

DELASCO THEATER CLOSES TONIGHT

Stock Company Venture Is Not
Successful, and Manage-
ment Loses \$30,000.

ACTORS SEEK NEW FIELDS

Management Announces That Property
at Fourteenth and Washing-
ton, Which Has Been Good
Investment, Will Be Sold.

DELASCO THEATER TO BE SOLD.
M. E. Mayer, of the firm of Belasco & Mayer, who is a guest at the Hotel Portland, stated last night that the Belasco Theater would be sold within a few days. Several interests are striving to secure the control of the playhouse and the general supposition has been that it would be sold to Mr. Mayer. Mayer stated last night that it would probably be sold next week, and that negotiations were in progress.

"The Belasco was a losing proposition from the very start, and had it not been for the increased valuation of our property our losses would have been quite heavy," said Mr. Mayer at the Hotel Portland last night. "It looks as though the deal will be closed Monday, and if such is the case, our losses will run only between \$20,000 and \$30,000."

With the close of the Belasco Theater tonight Portland loses one of the best stock companies in the country outside of New York. The management has employed only first-class talent and the productions which have been given the public were what one ordinarily pays \$1.50 per seat to see by traveling companies of less merit. Just why the venture of Belasco & Mayer in the Portland field has been a failure is hard to figure out, and there are many theories put forth by the speculating public. When White Whittelsey visited Portland at various times in traveling companies the theater was filled to overflowing by people who willingly paid \$1.50 to hear him, but when he visited the Belasco for six weeks in a repertoire of superior plays, beautifully staged, and with practically the same support, they would not go to see him, even though the price of seats was only 50 and 75 cents. Belasco & Mayer have spent \$100,000 here, have lost \$30,000 in the stock company venture, and have also suffered the first failure in a long and brilliant career as theatrical magnates. The property at Fourteenth and Washington, for which Belasco & Mayer paid \$100,000, has been a good investment, and if a sale now being negotiated goes through the net loss to the managers will be cut down to \$5000 or \$10,000.

"Just why the public should be interested in the future movements of the members of this company is rather hard to understand," said Manager Sackett last night in reply to inquiries of that nature. "It certainly has not been interested in them while they were here, and surely that was the kind of interest which they wanted and would have appreciated. I'll go, I am going down to San Francisco, but just what I will do remains to be seen. I have been on the Coast with the Belasco & Mayer company for three years, and whether they will retain me longer, I do not know. Mrs. Sackett has already gone to San Francisco and I will join her there immediately upon closing."

"You can say that I am going to leave, too," added Mr. Mayer facetiously. "I'm only sorry I have to leave so much money in it and take nothing away."

Miss Lawrence will remain in Portland for the present, and unless some very

longer, Miss Haber will give a recital before leaving Portland, an event anticipated with much pleasure by her many friends.

Plans of Other Members.

Miss Laura Adams has secured a stock engagement in Spokane and will go immediately to begin her work there. At its conclusion she will either return to Portland or go East. Miss Adams hates to leave the Rose City, for she has made many friends here and says she finds it a delightful place of residence. Miss McLean has already gone to San Francisco, from which point she expects to travel to Tonopah, where she owns mining property. Ralph Bell has also gone to San Francisco and Charles Ruggles will go there, although his plans are unsettled. Mr. Mason leaves tomorrow morning for the Bay City, and after spending a day or so there attending to business matters will go to Los Angeles. "I have nothing definite in view just at present," said Mr. Mason, "but I rather fancy a season on the road. I won't mind having a rest of a week or so, but if an engagement is offered me I shall not take vacations into consideration."

Fred Sumner goes immediately to New York to secure an engagement. Clarence Monahan is now with the Los Angeles Company of Belasco & Mayer, and Earl Williams has gone east. William Harris will remain in Portland.

"We've been so happily situated here," said Little Miss Bond, with a high degree of regret at leaving. "I wonder why you Portland people didn't like us and what we gave you."

Tonight the goodbye to the Portland public will be said, and when the curtain rings down the members of the company who have been working together so many weeks will say farewell and go their various ways.

TO COMPETE WITH APPLES

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OFFERS PRIZES.

Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon Will Make Displays Against Those From Hood River.

The two-day session of the State Horticultural Society, which will convene Tuesday morning, January 9, in the Knights of Pythias Hall in the Marquam building, promises to be one of the most interesting meetings or conventions ever held by that organization. Dr. J. R. Cardwell, president, will call the meeting to order at 10 A. M., and many interesting papers will be read, followed by discussion. A large attendance of Oregon fruit men is expected and a most cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend all sessions.

The principal feature of the convention will be the competitive display of Oregon fruits. This will be principally of apples, and there promises to be a lively fight between the growers of Hood River and those of the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon. Hood River has been carrying off medals and blue ribbons at such a rate that the fruitmen of the other sections of the state are taking matters in their own hands and have declared their intention of winning some of the handsome silver cups which are to be given as prizes for the best displays. While it is conceded that Hood River may take the cups given for general collection, many individuals maintain that they have exhibits of specified varieties which are bound to be winners, and that a good share of the seven cups will go to the Valley and the southern portion of the state. Hood River smiles at this and says it will be down next Tuesday morning with the goods.

The morning session opens at 10 o'clock and the public is asked to attend and take an interest in the products of Oregon in the fruit line. Vice-President E. R. Lake, professor of botany in the State Agricultural College, will be present, and J. H. Reid, of Milwaukee, chairman of the committee on awards, will be an active participant of the convention. E. L. Smith

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WILL VISIT FAIR GROUNDS

Mayor and Councilmen Will Inspect the Forestry Building.

This afternoon Mayor Lane and several Councilmen will visit the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds and make a careful inspection of the Forestry building, with a view of determining finally the question of its retention.

At the last session of the legislative body, an ordinance was passed appropriating \$14,000 for the purchase of the site upon which the structure stands, and the measure is now in the hands of the Mayor for his action. Since the ordinance was adopted, many citizens of the East Side have entered a vigorous protest against the expenditure of such a large sum for the purpose intended, and have urged their Councilmen to oppose the idea as much as possible. It is known that Councilmen Kellaher, Menefee, Rushlight, Sharkey and Vaughn oppose the purchase of ground, and it is believed that one or two other municipal lawmakers from that side of the river can be depended upon to vote with them in case of an emergency.

Mayor Lane has all along been opposed to the retention of the building, claiming that it had too many white-elfant features to suit him; but in view of the fact that the ordinance was passed by more than two-thirds of the body, it was thought the Mayor might waive his personal feelings in the matter and approve the ordinance. His action, however, in waiting to hold the balance of the would seem to indicate that he is still at sea on the proposition.

Friends of the Forestry building are inclined to feel slight alarm over the situation, claiming to hold the balance of power even if the Mayor should exercise his veto privilege. Councilman Sharkey has gone East, and it is confidently believed that enough votes can be mustered to pass the measure over the Mayor's head. It is not altogether certain, either, they say, that His Honor will disapprove it.

A LABORER'S MEALS

Are All Right for Him, but Bad for the Professional Man.

A professional man writes from Chicago:

"The food question has been an all-important one to me."

"Up to a year and a half ago I had been a victim of stomach trouble and a most constant constipation, for at least six years."

"I ate a laborer's meals and did almost no manual work at all. I was fond of fried foods, meats, fresh bread, hot biscuits, etc. Consequences—many trips to the doctor, disagreeable, nauseous medicines, and no relief."

"About a year and a half ago I began to use Grape-Nuts food, living on it almost entirely. Friends wondered how I could, and wonder yet how I can make a few spoonfuls of Grape-Nuts take the place of the heavy meat courses in which I used to indulge. But wisdom is justified in her children. I have found in Grape-Nuts a perfect food."

"I have never grown tired of it yet, and I certainly have given it a good trial. And my constipation after meals. Now the ill has disappeared. My stomach has toned up so that I can eat almost anything, even at night, and have no trouble whatever with my digestion."

"Before I began eating Grape-Nuts food I used to find it difficult to concentrate my thoughts on my work or ward off restlessness after meals. Now the reverse is true, and I can settle down to a workmanlike manner without becoming nervous or dazed out."

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alous. He had delivered a load of wood to C. A. Myers at Minnesota and Missouri streets, and left the place safely. How he was injured or in what part of the city is not known. Patterson is in a serious condition, having suffered a contusion of his head. The police are investigating the matter.

HELD JOINT INSTALLATIONS

East Side G. A. R. Post and Relief Corps Officers Are Installed.

Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., and Sumner Women's Relief Corps, No. 21, held joint installation ceremonies last night at the hall of the latter on Grand avenue and East Pine street. Officers of the Relief Corps were first installed by Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, department president, of Oregon; Jennie C. Pritchard, president; Sarah Eastman, senior vice-president; Carrie Buchanan, junior vice-president; Lina Ewing, chaplain; Cora McBride, treasurer; Mary Gillette, conductor; Jacobina Gross, guard. At the close of the installation of these officers, Department President Mrs. Harding was presented with a beautiful bouquet, and Mrs. H. H. Pierce, retiring president, received a similar token.

Past Commander D. D. Neer was then introduced as the installing officer, when the following officers of Sumner Post were installed: H. H. Pierce, commander; G. A. Prentice, senior vice-commander; J. A. Braden, junior vice-commander; C. H. Campbell, chaplain; W. J. Henderson, surgeon; George H. Gilmer, quartermaster; A. C. Edmunds, officer of the day; Daniel Finley, officer of the guard; W. E. Hayden, adjutant. Refreshments were served.

At Sunnyside, the following officers of Ben Butler Post, No. 57, were installed by G. E. Cankin: J. R. Chamberlain, commander; Henry Worden, senior vice-commander; J. S. Stevenson, junior vice-com-

mander; H. C. Rigby, adjutant; T. J. Wilson, quartermaster; J. H. Huestis, surgeon; W. W. Wickline, officer of the day; Jonathan Mosher, chaplain; J. S. Hart, officer of the guard.

The following are the officers of Ben Butler Relief Corps: Fannie B. Farmer, president; Carrie Shreve, senior vice-president; Jessie McLaughlin, secretary; Mrs. Deitrich, treasurer; Mary J. Rigby, chaplain; Mrs. Lancaster, guide; Josephine Gibson, conductor; Louise Wilson, assistant conductor.

CALVE SINGS IN CHICAGO

Telegram Indicates That She Has Completely Recovered.

Calve is herself again. The great diva has now, it would seem, completely recovered and last night sang in her usual form in Chicago, as is attested by the following telegram received yesterday morning by Manager John Cort from his partner, S. Kronberg:

"Madame Calve sang last night in the Auditorium. She has entirely recovered. Voice good as ever. Sang 'Comin' Thro' the Rye' for the first time in English. Will now play every concert advertised."

Seeks to Be Administrator.

A. W. Lambert filed a petition in the County Court yesterday asking to be appointed administrator of the estate of Louisa E. Moore, who died in the year 1871 at Otal, Nebraska. The property of the estate comprises blocks 51 and 118, East Portland, valued at \$35,000. The heirs are L. F. Moore, Chicago; Edwin

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Dr. Hill Will Address Sunday Club at Y. M. C. A. Today.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will give an address on "The Joyful Life" before the Sunday Club at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. This will be the last opportunity to hear Dr. Hill in an address to men for some time, as he leaves on a trip to Palestine in about a week.

A unique feature of the programme will be the whistling solos by Charles E. Phipps, the entertainer from New York City. Mr. Phipps claims to be the only palm whistler now before the public. He will whistle "The Palms" and also one or two other selections. The Association orchestra will give a half hour concert.

The programme begins at 3 o'clock and is without charge for men only.

Woman Suffragist Will Speak.

Mrs. Helen Dicklunson Harford, of Newberg, Or., will lecture in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and Taylor streets, Thursday evening, January 11, on "Restoration of Suffrage." Mrs. Harford has been in the lecture field for more than 15 years, and has spoken in nearly every state in the Union. She is a National lecturer for the suffrage de-

partment of the W. C. T. U. Admission free. A collection will be taken.

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CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING SURROUNDED BY CHILDREN



Mr. G. F. Merrill.
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Merrill celebrated their golden wedding in this city January 2. They are both natives of Portland, Me., and were married in that city. They are the parents of four sons and two daughters, as follows: G. C. Merrill, L. C. Merrill, G. F. Merrill, Jr., Frank Merrill, Miss C. E. Merrill and Mrs. G. Rhoads, all of whom are living except the last-named. Mr. Merrill's parents lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

advantageous offer is made her will probably remain until Spring. Mr. Salopole will also remain here, and while he has not announced any definite plans, it is surmised by his friends that he has some business proposition on foot. Mr. Walling and Miss Bond are both under contract with Belasco & Mayer and go to San Francisco Monday evening. Miss Bond is to enter the Alcazar company as ingenue. Mr. Walling's future has not yet been decided upon by his management.

Miss Angus announces that she will remain in Portland until Spring, when she will go to New York. "I have come to look on Portland as my home," she said, "and I dread leaving here. I shall never forget how kind the Portland people were to me in the days of the old Columbia stock company, when I was so ill—when you think of that, do you wonder that I am fond of your city? I have decided to remain here until Spring, when I have made arrangements to go to New York."

Miss Marion Barhyte, a sister of Miss Angus, will also remain here, and Miss Eleanor Haber says she is not yet ready to return to her home in San Francisco. "I can never tell how awfully bad I feel over the failure of this company," Miss Haber said. "I know it is a good company and the productions have been of the best—that makes it all the harder to bear, you know. No, I'm not going back yet. I guess I will stay up here awhile

Specializing Work.

Eugene Register.

The New Year Oregonian contained just the kind of matter that will do great good for the state. Oregon's resources are described in a comprehensive, concise manner, and the future is made to look bright indeed. The Oregonian shows the railroads under construction in the Northwest, those projected, and deals with only the extensions which are authorized. No inflation of any sort; everything dependable. That is what makes any specializing in newspaper work of some account and certain to fulfill its mission. As an exposition of Oregon and her resources this is, in its line, the best the Oregonian has ever done.

Valuable and Interesting.

Newberg Enterprise.

The New Year Oregonian was devoted to the railroad work, and contained much valuable information and interesting reading.