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DARROW'S STATEMENT ENDORSED

When Clarence Darrow was in La Grande he said, "the chief causes of crime are poverty and the love of man for woman."

This morning as Tom Ellexson, convicted of the murder of Waldo Perry, spoke his heart which told of the devotion and love he held for Mrs. Perry, the words of Clarence Darrow came back to memory.

Ellexson has been tried, found guilty of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to life imprisonment. You might say, "It is over, ring down the curtain." But wait, life is a long time as a usual thing and during that period there might something occur to indicate Ellexson is telling the truth in his statement published elsewhere.

Remember, he was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence. By this remark we do not mean to assume that he is innocent, but we do wish to say that it is a hard matter to convict a man on no more evidence than was produced in this trial. If it had been shown that Mrs. Perry had returned the love which Ellexson showed toward her, then the case would have been strong. But such was not proven. Then it follows that Ellexson loved a woman who scorned him, gave him no encouragement, no hope of ever holding a place in her affection, yet he kills her husband knowing that he can never take that husband's place in her heart.

A little unnatural, don't you think? And besides, rumors about Union after the trial would indicate that features of this case might have been dormant and not uncovered.

But as the matter stands, with El-

lexson convicted, the world dismisses the case and the theory of Clarence Darrow is given another leg to stand upon.

One lone highwayman held up all the passengers on a Missouri Pacific train as it was entering Kansas City the night before Christmas. But there is nothing so very remarkable about that for out here in Oregon once upon a time one lone man held up a legislature for more than a month. This one man power is getting popular.

And Mrs. Jack Cudshy is about to return to her husband whom she divorced immediately after the Lillis affair. It makes but little difference whether she remarries Jack or not, for the world is still wondering if Jere Lillis did not get the worst of that tragedy anyhow.

John B. Ratto did not disappoint his large audience last evening. He gave them good stuff and showed that he had studied his subjects with remarkable care and precision. Such entertainments are good for everyone. Following him comes that greatest of all entertainers, George Gilbert Bancroft.

Tim Sullivan, the Tammany lieutenant, fed over 5,000 hungry people on Christmas day. He also gave each a ticket for two pairs of socks and a pair of shoes. Tim may be a bad legislator but you would have a hard time making the people he fed believe it.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau says a cold wave is coming. The Grande Ronde valley will not object for we have had our share of fine weather up to date.

The ladies of a Nebraska town have decided that baldheaded men are more desirable to caress than men who have hair. Hard on the hair tonic business.

But the school children admit that one week's vacation when there is snow on the ground is worth two weeks when the ground is bare.

The board is busy at Salem today deciding the branch asylum location. Let's all hold our breath and hope hard for Union's success.

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LOCAL THEATRES

At the Isis.

Manager Sherwood at the Isis offers a high class picture at his popular house tonight, one of Selig's special, entitled, The Mexican Centennial Celebration. This picture will be the more attractive in view of the fact that Mexico has been in the lime light of the world of late in her great civil struggle. Two other good pictures will be seen at the change this evening. For further details see the house ad.

"The Barrier" is Not Barred.

Klaw and Erlanger's pet show, the one which ran at their "New Amsterdam Theatre" for the better part of a year in New York City, and which appeals to the West twice as strongly as it does to the east and is liable to make a stop here for one day after all.

"The Barrier"—Rex Beach's masterpiece, gave a new insight to New Yorkers, regarding actual realistic life in Alaska and made a truly melodramatic hit. Its success was so pronounced that it secured the choice bookings of the Pacific Coast and if the efforts of Manager Steward succeed it will be seen here on Wednesday, January 4th. Some method will be employed to ascertain if a real success may be depended upon as a full house for "The Barrier" means all the big shows for the near future.

At the Orpheum.

Manager Gardinier made no mistake last week when he announced he would have the best show in all the Northwest at the Orpheum this week. All the acts are good and compose a variety seldom seen in vaudeville. Cecil Gordon and company in the original Brinkley Girl opened the performance and Miss Gordon was original in her clever impersonations, singing and commedienne work. Her presentation of the modern hobble skirt was well taken and she received several encores from her clever act. Hashimoto, the first Japanese seen on the local stage proved to be a favorite. He did quite a few intricate and difficult feats on roller skates and at the same time performed juggling stunts that were very clever. He spins a top on a string up into the wings, bringing down a beautiful American silk flag, that covers the entire back of the stage. He closes his act by some marvelous water juggling that brought forth a burst of applause. The flag used in Mr. Hashimoto's act is made of Japanese silk and cost \$175. Young and Manning in a plantation comedy entitled "A Coon's Temptation, introducing Jim Crow the educated rooster and a game cock in a cock fight was good, and to be fully appreciated ought to be seen. During the finish of the act the rooster struts about the stage giving vent to a crow of victory every little while that is truly laughable. Tot Young also introduces some good banjo playing of the plantation variety that is good. Miss Manning closes the act with some good singing of the Sunny South that is also good. If you haven't seen the rooster fight it is well worth your while.

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Notice.

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 Dec. 3 Jan. 10.

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 D. E. COX,
 Recorder of the City of La Grande,
 Dec. 23, 28.

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 YOUNG & MANNING—A plantation comedy entitled "A Coon's Temptation, introducing Jim Crow, the actor rooster and two straight game roosters who put up a hot fight with muffs.
 TOT YOUNG—Banjo wizard and character comedian.
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