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AMUSEMENTS.

BAKER THEATER (Broadway and Morrison)—Baker Players in "Shore Acres." Tonight at 8:15.

ORPHEUM THEATER (Broadway and Taylor)—Vaudeville. This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 8:15.

EMPRESS THEATER (Broadway and Yamhill)—Vaudeville. This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 7:30 and 9.

PANTAGES THEATER (Broadway and Alder)—Vaudeville. This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 7:30 and 9.

LYRIC THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Musical comedy, "The Suffragettes" and "The Twelve Tango Dancers." This afternoon at 2:15 and tonight at 6:30 to 10:45.

PEOPLE'S THEATER (West Park and Alder)—Charles Hawtrey in "A Message From Mars." All week.

NEW STAR THEATER (Washington and Park), ARCADE THEATER (Washington, between Sixth and Broadway)—Exclusive first-run pictures daily.

COLUMBIA THEATER (Sixth and Washington)—Continuous first-run pictures from 11 A. M.

MAJESTIC THEATER (Washington and Park)—Continuous first-run motion pictures.

GLOBE THEATER (Eleventh and Washington)—Continuous first-run motion pictures.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS—Orders for copies of the New Year's Oregonian, which will be issued on January 1, 1914, to be sent to friends, should be sent to The Oregonian at once.

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PATTON-AVENUE EXTENSION SOUGHT.—Extension of Patton avenue by way of Maryland avenue down into Lower Albina, there to connect with Goldsmith street or Mississippi avenue, will be urged by the North Portland Commercial Club and the Overlook Club. E. M. Orth, president of the former organization, said yesterday that every effort will be made to get this extension under way after January 1. There are two routes, one by way of Delay street and one by way of Mississippi. The former route would require cutting through the Fisher block and the new concrete building of the Star Sand Company, which would be expensive if not prohibitive. The Overlook Club employed an engineer who has selected another route connecting with Mississippi avenue which may be adopted. The grades of both routes are moderate both for streetcars and other vehicles. This extension has been under consideration for the past year.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED. The improvement of Lombard street on the Peninsula has been completed from Wabash street to Patton avenue at a cost of $53,903. It is a hard-surface improvement. It is planned to continue this pavement to Albina avenue, and then on Albina avenue to Killingsworth avenue. Sewers are being put down on Albina avenue in advance of the improvement. This will complete a hard-surface system in the center of the Peninsula. The improvement of Fremont street has been finished from Lincoln Park to East Thirty-third street at a cost of $73,543, and the assessment has been made. Minnesota avenue district improvement has been completed at a cost of $15,786.

SUBSTITUTE MORTGAGE FILED.—New conditions for the certification and issuance of the bonds proposed by the Northwest Electric Company and the Anglo-California Trust Company, of San Francisco, were provided in a substitute mortgage filed for record yesterday in County Clerk Coffey's office. All of the property, and equities of the Electric Company are mortgaged to the San Francisco Bank to secure the payment of the $10,000,000 5 per cent bonds issued by the company to construct the lighting and heating plant now in course of erection. The mortgage involved real estate in Clarke, Cowlitz, Skamania and Klickitat counties, Washington, and Multnomah County.

SILVESTONE ASKS $50,000.—Suit for $50,000 damages for alleged libel was filed yesterday by Julius Silvestone, an attorney, against the Journal Publishing Company. The suit is brought because of what the attorney alleges to have been an unfair and untrue report of the testimony given by Harry Harris at his trial in Circuit Court last week. Harris, it is charged, mentioned the name of the attorney in connection with the collection of money from North End resorts, a part of which collections was to be paid to "higher-ups." The testimony was not pertinent to the issues at trial, it is alleged, and was given by a person who, the attorney said, the Journal knew was of questionable character.

INHERITANCE TAX RULING MADE.—Over and above the $5000 exempted by law from taxation, Mrs. Mary J. Anderson, widow of John A. Anderson, must pay an inheritance tax of $222.90, 1 per cent on $22,290.31. The order fixing the amount of the tax to be paid the state was signed yesterday by Judge Cleeton. During her administration of the estate of her husband, Mrs. Anderson handled $31,374.99. The expenses of the estate and its administration reduced the net estate to $27,290.31, the amount inherited by Mrs. Anderson. All of this, except $5000 exempted by law, is subject to an inheritance tax of 1 per cent.

LENTS LIBRARY GROWS. — Figures show that the Lents Branch Library gave out 700 more books in November, 1913, than during November, 1912, or a total of 12,300. Owing to this increased patronage the substitute librarian will be at the branch to assist three afternoons weekly in addition to the two regular evenings. It is hoped to settle the question of a site for a permanent branch library in the near future so the new building may be erected next year.

SPEND XMAS WITH THE FOLKS.

Week-end Rates—Good going on December 24 and 25, returning December 26. Portland (1st and Alder) to Eagle Creek and Estacada, $1 round trip. Trains leave: 6:45, 8:45, 10:45 A. M., 12:45, 2:45, 4:44, 6:45 P. M. December 25. Round trip, 75 cents to Estacada and intermediate points. Good only on this date. Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.—Adv.

PORTERS' FIRM CAPITALIZED AT $1,000,000.—Articles of incorporation of the Minnesota Logging & Lumber Company, capitalized at $1,000,000, were filed yesterday in the County Clerk Coffey's office. The incorporators of the new company are: Andrew R. Porter, J. P. Porter and H. P. Dutton.

R. G. MCMULLEN APPOINTED.—R. G. McMullen formerly a district engineer in the city's public works department, now assistant county roadmaster, was appointed yesterday by City Commissioner Dieck a member of the city's committee on the standardization of improvement specifications.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.—"McLoughlin and Old Oregon." "McDonald of Oregon." "The Conquest." At all bookstores.—Adv.

JOHN R. CLELAND and Joseph L. Atkins, law offices removed from fifth floor to 1028-30Chamber of Commerce.—Adv.

DR. FREDERICK A. KIEHLE has returned.—Adv.

A PIANO FOR $10 DEPOSIT, balance on easy payments. Let your Christmas present be a permanent one. Let us prove to you a saving of $25 to $100 on any piano you wish to buy. Our system of selling insures satisfaction. Free tuning and inspection for one year. We offer you a good piano for $195 (others would charge you $300). No sensational (circus) advertising; we are out of the "high rent district"; no buncomb piano checks nor trading stamps. We positively give you more value at a less price than is possible to obtain elsewhere. Send us the names of three or more friends or neighbors who might be interested in a piano, player-piano or victrola and we will send you and them a beautiful monthly art calendar for 1914. We will be pleased to demonstrate the "Chrismah Player" action, which can be easily installed in any piano and makes any piano a "player piano" or anybody a pianist. Our "auto" is at your service, open evenings. Soule Bros. Piano Company, 288 Morrison street, near Tenth.—Adv.

NORTH BANK LAYS IRON.—The North Bank Railway has started laying iron for the track that will enter Sullivans Gulch as far as East Eighteenth street. This track starts at East Second street near East Ankeny and crosses the lot occupied by the Pacific Iron Works and passes under the approach to the Burnside bridge. It is being built toward the gulch. It has not yet been decided whether the approach to the Burnside bridge will be raised or not in order to comply with the requirements of the Railway Commission. It probably will be raised or the track lowered some more.

BARNES SECURES JUDGMENT.—Judgment for C. M. Barnes in his suit against Elizabeth E. Yates for the possession of a picture house and five housekeeping-rooms at East Twentieth street and Hawthorne avenue was entered by Judge Davis yesterday, who directed the defendant to settle with the lessor of the premises within two days or vacate the property. Barnes charged that the defendant made a lease for the property last July, to take effect October 1, and has failed to make payments according to the terms.

CITY TO GIVE NO PRESENTS.—City employes are to receive no Christmas presents from the city this year as a result of the adoption recently of the "day labor" system in place of the system whereby the men were paid by the month. Heretofore laborers, janitors and others have received a day's pay on Christmas and have not been required to work. This year they will receive no pay for the day. The plan affects about 560 men and will mean a saving to the city of about $1700.

DICKENS' WORK TO BE READ.—Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be read by President Foster, of Reed College, at the Central Library tonight at 8 o'clock. A double quartet of mixed voices from the Reed College chorus will sing Christmas carols before and after the reading. This is the beginning of Reed Extension Course I on "Modern English Prose Writers."

ROBERT BURNS' MOTHER DYING.—Robert Burns left Portland for Washington, Kan., Saturday to be at the bedside of his mother who is thought to be dying. Burns' brother, State Attorney of Kansas, notified Burns of his mother's illness and it is probable that the former manager of the Milwaukie Tavern will remain there to look after the family estate.

WESTERN UNION CASE CITED.—Having received information to the effect that the Western Union Telegraph Company is operating a messenger service without the payment of a license, City Commissioner Bigelow has addressed a communication to City Attorney LaRoche asking him to investigate and take whatever action is necessary.

ALLEGED ROBBER ARRESTED.—Dobrosa Simich, one of a duo charged with robbing the store of Jake Tony, at 273 Northrup street Saturday night, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Hyde and Vaughn. Antone Sloykovich, his alleged partner, was arrested Sunday. Both are in jail, being unable to obtain bail.

A USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT.—Select one of the many good fountain pens at Gill's, Third and Alder streets. Full line of Waterman, Swan, Moore Non-Leakable and Welty pens in plain as well as ornamented with gold and silver. If in doubt as to design, give a gift certificate.—Adv.

MEN DISGUISED AS WOMEN.—Two men dressed in women's clothes are selling imitation lace in the vicinity of East Broadway, A. C. Longshore, of the Northwestern National Bank reported to the police yesterday. He said that they were poor imitations of members of the fairer sex.

HIGH TIDES AT CLATSOP.

Saturday, December 27, and Sunday, December 28. See fantastic play of surf. Seaside and Gearhart hotels entertain guests; $3 round trip, Friday, December 26 to 31; return January 5. Ticket office, Fifth and Stark.—Adv.

MONARCH METAL WEATHER STRIPS on your doors and windows save fuel, prevent draft, rattling windows, keep out dust and rain, make your house comfortable. Office 353 Stark street. Phones: Main 1425, A 3780.—Adv.

ROSE CITY PARK LEAGUE MEETS.—The Rose City Park Improvement League will meet tonight in the Rose City Park Clubhouse, Sandy boulevard and East Fifty-seventh street, for general business.

AT RICHARDS'.—Special Christmas dinner, $1 per cover; 1 to 8:30 P. M.—Adv.

SPECIAL dry corn for stringing. The Puritan, 5th and Morrison.—Adv.

Free Lecture on California.

Major John P. Clum, noted lecturer, will give one of his famous "Travel Talks" illustrated with beautiful slides and moving pictures at Methodist Episcopal Church, Twelfth and Taylor, Tuesday, December 23, at 8 P. M. Admission free. Everybody welcome.—Adv.

Thomsen's Chocolates make appreciated gifts. 80c and $1.00 the pound at your dealer's.—Adv.

Hughie Mack and the "Good Fellows" at Globe Theater, commencing Wednesday.—Adv.

Harris Trunk Co. for leather novelties.—Adv.