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AMUSEMENTS.
HEILIG THEATER.—(Fourth and Wash- ington)—The Russian pianist, Lievinne, tonight at 8:15.
BUNGALOW THEATER.—(Twelfth and Main)—Baker Stock Company in "Taxi- cabs" tonight at 8:15.
ORPHEUM THEATER.—(Morris and between Sixth and Seventh)—Advanced vaudeville, Matinee at 2:15; tonight at 8:15.
GRAND THEATER.—(Advanced between Seventh and Park)—Vaudeville de luxe, 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30.
PANTAGES THEATER.—(Fourth and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9:30 P. M.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. TO MEET.—The county W. C. T. U. will be entertained next Friday in the Lenten Evangelical Church by the local W. C. T. U. The meeting will open at 9:30 A. M. and will include a general program for the day. Morning devotionals, business hour and reports; Local president's address; flower mission; Mrs. Daisy Bertrone; alabaster boxes and practical relief; Mrs. S. E. Peak; constructive reform; "Gates of Home," Mrs. C. J. Roper, of Seaside; institutional church work, Mrs. Fulton; Rader; address, Rev. Frances Townsend, of Chicago; social banquet to the delegates and invited guests. Evening—Medal contest in charge of Mesdames Swope and Summerville. Mrs. L. H. Addison will preside at the social banquet.

MILLARD AVENUE CLUB FORCED.—A push club has been organized at Millard avenue, on the Mount Scott railway, with the following officers: President, E. C. Chambers; vice-president, W. B. Moore; secretary, Howard Croft; treasurer, R. Farnsworth. A committee was appointed to confer with the Park Board to see what arrangements can be made to secure a public park there which the club desires to secure for a park, which can be made into a park at small expense. Regular meetings of this club will be held at Millard avenue, the third Thursday of each month. The object of the club is to promote general improvement along the Mount Scott railway. The next meeting will be held Thursday night, March 18, when the park question will be considered.

MORAL ETHICS IN LAW.—At the meeting yesterday of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association, Dr. William Parsons delivered an address in which he dwelt upon the necessity of bringing the legal statutes into harmony with Christian ethics. He referred to the lack in the present federal system of any ethical or moral standard, and suggested steps he believed necessary to bring the desired change. He contended that if Christian ethics were made the foundation of law in fact as already recognized in many of our laws, the means of solving such questions as marriage and divorce, the age of consent, child labor and similar questions, would be addressed will be discussed at the next meeting of the association.

PATRIOTIC CLUB TO BANQUET.—Arrangements have been completed by the American Patriotic Club for its ninth annual banquet to be held Thursday night at the Portland Commercial Club. As the celebration of this club is on Cleveland's birthday, the principal address will be delivered by W. D. Wheelwright, who will deal with the late ex-President's career. Other speakers will be Judge Huston, Judge Munley, R. W. Montague, General Charles F. Beebe, Judge C. E. Tuley, who will act as toastmaster. The secretary, George W. Farnsworth, requests that all those who desire to attend the banquet advise him as soon as possible in order that accommodations may be provided.

VOTERS MAY REGISTER.—Registration books for the enrollment of voters who will cast their ballots at the city election, will be opened at the Courthouse this morning by County Clerk Fields. All electors who did not register in 1908, who have not been enrolled since, and who live within the city limits, may register now. They must have lived in Portland for six months, however, and have been residents of a precinct for 30 days. All voters who have moved since the last registration, should have the change made upon the registration books. Deputy County Clerk Schneider spent the day yesterday in getting the precinct maps, cards and registration books in order.

PALE ALARM AND ROOF FIRE.—Smoke issuing from the rear of the Fisher, Thorsen & Co.'s place at Front and Morrison streets, occasioned the presence of several hundred people yesterday afternoon. The smoke had strayed from the roof but there was no fire. A defective fuse at 438 Grand street, at 9:30 A. M., set fire to the roof. The fire was put out with a few pints of chemicals after part of the roof had been burned away.

ACCEPTED EASTERN CALL.—Rev. Carl A. Tobin, pastor of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city has accepted a call from the Swedish Lutheran Church of the Sign of the Cross, Ind., and will leave for his new field about June 16. The board of trustees of the local church will meet tonight to appoint his successor. Mr. Tobin's congregation numbers 130 members.

THE WHITE HOUSE TRACT.—Which is hereafter to be known as Riverwood, is the only residence tract on the riverfront property between 21st and 22nd streets, and the city. As Chapin & Herlock, Chamber of Commerce building, are the exclusive agents for this property, reservations must be made through them. There are only a few pieces and these are now being taken up rapidly.

KELLY BUTTE STRIKE ENDS.—A bread and water diet had had a salutary effect upon the county prisoners at Kelly Butte, for they returned to work yesterday evening. They had rebelled because they said that the food furnished them by the Sheriff was not good. They were recently sent to the Butte from the County Jail, where they had been obliged to work.

WATERLY-RICHMOND CLUB TO MEET.—The Waterly-Richmond Improvement Club will meet tonight at the home of George A. Dinkham, East Forty-first and Clinton streets. Reports will be received from the committee on fire protection and sewerage. All interested are invited to attend.

KITCHEN SHOWER.—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the church parlors tomorrow at 2 P. M. The hostesses, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Phillips, intend to make it the occasion of a kitchen shower for the parsonage.

WILL WRESTLE TO A FINISH.—Albright and Sullivan, for the lightweight championship of the Pacific Coast, at Merrill's hall, Seventh and Oak streets, March 18, at 8:30 P. M. Don't fail to see this match.

COLORADO WOMAN "GRIEK ARE."—Colonel C. E. S. Wood will lecture at the Sellwood Presbyterian Church, tonight at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Greek Are." Admission free. The lecture will be held in the church parlors tomorrow at 2 P. M. The hostesses, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Phillips, intend to make it the occasion of a kitchen shower for the parsonage.

DR. GEORGE S. BREITENBERG.—The ophthalmologist, moved to larger and better rooms, 421, 423, 425 fourth floor Marquam building.

FOR SALE.—\$3000 each, Portland, Tacoma and Omaha Home Tel. bonds 50 per cent stock. O. T. Oregonian.

BUSINESS PROPERTY WANTED.—I have \$5000 to invest in a piece of income-bearing business property. Answer N 78, Oregonian.

DR. RAND RETURNED.—Sweetland building. Phone res. 354, A 255, office Main 374.

ATHLETE FORKS IN NUDE.—The call-theophile enthusiast who resides at a number on Ross street must either quit taking his exercises in the nude or else draw the blinds. Chief of Police Gritzmacher so decided yesterday after receiving two complaints about the gymnast. One report was that the man seemed to be a raving lunatic. The other was that he exhibited a deplorable degree of carelessness about operating the blinds. There was an evening at 7 o'clock, the disciple of physical exercise enters his room, dispenses with all apparel and proceeds to go through a long course of exercises which includes a little of everything from setting up exercises to pantomime boxing. The exhibition is invariably witnessed by an assemblage of from five to 50 persons who assemble at a point 100 feet north of Halley street, on Wheeler. Patrolman Hansen, who has already investigated the case, says the entire neighborhood thought the man was crazy until a Multnomah Club athlete chanced along and recognized the antics as prescribed course of condition exercises. The officer on the beat was given instructions yesterday morning to warn the man to draw the curtains after this before taking his exercise.

FAVORS DENOMINATIONAL UNION.—At the regular meeting of the Evangelical-United Methodist Association, held yesterday morning, Rev. A. A. Winter presented a resolution was presented by Rev. H. C. Shaffer and adopted favoring the union of the three denominations—the two evangelical branches and the United Brethren in Christ. This resolution declared for organic union of these three denominations for the entire country, and not for the Pacific Coast. Mr. Shaffer in offering the resolution said he did so to correct the impression which had been abroad that the union was being made to unite the three denominations on the Pacific Coast and some also local churches were to be left when no such programme was contemplated. Such impression, he said, tended to delay the union for the whole country. There was a full attendance of ministers, and an excellent paper was read by Rev. C. C. Christ. "The Second Coming of Christ."

TAXPAYERS' COMMITTEE THURSDAY.—The first meeting of the taxpayers' committee, called for the meeting called for by C. K. Henry, at the Heilig Theater Tuesday, was held at the real estate offices of C. K. Henry yesterday morning. It was attended by a large number of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned to the more suitable hour of 8 o'clock, Thursday evening. It is believed that change in time from the morning hour will result in a fuller attendance of members.

WOODMEN FUNCTION.—Multnomah Camp No. 77, Woodmen of the World, is planning two functions. One will be given on the night of Friday, March 26, for members and their families. S. H. Griffith, J. E. Mitchell and A. H. K. are the committee having the arrangements in hand. The other function will be held on the night of Saturday, March 27, on which occasion Head Consul I. I. Boak, of Denver, Colo., will be the main speaker. J. M. Woodworth, M. D. George and A. G. Thompson are the committee in charge of the arrangements.

RIDDELL LECTURE POSTPONED.—Owing to the illness of Netwon N. Ridwell, the well-known lecturer, the address which was to have been given last night at the Centenary Methodist Church has been postponed until Sunday afternoon, March 21. The subject of the address is "Ancient Wisdom, Christian Science and Spiritualism in Relation to the Religion of Christ." The series of seven lectures will be held on the following last night's meeting will be continued following Sunday's lecture.

LECTURES ON "CALCULUS."—The second free course in advanced mathematics will commence at Portland Academy Friday, March 19, at 8 P. M., when J. A. Gross, one of the academy staff, will give a series of lectures on "Calculus." The lectures will be held every evening at 8 P. M. The subject of the lectures will be the text-book authority. The fact that it is possible to obtain a course of lectures on calculus in Portland is the result of that has led Mr. Van Gross to start his series.

LECTURES ON "NEW PSYCHOLOGY."—Rev. Henry Victor Morgan announced a series of lectures in the "New Psychology," beginning tonight, in the Home of Truth, 38 Irving street. All persons interested in the Emmanuel movement, Christian Science and the "New Thought," are invited to attend. The lessons are free and will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

HELD ON GIRL'S CHARGE.—Wallace Joplin, 22 years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a statutory charge of fighting the Best Tender in the county, employed at the home of Joplin's father. The girl says that Joplin broke in the door of her room during the absence of the family and raped her. He is held in default of \$200 bail.

WE LEAD THE UNITED STATES.—Portland people have the best and cheapest meat in the land. Why? Because Smith is fighting the Best Tender in the county, employed at the home of Joplin's father. The girl says that Joplin broke in the door of her room during the absence of the family and raped her. He is held in default of \$200 bail.

ART AND PSYCHOLOGY CLASSES.—The art and psychology departments of the Woman's Club, will meet at 2 P. M. today in the art room of the Public Library. Mrs. R. M. Tuttle will lecture on "Architectural," and Mrs. A. King Wilson will have charge of the psychology department.

SERVE ST. PATRICK LUNCHEON.—A St. Patrick's luncheon will be served from 11:30 until 2 P. M., at the Young Women's Christian Association, in both dining room and cafeteria, Wednesday, March 17. \$500 Omaha Tel. bonds with 50 per cent stock for \$200. Phone Main 2488, A 2488, before noon today.

ENTERTAINERS.—12-mile roadhouse.

WRESTLING FANS.

The lovers of clean sport will be afforded a chance to witness a real wrestling match when Dan Sullivan meets Con Knight on the mat at Merrill's Hall tonight. Although although under weight, apparently gave O'Connell a hard tussle for almost two hours to win from him, and O'Connell challenged all the wrestlers (including Mr. Sullivan) and agreed to toss them all in one night. Now it is up to Mr. Sullivan to show, by comparison, that he is Mr. O'Connell's superior. I have no hand in the management of this contest, but will guarantee 2000 seats, all with a good view of the mat.

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The first organization of local general fire insurance agents ever formed in the United States with the object of ascertaining and promulgating fair and equitable ratings, took place in the Sherbrook building yesterday when the Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau was formed. This association will take over the promulgating of rates in this territory, formerly the prerogative of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific Coast.

The bureau was formed as the result of the first insurance legislation recently enacted by the State Legislature. This legislation, it is believed by local agents of the various companies, takes a step forward in the insurance laws of this country.

"It has never yet been defined in insurance laws that rebating is a public offense," said a prominent insurance man yesterday in discussing the legislation, which regulates the operation of fire insurance companies in this state. "The new law does this. It also admits of the purpose of ascertaining and promulgating fair and equitable ratings, something never before undertaken."

R. M. Kelly was chosen secretary of the new bureau and an advisory committee of 11 members was named to act with him in the following local agents: Messrs. Raymond, Parkhurst, Coleman, Webber, Thompson, Stoy, Reed, Burke, Atkinson, Deans and Williams. A second meeting will be held tomorrow in the same rooms and the new organization perfected.

The Clemens law contains an emergency clause and the rating bureau named a committee of three to visit the insurance commissioner at Salem today and advise him of the organization of the bureau and explain its functions. It was thought best to lose no time in this matter in order to show a compliance with the law at once, since it goes into effect immediately.

The general agents in attendance at yesterday's meeting numbered 20. A considerable increase in membership of the bureau is expected. The bureau will add materially to the membership of the general agents from all parts of the state. By the operation of the new law of Oregon, it becomes possible for the general agents of this state to ascertain rates on insurable property," said Secretary Kelly yesterday. "Other new matters in the law include the question of insurance policies containing a correct statement of the consideration of premium and a correct statement of the amount of risk. If the assured does not comply with the amount expressed in the policy, then the amount shall be decreased in the proportion that the actual premium paid bears to the expressed premium."

New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

Orpheum.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. DELICIOUS comedy sketch which is laugh-provoking without ever descending to horseplay, a fairy-tale for grown-ups, a pretty little conception which involves the staging of a dream, is the headline act, "Pat and the Genii," which that sterling comedian, Tom Nawn, and his company, are presenting at the Orpheum this week. The idea is that of an Irish gardener employed by a military old professor of archaeology, who delivers an antiquity to the study of his employer and by chance discovers that the hand balancing of Lee Georgey's shows fine skill. A tiny youth, who has no knowledge of fear, does some remarkable stunts with neatness and dispatch. The scene represents a Parisian cab. The cabman and the button wishing to entertain the guests evolve themselves in human windmills. The two diners, in evening clothes, get the fever and materially assist the employees in their clever gyrations.

Pantages.

THE offering this week at Pantages is one of exceptional balance and almost every act is of headline caliber. The top notch of mystery, color and action is reached in the presentation of

FAMOUS RUSSIAN PIANIST WHO WILL BE HEARD AT HEILIG THEATER TONIGHT.



JOSEF LIEVINNE. The last concert in the subscription series arranged by Lois Steers-Wynn Coman will be the fine pianist, Josef Lievinne, whose Eastern successes have been more than repeated during his tour of Mexico and California. In the City of Mexico the enthusiastic people at the close of the eighth concert, literally dragged the famous artist from the hall to his carriage, having taken his horses from the carriage. In California the audiences were just as enthusiastic. There is no necessity to proceed in giving detailed accounts of Lievinne's reading of the various works on his programme. Suffice it to say that the precision of his staccato chords, the pearl-like roundness of his rapid scales in the work of music. The recital tonight will begin promptly at 8:15, and no one will be seated during the numbers.

the jar contains the spirit of a genii, bottled up for some 2000 years. Pat falls asleep and imagines that he releases every desire come true merely for the wishing. The Arabian Nights holds nothing more entrancing than the marvels brought about in the ensuing few minutes when wealth and love and ease are lavished upon the obscure gardener. Then comes an awakening, in which it is shown that Pat has been dreaming, and the probabilities are restored. It is one of the most unique and entertaining sketches that the Orpheum has offered and it alone constitutes a sufficient reason for going to the show this week. Tom Nawn long ago established himself as a comedian of the first order, but Charlotte Appelle, who appears as the genii is a newcomer worth watching. Her chief charm is her remarkably musical and well-directed voice, while her beauty of face and form incline the audience naturally to admiration. Mrs. Nawn plays the Irish housekeeper in a satisfactory manner and the colored slaves play their parts to the manner born.

The Elit Molins, a double quartet of singers and musicians, seem entitled to second place on the bill. These Italians sing selections from grand and light operas and discourse delightful accompaniments on string and reed instruments, which prove to the average auditor a source of the keenest enjoyment. It is a touch of Southern European an echo from the cafes of the Riviera that is a most agreeable departure from the average musical act.

Another big event this week is that offered by the Four Casting Dumbars, which has seldom been equaled on a local stage. These athletes do some really remarkable feats and do so in a most interesting and instructive manner. They are introduced by the clown of the troupe is decidedly refreshing. Their work is worthy the closest attention of discriminating patrons.

Something unique in the way of ventriloquism is introduced by W. E. Whitely, who uses a Roosevelt makeup quite effectively, and operates a half dozen dummies in a truly remarkable manner. A dramatic sketch called "Wireless," which introduces a number of clever actors who support the latest gift which science has given to the world, is well worth attention. Leander de Cordova, an actor of more than average ability, and the idea of the sketch, which is written by Alice Leak Pollock, is a capital one. This is the fourth big act on the Orpheum bill this week.

Madame Adelaide Herrmann, the widow of Herrmann the great, assisted by an acute brunette in Oriental garb, and Miss Marietta, a maid of unusual beauty, Madame Herrmann performs illusions and magic feats that leave us with our mouths agape, wondering how. Her willing act, "The Idyllic," a seemingly hypnotic illusion, with special scenery and beautiful electric effects, is the acme of mysticism.

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HOTEL GIVES DAILY TEA
 Modern Innovation at the Portland Popular at Outset.

The Hotel Portland management has just adopted the modern innovation of an afternoon "tea," which is becoming a feature among first-class hostels all over the East, in England and in Continental Europe. The "tea" is served between 2 and 6, and the food has already taken by storm among Portland society folk.

The distinguishing feature of this custom is that it enables downtown visitors, transient guests, city residents and entertaining friends, to drop in and while away a pleasant time with the hotel staff. The "tea" is a Bohemian spirit, for there are always music, flowers, freedom and unconventionality. It is a popular custom, for it is intended for both men and women, and is one of the most delightful ways of entertaining out-of-town guests.

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