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AMUSEMENTS.

HEILIG THEATER (Fourteenth and Washington)—Clyde Fitch's comedy, "Girls." Tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

BUNGALOW THEATER—(Twelfth and Morrison)—Baker Stock Company in "There and Back." Tonight at 8:15.

BAKER THEATER—(Third street, between Yamhill and Taylor)—Harry Beresford in "Who's Your Friend?" 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.

APPOINTS SEWER COMMITTEE.—Ben Riesland, president of the Seventh Ward Improvement League, announces the following committee to co-operate with Councilman Rushlight in starting the construction of all laterals in Brooklyn under district contracts: R. H. Thomas, Waverly-Richmond; E. F. Mouldendauer, Kenilworth; Arthur Brock, Midway; F. G. Urfer, Brooklyn; C. M. Wood, South Sunnyside. These coummitteemen represent the district where laterals are needed. Mr. Rushlight will introduce a resolution in the Council providing for laying all laterals in these sections according to the maps that have been prepared by the City Engineer. He believes that a large saving in cost will result by letting the contract in districts instead of on separate streets. Petitions will not be necessary. The cost to lay these laterals will probably equal the cost of the big sewer system, which will be something above $250,000.

WILL STIMULATE ROSE CULTURE.—The Rose Culture Club of North Albina will meet in the firehouse tomorrow night to consider the matter of offering a silver cup to the best-planted and best-kept rose garden on the Peninsula. The prize will be offered this year and the winner must hold it against all others, or lose it next year to some one else who has a better rose garden. At the meeting the matter will take definite form and the territory included in the competition will be marked out. Officers and members of the club hope through this contest to stir up healthful rivalry. Miss Nellie Fox, of the Portland Library, has been invited to be present and speak on the proposed library and reading-room the club will open in North Albina as soon as the rooms have been fitted up. Miss Isom also may attend.

WORK OF MOTHERS' CLUB.—The Mothers' and Teachers' Club of the Milwaukie school, who renovated the inside of the building at a cost of $90, gave an entertainment Friday night, which netted the club $35 to be applied on the cost of schoolhouse repairs. The club will establish a library and reading-room in the City Hall in April. The club will take part in entertaining in the Oregon building during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle. Mrs. M. L. Roberts, the president, has been appointed one of the assistants in the Oregon building.

APOLLO CLUB INCORPORATES.—Articles of incorporation covering a musical organization to be known as the Apollo Club, were filed with the County Clerk during last week. The purpose of the club is the maintenance of a chorus of male voices and for the encouragement of music and musical education among its members. It is also proposed to give concerts and entertainments from time to time. The officers of the club are: President, H. W. Hogue; vice-president, Edward L. Bayly; secretary, Sidney G. Lathrop; librarian, F. S. Pierce.

SILENT AS TO OFFER.—Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman for Oregon, who returned Saturday night from a visit of six weeks at Washington and New York, left yesterday for his home at Dallas. Mr. Williams declined to discuss the rumor that he had been tendered the appointment of assistant to Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Mr. Williams has extensive business interests in this state and intimated that he was entirely satisfied with his present lot, with no yearnings for public office.

MASONRY CONTRACT LET.—Contract for the masonry work of the new stone edifice for the Central Christian Church, to be erected at East Salmon and East Twentieth streets, has been let to H. Bingham, and he will put a force at work as soon as the weather will permit. Rev. J. F. Ghormley, the pastor, estimates that it will take a year to complete the building. The cost will be above $60,000. Foundation was completed in the Fall. The building covers a quarter block.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BAIRD.—The funeral of Mrs. Rachael Baird, a California pioneer of 1847, was conducted yesterday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Dresser, 321 East Thirty-fourth street. Greenwood Cemetery was the place of interment. There was a large attendance of friends. Mrs. Baird was 79 years and 5 months old. She had lived in Oregon City and Portland since 1877.

LOOKING FOR CLUBHOUSE SITE. — The committee from the North Albina Improvement Club is having difficulty in selecting a site for the proposed clubhouse that will be satisfactory to all concerned. Two selections have been made, but both were discarded as unsatisfactory. The sites were not considered central. If an agreement can be reached a clubhouse costing $20,000 will be erected.

LECTURE ON SITKA SCHOOL.—W. G. Beattie, superintendent of the Industrial Training School at Sitka, Alaska, will give an address on the work done at that school, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, to which the public is invited. The Sitka Training School is one of the important educational enterprises conducted by the Presbyterian women's board of home missions.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MOORE.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Dan J. Moore, who died Friday morning, after a prolonged illness, was held yesterday afternoon from the Unitarian Church, Seventh and Yamhill streets. The services were conducted by Dr. T. L. Eliot, assisted by Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr. Vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. Rose Coursen-Reed and Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer.

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KENILWORTH CLUB TO MEET.—The Kenilworth Improvement Club will hold its annual meeting at the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church tonight. The principal business will be the election of officers, and discussion of plans for the coming year. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. ELMIRA SHANNON.—Mrs. Elmira Shannon, living at Archer Place on the Mount Scott railway, died Saturday, at the age of 57 years. The funeral will be conducted from the family residence, 334 Bell avenue, this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

MRS. O. P. WOLCOTT, 442 Washington street, begs to announce for today and tomorrow, her display of imported French pattern hats, together with her own most exclusive designs.

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VILLA AVENUE OPENING.—The opening of Villa avenue 80 feet wide through the Ladd farm to West avenue, and from West avenue to the city limits will come up for final action Friday, March 26. Proceedings for this street extension are in two parts, being divided at West avenue. Viewers' reports for both parts have been filed. There is a remonstrance against the part between West avenue and the city limits for the reason it is proposed to assess a district 1000 wide on each side of the street. There has been contention over the opening of this street for several years.

INVESTORS AND HOMESEEKERS, ATTENTION.—Auction sale of fine residence property, lot 4, block 185, East Portland, two houses thereon, 465 and 467 East Ash st., March 23, at 10 A. M., at Courthouse door. Property of Levy estate. Title clear; abstract furnished. Inquire A. C. Emmons, attorney for administrator, Chamber of Commerce.

MINISTERS WILL MEET.—The Evangelical-United Brethren Ministerial Association will meet today at 10:30 A. M. in the Y. M. C. A. chapel for general discussion and business.

JOHN J. FITZGERALD DEAD

PROMINENT RAILROADER AND DETECTIVE HERE.

Started Service as Brakeman Over 20 Years Ago and Rose to Position of Trainmaster.

Deputy Sheriff John Joseph Fitzgerald, special detective and trainmaster for the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific Railroads, whose name is more or less famous from having waged a relentless

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and successful warfare for a number of years against freight "rattlers," boxcar thieves and train robbers, died at his home, 422 East Twenty-fourth street North, at 10 o'clock last night, following a sudden and violent attack of the grippe of about 10 days' duration. Perhaps no name among those of the local employes of the railroads is better known throughout the Pacific Northwest than that of the decedent.

For more than 25 years he had been in the employ of the company. For a long time he was the yardmaster of the O. R. & N. in the Albina yards, but was made special detective for the company in 1902. One year ago he was promoted to the position of assistant trainmaster, but continued doing the detective work when occasion demanded. He had been in Portland since 1893.

During his career as a railroad detective he made several notable captures, the most important of which were the train robbers, Gay Hashman and Charles Hoen, who held up an O. R. & N. train in 1903, 21 miles from Portland, and who are now serving 12 and 10 years, respectively, in the Salem Penitentiary for the robbery. He also assisted in the arrest of Jack Hayes and William Burks, two of the men who held up the train at Clarnie a few months ago, and who are serving 10 and four years, respectively, after having pleaded guilty to the crime.

He was born in New York in 1860. He is survived by a wife and six children and a sister, three brothers and his father. The latter are Mrs. Anna Days, who lives in Woodlawn; James, Edward J. and William Fitzgerald, brothers, and W. H. Fitzgerald, father, who all live in Great Falls, Mont. He was a member of the Order of Oregon Railway Conductors. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Mr. Fitzgerald first joined the Harriman forces in Omaha, where he was employed as a freight brakeman. Since then, by conscientious effort and faithful performance of his duties, he has risen to his late position. His loss is mourned both by the officials and men of the company, all of whom held him in high esteem.

O'BRIEN VERY STRENUOUS

Swede With an Irish Name Gives Policeman Busy Ten Minutes.

J. O'Brien, who says he is a Swede, of 607 East Main street, was arrested yesterday morning on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. After imbibing too freely Saturday night he went home and began beating his wife and children, of whom there are several, and compelled them to run out of the house for protection. He continued his abuse this morning, and upon complaint of the neighbors, Officer Elmson went to the house to take the offender into custody. When he arrived upon the scene O'Brien was still under the influence of liquor and resisted the officer, demanding that he be shown the warrant for his arrest.

The officer tried to take him forcibly to the station and found he had a job on his hands. O'Brien fought like a tiger. His wife and children, whom he had been abusing a short time before appeared on the scene, and sympathizing with the head of the family, took a hand in the scrap against the officer. After a tussle with the whole family, in which his gloves were torn, his helmet battered and himself the recipient of many inelegant caresses, both verbal and physical, he succeeded in taking the man to jail.

LITTLE CHILD RUNS AWAY

Two-Year-Old Tot Starts Out to See Wide, Wide World.

Little 2-year-old Florence Ellis caused her parents, who live at 396 Twenty-third street, two hours of deep anxiety yesterday afternoon, by wandering away from home and becoming lost. The police were notified and after considerable searching she was located at 461 Twenty-fifth street, several blocks distant.

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New Bills Open at Theaters

"GIRLS," AT THE HEILIG.

Pamela Gordon	Bessie Toner
Violet Lansdowne	Ethel Grey Terry
Kate West	Suzette Jackson
Lucille Purcelle	Caroline Locke
Mrs. Dennett	Merceita Esmonde
Edgar W. Holt	H. S. Northrup
George H. Sprague	Charles Brandt
Frank Loot	Hevlyn Benson
Augustus Dennett	E. A. Locke
The Janitor	Fred R. Stanton
The Postman	Pierre Young
Messenger Boy	Karl Knapp

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

CLYDE FITCH is back in form. It was a mistake about paresis, ennui or conjestion of interest-paying bonds—whatever it was we thought has been ailing him for the past few years. "Girls" proves that the exponent of millinery literature can still do a play that will hold its color in the sun and make people turn 'round and look back. A man naturally, if he has taste, will eloquently and cogently express the opinion that "Girls" is "a bully show," while the women must agree that it is "just the cunningest dear."

To have my prejudices overcome entirely and to be caught applauding red-handed a theatrical production with the pifflesque name, "Girls," was my agreeable lot at the Heilig last night. For once in a long time it seemed thoroughly good to be on the job.

It is an idyllic little romance of the bachelor girl, the fine, clean, self-respecting young daughters of Eve who are making their own living and their men competitors hustle all over the country. And believe me, there are three or four young "acting ladies" in that cast who adorn their profession. The are not Nazimovas, nor Nance O'Neils nor Minnie Maddern Fiskes, but all the same they are of that wholesome, unaffected, intelligent type which cheers one up when one gets peevish about the stage. They are the home-grown variety.

Naturally it was mighty nice to welcome exquisite little Ethel Grey Terry back to her own town, and doubly so to find her so pleasantly circumstanced. In the two years or more since Miss Terry left here she has learned to act, she has developed into a genuine beauty and withal almost a grand lady. She was little more than a child when she essayed small roles with the Baker stock, and certainly none of us expected that within two or three seasons she would be playing one of the most important roles in Clyde Fitch's latest Broadway success, in a cast that bears the correct hall-mark. It wasn't just because she is one of our girls that the audience applauded her last night after the ovation at her entrance. She surprised us all into a delightful glow by her really artistic acting. There is a much heralded young star in this country who hasn't nearly the claim upon stellar honors that has Ethel Grey Terry, and none of this talk is gush.

A trio of man-hating girl-bachelors, whose vows and protestations are unalterably anti-marriage, furnish the motif; and their little trials, and griefs, and pathetic struggles—three little musketeers, the writer, illustrator and the stenographer—make an agreeably human story.

Bessie Toner, who has already achieved a considerable degree of success, and who is due for a lot more, carries the greatest responsibility of the three. She makes the most interesting typewriting lady imaginable, and it's not a bit of wonder that the dashing young woman-taming barrister scaled walls and charged ditches to reform her hatred of everything masculine.

Caroline Locke, as the elocutionist "across the way," who recites the "Salvator Won" monstrosity and sings "Love Me and the World Is Mine," is a comedienne who can go ahead and cheer up all the audiences she wants to. She is excrutiatingly merry without becoming grotesque. Suzette Jackson does excellently well the young aspirant for literary and stage honors, who makes the third heroine of this petticoat comedy.

The piece is adequately staged. I predict that it will be a case of "save the men; let the women and children drown," at the Heilig during the three more performances "Girls" has to run. At that though, I'm not so sure it doesn't please the men almost as well.

PERSONAL MENTION.

O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner, is registered at the Imperial from Salem.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Coffin, of Yamhill, were in the city yesterday, registered at the Oregon.

C. N. McArthur, private secretary to Governor Benson, was registered at the Portland yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matlock, of Pendleton, are registered at the Imperial. Mr. Matlock was recently appointed a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

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"WHO'S YOUR FRIEND," AT THE BAKER.

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Harry Harrison	William S. Lyons
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Bert	Harry F. Horne
Deffner	George Hunter
Meygick	Robert Hudson
Fay	Jane Ferrell
Lila Hake	Edith Wylie
Judith Hake	Margaret Lee
Rosalie	Grace Beebe
Lucy Upton	Helen Barry

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

THANK you, Harry Beresford, for giving us a comedy with a different kind of humor in it. Thank also the Paulton brothers, who wrote it, perhaps the more only that they should be scolded for damning "Who's Your Friend?" with a very bad title. The name is worthless, when the cleverness of the play is taken into account.

The quaint conceit of a modern burlesque Faust is sufficient to delight the soul of them having wit. The dear, lovable, old inventor, who suggests the old potter in "The Middleman" perhaps more than he should to be original, after reading Goethe's poem on the night before financial disaster and dire unhappiness for his daughter have been assured him, late at night when the elements are warring a fine thunder storm, declares his willingness to sell his soul to the devil if by so doing he might procure happiness and comfort for the ones he loved. Then the working out of a highly amusing and emphatically unique story of the old man's hallucination is too good to be marred by repitition. Until the very denouement the benevolent inventor imagines himself bonded to the devil, whereas he has really contracted his services to his eminently human benefactor of extensive capital.

Mr. Beresford is always worth seeing, regardless of in what he appears. He has a peculiar unctiousness which makes his humor especially keen, although one might wish that his enunciation was clearer and that he did not use his ostensible mannerisms of voice and action so industriously. A certain helping of them are fine and desirable, but at times, particularly in the first act, they become a bit monotonous.

Having thus relieved my conscience, I will add that Mr. Beresford is a mighty deserving and artistic young character comedian, occupying a peculiar field in which he is almost alone.

The supporting company is mediocre. H. H. Sleight, who plays the rascally old village note shaver, being the best actor in the support. Grayce Beebe, who has, of course, a right to spell her name as she chooses, is good looking, and if she were less affected might learn to act sometime. Edith Wylie, a rather dainty ingenue, is natural but lacks personality. Jane Ferrell, the comedienne of the company, is funny at rare intervals. But the comedy with the impossible name and the star are worth investigating. Don't miss "Who's Your Friend?"

"There and Back" at the Bungalow

CAST.

Mrs. Waring	Miss Louise Kent
Jane	Miss Maribel Seymour
William Waring	Sydney Ayres
Henry Lewson	William Dills
Mrs. Lewson	Mina Crollius Gleason
Guy Grinling	Donald Bradbury
Robert	Howard Russell
Jack Macrae	William Gleason
Marie Antoinette Smith	Miss Izetta Jewel
Jamie	Walter Renfort

"THERE AND BACK," the comedy played by the Baker Stock Company at the Bungalow Theater this week, might as well have been named "Back and Forth," for all the significance the title bears to the play.

But "what's in a name?" It is an absurdly impossible farce-comedy, full of laughs and amusing situations, and kept the audience in almost one continual cachinnation during its entire performance. There 'is no plot to it; it just gallops from act to act and from situation to situation, and except for a little drag in the beginning, there is no cessation to the action and amusing tangles.

Jock Macrae, from Scotland, played by William Gleason, is capitally done. Mr. Gleason's Scotch accent and canny portrayal of the gay old Scote "chiel" is the best bit of acting in the piece, although possibly equalled by the excellent work of Miss Maribel Seymour as Jane, the servant in the Waring household. Robert, the waiter at the Scottish railway inn, is delightfully rendered by Howard Russell, who, by the way, is always to be depended on for intelligent and snappy work. William Waring and Henry Lewson, as the chums who are drowned and yet saved, were adequately given by Sidney Ayres and William Dills, and Miss Louise Kent and Mina Crollius Gleason were acceptable as the wives of Waring and Lewson.

Miss Izetta Jewel had little to bring into notice her talents, but wore some fetching hats, and was winsome and wilful as Marie Antoinette Smith—otherwise Mary Ann—and was gowned and bound with feminine grace and charm.

The breakfast-room of the Warings was more than usually well staged. There were many ludicrous incidents in the play and some wit and a few puns in the dialogue. Taken as an amusement it pleased the audience greatly, and the presentation reflects great credit on the Baker Company as showing its versatility and scope.

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This is the right time to impress every business man, big and little, with the necessity of boosting Portland, boosting Oregon and boosting Oregon enterprises. People coming here, or those who contemplate coming here, should be made to understand that this is a good place to come to; that we have a glorious climate; that Portland, and Oregon generally, always give preference to "Oregon Made," if it is an honestly made article, but that failure is sure to come to those who attempt by cheap or half-rate methods and inferior stuff to underbid the market.

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