CORT AND HEILIG BOTH START WEST

Northwestern Theatrical Magnates on Way Home to Look After Interests.

SITUATION IS COMPLEX

In Spite of War Between Klaw & Erlanger and John Cort, Portland Is Assured of Its Share of First-Class Attractions.

Portland will probably not suffer materially as the result of the heavy booting which the theatrical syndicate Klaw & Erlanger have given John Cort as reported in yesterday's issue of The Oregonian. The Northwest territory over which (like a bottle) Cort has used his thumb as a cork, is regarded by all leading local theatrical men as entirely too extensive and too valuable to be disregarded even by the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate. Cort may be dumped. The indications from New York are that he will be; but the general feeling among the local impresarios is that the vast circuit which he has controlled in complacent security for the past few years will be well taken care of in the way of supplying high-class and up-to-date bookings for the season of 1910-11.

Information to be had here is largely conjectural. Personal feeling and acute prejudice permeate the statements that are to be had from every available source. Perhaps the most serious question involved as the result of the reputed breaking off of business relations between the New York syndicate and Mr. Cort so far as local theatrical affairs are concerned is its effect on the Northwestern Theatrical Association, of which Calvin Heilig of this city is the president and John Cort the manager. These two men are the business and managerial representatives of the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate in the Northwest and it remains to be seen whether they are strong enough to dictate the terms by which the newly precipitated war shall be settled. Mr. Heilig left Chicago for Portland last night and will arrive here next Tuesday or Wednesday. Manager Cort has also left New York and is due in Seattle about next Wednesday. In a message to George L. Baker of this city it is implied that a meeting will be held to go into the entire situation in the Northwest territory as soon as they have arrived home.

Shuberts May Gain Footing.

Judging from what is to be learned here, the Shuberts will be able to strengthen their position in the Pacific Northwest substantially in case it shall prove that Mr. Cort has been shuffled off by the K. & E. czars. At the same time the heads of the leading houses in Portland anticipate that Klaw & Erlanger have made some sort of arrangements which will enable them to play all the first-class theaters which are now under the Cort control, a control which ranges over some 140 theaters. Many of them are held merely under booking arrangements, many others under leases, and only a very insignificant proportion under financial management or ownership.

But there will be no visible or physical change in the situation during the current season. All bookings for the remaining few weeks at the Bungalow theater, in this city, and the other houses on the Cort circuit will be cared for. The productions are en route and will not be called back. Such drastic discipline to the Seattle "boss" could not be administered save by violation of season contracts with the numerous stars and other big attractions that are working the far-Western country. Itineraries have been arranged, the "paper" is out and other heavy expenditures handled that would be a dead loss should suppression of Cort be consummated at once.

But Impresario Cort's dilemma is none the less serious. He seems to have but a single recourse open if he cares to operate the scores of theaters which he now holds in the hollow of his hand; that is to conciliate the Shuberts. He might be able to make satisfactory arrangements with the erstwhile "independents" in other cities save Portland and Seattle on a fair basis, but he cannot break into this city or Seattle without buying out Russell & Drew, who are co-partners with the Shuberts in the ownership of the Alhambra Theater corporation, which owns a majority stock in these houses, and William Russell stated last night that there was very little chance for Cort to "break in."

Cort attempted about six or seven years ago to grab off the Stair & Havalin attractions from Russell & Drew, but did not succeed.

"I presume that he has tried a similar game," remarked Mr. Russell last night. "At the time the old fight was joined, Cort wanted to cut in on the 'S. & H.' shows, but he was informed that he would have to do business with us. It looks very much as if he had been trying to dicker with the Shuberts this time and was caught at it by the K. & E. people."

West Is Probable Territory.

"You can bet your last dollar that Klaw & Erlanger will never cut out the Northwest," said John F. Logan, John Cort's attorney in Portland, last night. "Somebody is doing an awful lot of bluffing. You will find the K. & E. people here as strong and solid as ever when the opening of next season comes around. The K. & E. people are afraid that Cort was trying to break into the vaudeville game and my theory is that they are so afraid of 'Big Tim' Sullivan, the vaudeville magnate with whom Cort may have been negotiating, that they tried to wipe Cort off the map. They can't do anything like that because Cort holds the whip-hand over what we all know is the most profitable territory in the country. You might as well think of eliminating the Northwest from the theatrical map as you would New York. The talk of routing attractions through to the Coast over the Central or extreme Southern routes is ridiculous. No sane theatrical syndicate or booking agency would think of it. Portland will have just as many and just as good shows as it ever had. The New Heilig Theater will be built as if nothing happened and I'll lay a heavy wager that it will have the best there is in the stuff that comes to the Coast."

The impression prevails very strongly that it doesn't matter whether Cort has broken with K. & E. or K. & E. have broken with Cort, the Northwestern situation is secure. The "big trust" or the Shuberts will gobble up the Cort houses and book them for 1910-11. It may mean that the so-called "trust" will have to build some new theaters if they can't break Cort and get his leases, but the stronger presumption is that Cort will rush pell-mell into the arms of the Shuberts and deal with them at their own terms before the house managers of the theaters he controls undertake to cancel their contracts with him, and make overtures to the syndicates that offer the most attractive terms.

Baker Wins Either Way.

There is a humorous phase to the latest theatrical embroglio and it centers around George L. Baker.

"Boom - ta - ra - ra, boom - ta - ra-ra, boom - ta - ra - ra, boom," remarked George L. when he heard of the controversy. He was happy as a small boy with red-top boots and a 26-fretted drum.

"Tell the Portland public that it doesn't make any difference whether the K. & E., the Shuberts or John Cort or anybody or everybody else falls down," he said. "I'll save the day. I've got stock houses in Portland, Seattle and Spokane and I'll give the public the best there is in the market, believe me. Here is one fight that I don't give a darn about. I win either way."

Manager William T. Pangle, of the Bungalow, the K. & E. house in Portland, declared last night that he had had no advices whatever covering the situation. He was at a loss to understand the situation, but was inclined to believe that the reports from New York might possibly be modified when all the facts were known. He would, however, make no statement for publication.

PUPILS AID COUNT

Children Find Scores of Names Not Yet Reported.

2 TOTS APPLY FOR WORK

Sisters, Aged 11 and 8, Visit President Beckwith, of Commercial Club, and Volunteer to Help See Count Is Correct.

"Please, Mr., mother sent us down to help you with the census."

A child's voice lisped the words, but no one was in sight. President Beckwith leaned over the table at the Commercial Club and saw two tots holding each other's hand to sustain their courage.

"And why do you want to help the census?" asked President Beckwith.

"Mother can't, so she sent us instead," answered the little one.

Rebecca Eckstein, 693 East Twenty-second street, was the speaker. She is only 11 years old, and with her tiny sister, Henrietta, aged 8, had braved the danger of the streets to help the census man.

President Beckwith suggested they cover their own block. They said they had done that twice and every one had been counted and now they wanted to help somewhere else. So President Beckwith decorated them with the pretty, yellow census ribbon and asked them if they would, just as a favor to him, try to watch their part of the city very carefully.

Happy, the little ones wandered away.

"In two days the children in the public schools could take the fullest possible census of Portland," asserted Principal J. H. Stanley, of the Highland school. "And they could do it out of school time, too," he added.

Excited by the work the citizens are doing, the children approached the principal yesterday and insisted on volunteering. He sent over to the Commercial Club for blanks and let them go to work. At the afternoon session, 148 names were reported, all members of families of children in that one school who have not been counted by the census enumerators.

Two ninth grade pupils turned in 30 names in addition of families whose house they had visited, but whose children did not attend the Highland school. Thus, right in this one district 178 names were found which had not yet been secured by the enumerators.

Special messengers were engaged by the Commercial Club yesterday morning to take blanks out to the schools calling for them. Among those telephoning in were the following: Shattuck, Arleta, Brooklyn, Kerne, Holladay, Highland and several others whose names could not be recalled by the men working on the census at the Commercial Club.

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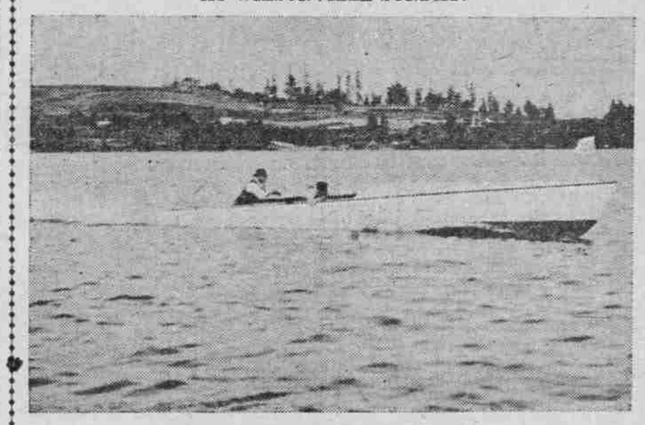

THE WOLFF II, OWNED BY J. E. WOLFF.

Twenty or 25 motor boats of the Portland Motor Boat Club will cruise up the Willamette River Sunday as far as Wilsonville, where races will be held and a general picnic will be enjoyed. Cups have been offered by enthusiastic Wilsonville men to be contested for. The donors are W. S. Flinn, Farmers Bank, J. C. Michaels and citizens of Wilsonville.

A ball will be held tonight in honor of those of the Motor Boat Club who arrive in time. Four races will be held Sunday afternoon and some fast time is promised. The fleet will leave Wilsonville Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Portland and will arrive here about 8 o'clock that night.

The Motor Boat Club officers will try to make this cruise an annual event. The following members and their boats will go: Dr. Yates, with the Billiken; Joe Mathiot, with the Kitty II; J. E. Wolff, in the Wolff II; Joe Michaels, Red Arrow; George Kinnear, Ellen; Otto Ranft, Nesta; Ray King Mountain Maid; J. A. Roake, Who Cares? These boats will leave Portland Saturday afternoon.

The following will leave Sunday morning at 5 o'clock: Mr. Birdsell, Whim; R. L. Hume, Ferro; Will Roberts, Sunbeam; Groeger Brothers, Augusta; Curtis Brothers, Hyake I, II, III; W. Hussiner, Teaser; R. F. Cox, Coxey; Von der Worth, Neptune; Will Knight, Sarah Jane; Mr. Scareth, Jug. These boats will arrive at their destination about 10:30 Sunday morning.

VICTIM OF BRAWL DEAD

ASSAILANT BEING HELD TO AWAIT INQUEST.

Man Found With Fractured Skull Identified as Addison Witters, Father of Six.

Addison T. Witters, 48 years old, the father of six children, lies dead at the Morgue, and Bert Dewitt, 22 years old, son of a grocer at 809 Union avenue, is in jail, charged with being responsible for his death. Such are the results of a street brawl at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in front of a saloon at First and Madison streets. Witters was knocked down violently to the sidewalk, his head striking with great force, and causing the fracture of the skull which brought death. At an autopsy held yesterday afternoon by Dr. Fred Ziegler, City Physician, the fracture was found to be three inches long.

Dewitt was captured by Mike Lillis, of the Harbor Patrol, several blocks from the scene of the fight. He will be held to await the finding of the Coroner's jury, which will hold an inquest today.

At first, the police thought Witters was in an alcoholic stupor, but after the man had been examined it was seen that he was seriously hurt, and he was removed to the hospital. He died at 7 o'clock in the morning. Witters' family lives at 721 Brunswick street, St. Johns. His eldest child is 18 years old. He was a carpenter, coming here from Indiana two years ago, and had been working as a laborer recently.

Witnesses to the fight were D. T. Ridgway and Fred Gilbert, who live in the Ohio rooming-house, Front and Madison streets. Their version of the brawl, told the police, was that Witters was passing down the street and stopped to ask Dewitt the location of the Everett House. Dewitt said that he did not know, and believed that there was no such house in the city. As he was going away, they declare, Witter called Dewitt a liar. Dewitt replied that he was not, and Witters then turned and advanced toward him in a threatening manner. Dewitt struck out, knocking Witters down. Witters' head struck the curb.

Witters' identity was not established until yesterday afternoon, when friends called and recognized him. The inquest will be held today at 4.30 P. M.

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E. J. DALY IS ON HOME SOIL

Has Been Boosting Portland Around the World.

Ed J. Daly, one of Portland's best-known real estate dealers and operators, is now returning from a trip through Europe and Mediterranean Sea points and yesterday he again set foot on American soil. The following characteristic telegram from him was sent to The Oregonian yesterday:

"Arrived New York steamer Adriatic. Hurrah."

Mr. Daly has kept in close touch with Portland throughout his trip and has sent back a number of letters in which he compared the European cities with Portland and European institutions and buildings with those to be found in the Rose City, and through all he has given Portland the better of the argument. He will be in Portland again in a short time.

Walla Walla Woman, 95, Dies.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 29.—Mrs. Annie Keefe, aged 95, supposed to be the oldest person in this part of the state, died this morning. She was born in Ireland. She retained her faculties to the last, though injuries received five years ago kept her from walking.

PARK GIFT AT STAKE

IF STREETS ARE VACATED, O. R. & N. WILL DONATE LAND.

Mayor Tells Park Board Boulevard Will Be Costly Unless City Agrees to Proposal.

Mayor Simon called attention of the Park Board, at a special meeting yesterday morning, to an important feature of the proposed Terwilliger boulevard project when he said that much depends upon the outcome of the negotiations with the O. R. & N. and the city as to street vacations on the East Side. General Manager O'Brien has signified a willingness to donate from 35 to 65 acres of land in South Portland as one concession for the streets his company wishes vacated, and if this goes through, it will save many thousands of dollars on the boulevard.

In case the negotiations should not develop favorably for the railroad company, however, the Mayor said, it is in no wise certain the company will donate any park ground and it would, therefore, cost the city a very large amount for land to complete the boulevard. Negotiations are pending and may be concluded at any time.

It was made public that it will require about $250,000 for sufficient property to finish the Terwilliger boulevard, in addition to that already donated by the Terwilliger heirs and the Fulton Park Land Company. It will, therefore, be a very expensive piece of work, even should the O. R. & N. property cost nothing.

Public comfort stations were ordered constructed at once in Peninsula Park, one for men and the other for women. These will be the first of these to be built in Portland. They have been established in many of the large and progressive cities. They will cost about $1500 each.

The board also ordered another modern feature installed in Sellwood Park—a swimming tank. This is an innovation in Portland. It will take the place of the old, worn-out public bathing establishment, which was abandoned last year. Other tanks will be established from time to time in various parks throughout the city.

Playground apparatus is being installed in various parks as fast as it arrives. It is the intention of the Mayor and members of the board to give first-class facilities for the enjoyment of the children.

Steals Dog Collar, but Not Tag.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—W. D. Smith is looking for a dog-collar thief that he may reward him for his thoughtfulness, kindness and foresight. A collie belonging to Mr. Smith was caught yesterday by some one and the expensive collar was taken off. However, the thief removed the license tag from the collar and tied it around the neck of the collie with a shoestring, possibly taking it from his shoes. Later the dogcatchers caught the collie and were taking it to the dog pound when the tag on its neck was discovered, so it was released and he found his way home today. The dog's life was saved by the action of the thief, and Mr. Smith would be pleased to reward him.

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Strictly modern is the method adopted by the Simon administration for cleaning Portland's hard-surface streets. It is a simple contrivance, but works wonders when it comes to flushing pavements. Alex Donaldson, superintendent of the street-cleaning department, invented this device, which has been in operation but a few days. This is the only dustless apparatus yet invented for cleaning hard-surfaced streets. It is also the most thorough in its work and leaves the pavements absolutely clean, no matter how dirty they may be prior to receiving the generous washing with pure Bull Run water.

Mayor Simon is enthusiastic over this manner of washing the streets, and it is probable a number of these outfits will be purchased, as the hard-surfaced area is great already and will be doubled this Summer. The cost of the device complete is about $300—much less than any of the other flushing apparatus offered for sale here, and much more effective, according to the declarations of all who have seen it in operation.

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