

PUBLIC MEN OPPOSE MOVIE CENSORSHIP

Abolition of Office or Establishment of Appeal Court Is Advocated.

PRINCIPLE IS DISLIKED

Opinions Agree That Individual Control Over Film Exhibits Is Contrary to Desires of Majority of People.

"Dear public," Thus did P. E. Sullivan, president of the Portland Press Club, express his disdain for the principle involved in the censorship of motion pictures when asked his opinion yesterday.

"There are too many persons anxious to censor things for the public," he said. "There should be no motion pictures censored any more than our food, or our clothes, or the kind of toothbrush we use."

Without exception every man interviewed, including some of the prominent lawyers and judges, expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of an appeal from the decision of the censor board.

Judge Weston said: "As Judge of the Juvenile Court, I should like to say that I am in favor of an appeal board. In every court of the land there is a higher tribunal, and so it should be in the case of the censoring of motion pictures."

"Much the same idea was expressed by Justice W. J. Coffey of the Circuit Court. 'There is too much prudery about the censoring of pictures in Portland to suit me,'" he exclaimed.

Thomas Gough Ryan, Deputy District Attorney, said: "After a thorough investigation by the District Attorney's office of every picture shown on the West Side, we failed to report one place where such pictures as might be termed obscene, indecent or immoral were being exhibited."

Ed Weirich said: "I am in favor of censorship, but I would not support an appeal. I admire Mrs. Colwell, the present censor, for her stand against bad pictures, but even the best persons may be wrong in their position, and I believe it unfair to cripple any man's business through one person's opinion."

John H. Coffey, County Clerk, said: "Certainly I am in favor of an appeal board. I consider it very bad, this idea of having only one court. By all means the exhibitors should have recourse from the decision of the censor."

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"Understand, it is not my intention to insure anyone's position or cause any person to lose their position, but certainly do favor the appointment of an appeal board such as the one which was previously appointed, to which the exhibitor may appeal from the decision of the official censor."

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C. C. Coffey, president of the Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Union Meat Company, said: "I do not know the sentiment of the Chamber of Commerce in general on the question of censorship. Personally, I am heartily in favor of an appeal board. The motion picture industry has become too great to be handled carelessly, or even carefully by one person. An appeal court is not only fair and just for the exhibitor, it is necessary."

Office Abolition Favored. C. C. Coffey, an adviser of Mayor Albee and Mrs. Colwell, the official censor, at first declared that he had not followed the censorship strife closely and was not in a position to express an opinion. The matter was presented to him, however, and he made the following statement:

"Censorship invariably makes itself ridiculous, because it is not a proper function of a people's government. The censor, individually, often is an excellent and discriminating person, and such I believe Mrs. Colwell to be. I admire her firm stand in the execution of her duties, and I admire Mayor Albee for standing by her under attack. However, I favor the abolition of her office. If an indecent film is exhibited, a warrant should be secured by a citizen for the arrest of the exhibitor and he should be prosecuted. There is no need of official censorship. I highly commend exhibitors for exhibiting intelligent censorship, but do not believe that censorship should be a part of a city's government or in any way official."

Other persons, men and women alike, have volunteered their opinions to ex-

FRITZ KREISLER PLAYS HERE ON SEPTEMBER 27

Greatest Living Violinist Will Open Steers-Coman Season at Hellig Theater With Matchless Music That Appeals to All.



FRITZ KREISLER.

AT LAST the date has been decided upon for the concert of Fritz Kreisler, the world's greatest violinist, who will open the Steers-Coman season September 27 at the Hellig. Never before has their musical season opened so early as this year, but this was the only opportunity to obtain this matchless violinist who has the world at his feet, who plays upon the heartstrings of an Yease, as well as the little child ignorant of all culture, the veriest ragamuffin of the streets, who knows only that the beautiful music makes him happier than anything else that has ever happened to come into his life.

Thus the music of Kreisler brings all men to the common level of human enjoyment and memorable delight. No one remains untouched by those wonderful tones making the air vibrant

with luscious melody, now swelling to a climax of dramatic power that makes the nerves tingle with excitement, now sinking to soft, entirely that moves the soul strangely, or to exquisite modulations of fairy music in an enchanted forest by moonlight. Kreisler does not disdain ragtime. During the past few months he has been amusing himself by writing ragtime music, just to see if he can get the hit and captivating rhythm that so charms the multitude. He has succeeded admirably and no doubt his Portland audience on September 27 will have an opportunity to enjoy this form of music, endowed with a grace of merry abandon such as only genius knows how to give.

Kreisler knows what the people like and his programmes are marvels of charming novelties, piquant and fascinating, dance tunes that French peasants and Italian couriers alike find irresistible, as well as great masterpieces that thrill the heart by their compelling passion.

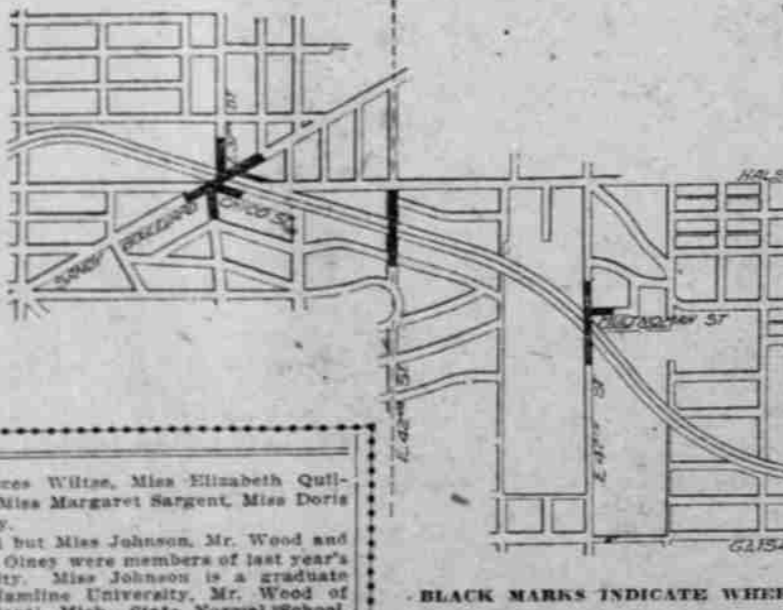
hibitors, and have been at times bitter in their attacks against the city ordinance which provided no appeal from the decision of the censor. Willing to be quoted, suggested that a censor board be called "advisory board," since the spirit of the word "censor" had a tendency to arouse the indignation of independent thinking men and women. "I am heartily in favor of an appeal board," she said, "but I do not, at this time, wish to have my name mentioned in this connection."

Philip S. Bates, one of the best-known men in Portland, said that he was most heartily in favor of the exhibitors being given the right of appeal. "Our government is founded on the principle of justice to all," he said, "and I am in favor of carrying this idea out in every branch of life."

Final plans will be filed and proceedings started this week for the elimination of all the grade crossings along the main line of the O-W. R. & N. from the head of Sullivan's Gulch to the city limits, the largest viaduct and general grading project ever attempted by the city. The project involves a total expenditure of about \$750,000, part of which will be borne by the city, part by the neighboring property owners and the largest part by the railroad company.

Several draughtsmen and engineers have been working for months getting the plans and specifications ready. Engineer Edmondstone, who has charge, says the plans probably will be completed Tuesday, and will be filed by Wednesday. The Council already has decided that the project is one which should go through, and the members stand ready to push the proceedings along as rapidly as possible. The O-W. R. & N. Company officials have agreed to start actual work of lowering their tracks as their part of the project within a month.

The project involves lowering the railroad tracks an average of 10 feet over the entire distance and the construction of nine large viaducts, eliminating every present grade crossing in that part of the city. Sixty per cent of the cost will be borne by the railroad company, according to plans; 20 per cent by the city, and 20 per cent by about 14,900 lots to be assessed in a large



VIADUCTS INVOLVED IN BIG GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT PROCEEDINGS WHICH WILL BE STARTED THIS WEEK

The Largest and Most Completely Stocked and Best Equipped Furniture Store in the Northwest.

Henry Jennings & Sons, Fifth and Washington

An Opportunity to Select Just the Kind of Furniture You Want in Your Home From an Enormous Stock at Most Practical Prices Is an Every-Day Offering to You

Sea Grass Furniture Never Lower

Monday's Amazing Prices to Start the Final Clearance

- The short Summer, together with an overstocked department finds it "up to us" to move this Furniture in short order. Don't misconstrue Sea Grass Furniture with the grade of furniture that is adapted to outdoor use only—as it is admirably qualified for both indoor and outdoor usage. Sea Grass Chair; regular \$ 7.00, Monday only\$4.65 Sea Grass Chair; regular \$ 6.50, Monday only\$4.15 Sea Grass Rocker; regular \$ 8.50, Monday only\$5.70 Sea Grass Rocker; regular \$ 7.00, Monday only\$4.65 Sea Grass Stand; regular \$ 7.00, Monday only\$4.35 Sea Grass Couch; regular \$16.00, Monday only\$9.85 Many Other Pieces at Proportionate Reductions.

These Prices Are for Monday Only See Our Fifth and Washington Street Store Display.

Wool Comforter Special Second Floor, Main Store

The best Wool Comforter for the money you ever had offered you will be your surprise tomorrow, in fact the best that is made, in plain or fancy silk coverings—an ideal covering for the coming cool nights. Regular \$7.50 grade, special\$5.25 Regular \$9.00 grade, special\$6.25

Second and Morrison-Street Store Offers Davenport and Fumed Oak Furniture at Material Reductions

- \$50.00 Davenport, Massive Colonial design, full quarter-sawn oak frame covered in very best quality imitation leather. Priced special at\$35.80 Regular \$39.00 Davenport, Arts and Crafts design, full quarter-sawn oak frame, imitation leather covering. Priced special at\$29.80 Fumed Oak Specials. A large selection Dark Fumed Oak Rockers, Library Tables, Davenports, etc., at practically ONE-HALF OFF.

MUSICAL SHOW DUE National to Change From Movies for Two Weeks.

PLAN IS ONLY TEMPORARY Newly-Organized Frank Rich Company Signed at Close of Engagement at Oaks—Feature Films Sought—Prices Are Set.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, the National Theater will discontinue motion pictures temporarily, entertaining in their place the newly-organized Frank Rich Musical Comedy Company for a two weeks' engagement.

The National is the first of the big uptown houses to discontinue with pictures even for a while. It is the intention of Orton E. Goodwin, manager of the National, to make the change to comedy purely temporary, as negotiations are now under way for one of the big picture services of the country.

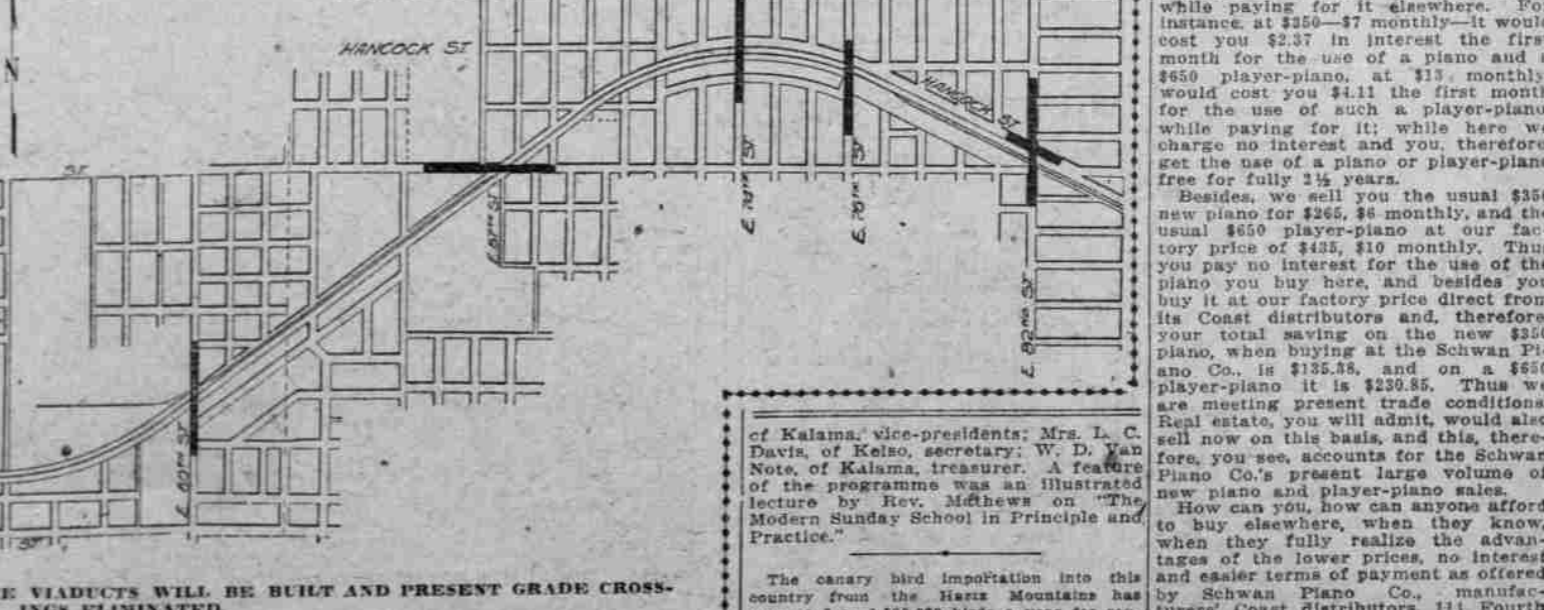
Twenty-five and 15 cents will be the schedule of prices for nights and Sunday matinees during the musical comedy engagement at the National, with week-day matinees at 15 and 10 cents.

When the National was built, it was arranged so that big productions could be housed in the theater and is probably equal to any theater in town in this respect.

Mr. Rich hopes to be able to announce the personnel of his principals early in the week. "The company will be fully equal in quality to the reputation of the National, by all odds the most beautiful theater I have ever visited," said Mr. Rich. "There will be no suggestion of burlesque. Productions will be as fully equipped as any road show. While the performance will not be equal to any

of Kalama, vice-presidents: Mrs. L. C. Davis, of Kelso, secretary: W. D. Van Note, of Kalama, treasurer. A feature of the programme was an illustrated lecture by Rev. Mathews on "The Modern Sunday School in Principle and Practice."

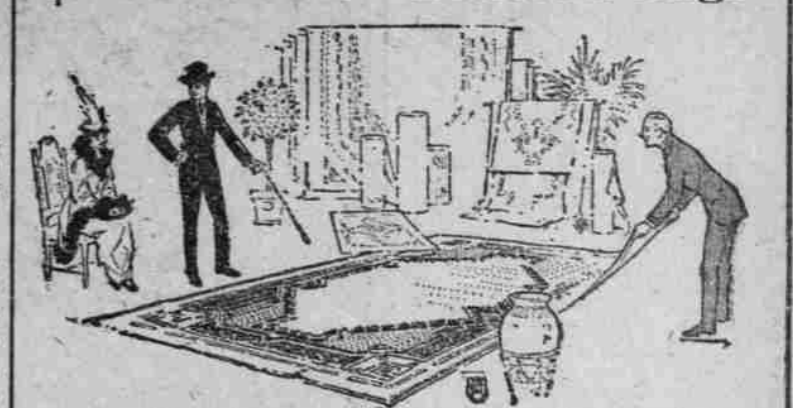
The canopy bird impoitation into this country from the Hartz Mountains has amounted to 1,500,000 birds a year for several years.



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BLACK MARKS INDICATE WHERE THE VIADUCTS WILL BE BUILT AND PRESENT GRADE CROSSINGS ELIMINATED.

\$14.25 for Beautiful Brussels Rugs



Tomorrow (Monday) you may have the opportunity to purchase a handsome 9x12 Brussels Rug from a number of Oriental and Floral patterns—Rugs that usually sell for \$22.50. This week only.....\$14.25 Second Floor, Main Store, Fifth and Washington Streets.

Cowan Chicago-Made Furniture Display

We carry a most varied assortment of Cowan Furniture—the masterpieces in Colonial Furniture that grace our floors will prove of interest to the most skeptical. You are most cordially invited to inspect this beautiful line of artistic Furniture—Main Floor, Fifth and Washington Street Store.

AIRCRAFT FUND SOUGHT AERO CLUB AIMS TO PROVIDE PROMISED MILITIA EQUIPMENT.

Aid of Governors Asked in Campaign to Raise \$500,000—Need of Flyers in War Is Felt. As a result of the alleged failure of Federal authorities to live up to the promise made to lend aircraft to the Naval Militia of the 23 states that maintain such organizations, the Aero Club of America has taken the matter in hand and is endeavoring to raise through popular subscription and appropriation \$500,000 to equip the National militia with aircraft.

The Aero Club of America points out the dangers of waiting for another year for aerial equipment and declares that this feature of National defense is indispensable in modern warfare. Good aeroplanes and good motors are obtainable in this country, declare the officials of the Aero Club, for more than 600 have been shipped to belligerents during the war.

Emerson S. Millan, of New York, who has donated \$100 to the National aero plane fund, has promised to add a 10 per cent bonus to all the money collected up to \$500,000. This half a million the officials of the Aero Club will endeavor to raise through the agency of the Governors of all the states in the Union. Letters have been written to each Governor and the proposal of the club will be acted on by the meeting of Governors in session at Boston, August 24-25.

There are a few Army aeroplanes at San Diego and a few Navy aeroplanes at Pensacola, Fla. Ex-Ambassador to France Due Here. Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, is expected to pass through Portland within the next two weeks, and he has been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to be its guest at a banquet. A response from Mr. Herrick is expected soon, and the reception committee of the Chamber will begin working on details of the entertainment. Mr. Herrick's visit takes on special importance as he is strongly mentioned as a Presidential possibility.

USE OF PIANO OR PLAYER-PIANO FREE You need pay 8 per cent interest for the use of a piano or player-piano while paying for it elsewhere. For instance at \$350—\$7 monthly—it would cost you \$237 in interest the first month for the use of a piano and a \$50 player-piano, at \$13 monthly, would cost you \$4.11 the first month for the use of such a player-piano, while paying interest for the use of the piano you buy here, and besides you get the use of a piano or player-piano free for fully 2 1/2 years. The usual \$350 new piano for \$265, \$8 monthly, and the usual \$500 player-piano at our factory price of \$425, \$10 monthly. Thus you pay no interest for the use of the piano you buy here, and besides you buy it at our factory price direct from its Const distributors and, therefore, your total saving on the new \$350 piano, when buying at the Schwann Piano Co., is \$135.38, and on a \$500 player-piano it is \$230.85. Thus we are meeting present trade conditions. Real estate, you will admit, would also sell now on this basis, and this, therefore, you see, accounts for the Schwann Piano Co.'s present large volume of new piano and player-piano sales. How can you, how can anyone afford to buy elsewhere, when they know when they fully realize the advantages of the lower prices, no interest and easier terms of payment as offered by Schwann Piano Co., manufacturer's Const distributor, 111 Fourth street, near Washington.

PEACH WEEK IS ON TODAY Advance Promises Indicate Sales of Many Thousand Boxes. Peach week, inaugurated by joint proclamation of Governor Withcomb of Oregon and Governor Lister of Washington, starts today. With the initial notice of the plan, tentative arrangements have been made in many circles to take advantage of it to the full.

Co-operation along various lines has been assured, and in addition to the moral support promised, guarantees have been made that involve the purchase of several thousand boxes of peaches.

The events of the past week have gone from bad to worse for the growers. Encouraged by the interest being manifested in "Dollar day," the retail merchants of Portland are lining up for September 23, when the biggest bargain sale ever held in the Northwest will be participated in by practically every merchant and thousands of Portland shoppers.

At the meeting of the general committee yesterday, this slogan was adopted: "If your dollar is hid away, get it out on 'Dollar day.'" The first big announcement of the activities of "Dollar day" will be in connection with the opening of the Columbia River Highway.

Cowlitz Sunday Schools Elect. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—George L. Marsh, of Ostrander, was elected president of the Cowlitz County Sunday School Association for the coming year, at the annual convention just closed in Woodland. Other officers elected include Eli Gither.