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AMUSEMENTS.

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.

LYRIC THEATER—(Seventh and Alder)—Lyric Stock Company in "The Isle of Zaza." Tonight at 8:15.

BAKER THEATER—(Third, between Yamhill and Taylor.)—Burns-Johnson fight pictures. This afternoon at 3; tonight at 8:30.

STAR THEATER—Moving-picture show every afternoon and evening, 2 to 10:30 o'clock.

EAST SIDE SCENIC RAILWAY.—The Brooklyn line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, is now a scenic railway for a short distance across Stephen's slough. Residents of Brooklyn are treated to a varied scene every time they pass over this slough. They see great rents in the ground through which steam and smoke pour forth in volumes along the car track, which winds around a big sawdust fill. The sawdust under the top coating of earth has become very hot and steam forces its way up through the rents, presenting a picture of a minature volcano. There are several acres of this sawdust fill in Stephen's slough, from Inman-Poulsen Company's sawmill, on both sides of Grand avenue, and the entire slough will be filled up to East Eighth street.

WOULD TAKE BAND TO SEATTLE.—J. H. Nolta, manager of the Peninsula Band, started negotiations yesterday to take the band to Seattle within the next few days, parade the streets and distribute Portland roses. He said that it would cost about $200 to carry out his plan, and that if the people of Portland will provide money for expenses he will give his time free in handling the matter. "I believe it would be one of the best advertisements Portland could have," said Mr. Nolta yesterday, "to send the band to Seattle and parade and distribute roses. It will have to be done at once if at all as the best roses will soon be gone. I have a plan to distribute roses from a float. There will be many people in Seattle who might be attracted to Portland in this way."

WORK ON EAST STARK STREET.—T. W. Bechill, one of the contractors for the improvement of East Stark street between East Twentieth and East Forty-first streets, announces that he will have a force of men at work on the street this week. There has been considerable work done on the street, but the men were taken off to finish up another job, leaving the street torn up. East Stark is important being the extension of the Base Line road. November is the time the contract requires completion of the improvement, but Mr. Bechill says that he will have it finished before that time.

CONSIDER REFERENDUM LAWS.—In accordance with its former action the Sellwood Republican Club will tonight set in motion a movement to amend, or eliminate entirely, the initiative and referendum laws in this state. There will first be a meeting of the Sellwood Board of Trade in Union hall, East Thirteenth street and Tenino avenue, to close up the affairs of the Sellwood float, and then the Sellwood Republican Club will take up the initiative and referendum laws. Some of the members of the club favor complete elimination of these laws, while others want less radical action taken.

BROKEN WIRE STOPS CARS.—A weakened telephone wire which parted last night about 9:30 o'clock, and fell across the trolley wire of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at Second and Couch streets, was the means of interrupting streetcar traffic for ten minutes. All the cars on Washington street and lines running north of Washington street were affected. The telephone wire touched the street and grounded the current coming from substation A. Chief Inspector Pape, for the railway company, soon had men at work who remedied the trouble.

ALLEN SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.—The commencement exercises of the Allen preparatory school will be held Thursday evening, June 17, in the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor streets. The class of 1909 is made up of the following graduates, Florence E. Bonnell, Harold James Broughton, Roland E. Chapman, Frances D. Clark, Helen C. Holbrook, John Hughes, Agnes A. McLaughlin, Hazel G. Norman, Marguerite Thomas, Mary G. Townsend, Mildred R. Whittlesey, Katherine Woodward, David E. Johnston Wilson.

PLANS FOR CLUBHOUSE.—Plans have been drawn for a clubhouse to be erected at once on the grounds of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church. It will be 40x50 feet and 25 feet high. Nearly $500 has been subscribed and more is expected. A considerable portion of the material has been donated for the building. Gravel, cement and lumber have been mostly given and where there is a charge for material it is at greatly reduced prices. A high ceiling will be provided so the room may be used as a gymnasium as well as a public hall.

WILL DISCUSS TAXATION.—An important meeting of the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church, R. M. Gray, president, will be held in the parlors of the church, Park and Madison streets, at 8 o'clock tonight. The subject for discussion will be "Assessment and Taxation," and will be presented by B. D. Sigler, Assessor of this county. He will be followed by Richard W. Montague, an attorney, who has given much study to this vexing question. The public invited.

FIRE CONSUMES FREIGHT CAR.—Evidently originating from the traditional pipe of a hobo, a fire entirely consumed Southern Pacific freight car No. 87380, on a siding at Front and Northrup streets, yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. As the blaze had gained great headway before the arrival of the department and the car was beyond the reach of the fire fighting apparatus, the efforts of the firemen were futile.

of Mothers will present Mrs. Bertha Chapman Cady, M. A., in the last of her series of lectures on "Nature's Studies," at the Unitarian Chapel this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Cady will have more of her interesting and instructive outing classes for mothers and children during the week. Those interested in nature study are asked to join the class.

FUNERAL OF MISS CHRISTENSEN.—The funeral of Miss Marie G. Christensen, who died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, 187 East Fifty-third street, was held yesterday from the East Side Funeral Directors' Chapel, 414 East Alder street. Lone Fir Cemetery was the place of interment.

DR. JORDON WILL LECTURE.—Dr. W. T. Jordan, pastor of Central Baptist Church, will deliver a lecture on "Down South in Dixie," tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the church parlors, East Ankeny and East Twentieth streets. The lecture contains a number of negro dialect stories.

TO LIQUOR CONNOISSEURS.—Retiring from business, we offer at original cost some of the oldest imported liquors obtainable, such as Cloroso Sherry, Powney Port, Canary Ice Madeira, whisky, etc., also, domestic liquors. Chas. Stern & Co., 164 First street.

STEEL BRIDGE CLUB TO MEET.—The Steel Bridge Push Club will hold a special meeting tonight at the Clarno Hotel, near the foot of Holladay avenue for important business. All members and others interested are invited to be present.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL TO CLOSE.—The St. Andrew's school, at Highland, will close June 23, with an exercise at 8:15 o'clock. A programme will be given and John O'Hara will deliver the address. The young people of the parish will have an outing June 30, on the Clackamas River. Archbishop Christie will confirm a class of 50 children in St. Andrew's Church on the afternoon of July 4.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET.—The June meeting of Pomona Grange will be held in the hall of Lent's Grange, next Wednesday, June 16, when an all-day session will be conducted. It will be the first meeting of Pomona at Lents since the erection of the new hall.

AT A SPECIAL meeting of the board of officers of Congregation Neveh-Zedek Talmud-Porah, held on May 12, Dr. H. N. Heller was unanimously elected as rabbi of the congregation.

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FOURTH MAY BE QUIET

CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY IN DOUBT.

Its Proximity to Rose Festival May Dampen Public Display. Events Planned.

The opinion prevails that Portland will not undertake to celebrate the Fourth of July on a large scale this year. No definite decision has been reached, however, and the matter will not be settled by committees until the latter part of this week. Owing to the outlay just made for the Rose Festival, it is not thought probable that anything gigantic will be attempted for Independence day.

As the Fourth comes on Sunday, a holiday will be declared probably on Monday. There will be numerous celebrations of a private nature. The Catholics of the Sacred Heart parish, on the Milwaukie road, will celebrate the day on the church grounds, where luncheon will be served. Several other parishes plan to celebrate similarly.

Boat races on the river and other sporting events throughout the city are also being arranged. The Oregon National Guard may parade and there will probably be a public display of fireworks in the evening.

SHRINE MEETS THIS WEEK

Armory Has Been Engaged to House Big Gathering.

This week is grand lodge week for the Masons of Oregon, and next Saturday the Shrine will hold a ceremonial that promises to take its place among the most important events of Shrinedom. In order to supply satisfactory accommodations Potentate L. G. Clarke has secured the Armory, as it is expected the attendance will be the largest in the history of Al Kader Temple. There is also good and sufficient evidence that the applicants for membership in the Mystic Shrine, who know not what is in store for them, will represent the largest class of any in the history of Al Kader Temple.

The edict has already gone forth from Potentate Clarke as to what is expected of all the officers, members and visitors from other jurisdictions, now sojourning in the oasis of Portland. Many mysterious matters are under way, it being the intention of the Potentate, his officers, and the entire Arab Patrol that none of the prospective initiates go away dissatisfied. As usual, the programme will be announced so that all may know what is ahead of them.

LOCAL BOY ENDS COURSE

Richard E. Geary Graduates From Colorado School of Mines.

Richard E. Geary, son of Doctor E. P. Geary, of Portland, has just returned from Golden, Colo., where he was graduated from the Colorado

Richard E. Geary, Portland Boy Who Has Completed Course at Colorado School of Mines.

School of Mines. Out of a class of 116 students who entered the school four years ago, only 14 completed the course successfully this June. Students falling back from the advanced classes and entering from other universities, however, increased the number who received their E. M. degrees this June to 36.

Young Geary received his preparatory training at the Portland Academy, graduating in 1904. While in the School of Mines he was a member of the M. C. Club. Mr. Geary plans to locate on the Coast.

BILL IDENTIFIES VICTIM

Shows Man Killed by Car to Be Louis Cole, Veteran.

A bill for groceries identified Louis Cole, 60 years old, who was struck by a United Railway car early yesterday morning at Battle Station on that line. The bill bore the name, Cole, which led to the discovery of the victim's wife, with whom he lived in a scow near the station where the accident occurred. The injured man died at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. He was a member of a local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under whose auspices the burial will take place Tuesday.

FLAGS FLOAT TODAY

Stars and Stripes Adopted 132 Years Ago.

ELKS TO HOLD EXERCISES

Public Programme Will Be Given by Lodge, but Schools Will Not Formally Observe Day This Year.

Today is the 132d anniversary of the adoption of the American Flag by Congress, that important event having taken place June 14, 1777. While not a legal holiday, the day is generally observed throughout the United States by the raising of the flag on all public buildings and wherever flagstaffs are located.

In Portland some of the patriotic orders will observe the day and flags will be unfurled throughout the city. The schools, however, have not planned any special observance. This morning in all schools will be held the final examinations, and this interfered with the preparation of set programmes. Special selections of patriotic songs, however, will be sung at the opening of the school day in most rooms.

Portland Lodge, No. 142, of Elks, has prepared a special programme which will be rendered in public tonight at 8 o'clock at the lodgerooms in the Elks block at Seventh and Stark streets.

The members of the order will form in line in the clubrooms, each wearing a small American flag pinned on his coat. The lodge esquire will head the procession, carrying a large flag, and the members will thus march, two abreast, to the lodgeroom.

A committee, composed of John B. Coffey, chairman; A. L. Berkeley, J. J. Jennings, Judge R. G. Morrow and A. E. Krull, will have charge of the services and an orchestra will furnish music. The observance of Flag day by the Elks is under instructions from the Grand Lodge of the order, and a special ritual has been prepared for the occasion. The following programme has been arranged:

Elks' ritual, conducted by Gus C. Moser, exalted ruler; soprano solo, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by Miss Elizabeth Harris; altar services, esquire and officers of the lodge; ritual exercises, George Stekes; song, "Auld Lang Syne;" "Elks' Tribute to the Flag," M. C. Curtain; recitation, "The Flag Goes By," by Joe Hayes; address, Alfred E. Clark; "America," by the audience.

The observance of Flag day originated in 1898 with the American Flag Association, which was organized in New York on February 17 of that year. The object of this association is to secure National and state legislation for the protection of the flag from degradation and desecrating uses, and to secure a general observance of June 14 as "Flag day." The association is composed of individual members and also the members of the flag committees of patriotic societies.

The idea of observing each year the date of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes has met with general favor throughout the United States, and many state Governors and hundreds of city Mayors call attention to the day by proclamation.

Johnson on a Film Is Sorry Sight

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

IF Jack Johnson, negro claimant of the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship, possesses no more class than is shown in the motion pictures of his battle at Sydney, Australia, with Tommy Burns last December, which are exhibited at the Baker Theater this week, he had better go to Zambesiland and remain there in seclusion instead of barging about wanting to meet James J. Jeffries.

The fight pictures, which opened a week's engagement yesterday, are remarkably clear and easily among the best moving films of such events ever seen here.

Tommy Burns is easily recognized in the pictures, and he is entitled to a great deal of credit for the capable fight he put up against such heavy odds as favored Johnson in size and weight. In the early rounds of the battle Burns clearly outpointed the negro at every stage. Johnson seemingly depended solely on his advantage in size, which he utilized to good advantage in rushing the smaller man around the ring. During the fight Burns is seen to go to the floor three times, but only once is this due to a blow from his opponent, which was landed in the 14th and last round.

In the fifth round Burns attempts to evade one of Johnson's rushes and trips himself. He claimed after the fight that this fall sprained his ankle, and the picture plainly shows that he sustained a hard twist.

In the eighth round he stumbled and went down again, but was up quick as a flash and rushed Johnson across the ring.

In the 12th and 13th rounds Johnson's rushes showed their effect on the smaller man, for the big negro, who stands a head taller and has a visible advantage in reach, went after Burns hard and often, and Tommy clinched frequently, when Johnson did not overlook the advantage of his superior weight in leaning heavily on the smaller man. About the middle of the 14th round Johnson sent Burns to the floor with a hard right to the head, and this time Tommy took the count of eight before getting up. On regaining his feet he mixed it in lively fashion with the black. On this account the action of the police official in climbing to the side of the ring and stopping the bout seems unwarranted, for Burns, while evidently severely punished, seemed in no immediate danger of being knocked out.

Another thing about the fight is the frequent and lengthy clinches indulged in by both men in every round, and the referee only separated them three or four times in the whole fight.

Following the fight pictures a photo of James J. Jeffries was flashed on the canvas, and brought forth storms of applause. This was followed by the first round of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight at Coney Island November 3, 1899. This affords an opportunity of comparing the undefeated one with the negro. The picture show opens with Australian scenes, as well as the training quarters of both Burns and Johnson, and depicts the big rush for tickets when the sale was opened three weeks before the day of the match.

The Burns-Johnson pictures will run all week at the Baker Theater with matinees every afternoon. Last night's big crowd was noticeable for a liberal sprinkling of women, who took advantage of the opportunity afforded to see pictures of a real fight.

"The Isle of Zaza" at Lyric Theater

THE second week of musical comedy at the Lyric opened yesterday with a matinee audience that fairly packed the theater. From all indications the Imperial company has already caught on and is in for a big Summer run. It seems to have been by good guess on the part of Manager Flood but that the public wants pretty girls, catchy songs, a little high kicking and some not too complex jokes during the heated term.

Yesterday's opening was a conglomeration of all these, called for convenience sake "The Isle of Zaza." It might just as well have been called anything else. Its purpose to please is attained very satisfactorily indeed, however, and those present yesterday seemed tickled to death with it.

Ed Harrington and Charles Connors are the principal comedians and keep up a musketry fire of fun all the time they are on the stage. Others in the cast sing and dance well and the chorus shows ability and good training.

YOUTH'S BODY RECOVERED

Remains of Lionel Rathbone Found in River as Steamer Passes.

The body of Lionel Rathbone, the English youth drowned in the Willamette just south of the Morrison-street bridge Saturday afternoon by the capsizing of a canoe in which he and a companion were paddling, was recovered yesterday morning at 9 o'clock by Hugh Brady. The body was taken to the morgue.

The steamer Kellogg, with a large party of excursionists, was making its way up the river, when the body was recovered. This caused a rush of passengers to one side of the vessel which keeled over menacingly due to the unevenly distributed weight and a panic among the passengers was eminent.

Rathbone came to Portland over a year ago, traveling in a sailing vessel for the sake of his health. In Portland he became acquainted with Sig Sichel, who obtained for him a situation with the Louisiana Rice Mills. This proved too much for the boy's endurance and Mr. Sichel a few weeks ago obtained for him an easier position at the Commercial Club. Mr. Sichel describes him as of good parentage and of gentlemanly demeanor. At the Commercial Club he made himself exceptionally popular, according to Mrs. May, wife of the steward of the club, and an attempt will be made among the employes there to raise a fund to defray his funeral expenses.

The funeral will occur this morning at 10 o'clock at Holman's undertaking chapel and the burial will be at Beth Israel Cemetery. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, assisted by Dr. Roper, will conduct the services. The Hebrew Benevolent Society will defray the cost expected to be met later by Rathbone's friends.

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BULLETIN NO. 16

Growth of Communities as Affected by Corporations

(From the Manufacturers' Record.)

Street railways greatly enhance the taxable values of cities. As an average example, assume that a company extends one of its lines a mile into undeveloped cow pastures adjacent to a city. This at once raises the price of 1000 acres of land from $200 per acre to $900, giving an increased assessable value of $600,000 on land alone; with buildings, possibly a total of $1,000,000, on which the state and city will receive annually $15,000 in taxes. If this mile of track in two years after construction pays operating expenses, fixed charges and taxes, the average company would be satisfied. More than in any other industry, expenditures in extension and equipment of street railways reflect value to all other property in the community. It has been the universal experience that in cities where great expenditures on transportation systems have been made, every kind of business is correspondingly extended.

Every time a city curtails the borrowing power of its street railway company $1,000,000, it reduces its income in taxes alone by at least $10,000 per annum. In the average city the street railway company pays for and maintains one-sixth of all the pavement within corporate limits. Allowing eight yards per capita, at $3 per yard, amounts to an expenditure by the company in a city of 100,000 of $400,000. Upon this amount the company pays interest of 6 per cent, taxes 2 per cent and maintenance 8 per cent, for which expenditure it receives practically nothing. This item amounts to 68 cents per capita per year. In addition, track and roadway construction suitable for pavement necessitates an expenditure over what is sufficient for car service equal to the pavement costs, upon which interest, taxes and maintenance as above must also be paid. This would amount to $68,000 per year, or 68 cents per capita. The company carries, say one-fourth of its passengers free, and it costs just as much to carry a transfer passenger as any other.

There are other forms of benefit either in cash or service, such as free transportation of policemen and firemen and payment of court costs for pauper plaintiffs. In addition, there are damage payments in excess of just claims to the extent of possibly 50 cents per capita, or $50,000 in a city of 100,000 population.

All business, whether conducted by individuals or corporations, should be regulated within such limits as will insure to these units of society the freedom of action possible up to the point of preventing encroachment upon the rights of other individual or corporate units.

Regulation, if at all, should be universal. It is unprofitable to a community to single out the street railway to bear the accumulated chastisement which should be shared by a thousand others. The average city is beginning to thoroughly appreciate this, as indicated by the small following of would-be demagogues who fail to discern that their meal has been eaten.

The prosperity of a country or city depends entirely upon its treatment of invested money. Some countries of the Western Hemisphere, bursting with natural wealth, are now, in large part, howling wildernesses, and will be for generations to come, because not one with a dollar to invest, even with a prospect of dividends of 100 per cent per annum, would chance its immediate confiscation. Bondholders want security and stockholders dividends. If either is made uncertain, development stops. Exclusive of returns on borrowed capital, which should be approximately 5 per cent per annum, agricultural, mining, manufacturing and mercantile businesses should, and do yield when efficiently operated, at least 15 per cent per annum on the money invested by equity-holders. Ten per cent of this is for the hazard, labor and responsibility of management, which fall entirely upon the stockholder. If the city regulates plants manufacturing and selling gas, electricity and other public conveniences through extortionate taxation or reduction of rates to a point of less profit than suggested, it will result in the paralysis of the industry to which such regulation is directed. This is simply an application of the law under which money flows in the course of least interference to the safest harbor. If any state or city has ambitions to be great, let it seize the present opportune moment and announce to the world a fixed policy towards investments in which individual and corporate business, private or public, are treated absolutely on a parity in regulation, taxation and the general exercise of police power or other necessary interference.

Two recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States inspire confidence in corporate investment. A paragraph from the decision in the Knoxville water case is:

"Our social system rests largely upon sanctity of private property, and that state or community which seeks to invade it will soon discover the error in disaster which follows. The slight gain to the consumer which he would obtain from a reduction in the rate charged by the public service corporations is as nothing compared with his share in the ruin which would be brought about by denying to private property its just reward, thus unsettling values and destroying confidence."

In the same decision regarding regulation, we find:

"It is a delicate and dangerous function and ought to be exercised with a keen sense of justice on the part of the regulating body, met by a frank disclosure on the part of the company to be regulated. The courts ought not to bear the whole burden of saving property from confiscation, though they will not be found wanting where the proof is clear. The Legislatures and subordinate bodies to whom the legislative power has been delegated ought to do their part."

Stay away from courts; settle your difficulties at home among your own people. Be frank; state your full case and demand your rights, whether you are the buyer or seller, and you will be sustained.

We are trying to adjust the present surface turbulence. New men are also springing up who are locally and Nationally turning the tide in another direction. The leader of the future will be the man who is the embodiment of justice. He will be intellectually unsurpassed and financially independent. He will come from the working class; will have experienced all the pangs of poverty, the struggles for recognition and the inspiration of wealth and independence. The wages he will receive will be an absolute unanimous approval of those he represents. His power will not rest on his having led the mob in plundering the rich, nor in guiding the rich in zapping the life of the poor. He will take up the existing order and advance it much as possible in his generation. He will believe in evolution and not revolution. In general, he will, to the extent of his ability, see that every person gets everything that is justly his. The day of the demagogue in this civilization is done. One-sided leaders have caused all the cataclysms of history. We want, and are going to get, balanced men into public life. The movement has started which will place in our City Councils, our Legislatures and the Congress of our Nation individuals who possess the intelligence, strength of purpose and the sense of justice which will force complete approval of every man, woman and child thus represented. Vested rights of corporate or incorporate interest, whether of the rich or poor, have not in the whole life of our Nation been in danger, and are not now. The outlook, both in security and returns to labor and capital in any field was never brighter or more certain.

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