

DEATH AND MERGER INVOLVE THEATERS

Future of Portland Orpheum Puzzle Since Loew-Considine Combine.

HEILIG HAS \$600,000 PLAN

Demise of Thomas J. Noonan May Be Cause of Change on Broadway and Stark Building—Empress Also in Limeright.

There are knots in the theatrical situation in Portland which no one seems able to untangle at present. Announcement made from Kansas City, Mo., that Marcus Loew, of New York City, and others had purchased the properties and vaudeville circuit of the Sullivan-Considine combine, and the death of Thomas J. Noonan, of Chicago, leases of the Broadway Theater, under construction on the southwest corner of Broadway and Stark streets by the J. W. Blodgett Co., Limited, have been instrumental in creating the puzzle.

Until John W. Considine returns from Kansas City it will probably not be known here what affect the sale of the Sullivan-Considine interests will have upon the future management and location of the Orpheum and Empress theaters in this city.

The Empress is owned by the Sullivan-Considine circuit, but it also controls 60 per cent of the ownership of the local Orpheum Theater and the Orpheum theaters at Seattle and Vancouver, B. C. These are the only three Orpheum houses in the United States, it is said, in which Sullivan-Considine hold any interest. The regular Orpheum interests, headed by Martin Beck, have retained a 40 per cent interest in the three Northwest houses.

Portland Orpheum Puzzle. Now comes the question, did the sale at Kansas City include with it the 50 per cent interest in the Orpheum at Portland? Expressions of opinion on this point are divided and the correct answer will probably not be known until Mr. Considine himself makes a definite announcement. One thing, however, seems certain, that all of the interest in the Northwest houses will not pass into the hands of the syndicate led by Marcus Loew, which has made a specialty of lower-priced vaudeville. The regular Orpheum circuit pays \$3000 a month rent for the former home of the Helig Theater at Seventh and Taylor streets. Calvin S. Helig, owner of the Helig Theater, now located in the old Helig Theater building at Eleventh and Morrison streets, is anxious to acquire a new location. The leases on the present Helig and the present Baker Theater are controlled jointly by George L. Baker and Calvin S. Helig.

When the Helig does move to a new location the Baker Stock Company will, in all probability, move back to the present home of the Helig and a moving picture house will be operated in the old Marquam, now occupied by the Baker. The present Baker Theater affords entrance from both Stark street and Broadway, a circumstance unusually favorable to moving picture attractions.

Helig Bids for Lease. It is no longer a secret that Mr. Helig has been located on the site after now being built on Broadway and Stark streets. This building was originally leased to the late Thomas J. Noonan, of Chicago, who died in Portland about a month ago. This lease was transferred to the younger brother of Thomas J. Noonan, Robert F. Noonan, a member of the Condon-Noonan Company, but it is said that the Budget Company is not satisfied to go ahead with the Noonan lease and that it is receptive to bids from other theatrical firms.

The plan of Mr. Helig is to have the present improvements on the Blodgett site, which cost about \$25,000, torn down and a new plan carried out. He wants a theater underneath a 12-story hotel building and is willing to lease such a theater for the entire building proposed by Mr. Helig will cost about \$600,000.

J. W. Weaver, who wanted to lease the falling building located on the southeast corner of Fifth and Morrison streets and leased recently by the Meier & Frank Company for a temporary annex, is working for the lease of the Helig on the bid for the Blodgett building. He is bidding with Mr. Helig for the theater-hotel building.

Proposition Logical—Helig. "I honestly believe my proposition is the only one by logical means for the situation," said Mr. Helig last night. "The value of the property is so high that a theater by itself, particularly a moving picture house, would hardly be expected to make good. In Chicago theaters located within the Great Northern and the Auditorium hotels have been successful, and the same is true of other cities. The theater and hotel combination should also work out well in Portland."

It is said upon good authority that five different concerns have been contending for the ownership of the lease on the Blodgett building. This includes the Condon-Noonan Company, which normally has the lease and which has employed an attorney to protect its interests in the lease. It is not known definitely whether they would entertain a proffered purchase of the lease.

DOG IS SEIZED FOR DEBT Boy Then Returns Animal on Advice From Policeman.

Explaining the theft of a dog from the basement of a house tenanted by Mrs. W. Davis, at 1225 Delaware avenue, Fred Ferris, a delivery boy employed by a meat market, told Patrolman Aspen Saturday night that he had taken the animal to protect himself against a bill of \$11 he said Mrs. Davis owed and for which he was held responsible.

Ferris returned the dog when ordered to do so by the policeman, but he insisted that if Mrs. Davis had not paid her bill he was within his rights in seizing her dog as a hostage. Ferris was not arrested.

BRIDGE SITE FIGHT DUE Union Avenue or Derby Street is Task for Commissioners.

Although Waddell & Harrington, engineers for the Interstate bridge, have recommended Union Avenue for the south approach, it is certain that many Portland citizens who favor Derby street will make a determined effort at the Commissioners' meeting today to have that route selected.

It is understood that Rufus C. Hol-

man and W. L. Lightner, a majority of the Board of County Commissioners, will vote in favor of the Union Avenue route. Property owners along Union Avenue will support them in their stand.

On the other hand, those who are eager to have the Derby-street route recommended will present facts and arguments in opposition to Union Avenue. Their principal contention will be made on the point that the Union Avenue route provides for an approach and traffic work to the south end of the bridge more than 3000 feet longer than that required for the Derby-street route. The cost of the right of way, too, will be greater.

The Peninsula Industrial Company has agreed to donate the right of way for the Derby-street route, as it is in line with development that they have planned in that section.

Derby-street residents and persons interested in the industrial development of the city are pointing to the fact that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will be in position to enjoy exclusive use of the interests in the street on the Union Avenue route is selected. Franchises recently granted to George Heuser and associates for an interurban electric line from Vancouver, Wash., to Portland would be rendered almost useless if the south shore connection is made at Union Avenue, they say. But the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will be served to equal advantage over the Derby-street line.

Another element that is clamoring for the Derby-street route is that of the stockmen and shippers who have business with the stockyards.

It is understood that County Commissioner E. V. Hart will present a minority report recommending the Derby-street route.

MAYOR GILL IS COMING

SEATTLE EXECUTIVE TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND THIS WEEK.

Multnomah Bar Gridiron Dinner Wednesday Night and Noon-Day Luncheon Thursday on Program.

SEATTLE, March 29.—(Special.)—Mayor Gill is going to Portland Wednesday to deliver two speeches that have been asked of him. He will talk to the Multnomah County Bar Association Wednesday night and discuss municipal affairs before a big noon-day gathering in the Oregon metropolis Thursday.

The Mayor was glad to accept either of the two invitations—the first because so much money had been invested in the telegraphic invitation that came to him that he had to regard it as a matter of great moment, and the second because he was going to be in Portland, anyway, and was advised that he could talk at random on any subject he saw fit to choose. The latter is the Bar Association gathering, which, it is intimated, is to be sort of a "gridiron" affair, in which the Mayor delights. He advised the Portland attorneys, in his acceptance of the invitation, not to prepare a set-speech, for that would be to establish a precedent, but that he would fall into the spirit of the "gridiron" grilling that is before him.

Once before the Mayor got out of sight of town and immediately his opponents busied themselves in an effort to wreck his administration, accomplishing their purpose before they finished. This time the Mayor has no fear that there will be any plotting while he is away, and besides he believes Council President Hans could sit on the lid if necessary.

WHITNEY SUIT DELAYED

DATE FOR TRIAL OF WHITE SLAVE CASE IS UNCERTAIN.

District Attorney Says That Complaining Witness Will Be on Hand When Summoned to Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—(Special.)—When Parker Whitney, the millionaire accused of violation of the Mann white slave act, because of his association with Mrs. Genevieve Hannan Harris, will be tried, remains today an unsolved question.

The case was set for today in the United States District Court on recommendation of United States District Attorney Preston, the case was continued two weeks. That it will then be again continued is probable. Mr. Preston said he would not have time for it before the end of May or June. Whitney was not in court.

In regard to a report that Mrs. Genevieve Hannan Harris, the complaining witness, could not be found and that the case would be dropped by his office, Mr. Preston said he had received a telegram from Harris from Chicago on Thursday and that she would be in court whenever her attorney desired. He said, however, the case would be prosecuted vigorously, but that it could not be taken up for some time because of a crowded court calendar.

CHAMBER CONCERT GIVEN

Society Informal Affairs at Hotel Multnomah Pleases.

Another of the Saturday chamber concerts, under direction of James R. Hutchinson and consisting of instrumental and vocal selections, took place in the ballroom of the Hotel Multnomah Saturday night. It was a distinguished musical success. The affair was a society informal event and the audience was grouped about in family parties. Robert Lovell Wilson, baritone, sang with fine effect Somersell's "Song of Songs," from Tennessee's "Maud," in which the beautiful and resonance of his voice were shown to admirable effect. The instrumental trio, Mrs. Susie Fennell, piano; violinist, Ferdinand Kyras; cellist, and Mr. Hutchinson, pianist, played impressively and with charming ensemble effect the Tschalkowsky trio, opus 50, "Pezzo Elegiaco," and "Variatione Finale e Coda." The conclusion of the trio was marked with abandon and artistic, dynamic effect. All performers were cordially applauded.

A request has been received that another series of chamber concerts be given and Mr. Hutchinson is considering the proposition.

HARRY LITT ASKS DIVORCE

Portland Man Says Wife Wanted to "Queen It in Society."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—(Special.)—Harry Litt, of Portland, filed a divorce complaint here Saturday. He charges that his wife, Hazel, "wanted to queen it in society and ridiculed my preference for home life."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Litt have been prominent for several years in society circles of Portland. Mrs. Litt was formerly Hazel Blumauer, daughter of Sol Blumauer, of the firm of Blumauer & Hoch. She is a musician.

DRY'S LEAD GAINS

Registration Figures of State Show Party Changes.

BULL MOOSE ARE CROWDED

Socialists Give Progressives Close Race for Fourth Place—Total Voters on Books Up to Yesterday 122,805.

SALEM, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—With the prohibition party increasing its lead over the Progressive party, and the Socialist party crowding the Bull Moose organization for fourth place, the registration figures are gradually approaching what it is estimated will be one-half of the total.

The number of registrations reported to Secretary of State Olcott to March 28 was 122,805, divided among parties as follows: Republican 73,553, Democratic 21,855, Progressive 3,889, Prohibition 524, Socialist 3289, and miscellaneous 4903.

With the natural increase of population and the enfranchisement of women it is estimated that the total registration will be about 250,000. The registration by counties is as follows:

Table with columns: Counties, Total, Repub., Demo., Prog., Proh., Social., Misc. Lists various counties like Baker, Benton, Clackamas, etc.

LAKEVIEW, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Registration in Lake County last week was light, with a total of only 112, segregated as follows:

Table with columns: Men, Women, Total. Lists Republican, Democrat, Progressive, Socialist, Refuse to state party.

TOLEDO, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Registration continues slow in Lincoln County, with a total of only 123 for last week, and to date divided between the parties as follows:

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ASTORIA, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—The registration in Clatsop County up to March 21 follows:

Table with columns: Men, Women, Total. Lists Republican, Democrat, Progressive, Socialist, Refuse to state party.

'BEAUTY' SENT TO PRISON

MAN WHO POSED AS MARRIAGEABLE WOMAN PUNISHED.

Matrimony Game and Geranium Swindle That Netted \$3000 Bring August Pajonk to Grief.

CHICAGO, March 29.—August Pajonk, who under the names of "Mrs. Anna Schwartz" and "Miss Eva Klime" masqueraded as a marriageable woman, who would bring beauty and wealth to her husband, was sentenced Saturday to a term of two years in the penitentiary for using the mails to defraud.

In addition to obtaining money amounting to more than \$3000 from swains who believed they could marry the original of attractive photographs sent them by Pajonk, the defendant obtained much money through mail orders for choice varieties of geraniums which he never grew.

The matrimonial venture was staged in Pittsburg and the fictitious geranium bed was located in the advertisements in Lagrange, a suburb of Chicago, where Pajonk lived for a time. When arrested last Tuesday officers, Pajonk protested he was innocent. Before he was sentenced by Judge Landis he pleaded guilty.

BENEFACTOR IS ROBBED

Grocer Gives Man Credit, Only to Be Strongarmed by Him.

G. I. Durall, a grocer at 851 Thurman street, was knocked to the floor of his shop last night by a man to whom he had given credit. The man then stepped behind the counter and robbed the cash register of \$12. The robbery occurred at 9:20 P. M. and was reported to the police, who made a thorough search of the neighborhood but were unable to find any trace of the grocer's assailant.

Durall told the police he sold the man a bill of groceries last Tuesday on credit when the man said he would repay him Saturday night. The thief entered the store, smiled at the grocer, who then presented the bill. As his account struck him a blow in the face and left with the contents of the cash register.

VANCOUVER PRIEST IS ILL Rev. Felix Verwilghen May Succumb to Heart Affection.

Washington, State chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and one of the most popular priests who ever lived in Vancouver. By birth he is a Belgian and two years ago he made a trip to his native land and returned by way of Rome, where he visited the Pope. The cause of illness is valvular heart disease.

EDWARD N. DEADY IS DEAD

Portland Attorney and Member of Pioneer Family Succumbs.

Edward Neamith Deady, an attorney and member of a prominent pioneer family of this city, died yesterday at his residence, 1545 Curtis avenue. The funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow in Finley's undertaking chapel. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Mr. Deady was born in Yamhill County, September 5, 1853. He was admitted to the bar when he was 23 years old and had a wide reputation as a successful attorney in admiralty cases in the Federal courts. He was a son of the late Judge Matthew F. Deady, one of Oregon's most noted jurists. A widow and two sons, Matthew Edward and Hanover E.; his mother and his brother, Paul R. Deady, survive.

PORTLAND MAN IS ELECTED

Pacific Northwest Dairymen Make Dr. D. W. Mack President.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 29.—The annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Association of Dairy and Poultry Raisers was held tonight with the election of the following officers: President, Dr. D. W. Mack, of

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Portland; first vice-president, Professor W. L. McDonald, of Victoria, B. C.; second vice-president, G. S. Henderson, of Everett, Wash.; secretary-treasurer, W. L. McDonald, of A. N. Henderson, and Dr. D. W. Mack were chosen delegates to the international convention in Chicago next October.

DEPUTIES ATTEND FEAST

Employees of County Clerk's Office Say Good-by to Mr. Erkins.

Every deputy employed by County Clerk Coffey was present Saturday night at a farewell luncheon given in honor of John J. Erkins, who will leave Tuesday night for New York, where he has accepted a position with a large contracting firm. Because of a previous engagement Mr. Coffey was not present. The other party present were a few intimate friends of Mr. Erkins and the Courthouse "boys" of the four Portland newspapers. The gathering was held at the home of Mr. Erkins was brought to the party by Deputy Sheriff Phelan, who served him with a "phony" warrant, and not until he was presented at the hearing with whom he has worked for more than a year was he advised that he would be allowed to return to his home to pass the night. All joined in wishing Mr. Erkins success in the East.

TELEPHONE HEARING IS SET

Newberg Company Asks Right to Increase Its Rates.

NEWBERG, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—The Railroad Commission has sent notice to the Newberg Telephone Company that it will hold an inquiry into its rates in Newberg April 10 at 11 A. M.

The company has applied for permission to make an increase of 50 cents on one-party business, two-party business and four-party service and 25 cents on two-party and four-party residential service. Citizens desiring to protest against the proposed increase are invited to be present at the hearing which is to be conducted at the Commercial Club rooms.

The company declares that the increased expense of operating renders the increased rates necessary.

STUDENTS STAGE FARES

Philomath High School Pupils Give Plays to Pay for Piano.

PHILOMATH, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Students of Philomath High School gave the public three hours of fun tonight when they staged the three farces, "The Old Maids' Association," "A Case of Suspense" and "The Merchant of Venice Up to Date."

Among the greatest hits was that made by Frank Palmer, a freshman, who, in the role of Launcelot Gobbs,

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kept the audience in an uproar by his antics. The entertainment was given to raise money to pay the balance due on a piano.

SENATOR CLARKE IN LEAD

Arkansas Senator, After Falling Behind, Gains in Returns.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 29.—United States Senator Clarke went back into the lead for the Democratic nomination for Senator over Judge William F. Kirby late last night, according to the figures on the vote in Wednesday's primaries received by the Arkansas Gazette.

The figures showed Clarke was leading by 273 votes. The total vote compiled gave Clarke 65,197, Kirby 64,818. Earlier in the day Kirby was 59 ahead. About 1500 votes are unaccounted for.

Creston League to Meet. The Creston Development League will hold its next meeting Thursday night, April 2, in the Creston Schoolhouse. Important work will be reported and acted upon. Miss Lida W. O'Bryan and G. W. Holt will give short talks. All having the betterment of the district at heart are invited to cooperate with the league and any interested are welcome at any of the meetings.

UTICA DOCTOR TREATS 53 CASES BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Mr. C. V. Spaulding, of 706 Park ave., Utica, New York, writes that his physician, Dr. Hopkins, died recently. The doctor had him on Fulton's Renal Compound with his own prescriptions. It says he is now in good health, but sends a specimen to know if he should continue. The sample showed normal.

The interesting feature of his letter was the statement that Dr. Hopkins had had fifty-three cases of Bright's Disease on this treatment and "he helped them all."

Mr. Spaulding says that Dr. Hopkins, received last year, in which he told of the results he was getting and in which he deplored the slowness of extremely critical members of the profession in adopting the helpful measures outside of their own school.

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Another very important thing is their talk guarantees are offered on the cheapest goods the manufacturers make; not being real guarantees, there is no risk. They say nothing about their highest priced brands and qualities—just offer the cheapest thing they have—offer a talk guarantee on cheap goods equal to the real guarantee given on Certain-teed Roofing. It's funny, but how many people they catch on such things!

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