR.—H. A. Darnall, representing the Gresham Grange Fair Association, will attend the meeting of the East Side Business Men's Association tonight in the Healy building. The fair association will present a proposition to the club to take some stock in the fair and also to have a special day at the fair this Fall.

NEED SCHOOLHOUSE.—An enumeration of the school children in Rose City Park and surroundings just completed shows 70 children of school age, and new families are moving into the suburb every week. This enumeration was made in order to show the Board of Education the need of a new schoolhouse at some point in that suburb.

WILL REPORT ON CREMATORY.—The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the North East Side Improvement Association to investigate the crematory question will submit a report at the meeting to be held tomorrow night in the Woodmen hall, on Russell street and Rodney avenue.

SCHOOL ALUMNI MEETS.—The regular meeting of the Brooklyn school alumni will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock, in the assembly hall of the Brooklyn schoolhouse. The boys will furnish a programme under the direction of Walter White.

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. *

DR. W. M. KILLINGSWORTH has returned, 606 Medical building. *

Ringler's elegant swimming baths open.*

DR. W. A. ROGERS has returned. *

DR. WILSON'S AUTOMOBILE STOLEN.—Dr. Holt C. Wilson's automobile is gone and he is undecided whether some miscreant acquaintance has taken the machine for a long frolic or it has been actually stolen. He notified the police yesterday of the absence of the automobile from its usual stand in front of The Oregonian building. It was taken sometime between 9:30 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. This is the second time of its disappearance. The other time "friends" took the machine for a frolic and brought it back along early in the morning. The doctor has been hoping that the machine may be similarly accounted for on this occasion but its long absence gives rise to the belief that a real thief has the go-cart this time. It is a Stoddard-Dayton runabout, gray in color with a reddish top, and the number is "Ore. 489." If the police locate the machine they have instructions to arrest the persons in it, no matter who they are.

RUNAWAY BOY CAPTURED. — Earl McKnight, 16-year-old son of Patrolman McKnight of the Seattle Police Department, was arrested last night, at Third and Couch streets, by Detectives Coleman and Hyde, as a runaway from the Washington State Reform School, at Chehalis. At the request of his father the boy will be returned to the school and was confined last night in the City Jail. Patrolman McKnight was in this city on Monday and Tuesday looking for his son whom he had traced here but gave up the search and went back to Seattle on Tuesday night on the 11:45 o'clock train. He left the description of the lad with the detective office and Detective Coleman recognized the boy on the street. He had run away with a crowd of professional hobos.

AGED MAN WANDERS FROM HOME.—Edward Hayes, an enfeebled old man, in his second childhood, was found wandering about last night by Patrolman Wanless, at Second and Morrison streets. He was unable to give any information as to where he lived or his identity. The policeman took him to the police station where search revealed his name written on his hatband with the sentence, "I live with my son at 365 Cook avenue." An officer was sent to escort him home. Before the old man had returned his son called at the police station asking for him. He said that his father was over 80 years old and had wandered away not aware of what he was doing.

W. C. T. U. HEARS REPORTS.—Mrs. C. U. Badgley, evangelistic superintendent, conducted the opening devotional exercises at the meeting of Central W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon. A number of superintendents of departments reported. Mrs. Badgley reported in addition to the usual weekly exercises, an all-day prayer service which was well attended. At the conclusion of the exercises light refreshments were served and a delightful social hour spent. Next week Miss Frances E. Gotshall will speak on "The Importance of the Press in Creating Temperance Sentiment."

BID PASTOR FAREWELL.—The farewell reception to Dr. W. H. Heppe, D. D., at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church tonight will commence after the close of the regular prayer service. Pastors and members of other churches are invited to come after the close of their own services. Dr. Heppe will preach next Sunday for the last time in Portland and will leave Monday morning for Wichita, Kan., where he will preach his first sermon on March 14. Dr. J. D. Cudlipp will preach his first sermon at Grace Church the same day.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE MEETS.—A meeting of the Women's Alliance was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Church of Our Father, Unitarian. After the regular routine business of the month had been transacted, papers were read by Mrs. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Miss Crosby and Mrs. C. W. Burrage. The alliance had as guests for the afternoon members of the Church of the Good Tidings, Universalist. Following the business and literary meeting, a musical programme was given by Miss Hubbard, soprano, and Miss Aitken, pianist.

TOLD ABOUT ROSES.—F. V. Holman entertained a large audience Tuesday night in the firehouse in North Albina, on "Rose Culture," the meeting being held under the auspices of the Rose Culture Club. Mrs. A. B. Stone presided. Mr. Holman talked for an hour and a half and answered many questions. He told about some new roses which are coming into vogue in 1910. The hall was filled and many stood through the address, and the audience would have gladly listened much longer.

GEORGE S. BENNETT ASKED FOR.—Information is desired by relatives of the East of the whereabouts of George Sexton Bennett, supposed to be living somewhere in the Pacific Northwest. Any one knowing his present residence or whether he is yet living, will confer a favor by addressing the city editor of The Oregonian.

COMMITTEE SELECTS BUILDING SITE.—The committee from the North Albina Push Club selected the lot on the corner of Killingsworth avenue and Concord street, as the site for the proposed new clubhouse. An architect has agreed to prepare preliminary drawings for the building, subject to approval by the club.

MISS ANNIE STONE DIES.—Miss Annie Stone died Wednesday afternoon at the residence of J. D. Duback, after an illness of six months. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning, at Newberg, Or. Miss Stone was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stone, of Newberg. She leaves four sisters and three brothers.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE MEETS.—The Seventh Ward Improvement League will meet tonight in the Brooklyn Club hall, on Powell and Milwaukie streets, to perfect the organization. Delegates from all the ward clubs are urged to be present.

FOR SALE.—Four cottages, $29 rental; $5000 will handle. J 737, Oregonian. *

SOLOISTS APPEAR TONIGHT

Mrs. Bauer and Mr. Lind With Symphony Orchestra.

The second concert this season of the Portland Symphony Orchestra will be given at the Heilig Theater tonight. Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, soloist, will no doubt be given a most enthusiastic reception. Mrs. Bauer's voice was splendid with the orchestra yesterday morning at the rehearsal.

Waldemar Lind, the other soloist, has never appeared to better advantage than he did with the orchestra yesterday. For lovers of the violin the Sinding concerto to be played by Mr. Lind will be a great treat. Mr. Lind plays this very difficult number with such smoothness, feeling and expression he makes his audience lose sight of the extremely difficult technical side to this great composition. Sinding has written nothing more delightful than this. The concert begins at 8:30 o'clock. The seats are now on sale at the Heilig Theater. Conductor Rosebrook has selected the following interesting and enjoyable programme:

From "Lenore," Symphonic No. 5, Joachim Raff. First movement, allegro, Andante Larghetto. Third movement, allegro, introduction and ballade.

Solo—Aria, "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster," from "Oberon," Weber. Rose Bloch-Bauer.

Strings—(a) Air, Bach; (b) "Traumerei," Schumann.

"Peer Gynt," Suite No. 2, Greig. (1) Der Brautraub (Ingrade Klage); (3) Peer Gynt's Heimkeier (Storm Scene); (4) Solvig's Lied.

Solo—Violin concerto, Sinding, Waldemar Lind.

Symphonic poem, "Les Preludes," Liszt.

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for ladies, 305 Wash., near Fifth.

Plant Sibson roses. Phone Sellwood 950. *

LIGHTING ISSUE UP

Auditor May Refuse to Sign Warrants for March.

HIS AUTHORITY IN DOUBT

City Attorney Kavanaugh Asked to Decide if Emergency Ordinance Passed January 9 Is Still in Effect.

Municipal lighting once more is in a tangle. Auditor Barbur takes the position that under the emergency ordinance passed in January, there is question as to his authority to sign a warrant for March lighting. The ordinance covering the point at issue reads as follows:

Section 1. That the Executive Board of the City of Portland be and it is hereby authorized to enter into a temporary contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to furnish lights for the streets, public places and public buildings in the city of Portland for such time only as will be necessary or convenient to enable the said Executive Board to advertise for bids and award a permanent contract for such lighting, in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the City of Portland, and to pay for such lighting monthly in advance out of the lighting fund, the maximum price not to exceed the price paid under contract which expired December 31, 1908.

Mr. Barbur takes the position that under this ordinance, which is No. 18740, and was passed January 9 and approved by the Mayor, the "such time only as will be necessary or convenient" to advertise for bids has elapsed and as a consequence he is without authority to sign warrants for lights monthly in advance, as was done for January and February bills. He put the matter up to City Attorney Kavanaugh for an opinion, but up to last night no opinion had been handed down. Mr. Kavanaugh said he might reach the case today, but even if he decides that Mr. Barbur has the authority to sign the March warrant, there is no certainty that the Auditor will do so without farther action by the Executive Board.

Mayor Lane said yesterday that he could see no reason for advertising for bids and that it is a needless expense. There would be but one bidder, said he, and the Council and Executive Board are quite well aware of the fact.

"There is only one thing for the city to do," said the Mayor, "and that is to keep along paying, as for the past two months, until such a time as there will be opposition to the lighting company. Then there would be some reason in advertising for bids and the city, without doubt, would be the gainer in getting a better rate than it has now."

NO WITNESSES ON HAND

PATROLMAN STUART'S CASE AGAIN GOES OVER.

Officer Caught in Raid of Quelle Rooming-House May Escape Prosecution.

For the third time in one week the case of Patrolman Dick Stuart, arrested in a recent rooming-house raid, was put over by the Municipal Court yesterday morning. Doubt as to whether he will ever be tried is now being expressed.

Failure of the raiding officers to appear in court to testify against him necessitated the continuance of yesterday. On the previous occasions of delay the continuances were granted at the instance of Stuart, who pleaded that his lawyer, Dan J. Malarkey was out of the city.

Stuart was on hand ready for trial yesterday morning, accompanied by John F. Logan. A spirited fight was expected but when the case was called and Sergeants Kienlen and Keller were called for there was no response. These officers had been formally notified that the case would be heard Wednesday, but evidently they remained away in the hope that dismissal would be entered.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan asked for a continuance until today in order that the two missing witnesses might be ordered to appear in court. Mr. Logan resisted this motion. He urged that there was in reality no case against Stuart. He was merely located while paying a little 4 A. M. call on a young woman acquaintance in the rooming-house over the Quelle. There was nothing particularly wrong about that. The hour was a little bit late but arrangement of a subject for next Sunday's discussion at Sabbath school may have necessitated the visit for all evidence to be had to the contrary. Mr. Logan insisted that the matter was one for the Police Committee of the Executive Board to pass upon and not a matter to be brought into court, especially since Mrs. Stuart had made no complaint in the matter.

But the defendant had already had two continuances and so Mr. Logan had to concede one to the defense, which he did reluctantly. But it is doubted by many if the case will be tried this morning as scheduled.

LHEVINNE COMING SOON

Famous Russian Pianist Will Give Fine Programme March 16.

Josef Lhevinne, great pianist, will be the last of the Lois Steers-Wynn Coman series of subscription concerts for this season. Lhevinne is the very first of the year's great piano artists to be presented to the Coast and his coming has aroused tremendous interest. Lhevinne was at one time professor at the Royal Academy of Music in Moscow, which he had attended as a young boy, but resigned his chair after the colossal success of his first American tour.

That this young Russian is now on his third tour of the United States bespeaks for itself the appreciation which the American musical public has shown for his wonderful art. This will be Lhevinne's first appearance on the Pacific Coast, and that fact, together with the fact that he is the first great pianist to play in Portland this season, except Miss Goodson, lends additional interest to his coming. His recital will be on Tuesday evening, March 16, at the Heilig Theater, under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

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