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Thirty million Christmas stamps of the American Red Cross will be placed on sale throughout the country early in December. Every purchase of these stamps means a bullet in the great fight against the White Plague.

These stamps are not to be used in lieu of Uncle Sam's postage—they are merely "stickers" to be used in sealing Christmas gifts or letters.

As far back as 1862 stamps or "stickers" of this kind were sold as a means of raising funds for charitable purposes. In that year great numbers of stamps known as "Sanitary Fair Stamps" were sold at a fair at Boston, the proceeds going into a fund for the care of the wounded soldiers of the Civil War. Two such fairs were held in Brooklyn, one of which, in 1864 netted \$400,000. In the same year, the "United States Sanitary Commission" stamps were sold, realizing \$1,200,000. So it looked around for a legitimate means of raising funds with which to assist the various organizations throughout the United States, devoted to the cause, in their hard uphill fight against tuberculosis, the Red Cross re-discovered the plan.

In 1908, the Red Cross Christmas stamps were designed by the well known artist, Howard Pyle, and their sale brought \$140,000. This money was used to employ visiting nurses to aid the tuberculosis poor; to institute "day camps" where persons suffering from the white plague could live out of doors; to carry on the educational work in crowded, congested tenement districts, seeking to better sanitary conditions and suppress possible contagion, and to assist in providing needy persons suffering from the dread disease with the proper nourishment.

During the forthcoming Christmas season it is hoped that 50,000,000 stamps may be sold. 10,000,000 have been ordered as a starter.

The 1909 stamp will be printed in two colors—holly leaves and holly berries red. It will be sold by branch Red Cross Societies throughout the country as well as by the Anti-tuberculosis and charitable organizations.

This year's design was selected by a committee of artists from over 1,200 drawings submitted in a prize competition held by the society last May. Last year the government granted the Red Cross the privilege of selling these stamps in the corridors of the postoffices throughout the country, and this year the same concession will probably be given.

High price of hogs is causing an unprecedented rush of porkers to market not only in the Northwest but all over the country, and it is predicted that there will be a great scarcity of hogs next year and consequently a continuation of the high prices, says the News-Record. This sounds reasonable and it would be wise to raise as many hogs in this country as possible. Wallowa county cannot be beat for good porkers.

LOCAL PLAYHOUSES.

"Lo" Is One Long Laugh.

"Lo," is all right. It is funny and well worth the money, says the Seattle P. L., in speaking of the show that is coming to the Steward opera house Monday, November 15.

This really laughable musical comedy success for which O. Henry Frank Adams and A. Baldwin Sloane are held jointly responsible was passed about freely at the Grand at the matinee and evening performance last evening. Two big audiences liked "Lo" and made the same clear in the typical way that the Grand has.

And "Lo" John E. Young, better known to the people of Seattle as Johnnie Hicks, is back again. Something of the local popularity of this young man was to be seen last night when Young was hailed with delight by everybody who remembered him in that other Harry Askin production, "The Time, the Place and the Girl," which memory still retains. He doesn't seem to have lost any of his ability to amuse the public and in this new show when Young doesn't bring a laugh, why, Dorothy Brennon does.

Musically, "Lo" could be much better. The songs are pretty and tuneful, but it must be said that they are not any so well sung for last night in several of them one could not help thinking that some golden opportunities were being missed. Yet, strangely but happily, the Henry Adams piece does not depend scarcely at all upon its music, which is well. "Lo" might be called a prolonged farce, in which the humor has been sprinkled in portions that when tasted, tickle the audience into convulsions and leave it breathless.

The fun of the comedy is of a very peculiar variety; that is, it is peculiar in a comparative sense. "Lo" is not filled with any side-splitting situations or anything of that sort. The enjoyment lies in the humor of the lines, which is shot out with all the rapidity and effectiveness of a gatling gun loaded with snuff. The jokes and witticisms come so fast that the audience is set off into one long sneeze of laughter. In other words, "Lo" is a big town show filled with all the latest slang which may sound like George Ade's but which is not. It may not be as clever as stand in some respects, but it's funnier at that. And it is very well handled by John Young.

New Comedy at Pastime.

Full of good specialties and good music, the "Judge and the Girl," made a bigger hit at the Pastime last night than any comedy yet presented.

Mr. Mornay Athey's impersonation of a girl preferring to go out with her beau, was a specialty never seen here before and it was great. The other specialties were as good as usual and everybody knows what that means.

Many compliments have been heard regarding the new scenery at this theatre, the set last night being unusually neat.

"The Judge and The Girl," tonight.

The Seattle Theatre This Week.

Quite a departure from the usual style of performance given at the Seattle theatre heretofore will be in-

augurated tonight. Mr. Gardiner will present for the first time The Edwards Stock Company, composed of seven people, who will appear in the latest comedy and farce sketches. In addition the vaudeville feature, illustrated songs and moving pictures will also be given. Mr. Bruce Kent will sing the illustrated songs.

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"The last Romp With the Tiger" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered in the Methodist church in this city one week from tomorrow evening by Billy Williams, he "drummer evange-



"Billy" Williams Who Comes Here Next Week.

list." Williams is an able lecturer and has been on the lecture course with La Follette. The lecture here is to be given free of admission charges but a freewill offering is to be taken. The lecturer has been holding meetings at Elgin but will, when he stops here be on his road to his home in California.

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