THEATER MEN WILL CONFER HERE TODAY

Plans to Establish Traveling Stock Company on Coast to Be Worked Out.

DELEGATES ARE ON HAND

A. L. Erlanger Here to Complete Arrangements to Show New Plays at Time of Opening in Eastern Houses.

Theater men from California and the principal Oregon towns in the Portland radius will be in Portland today to begin a conference with A. L. Erlanger, head of the theatrical firm of Klaw & Erlanger, of New York, concerning plans for restoring the Northwest theatrically. The conference will be on at the Heilig Theater.

Among the California men already in the city are Melville Marx, of the Gottlob Marx Company, of San Francisco, owners of the Columbia Theater there; Albert Loeb, the Klaw & Erlanger attorney in San Francisco; W. H. Wyatt, manager of the Mason Opera-House in Los Angeles, and theater owners and managers in Salem, Eugene, Albany, Astoria and numerous other Oregon towns have been notified of the meeting.

The conference today will take up principally the plans for establishing a traveling stock company on the Pacific Coast to produce new plays simultaneously or in advance of their New York production and to provide for the booking throughout the Pacific slope. Tomorrow a conference will be held in Tacoma and on Thursday in Seattle, with managers of those respective territories. Messages calling the conferences on Puget Sound went out from Portland yesterday.

Plays to Be High Class.

By establishing the road stock companies for the West, the Western theaters will be provided with enough high class plays to keep the theaters open and running throughout the season, by booking the traveling stock plays in between the regular road productions out of New York. Later in the season when the traveling stock shows have been presented throughout the West, they will start East while the eastern similar companies are touring the West.

Mr. Erlanger said last night that he expects to be able to divulge detailed plans after the conference today.

In two days, Mr. Erlanger has found out more things about Portland and its way of doing things than lots of the native sons and daughters have imbibed in a lifetime.

Mr. Erlanger is tremendously interested in Portland and sees in it an ideal unit for the producing organizations he places for the Pacific Coast. In the two days he has been in Portland he has accomplished much. Sunday he toured the Columbia Highway in company with Mr. Heilig, J. C. Ainsworth, Mr. Loeb, the Klaw & Erlanger attorney in San Francisco, and William Heppner, a prominent New York business man.

Mr. Erlanger Is Host for Day.

Yesterday Mr. Erlanger spent in receiving visits from representative Portland men, and he paid his respects to Mayor Baker early in the afternoon. "I had never met Mr. Baker personally," said Mr. Erlanger, "but I knew all about him.

"I have been hearing of him for years, first for his progressiveness in the theatrical business, and of late years his political activities. He is a big man and fits the big job. He has a big personality and big ideas. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting him."

Mr. Erlanger was asked what, outside of his purchase of the Heilig interests, California and Southern California and the Northwest, he proposed to do. He replied: "I do not propose to fool anybody by telling them one thing that isn't going to happen.

"What Klaw & Erlanger are going to do is to restore confidence in the Northwest, a confidence which was and will be again."

WOMEN TO SEW BANDAGES

Vancouver Chapter, Red Cross, Is Planning for Much Work.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—Members of the Vancouver chapter of the American Red Cross will this week sew and make bandages and other material for soldiers in the trenches. M. M. Connor, agent for the Blaker building, has donated the storeroom formerly occupied by the Shanedling Clothing Store, and sewing machines and tables are being installed.

Materials will be supplied, and as there are more than 400 members of the Vancouver chapter a large amount of work is anticipated. Mrs. Justin L. Sutherland, for many years a missionary and instructor in a school in India, has charge.

Baseball Brevities.

THE Portland Club will play a ball game on August 27 at Montague, Cal., en route from Portland to Los Angeles.

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Cliff Blankenship, former Salt Lake manager, is said to be slated for the management of the Butte Club in the reorganized four-club Northwestern League. Cliff McCarl finished the official season as boss of the Miners after McGinnity's fall. Blankenship telegraphed Herb Murphy at Seattle Sunday, offering him a job with Butte.

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Umpires Finney and Perle Casey are the original hustlers of the circuit. Every time these two "birds" hold the indicator in the Portland games said games are run off in jig time. The umpiring in the Seal series last week was the best that has been dished out to the local fans this year. There was hardly a complaint on either side except the usual "alibi" kicking that one hears in every game. And there was little of that.

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Hovlik and Moore, the new Vernon battery, will make their debut in Portland for the first time this year. Roderick Vaughn ex-Beaver and Angel, also will be a Tiger. Hunter, the new infielder, did not accompany the Tigers north as Callahan is back in harness.

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Bill Stumpf found the pitching in the Northwest League much to his liking. When Nick Williams, of Spokane, got Stumpf from Portland he said Bill ought to hit over .300 up there and Bill fully justified his confidence, for in the statistics up to last week, Bill was in second position behind McCarl with a bat average of .394. Harper, the ex-Coast leaguer, tanked next to Stump with .383. Leard, of Seattle, a consistent .220 hitter in the Coast League, hit .346, and Shinn, .337. Southpaw Schorr, who tried out with the Beavers last Spring, hit .318, and Marshall .306. Nearly everybody hit over .300, but among the poorer batsmen are Ike Wolfer with .268 and McGinnis with .256.

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Irish Meusel, Seal outfielder, and Fournier, new Angel firstsacker, started out to eclipse the record for consecutive hitting held by Jack Ness, but when Friday, the 13th, came the jinx proved too much and both these sluggers went hitless.

Up to the 13th game Meusel had hit safely in 12 straight games, including six doubles and two triples. He moved into the select .300 class.

Fournier was close behind Meusel until the jinx day, for he had hit safely in 11 straight games. Fournier was lucky on some days and got more than his share, his total being 12 singles,, two doubles and a triple.

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Charley Hollocher, Beaver shortstop, tried hard to set a record and almost succeeded. In the last 11 games played by the Beavers Holly has hit safely 19 times. In Wednesday's game Holly had his string broken and he went hitless for the first time since the 4th of July. In the seven-game series last week against the Seals Holly hit safely 12 times.

53 PASS BAR TESTS

OF 70 TAKING EXAMINATION, CERTIFICATES ARE GIVEN 52.

One License Is Held Up Pending Satisfactory Evidence as to Applicant's Citizenship.

SALEM, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—Out of 70 applicants taking the examination for admission to the bar here recently, 52 today were granted certificates and 17 failed. The extra one passed the examination, but a query has arisen as to his citizenship which must be answered before he is granted the license to practice.

Those admitted to the bar are:

Grace E. Smith, F. Reed McBride, P. A. Robbins, Nathan P. Mozorosky, W. H. Gillespie, E. L. Fraley, Lou Wagner, A. C. McIntyre, Orlin J. Bell, Chester A. Moores, Cecil A. Swope, Edward T. Dwyer, H. E. Barnhart, Agnes E. Peterson, Eugene H. Dowling, F. M. Kerrigan, Walter E. Roberts, E. M. Morton, June S. Jones, N. Ray Alber, Alexander Grant Barry, Charles W. Reames, Alfred J. Horn, I. L. Ullery, Harvey A. Wight, Hulda P. Malone, J. R. Stannard, Louis G. Rudolph, Charles Gregory, Duncan E. Douglas, J. Bothwell Avison, Ellis R. Hawkins, James M. Scudder, Frank L. Buck, Fred S. Bynon, S. J. Claridge, Andrew J. McCann, Forrest S. Macfarland, Marvin W. Skipworth, S. A. Wold, Henry C. Gregg, Cortis D. Stringer, Ransom S. Anderson, Charles T. Howe, Dan J. Kenney, A. F. Pratt, Clarence H. Desky, D. W. Milton, R. L. Bartling, T. E. Burns, E. J. Noble, James W. Mott.

RAIN MARS RACE MEET

SLOW TIME MADE AT OPENING OF GRAND CIRCUIT SEASON.

Colonel Armstrong Captures Feature Event—Arrow Rock and Woodman Also Are Winners.

CLEVELAND, July 16. — Half-mile campaigners stepped into the limelight at the opening of the Grand Circuit racing season at the North Randall track this afternoon and followers of the trotters and pacers who supported the favorites were a crest-fallen lot.

A heavy rain soaked the track and held up proceedings more than an hour, making it late before the last heat of the fourth event was raced. As a result of the weather conditions the track was slow and the going was bad, particularly for the pacers.

The Edwards 2:10 $3000 pacing stake, the feature event of the card, went to Colonel Armstrong, a half-miler and an outsider who was given a hard fight by A Game of Chance. They finished neck and neck in the final, the judges' decision being necessary to distinguish the winner. Loyal W., the favorite, failed to finish in the money.

The Forest City sweepstakes for two-year-old trotters was a walkaway for Arrow Rock, piloted by McMahon, while Miriam Gray took second money of the $2500 stake. The best time, 2:13¼, was fast when the condition of the track is considered.

The Woodman, another two-lap star, took the 2:10 trot in straight heats, while Box R., who also has been campaigning with the twice-arounds, took the 2:06 pace after a hard battle with Knight of Strathmore. Young Todd, the favorite, got fourth money.

OREGON CITY TEAM VICTOR

Redmen Beat Wilsonville Nine at Gladstone Park, 6 to 4.

GLADSTONE PARK, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—Oregon City sprang a surprise today in the Chautauqua baseball series, and came back with a 6-4 victory over the Wilsonville team. Yarrow, a new pitcher for the Oregon City Redmen, did good work, and was well supported by Shea and the rest of the team. Fire Chief Ed Lavier, an old-time baseball player who is managing the Oregon City team, had to go in at first base today, and showed up well at that place.

Batteries—Wilsonville, Baker and Baker; Oregon City, Yarrow and Shea. Score:

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Wilsonville.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—4
Oregon City	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	*	—6

O.-W. R. & N. Team Loses.

The O.-W. R. & N. nine returned yesterday from Hood River, where it lost to the Hood River team Sunday, 3 to 2. Heusig and Lynch worked for the railroad men, opposed to Koontz and Hall. Koontz struck out 15 men and allowed five hits, while Heusig allowed only four hits and struck out two men. The Hood River nine seemed unable to hit Heusing safely.

TORPEDO TO BE EXHIBITED

Rotary Club Will Hear Talk on War From Gunner's Mate.

Members of the Rotary Club will have the opportunity of looking at what corresponds to the heart, lungs and other vital organs in a fighting torpedo, at their luncheon at the Benson Hotel at noon today. H. F. Kyle, first-class gunner's mate, United States Navy, will explain all about the insides of a regulation United States torpedo, which will be one of the guests of honor, to the club members.

Estes Snedecor and D. M. Roth will give reports on the recent international convention of the Rotary clubs, at which they were delegates.

Trooper Killed at Globe.

GLOBE, Ariz., July 16.—Private Cassidy, of a troop of United States Cavalry on strike duty here, was found on the railroad track near Old Dominion mine early today with his throat cut and his body lacerated by a freight train. A Coroner's jury returned a verdict that Cassidy's death was accidental.

GRANT GETS PRAISE

"Pitiable Statesman" Charge in School Text Disproved.

PROFESSOR AUGUR SCORED

Man Upholding Use of Inexact Book in Classroom Taken to Task by C. W. Fulton for Playing Politics.

PORTLAND, July 16.—(To the Editor.)—The article by Professor Herbert Augur, in defense of Muzzey's History of the United States, inspired by Justice McCamant's criticism of that work, only serves to emphasize the importance of the service Justice McCamant has rendered this community by calling attention to the unpatriotic and singularly partisan character of the work, not to mention its manifest and manifold inaccuracies. Professor Augur informs us that he was largely responsible for the selection of this work as a text book in our high schools. That sufficiently explains and in a measure excuses the professor's attempted defense of the work, but does not remove or answer the objections preferred against it by Justice McCamant.

Professor Augur concedes that the work states that General Grant "as a statesman was pitable," but, he says, "that is absolutely true." In my judgment, no book containing such a statement should be used in our public schools and I regret that one entertaining such convictions should be employed as a teacher therein.

Leadership Is Acknowledged.

"We all acknowledge," says the professor, "that Grant was a great General, perhaps one of the greatest in history." Yes, he was easily all that, but he was more. Any student of our history who has failed to discover that Grant was a profound statesman, as well as a great soldier, has studied to little purpose. In order to judge Grant as a statesman, we must have in mind the political conditions and the state of the public mind at the time he became President. We had but recently passed through a terrible civil war. President Johnson, who immediately preceded Grant in the Presidency, had only succeeded in rendering chaos more chaotic and sectional strife and bitterness more intense. Says the Encyclopedia Americana: "Grant's one great purpose during his two terms was to reconstruct the Nation."

It needs not that we ask of his political friends how well he performed that great work. His political opponents will sufficiently inform us. Of these none was more active, resourceful or pronounced than was S. S. ("Sunset") Cox, member of Congress from New York, and one of the principal Democratic leaders. Speaking of Grant in his "Three Decades," Cox says:

"He was twice called to the Presidential office. The issues of that period were bitter and passion was rife between the parties. The soldier President, with all his abilities to command and patriotic desires for peace, found a spirit of turbulence and defamation in the ranks of his own party, too great for even his genius to quell. It became his duty as President to enforce laws against his countrymen that were utterly inconsistent with his own chivalrous convictions and generous policy as a victorious General. The Democratic leaders too often forgot this in the heat of debate.

Mean Detractions Outlived.

"General Grant has outlived all such mean detractions, and their authors have sunk into the obscurity to which patriotic indignation and public opinion have consigned them. Modest as a man, great as a general, noble as a patriot, General Grant has a place in the hearts of his countrymen which neither hate nor malice nor envy can ever reach. His name will go down to all time associated with that of Washington and Lincoln. . . . His name and fame will grow in splendor with the generations that are to come."

And yet, if we shall believe Muzzey and Augur, this man who entered upon the Presidency in such circumstances, who evoked such plaudits from his opponents, whose "name will go down to all time associated with that of Washington and Lincoln," and "will only grow in splendor with the generations to come," "as a statesman was pitiable"!

As stated, "his one great purpose was to reconstruct the Nation." He did it, leaving fewer scars, less sore places than probably any other living man could have done. Was that the work of one who "as a statesman was pitiable"?

Armies Led to Victory.

As General he led our armies to victory throughout the terrible months and years of Civil War and as President he led our people through the but slightly less turbulent and difficult years of reconstruction. Think you he could have done so and yet have been "as a statesman pitiable"?

But while Grant dealt and dealt successfully with the great and grave problems of reconstruction, they by no means constitute the sum of his important public activities nor does his success therein constitute his sole claim to fame as a statesman. In the history of American diplomacy there is no brighter period, no period richer in great achievements, than the eight years of Grant's Administration. It was during his Administration and due to him absolutely that the "treaty of Washington," one of the greatest diplomatic triumphs of the world, was executed and performed. It was during his Administration and due to his leadership that the dispute between Great Britain and this country involving our Northwestern boundary was settled and determined in our favor.

Dispute With England Settled.

It was during his Administration and due to him that the dispute between this country and England respecting our fishing rights in British American waters was settled. I will not ask space to mention other important diplomatic achievements of his Administration. One important proposition that President Grant advocated, but never accomplished, was the annexation of San Domingo, but his advocacy of it detracts nothing from his fame as a statesman. Referring to that question in his inaugural address, March 4, 1873, he employed the following beautiful and inspiring language:

"I do not share in the apprehension shared by many as to the danger of governments becoming weakened and destroyed by reason of their extension of territory. Commerce, education and rapid transit of thought and matter by telegraph and steam have changed all this. Rather do I believe that our Great Maker is preparing the world in his own good time to become one nation, speaking one language, and when armies and navies will be no longer required."

Is that the language or thought of one who "as a statesman was pitiable"?

But aside from the statesmanlike character and conduct of his reconstruction policies, probably Grant's greatest claim to fame as a statesman will be found in his consistent and resolute determination to maintain the National credit and his policies to that end. I have not time to discuss or even suggest all the measures he advocated or secured.

Power in Party Recognized.

He was the recognized and pronounced leader of his party against repudiation or lowering of the money standard. In his first inaugural address he urged early return to specie payment, and by his persistent efforts brought his party up to enacting legislation therefor during his administration.

As Justice McCamant says, "there is no braver act in American history than Grant's veto of the inflation bill." No act of his truly marvelous career more forcefully illustrates at once his kindly, sympathetic disposition and his resolute adherence to conviction. The pressure to secure his approval of the bill was great. It was a period of severe financial depression. Finally he so far yielded as to conclude to sign the measure, and he sat down to write his reasons for so doing. During the writing it grew on him so steadily that the bill was fundamentally wrong that he tore up his manuscript and rapidly wrote the veto message. To have done otherwise would have been impossible for a man of his mental integrity. Does that indicate that "as a statesman he was pitiable"?

The truth is that Grant's was a wonderfully well-rounded character. That he was a military genius few, if any, will question. That his was a noble, pure and kindly character none will question. That he was not only a military genius and such a character, but was, as well, a clear-visaged patriot and sound statesman, with firm convictions and resolute determination, all must concede who intelligently study his history and that of the times in which it was cast.

Use of Book Regretted.

That a book should be used in our schools which tells our youth that Grant "as a statesman was pitiable" is intolerable. Every patriotic man and woman of this city should rise up and demand that this gross libel on one of our greatest and most lovable historic characters shall be banished from our schools.

The book in question is equally censurable, so far as historic facts are concerned, in many other respects, but I will not ask space to discuss them. As respects General Grant, it not only violates history, but it offends our every sense of patriotism and loyalty to the memory of a great National hero.

It seems not to have occurred to Professor Augur that there is any impropriety in making a school textbook a campaign document for a political party. Most good citizens, however, are firmly opposed to introducing politics or political discussions in the public schools. Men and women of all parties pay taxes to maintain and send their children to such schools. They quite naturally object to the inculcation there of either political or religious doctrines that are contrary to their convictions. A school book may properly define issues between parties, but should strictly refrain from advancing an argument in favor of any party. Such, however, is not the course adopted by Muzzey. He openly advocates free trade and denounces protection. He would be equally justified in advocating baptism by sprinkling instead of by immersion.

Such a book has no proper place in the public schools, and this community should demand that it be dispensed with at once.

C. W. FULTON.

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