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AMUSEMENTS.
THEATRE (Events and Times).
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CHILDREN TO HEAR BADEN-POWELL.
That the children of Portland may listen to Lieutenant-General Sir Baden-Powell, leader of the Boy Scout movement, who will arrive in Portland on Saturday morning, Robert H. Strong and Arthur E. Wood, with W. L. Finley, now absent on business, form a committee who will assist in getting the distinguished visitor, who will confer with I. N. Fleischner and R. L. Rubin, the teachers' committee of the Board of Education, in the afternoon.

PIRES SCORE IN 24 HOURS.
Handing out a full score of fires, large and small, within a space of 24 hours, the fire department called early on Tuesday morning to the Castle Hotel, Park street, between Washington and Alder, where a threatening blaze for a time endangered the lives of many lodgers and made fair to sweep through a nest of old buildings on Washington street. Lodgers in the place were aroused by rattling and falling of many narrow passages. The cottage, a two-story building, was completely gutted, though standing intact, externally. Five lapped the fire-proof sides of the new Woodard-Clark building at Park and Alder streets, but did no damage, a small Spanish grill on the other side was completely wrecked.

ALFRED ERICKSON ARRESTED.
Alfred Erickson, against whom a secret indictment was returned by the late Federal grand jury for sending an indictment through the mails, was arrested yesterday at his home at Orient. Owing to the fact that he had an invalid wife, who was unable to stand upon him for personal attention and support, he was released upon his own recognizance to appear later to plead to the indictment. He acknowledges his guilt, as charged, and says he believes he had the right to return through the mail what had been personally delivered to him.

MONTAVILLA CLUB INDORESSES UNION DEPOT.
The Montavilla Board of Trade Monday night endorsed the resolution of the Greater Portland Plans Association for the location of the Union Depot by the Hill and Harrison lines at the head of the Park blocks in harmony with the plans of the association. The resolution endorsing the location of the central library building was tabled.

REARER GOES EAST TODAY.
Edward H. Bennett, designer of the Greater Portland Plan, left for New York at 10 o'clock this morning. At an executive session of the Greater Portland Plans Association, held in the Mt. Hood Clubrooms yesterday, it was decided to have Mr. Bennett compile a complete report of his plans within the next 10 days, and have the same published in booklet form for distribution.

BEARD PLUMBS GUILTY.
George L. Beard, an inspector in the Customs service, who took flight from a smuggling case last month, headed guilty in the United States District Court yesterday, the time of his sentence being fixed for Thursday. Beard was recently convicted of aiding and abetting in the smuggling of opium from the Multnomah County Circuit Court and was paroled after sentence.

UNIVERSITY PARK POSTOFFICE STATION WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM 44 LOMBARD STREET TO 88 LOMBARD STREET, TAKING EFFECT MARCH 16. In carrying this transfer out the resident postoffice at 44 Lombard street, in charge, has been accepted and John C. Roberts has been appointed as clerk in charge of the new office at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

RAILROAD EXTENSION ASSURED.
At a mass meeting of the citizens of South Mount Tabor and those living along the Powell Valley road in the United Brethren Church, East Thirty-second avenue, Monday night, reports were submitted by the trustees to the effect that two-thirds of the money required for the extension had been subscribed. At the meeting a considerable sum was subscribed. The committee was instructed to continue the canvass for funds until the entire sum has been raised. C. W. Hodson, representing the Jacobs-Sing Company, which recently purchased the Kelly homestead farm on the Section Line road, said in his address that after the extension inside the city had been built the interested property owners outside would take up the matter of building a connection with the extension at East Eighty-second street and Twenty-ninth avenue. Tom Richardson made an enthusiastic talk full of encouragement to the people who are working to get streetcar facilities.

GENERAL MEETING CALLED.
A general meeting of the congregation of the Third Presbyterian Church, East Pine and East Thirtieth streets, has been called for tomorrow night to consider the resignation of Rev. William Parsons, the pastor, who has accepted a call to Central Presbyterian Church of Eugene. It is considered certain that his resignation will be accepted and that commissioners will be appointed to appear before the presbytery, which meets in Trinity Presbyterian Church, March 12, to ask that the pastoral relations be dissolved. A full committee on pastoral relations will be appointed to meet with Parsons will deliver his farewell sermon Sunday, March 21.

SAMUEL HILL, NO LECTURE.
Samuel Hill, president of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company of Portland, Or., will speak at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, East Tenth and Weidner streets, tonight at 8 o'clock, having for his subject, "On What Does the Safety of Our Nation Depend?" His address will be illustrated with stereopticon slides and pictures, showing the beautiful scenery along the Columbia River, which slides Mr. Hill has had expressly photographed and painted for this work. He will also show pictures of road building throughout the world. Admittance will be free.

CHURCH SOCIETY TO MEET.
The Ladies' Society of the First Congregational Church will have an "all-day meeting" today, assembling at 10 A. M. under the auspices of the novelty committee and sewing for the Baby Home. A basket luncheon will be held at noon. At 2 P. M. will be the regular business meeting, followed by program of songs, recitations, and other amusements. Mrs. J. C. O'Day will speak on "What is the Baby Home" and will give several selections, her accompanist being Mrs. J. D. Neilan.

MONTAVILLA ASKS FOR SEWERS.
A committee from the Montavilla Board of Trade has been appointed to urge the laying of sewers on East Gilsan street, between East Sixteenth and East Eighty-second streets, as soon as possible, so that hard-surface pavement can be laid. Petitions for a hard-surface pavement have been filed and proceedings started for the laying of sewer on East Gilsan street is asked for in advance of the district sewer to the improvement of the city.

SPRITUALISTS' LEADER RESIGNS.
Mrs. Sophia B. Selp has resigned as president of the State Spiritualists' Association, according to reports. She has taken this action after "many years of suffering and suspense, persecution and prosecution." She refers to the suit brought against the association in June, 1908, by G. B. Warren, of Chicago, and which has since been pending. Mrs. Selp is a native of Oregon and is a member of the Portland Masonry, honorary president.

MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD.
Secretary Newlin, of the Rose City Park district at St. Rose Hall, yesterday called a mass meeting for March 12 of the citizens of the Rose City Park district at St. Rose Hall, to determine whether any action should be taken to secure the franchise or not. If the franchise is secured, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. O'Day, 400 East Twenty-ninth street, and if not the original purpose of getting the sentiment of that community will be carried out.

WOMEN DISCUSS "SOCIAL HYGIENE."
"Social Hygiene" is to be the subject of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church at the regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. T. Connerford, of Spokane, Dr. Mae Cardwell and Mrs. Edward M. Elliot will be the speakers of the afternoon. Miss Marie La Motte will give a violin solo. Following the discussion a 4 o'clock tea will be served. All interested are invited to be present. Business meeting at 2:30 P. M.

OVERLOOK IMPROVEMENT CLUB IS WORKING TO SECURE A BRANCH OF THE MOUNT HOOD RAILWAY.
The Overlook Improvement Club is working to secure a branch of the Mount Hood Railway, and has been successful in getting the attention of the city and county on its way to St. John and Vancouver. Also the club is working to secure a boulevard in Overlook near the brow of the bluff overlooking the river. The club has nearly 150 active members.

CATHOLIC WOMEN ELECT.
At the annual meeting of the Catholic Women's League, yesterday, the following officers were elected by a unanimous vote: President, Mrs. J. D. Sullivan; first vice-president, Mrs. James Laidlaw; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Costello; third vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Patterson; secretary, Mrs. David Hughes; assistant secretary, Mrs. Frank Kiernan; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Conner.

COMMERCIAL TRADERS MAY COME.
Morton MacCormack, president of the National Commercial Teachers' Federation, has written from Chicago to the Portland Commercial Club announcing that the delegates to the annual convention of the organization, which will be held in Spokane in July, will arrange to have their special train routed for the return trip to Chicago so that they may come to Oregon, visit Seaside and pass a full day in Portland. About 200 persons will come in the special from the East. They will come from Spokane on the retracing trip by way of Seattle and will pass March 21 at Seaside. March 22 the party will be in Portland, and arrangements will be made for a sightseeing trip over the city and a reception under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club.

DAIRIES FOUNDED SATISFACTORY.
George A. Nelson, Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner, returned yesterday from Eugene, after an absence of two months, during which he inspected the dairies being disposed of by the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. Nelson reports that conditions generally were most satisfactory, proprietors of dairies being disposed of by the suggestions offered by him in bringing their establishments up to the requirements of the Dairy and Food Commissioner's office. Samples of cheese, hard butter, milk and cream forwarded by him to the Portland office were found by "Chemist" Wells to be of high quality and of good preservation. Mr. Nelson also reports there are no cases of short-weight butter found.

CHORUS GIRLS' DANCE ENJOYED.
The feature of the dance given by the chorus girls of the Lyric Theater at the Moose Hall Monday night was the brilliant assortment of costumes. Hair of every delicate shade was seen in abundance. From the grand march to "Home, Sweet Home," the 400 persons who attended were properly entertained without the formality of stage company. The chorus girls, escorted by B. F. Malson, won the prize offered to the best waiter of the chorus girls. At the opening Bernadine Crutch, a little girl of 3 years, made her public debut by singing "O You Beautiful Doll" to the delight of all who were present. Other dances will be given by the chorus girls, and the success of their affair Monday night.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY.
An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held this morning at 9:30 o'clock, chiefly for the purpose of acting on several franchises of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. The report of the street committee, recommending the granting of the franchise, will be read. City Auditor Barbur yesterday sent to City Attorney some claims of the city against the streetcar company named for bills aggregating about \$15,000 in favor of the city. Some believe the suit should be paid before the Council grants the company any more franchises. Mr. Barbur says:

JUDGE MORROW ILL.
Circuit Judge Morrow has been confined to his home with a severe cold for the past two days and it is possible that he may not be able to resume his judicial duties before next week. The judge contracted the cold last week but continued his work for a few days in the hope that it would wear itself out, but instead his condition grew steadily worse. His throat is affected.

FARM SELLS FOR \$30,000.
Forest Brock & Wirth, of Portland, yesterday purchased from St. Joe and Lafayette, in Yamhill County, known as the Meligan donation land claim for \$30,000. The farm is one of the largest parcels in Yamhill County. A large part of the farm has been set to apple trees.

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