# IN ONE BIG TRUST

Meeting of Owners Represents Nearly All Theaters of Land.

Combination of Legitimate and Vaudeville Houses Will Prevent Speculators From Building or Getting Attractions.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 .- (Special.)-Formation of a combine that will control all the principal theaters of the United States, and every form of dramatic production, was begun today at a meeting in the offices of Klaw & Er-

langer. Every big theatrical interest in the country was represented, and it was stated upon authority that 97 1-2 per cent of the theatrical enterprises will be in control of the new combination. It is to cover both legitimate and vaudeville productions.

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So complete will be the grasp of the So complete will be the grasp of the combine upon the amusement business that no "outsider" will be permitted to build a theater anywhere in the country without consent of the organization. Of course, any speculator who cares to try it, may build, but he will get no attractions for his house unless he has first obtained the O. K. of the big combination.

No More New Theaters.

"This arrangement," said one of the leaders in the movement, "will benefit the theatrical business all along the line. It will prevent the erection of unnecessary theaters. Heretofore any man who had the price to build a playhouse did so, and thus styled himself a theatrical man, regardless of previous experience.

"In other lines of endeavor a man is a drugoods merchant after long ex-

a drygoods merchant after long exe drygoods merchant after long to perience, and a journalist following years of specialized efforts. The pur-pose of this merger is to limit the amusement business to those who have been trained in it and exclude those who get into it because they have

'A man may now build a theater, but he will have no attractions of what-ever kind for his patronage. With 97 1-2 per cant, of all amusement in-terests represented in this pool, there will be nothing doing for the out-

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The meeting was held in the office of Klaw & Erlanger, and there were present besides Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, who also represented Charles Frohman, B. F. Ketth, of Boston; F. F. Proctor, S. Z. Polt and Percy G. Williams, of New York; C. E. Kohl, of Chicago: Martin Beck, of the Orpheum circuit, who also represented Mr. Meyerfield, of San Francisco; Lee Shubert, George B. Cox. of Cincinnati; Samuel F. Nixon, representing Nixon & Zimmerman, of Philadelphin; Al Hayman, John H. Havlin, of Stair & Havlin, Detroit; E. F. Albee, with Keith; Samuel Scribner, J. J. Murdock, M. C. Anderson, L. Weber, H. Fehr and H. M. Ziegler. A. L. Erlanger was made chairman

A. L. Erianger was made chairman and H. M. Ziegler secretary of the pro-posed organization. The following committee was appointed to prepare a of operation, which will be sub-ed at the next meeting as a basis permanent organization; Marc Klaw, Lee Shubert, Percy G. Williams, Samuel Scribner, Martin Beck, J. H. Havlin, J. J. Murdock, M. C. Anderson and H. Fehr.

Purpose of Combination.

The sertiment at the meeting, at which all classes of theatrical institutions were represented, was for har-monious co-operation for the general betterment of theatrical conditions. Merging of interests was not discussed nor, it is understood, is one contemplated.

Measures to discourage the erection of theaters for which no suitable book-ings are available were discussed. It was pointed out that such theaters are constantly being built, with the result that, as the well-equipped theatrical interests do not feet warranted in leasing these additional houses, they usually fall into the hands of over-night speculators, whose operations are prejudicial to the legitimate interests. The committee above named was au thorized to endeavor to bring about a pos-sible adjustment and improvement of this adjourned, to be convened at the call of

Men Who Join in Deal.

Following are the theatrical interests controlled by the members of the com-

Klaw & Erlanger own the New Amster dam, the New York and other New York theaters, the Crescent and Tulane The-aters, New Orleans, and in conjunction with Al Hayman, comprising the active booking power of all the first-class the-aters of the country.

Charles Frohman owns the Empire, Criterion and other New York theaters; a partner of Rich & Harris in the Park Theater. Boston, and conducting several theaters in London.

B. F. Keith owns theaters in Philadel-phia, Boston, New York and seven other cities, all of which are devoted to vaude-

F. F. Proctor, a partner of B. F. Keith in his New York houses, owns theaters at Albany and other New York cities, also in S. Z. Poli, of New Haven, owns the Poli

chain of theaters in New England cities, outside of Boston. Percy G. Williams owns several theaters in New York and Brooklyn devoted to vandeville, and the Chestnut street the-aters, Philadelphia

C. E. Kohi owns with Charles Castle and George Middleton, the Chicago Opera. House, the Majestic and the Haymarket and Olympic Theaters, Chicago; the

Grand Opera House and another theater at St. Louis.

Martin Beck owns the Orpheum Theaters at Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City and other Western cities.

Shuberts in It. Too.

Lee Shuhert is head of the firm of Sam

8. & Lee Shubert, which runs or leases the Lyric, Casino, Fifth Avenue Theaters and the Hippodrome, New York; the Garrick Theater, St. Louis; the Shubert The-ater, Cincinnati, and numerous other houses in cities of the Middle West, besides the Lyric and Adelphia, in Phila-

George B. Cox and M. C. Anderson are partners of the Shuberts in the New York Hippodrome and a number of their West-

Nixon & Zimmerman are owners of the Chestnut Street Opera House, the Porrest, the Park and the Broad Street Theaters, Philadelphia; the Academy of Music, Baltimore; the Nixon Theater, Pittsburg, and a large circuit of theaters in the smaller a large circuit of theaters in the smaller cities of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Al Hayman owns the Knickerbocker Theater, New York, and is a partner of Klaw & Erlanger in the syndicate book-

Stair & Havlin own the Havlin Theaters in Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, the Detroit Opera House, the Whitney Theaters in Detroit and Toledo, and many other popular-priced theaters, including the Grand Opera House, Philadelphia. Sam Scribner is owner and partner in many of the horizonta theaters, in the

many of the buriesque theaters in the Eastern cities. J. J. Murdock owns the Masonic Temple Theater, Chicago, and a theater in St. Louis.

H. M. Ziegler owns the Grand Opera House and Park Theaters in Indianapolis.

L. Weber and H. Fahr are owners or of burlesque theaters in vari-

PREVENT BUILDING MORE NOT TIED TO LUMBERMEN Chehalis Taxpayers' League Denies

Implication.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)
—The Taxpayers" League held an adjourned meeting here today, with an attendance of about 50. T. J. Long presided and at the opening disclaimed that the organization was in the particular in-terests of the lumbermen. A committee was appointed to invite the County Commers to meet with the citizens, but

HIS DISAPPEARANCE MYS-TERIOUS.



Ephriam Hedberg, Lost at Umatilla Since August 5.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for information as to the
whereabouts of Ephraim Hedberg, of Cumberland, Wis., who
disappeared from Umatilis Station, on the O. R. & N., on the
the morning of August 5. The
missing man's nephew, G. H.
Hedberg, of Ashland, believes
that his uncle was either dazed
by being hit by a passing train
or met with foul play.

"My uncle was 62 years old,"
says G. H. Hedberg, "though he
did not appear more than 50,
He stands about 5 feet 6 inches
tall, weighs 125 pounds, has
yery dark hair, sandy mustache and thin chin whiskers
and is not at all gray. When reward of \$100 has been of-

and is not at all gray. When he was last seen he wore a light gray coat, vest and hat, the hat being soft feit, dark trousers and a soft ten shirt. He has rather thin features, and speaks with a Swedish accent. person were two drafts on the Cumberland. Wis., State Bank for \$920 and \$100, respectively. He had very little ready cash."

the board was unable to do so, on account of the fact that today was its third day this week as an equalization board. nty Board to have the county officers pools experted reported that the boar had agreed to call for bids for this work

CHAMBERLAIN AT BEND With O'Brien and Stanley He Will

Reach Pelican Bay Monday.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Aug. 15.—Governor Chamberlain, J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N., and F. S. Stanley arrived in Prineville today in time for lunch and left immediately for Bend, where they will spend the night. Tomorrow they will leave that noist for Pallean row they will leave that point for Pelican Bay, nearly 200 miles distant, where the expected railroad conference with Mr. Harriman is looked for. The party will

laborers stationed at Monmouth

Primary Ballots Complicated Affairs to Handle.

TO OPEN POLLS OVER TIME

Attorney-General Atkinson Advises This in Order to Prevent Possible Disfranchisement in Larger Precincts. /

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 15 .- (Special.) -Unless some unusual steps are taken there is strong likelihood that many elec-tors who go to the polls on the day of the primary election will turn away be-cause of the lines waiting to get into the

cause of the lines waiting to get into the voting booths.

This danger is fully realized by the supporters of several of the candidates for important places. One of the men alarmed over the situation is H. A. Fairchild, the State Railroad Commissioner, who, in practice, but not in name, is managing Governor Mead's campaign headquarters in Seattle.

The principal danger of this form of disfranchisement exists in the large precincts. For instance, in King County,

cincts. For instance, in King County, where the Republican ballot will be four feet long with a double column containing more than 200 names, there is one precinct where 700 voters are registered.

Big Task Before Voters.

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The primary election is entirely new to all voters, the voting squares, it is now realized, are too small for quick voting, and the task that will confront each elector of selecting his favorites out of 200 running, of keeping in mind the second choice provision, of hunting up the non-partisan judiciary ticket and of remembering the other complications of the voting process, will result in voters remaining in the booths three or four times as long as in general elections. The Attorney-General's office has recently received from prominent supporters of various candidates for nomination at the direct primary numerous inquiries as to how the people might be given the opportunity and the time to cavefully mark their ballots. In response to these inquiries, Attorney-General Atkinson today wrote the following letter: wrote the following letter:

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In voting at a direct primary election it is necessary for a voter to mark a cross or an X opposite the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. If he is to vote intelligently he must read the ballot over carefully and note especially the instructions as to "second choice." This may require 10 or 15 minutes' time. Under the provisions of the general election law, which are made applicable to primary elections, a voter is not permitted to remain in a booth longer than five minutes, provided the other booths are occupied. Under the provisions of the general election law the pplis are to be kept open from 9 o'clock A. M. until ? o'clock P. M. Under the provisions of our primary election aw the polis are to be kept open from 11 o'clock A. M. to 8 o'clock P. M. or one hour less than under the general election law.

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I hope that the public press of this state, in order to ansist in securing the follest expression of the people at the coming primary election, will call attention to the fact that on an average it will probably require two or three times as long to properly mark a primary election ballot as is required to properly mark a ballot at a general election, and that the polls at the direct primary election ballot as is required to properly mark a ballot at a general election, and that the polls at the direct primary election will remain open one bour less than at the general election in November.

There is one other point, however, which should be called to the attention of the primary election officers, and that is a provision contained in section 17 of our direct primary election law, wherein it is provided that "If at the hour of closing there are any electors in the polling place desiring to vote, and who are qualified to participate therein, and who have not been able to do so since appearing ined to participate therein, and who have not been able to do so since appearing at the polling place, said polls shall be kept open reasonably long enough after the hour of closing to allow those so present at that hour to vote. No one not present at the hour of closing shall be entitled to vote because the polls may not be actually closed when he arrives."

RECORD PROBATING WORK

Formalities Over Albany Estate Are Completed Within Hour.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 15 - (Special.) Records for quick work in the probating of an estate were broken here this morning when the estate of Jackson L. Rose crans was carried through all of the Harriman is looked for. The party will reach Pellean Bay Monday afternoon.

Monmouth Meat Market Robbed.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 15—(Special.)—Chamberlain & Long, butchers, of Independence, who operate a branch meat market at Monmouth, report that entrance was made last night in their Monmouth market and a quantity of meat stolen, besides all the change left in the drawer, amounting to three or four dollars. Greek rall-road laborers stationed at Monmouth ment had been completed and filed. half an hour the inventory and apprais-ment had been completed and filed. Immediately after the filing of the in-

## GERVAIS COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING





MR. AND MRS. ELZARD DUPUIS.

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GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Elzard Dupuls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, August 10. They were married at St. Jacques, Lachigan County of Montcalm, Canada, Mrs. Dupuls name was Esther Brien, and she was from the same locality as her husband. In 1863 they came to California, and in 1869 settled in Oregon, on the French Prairie section. Here they have resided ever since. They have six surviving sons and daughters: Edmond, Simeon, Philomena and Mary, all of Gervais; Sister Mary Pauline, of Oswego and Napoleon of Salem.

Oswego, and Napoleon, of Salem.

A large number of personal friends gathered at their country home near Gervals Monday night and tendered them a surprise. A number of handsome presents were presented, and the evening was spent in social converse, cards and songs of dear old France. At a late hour refreshments were served and all left for home, having thereoughly anjuved the amilyestatry occasion. thoroughly enjoyed the anniversary occasion.

## BLACK AND BLUE CHESTERFIELD SUIT SALE

FOR MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

All black and blue suits, sack and frock styles, light and mediumweights, included in this sale. YOU KNOW THE SUPERIORITY OF CHESTERFIELD CLOTHES. Supply your needs for a year to come. An opportunity to buy the finest clothes produced at small cost. Sale begins at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Come early. THE FOLLOWING PRICE REDUCTIONS PREVAIL

\$25.00 Suits, at sale \$17.50 \$30.00 Suits, at sale \$22.50 \$35.00 Suits, at sale \$26.50 .00 Suits, at sale \$29

> THESE SUITS ARE ALL NEW, STYLISH GOODS OF THIS SEASON'S PRODUCTION

269 and 271 Morrison St. R. Morrison St. Morrison St.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 15.-(Special.)-Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Lebanon Electric Light and Water Company, which will henceforth own and

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 15 .- (Special.) -- Good deer hunting in the Cascade Mountains of this part of the state will be later this year than usual, for the reason that the unless there is greater slaughter in this animals are slower in coming down the mountains this season than is generally the case. The deer are as plentiful as operate the light plant and water system in Lebanon. The incorporators are S. P. Bach, Samuel M. Garland, J. C. Mayer, P. M. Scroggins and S. I. Stewarl All of the incorporators except Mr. Stewarl are residents of Lebanon and heavy property-owners in that city, Messrs. Garland,

ventory a petition for the sale of the property of the estate was filed and granted and the estate was filed and granted and the estate had thus been the first National Bank of Lebanon. Mr. Stewari, who is a son of ex-County Judge C. H. Stewari, has been with the account, which cannot be done until the expiration of the necessary legal period of six months.

TAKE OVER LIGHT PLANT

Lebanon Capitalists Incorporate

With \$25,000 Capitalization.

Beach and Scroggins being interested in function of Lebanon of Lebanon of Lebanon of Lebanon of Lebanon of Lebanon was of Lebanon of Lebanon of Lebanon will be as good as usual. Hunters who have been far up in the mountains this season state that there are practically as many clk this year as last and that the lapse in their protection allowed by the last Legislature has not oaused a remarkable decrease in the number of the animals were encountered by a hunter this week within six miles of Cascadia, the Summer resort on the South Santiam River, is miles southeast of Albany. They were, however, in a place seldom reached by hunters.

hunters.
When it was discovered that elk could be killed between September 15 and October 15, during 1967 and 1968, it was feared that the elk, which are comparated for the country of th



CHEAP ELECTRIC LIGHT?

An advertisement appeared in The Oregonian, Telegram and Journal a few days ago, claiming that the new Tungsten Electric Incandescent Lamp marks a revolution in Electric Lighting and brings the cost below the cost of gas, is certainly a new and wonderful method, adapted solely for pushing the electric lighting business, thereby to cover the ground that has been lost from the competition of the incandescent gas light.

Mendacious statements of this sort, if repeated often enough, soon come to be accepted by unthinking people as an unquestionable fact. In order to enlighten the reader, permit us to make a plain statement of the truth, giving the following comparative cost figures between the two lights in question. Cost figures for the Tungsten Electric Arc were taken from the advertisement mentioned above.

Lighting Hours	200 C. P. Tungsten Elec. Arc Per Mo.	Cost Per Day in C.	200 C. P. Gas Arc Per Mo.	Cost Per Day in C.	Saving in the Un of Gas Over Electricity Per Month
. 3	\$2.25	7½c	\$1.37	4½c	\$ .88
4	2.70	9°c	1.82	6 c	.88
5	3.29	11 c	2.28	75c	1.01
6	3.80	12%c	2.74	9ic	1.06
7	4.31	14%c	3.19	10½c	1.12
v. Cost Per Day		11c		7½c	

A SAVING OF ONE DOLLAR PER MONTH PER LAMP, averaging five lighting hours per day in favor of gas. The renewal of the Tungsten Lamp on account of the blackening of the bulbs, breaking of the filaments, which are very brittle and are easily destroyed, either by handling or by the electric company's variations in voltage, is an additional expense; moreover, the longer they burn, the lower will be the illuminating power, necessitating constant renewals, the bills for which will work out to more than the account for electric current.



Gas manufactured by the Portland Gas Company is the cheapest medium to produce light, heat and power, as demonstrated to thousands of consumers who are users of electricity.

PORTLAND GAS COMPANY



Contrary to expectations the rehave not extinguished the forest fires near the headwaters of the North San-tiam River, northeast of Detroit. The fires were partially checked by the rain but smouldered along and have broken out again. Reports which reached this oity today state that fires are yet burn-ing in several different places. Though the fires have now been burning almost two weeks their progress has not been rapid and a comparatively small area has been covered.

Resisting Force as Applied by the Van Vleck Gland Extract Co.

In all diseases, as well as in all argical operations, this element we call vitality or resisting force is well brought out. Two men of equal ap-pearance undergo a long spell of the same fever. One gets well, the other dies. Also, two men of like physique undergo a like severe operation. One dies, the other gets better. Why is this? You say, it hinges on vitality. Quite correct.

If any one finds he is fagging, lack-ing that element of resistance or vital force, let him call on us and receive a fresh stock, made just from the centers of innervation of the animal economy. Some people have a superabundance of this force, others have less. Bashfulness, timidity, a fear of pending danger, a gloomy and uncompromising future, a fear to meet persons and circumstances as we should-all this is a want of that element we call resistance or elements of

Many may be exposed to pneumo one succumbs, the balance escape. is it? We answer, those who escape had that element of defense fully incorporated in their systems. Take all infectious diseases, such as hay fever, typhoid fever, mumps. Some take it, others are immune. The same answer for all. You would not take medicine to supply the body with an element which it is in need of. Oh, no, but you would go to the head or fountain of supply for that individual element, and get it from the animal economy, and then you know you have that which is made by nature, and is the element wanted in the system. When you want to grow a pumpkin, you would not plant a squash seed, would you? So when you want to help the body in any disease or out of any trouble, apply to us and get a specific made from

nature's specific centers.

Thousands of testimonials like this on file at our office. Investigate for yourself, and consult our physician free of any cost to you, and get his

opinion of your case.

Portland, Or., Dec. 11, 1908.

Chas. H. Van Vleck, Portland, Or.

Dear Sir—I am very glad to testify to
the merits of the Van Vleck Extracts.

I cannot do them justice, for no words
could teil how wonderful they are. About a year ago I broke down About a year ago I broke down com-pletely from overwork in school, with nervous prostration, lung trouble and many other lesser troubles. I lived out of doors day and night, and doctored continually for about three months, but I gradually grew worse until I was hardly able to move, and the doctors said they could do nothing for me, and I thought I must die. Luckily, at this time, I heard of your Extracts, and began taking the treatment immediately, as it was my tast hope. In less than two weeks' time I noticed improvement, and today, while on my fifth month's treatment, I am almost well, and can go anywhere and do anything.

I am so thankful that words cannot express my gratitude to you and your remedies, for I owe my life to them. I heartily recommend them to all in need, and will gladly give any further information to any one who desires it. I remain, sincerely, KATHRYN HOBAN,

1087 Belmont Street. Examination of sputum and consultation free. If you cannot call at of-fice, write us, and we will send you our Blue Book and Question Blank.

VAN VLECK EXTRACT CO.