

NORTHWEST LOST TO THEATRE TRUST; SHUBERTS GAIN

"Independents" Will Stage Attractions in Houses Controlled by John Cort; Give Klaw & Erlanger Go By.

From New York yesterday came the story that the Shuberts announced they had completed an agreement with John Cort of Seattle, who controls many theatres in the northwest and on the Pacific coast, whereby they will henceforth appear in his houses instead of under the Klaw & Erlanger "trust" bookings.

But "Dag" Russell of Russell & Drew, representing the Shuberts in the northwest, who was in Portland last night, questioned the accuracy of the story so far as Portland and Seattle are concerned.

"We are in partnership with the Shuberts in the Portland theatre and the Alhambra theatre in Seattle," he said. "And Cort cannot take our attractions away from us in these two cities unless he buys us out. We own one-half of the stock of the Alhambra Theatre company, which owns the Portland theatre in Portland and the Alhambra theatre in Seattle, and the Shuberts the other half. It does not seem likely, does it, that the Shuberts would turn their bookings to Cort's theatres in Seattle and Portland? Why, there is no chance of it."

"Open Door Policy"
Cort's announcement, which followed the news that Klaw & Erlanger revoked all of their bookings for Cort's houses, was that he will henceforth follow the "open door" policy of playing any and all attractions. But, so far as Klaw & Erlanger are concerned, an "open door" policy might just as well be a "closed door" policy, for they will not book attractions at opposition houses.

Cort told the newspapers in New York that he will have first class attractions at once, and he named them. He said they were Southern and Marlowe, Maxine Elliott, Forbes Robertson, Grace George, James T. Powers, "The Chocolate Soldier," Wilton Lackaye, Jefferson de Arizola, Blanche Ring, Louis Mann, "The Midnight Song," "Jolly Bachelor," William Faversham, Marie Dressler, Otis Harlan, Bertha Kalish, Mme. Nasimova, Mary Manning, Bertha Calhoun, Josephine, "The City," "The Lotteryman," Dockett's minstrel, "The Blue Mouse," Henry Warner in "Allan Jimmie Valentine," Marie Cahill, "Fourth Estate," Marietta Oily, Sam Bernard, William Hodge in "The Man From Home," all star cast in "Jim the Penman," and the new theatre company.

"Must Buy Us Out"
"Well," said Mr. Russell, "all that may be true, but you can take it from me we won't play those attractions in any other theatres in Portland and Seattle than the Portland and the Alhambra, unless either Cort or the Shuberts buy us out. We have all those attractions booked for the Portland and Alhambra theatres, and they won't be canceled."

Cort's circuit covers the northwest as far east as Denver, and he is affiliated with circuit managers at Winnipeg and Los Angeles, where the Shuberts have a theatre. So what will follow probably will be that all of the trust shows will be kept out of the northwestern territory. Mr. Russell said that this move would not mean much for the "trust" itself, which produces only three or four attractions, and the producing managers who have been linked with them for so long have broken away.

Forced Cort Into Line
"This is the thing we have been fighting for," said Mr. Russell. "We have

forced Cort to come into line. He doesn't own but four or five houses himself—and they are tucked around in the northwest—but he controls the bookings of something like 100 theatres. A great many of them are one night stands. But that is a big item and it may help to bring the southern managers into the embrace of the Shuberts.

"In Portland the agreement with Cort may cause the Shuberts to take a hand in the building of the Helix theatre. Helix, you know, is one of Cort's partners and the Shuberts may step in and put up some of the money for the new theatre."

Portland will get the same class of attractions, and better attractions than ever before, under the new arrangement. Klaw & Erlanger control three or four attractions—"The Red Mill," "Ben Hur," "The Roundup," and perhaps another. These they will cut off from this territory, but I don't think that will work a hardship on the theatre-going public."

Shuberts Backed by Morgan.
Just now it is whispered that the Vanderbilts and J. Pierpont Morgan are behind the Shuberts. It is a well known fact that they order special trains all over the country at will, and seem to have more money than they know what to do with, and are building theatres in many of the principal cities.

Cort's arrangement will perhaps cut off the building of new theatres by the Shuberts in cities where Cort owns or controls houses. He owns a theatre in San Francisco and in a number of smaller cities in the northwest, but now the Shuberts have houses in Portland, Spokane and Seattle, Vancouver, Everett, Bellingham, North Yakima, Wenatchee, Montana towns and in places along the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific and Oregon Short Line and O. R. & N. may be affected.

Many queer stories of the war between the Shuberts and Klaw & Erlanger have been brought out lately. One is that it was the break between the two theatrical concerns that brought about the financial struggle. Some time ago Klaw & Erlanger and the Shuberts entered into a partnership to fight the Orpheum vaudeville syndicate in the west, and Keith & Proctor and other big vaudeville managers in the east.

They lost the battle when the combination was broken up. Klaw & Erlanger threw off a number of vacant theatres, which had been used for vaudeville houses, on the Shuberts' hands. That, so rumor says, is the way the fight between the two started. With constant theatres all over the country eating up their profits, the Shuberts formed a theatrical syndicate of their own.

LEGISLATOR SAYS HE TOOK MONEY TO VOTE FOR LORIMER

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The charges stirred national as well as state centers and tonight there is a probability not only of gubernatorial action but also of an inquiry by the state legislature and the upper house of congress.

Denies and Wyman Noncommittal.
State's Attorney Wyman announced tonight that Charles A. White of O'Fallon, Ill., author of the charges, had come quietly into Chicago today and had conferred secretly with the public defender with the view of advising that official whether criminal proceedings were justified. That the whole matter will be laid before a special grand jury which convenes Monday seems certain, though the state's attorney declined to commit himself on this point tonight.

He had stated earlier in the day, however, that the grand jury would be asked to act should his conference with White indicate that the latter's charges could be corroborated.

Simultaneously Governor Deneen at Springfield was equally noncommittal when asked tonight if he would call the general assembly in extraordinary session to inquire into the charges. The governor stated, however, that he and the attorney general were investigating and it is believed that the legislature will be called.

Meanwhile the sensation lovers of Chicago enjoyed one of the greatest days of their lives. While charges alleged that Lee O'Neill Brown, Democratic leader of the Illinois house, had paid White \$1000 he alleged he received in return for his vote for Lorimer. It is also charged that Representative Robert E. Wilson of Chicago, another Democrat paid him in St. Louis hotel \$900 as his share of the alleged "slush fund" that he declared was distributed at the close of the session in which Lorimer was chosen senator.

Accused Men Hotly Deny.
Following swiftly on these charges came recriminations from the accused men and their friends. Senator Lorimer characterized White's charges as a lie. Browne came to Chicago and issued a red hot statement denouncing White's charges as a false from start to finish and branding White himself as a scoundrel. Browne admitted that he had loaned money to White in small sums but denied absolutely that he had ever attempted to influence his vote or the vote of any other legislator.

Representative Wilson also issued a statement declaring that White had simply been used as a tool to bring about the undoing of Senator Lorimer. Former United States Senator A. L. Hopkins, who was defeated for the senate by Lorimer, merely smiled when asked for a statement.

Late this afternoon Senator Lorimer called a meeting of his closest lieutenants and this was held behind closed doors this evening. Many politicians tonight declare the charges will cause a realignment of Republican forces in Illinois.

The Chicago Tribune, which first published the charges, has promised new sensations.

METHODIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED



New Woodstock Methodist church.

The dedication of the Woodstock Methodist church will take place at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Rev. Dr. Homan will preach the dedication sermon, and in the exercises will be assisted by a number of the Methodist clergy in the city. At 2 o'clock this

afternoon a laymen's meeting will be held in the auditorium of the new church. A grand jubilee service will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Dinner will be served, following the morning service, in the church dining room, to all visitors.

The Woodstock church is one of the handsomest of the many suburban Methodist churches that have been erected in the Portland district in the past two or three years. It is a frame structure, resting on a cement foundation and basement, and cost approximately \$5000.

GIFTED POET TO RECITE HIS OWN POEMS HERE

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mit them to Washington, whereupon the director will look into them and, if he is convinced of need, will order accordingly. Experience in previous censuses has been that not infrequently re-enumerations must be made.

Durand appeared ready to act promptly when an elaboration of the skeleton of the case as presented on behalf of the Journal comes before him.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB PREPARES PROGRAM

The Waverly-Richmond Improvement club will give a musical and literary entertainment in Waverly hall, East Twenty-sixth and Clinton streets, next Tuesday evening, May 3, beginning at 8 p. m. Admission will be free and everybody is invited. Following will be the program:

Quartette selection, Gregon Male Quartette; reading, selected, Miss Florence Price; violin solo, "Serenade" (Drdia), Miss Gertrude Hooper; Miss Albus Holman, accompanist; bass solo, selected, A. W. Ledbury; (a) "My Old Banjo" (Dundar), (b) "Angelina John-

SECOND CHANCE FOR FAIR COUNT

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The following is the list of graduates: Banner Raymond Brooke, A. B.; George Graham Carl, John Bell Dinsmore, Marie Verne Forrest, George Garber Gaunt, Arthur Gale, Robert St. Clair Gratie, Marion Jacobs, Jones, James Frank McCauley, William John Miller, Earl Vincent Morrow, Samuel Edward Rosenthal, Henry Etheloid Russell, John Charles Whiteaker, Clair Clarion Wilcox.

YOUNG MEDICOS GET COVETED SHEEP SKINS

The faculty of the medical department of the University of Oregon has issued invitations to the graduating exercises of the class of 1910, which will take place tomorrow, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Lincoln high school. The program includes an address by A. L. Mills, conferring of degrees by President P. L. Campbell, of the State University; charge to graduates by Dr. E. J. Lobb and the valedictory by Earl Vincent Morrow.

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COOPER FAMILY TO HOLD REUNION

Eight in Family and Nearly All Are More Than 70 Years of Age.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Stayton, Or., April 30.—Once a year the septuagenarian branch of the Cooper family in Oregon holds a reunion at one of the homes of the seven brothers, who live in various parts of the state. This year invitations have just been sent out by J. C. Cooper of McMinnville, where the seven brothers and one surviving sister will foregather in early summer. Nearly all of these eight brothers and sister are past 70 years of age. W. H. Cooper of Stayton being 76, and the oldest. The other members are: D. J. Cooper of The Dalles; J. S. Cooper of Independence; J. C. Cooper of McMinnville; R. D. Cooper of Independence; John Cooper, who lives in Oregon, but whom his brothers say "just scatters around anywhere." Albert A. Cooper of Albany, and Fathence Cooper (married) of Hood River. W. H. Cooper and J. S. Cooper were born in Tennessee the others in Missouri. John and Albert are twins and R. D. had a twin sister who died in infancy. W. H. Cooper of Stayton says he was the only man who voted for Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Mo., in the presidential election of 1861.

INDIAN SUCCUMBS TO KNIFE WOUNDS

Stephen Kiki, of Grand Ronde Reservation, Stabbed While Drunk, Dies.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Willamina, Or., April 30.—Stephen Kiki, the Grand Ronde Indian who was so badly cut and stabbed last Tuesday night by John Wachino (the Beaver catcher), died yesterday morning. Wachino had left the reservation early in the morning before the death of Kiki and when arrested was trying to negotiate a loan on his ranch. The murdered man is reported to have been very quarrelsome when drinking and had been spending most of his money for liquor for the past five years. At one time he owned a fine ranch, but at the time of his death he had nothing and was employed by Wachino.

The Indian police heard of the stabbing and death shortly after Wachino left the reservation and notified the coroner and Polk county sheriff. The journal's Tillamook correspondent heard of the murder when coming through the reservation and meeting Wachino in Willamina arrested him and turned him over to the city marshal. Wachino's only remark was that he had "head bad luck. Wife sick, spend money for doctors. Son murdered a few weeks ago, now Stephen Kiki a die."

The row and stabbing occurred at the Wachino ranch and was caused by a dispute over whiskey. Kiki being badly cut up, apparently in a fit of insane fury.

YAKIMA LANDS MAY BE OPENED IN FALL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
North Yakima, Wash., April 30.—Many who are supposed to be in a position to size up the situation are led to believe by the recent visit to this city of Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of Indian lands of the department of the interior, that the Yakima Indian lands will be opened to the public this fall. Judge Witten would say nothing definite as to the probable time of opening, but he expressed himself as decidedly in favor of a fall opening, and is reported to have said that if the appraisal of the lands is completed in time the drawings will be held this fall. Authorities say that the appraisal will be finished in July or August.

ALBANY FRANCHISE FOR OREGON ELECTRIC LINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., April 30.—Yesterday was the last day, as provided by the city charter, that Mayor Wallace could either sign or veto the 25 year franchise along Fifth street in Albany recently granted to the Oregon Electric by the city council. The failure of the mayor to act upon the franchise within the time limit upon the franchise has made the franchise a law, and it is now up to the Oregon Electric to accept that for which it has asked.

A condition in the franchise provides that the grantee must, within 60 days from inception of the franchise enter a contract with \$10,000 bonds for completion of the road from Salem to Albany within two years; otherwise the franchise becomes null and void.

Oil Company Organizes

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., April 30.—The Hood River Oil company was organized here today with the following directors: N. H. Hubbard, M. F. Lay, Lee Morse, A. A. Jayne, H. F. Davidson. The board of directors was organized with J. H. Hubbard, president; H. F. Davidson, vice-president; A. A. Jayne, secretary-treasurer.

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Konrad Nies, poet.
One of the most gifted and popular of German-American poets, Konrad Nies, whose home is in San Francisco, will read a number of his own compositions at a recital to be given at the auspices of the committee of prominent German-American residents of Portland Tuesday evening, May 17, at the Masonic Temple. The poet will render selections both of a serious and a humorous vein. In speaking of the popular poet's recent visit to Kansas City the Times has the following to say: "Konrad Nies is an American poet in all but language. Some of his poems are of national significance. As a reader he is uneven or rather too even. He puts feeling in everything with occasional disregard of his subject matter. But it is entirely to his credit that he recites the best poems best."

The committee having the recital in charge is composed of the following well known men: Judge U. C. Gantenbein, Julius Meier, Paul Westinger, Richard Koehler, John Reinacher, A. E. Gantenbein, E. House, Philip Straub, Gustavus Freiwald, Dr. Herbert W. Hegele, Otto Kleeman, Charles Schabel, Henry Wagner, Peter Wagner, Sigmund Fichel, Rev. A. Krause, Dr. Joseph B. Wiese, P. C. Feidenheimer, Ben Selling, Adolphe Wolfe, A. Kirchner, Gustav Schnoorr and C. A. Lohan.

ARRESTED FOR DESERTING WIFE
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deserted his wife, going to Seattle, thence to Portland and finally coming to this city, where he secured employment in the shoe store.

"I soon came to agree with my father," said Helm after his arrest, "that my wife married me for the money she thought I would get from my father and she has had me arrested for no other reason than to force me to pay her big alimony."

Oscar A. Helm is well known in Portland. He is a former resident of the city, having left for California only a little more than a year ago. For a long time he was employed in the shoe department of the Olds, Wortman & King store. On his way from Tacoma to San Francisco three weeks ago he stopped over here to visit friends.

Smokes Cigar in 94 Minutes.
Washington, April 29.—The long distance cigar smoking championship of the world was won by a Washingtonian, Harry McKeloid, a telegraph operator, smoked a mild cigar of standard size during 94 minutes and 28 seconds without relighting it. He exceeded the record made by a Cornell professor, by 9 and one-half minutes.

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