

Notice of Street Improvement
 To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 1st day of February, 1911, creating Improvement District No. 31, and designating "S" avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 1st day of February, 1911, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to im-

prove all that portion of "S" Avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon the south side, a board sidewalk, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of "S" avenue, from the east side of Monroe avenue to the west side of Spruce street.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: The north half of blocks 148 and 149 Chaplin's Addition to the Town of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$180. That the Council will on the 15th day of March, 1911, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, February 20th, 1911.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
 Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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LOCAL THEATRES

GOOD PLAY POORLY PLAYED

Man of the Hour Company Seen Here Is Considered Weak.

Although George Broadhurst's play, "The Man of the Hour" is still very popular and justly so, La Grande people who witnessed it last evening suffered disappointment at the weakness of the company and considerable surprise was heard that such a good play should be put in the hands of such poor players.

Alwyn Bennett, the mayor, was very weak. Walwright and Gibbs were neither up to the standard. Horrigan and Phelan, the politicians, were the best of the bunch, while the ladies in the cast were decidedly lacking in ability to handle the pretty parts written for them by the author. However, it is well to have the "Man of the Hour" played occasionally in a city for the lesson it teaches, even though the cast may not be strong.

Pure Political Theme

The keynote of the story of "A Gentleman from Mississippi" which will be seen at the Steward March 6 is pure politics for Americans. While the play is one of the many laughable comedies that has been produced in many years, there is a serious substrata beneath the fun that is bound to make people think. Robert R. Fisher in the part of Senator Langdon, with his old fashioned ideas of national and personal honor, is particularly happy in the role for he lives the part in his every day life. He is delivering lectures on the subject in each large city visited by the company, and is doing a work of rare educational value. Wm. A. Brady will send the entire special New York company for this engagement.

What Almsie Says.

This is the stamp of approval put on "Seven Days" by Almsie's Magazine: "A veritable scream from the rising of the first curtain to the falling of the final curtain." The writer of the foregoing might have added that the laughter does not end with the play, but is resumed whenever one thinks of the wit and fun in it. This comedy is all the more attractive from the fact that its persons are of the twentieth century set. Its fun is drawing room fun. To be sure it gets into the kitchen and climbs to the roof, but it carries the drawing room folk along with it. Underlying the laugh-creating quantities of "Seven Days" is a decidedly interesting story of love and lovers, such as all the world has liked since the beginning of time. "Seven Days" will be acted at the Steward opera house March 6, by a distinguished New York cast. Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper are sending the play here right from the Astor Theatre in New York, where it is in its second year, and with a Broadway cast and production. It will be the best thing of the season.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the administrator of the estate of Mons Moreland, deceased, has filed his final account and the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union county has fixed Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1911, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections thereto, and to finally settle said estate.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 25th day of February, 1911.

J. J. CARR,
 Administrator of the estate of Mons Moreland, deceased.
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RUSSIA'S JESTER.

Balakireff is the Joe Miller of the Muscovites.

HIS WIT TICKLES THE BEAR.

He Was the Court Fool That Many a Time Braved the Anger of Peter the Great—His Miracle of the Sword and a Wondrous Deed of Daring.

Every nation has its typical jester, around whom crystallize all the floating stories of a people. Thus England has its Joe Miller, Germany its Till Eulenspiegel, Italy its Punchinello, the orient its Nasreddin el Khoja and Russia its Balakireff. Like Joe Miller, the last was a real character, though not all the jokes credited to him were his own. Some were inventions of a later age; others were borrowed from the past. He shares the credit for many of the latter with Joe Miller and Eulenspiegel.

History records that Balakireff was the favorite jester of Peter the Great. Tradition represents him as the constant companion of that czar, frequently exercising his wit at royal expense. One day, for example, a cousin of his had fallen under the czar's displeasure and was sentenced to death. Balakireff undertook to obtain a reprieve. The czar guessed his errand even before he opened his mouth.

"No!" he cried. "Tis no use your coming here. I swear that I will not grant what you are going to ask!"

Balakireff dropped at once to his knees. "Peter Alexevitch," he cried, "I pray you, put to death that scamp of a cousin of mine!"

Peter, thus caught in his own trap, had no choice but to laugh and send a pardon to the culprit.

On another occasion Balakireff asked that he might be enrolled among his master's domestic guards. Peter consented for the sake of the joke, but warned his jester that death was the penalty if any officer of the guards absented himself from his post or mislaid his sword. Then to test the volunteer he sent him up a flagon of wine to "moisten his commission."

Balakireff, as was expected, drank to the intoxicating point. While he was sleeping off his debauch the czar himself crept into the room and carried off his sword from the scabbard. Balakireff, though badly scared, on awaking made shift to replace the missing weapon with his own wooden imitation of the guardsmen's sword. He was called to parade next morning, when Peter feigned hot indignation at the untidiness of one of the guards.

"Captain Balakireff," he cried at last, "draw your sword and cut off the head of that sloven!"

Balakireff cast his eyes up to heaven. "Oh, merciful God," he prayed, "grant that my sword may turn into wood before I use it on one of my own fellow soldiers!"

And, lo, when he unsheathed it the blade stood revealed as a wooden one. Peter laughed heartily at the knave's presence of mind and restored him to favor.

A more serious offense resulted in the banishment of the jester. "Never dare to appear again on Russian soil!" stormed the emperor. Judge then of Peter's surprise when, a week later, he beheld his old favorite coolly driving a cart past the palace.

"How dare you disobey me?" shouted the enraged monarch. "Did I not forbid you ever to show yourself on Russian soil?"

"Nay," replied Balakireff, "I have not disobeyed you. This is not Russian soil."

"How say you—not Russian soil?"

"Truly not. This cartload of earth on which I am sitting is Swedish soil. I dug it up in Finland only the other day."

Again the czar laughed uproariously and readmitted his buffoon to favor. Some historians add that when he heard the excuse he said, "If Finland be Swedish soil now it shall be Russian before long," a threat he was not slow to fulfill.

This story, however, was an old one long before the time of Balakireff. It forms the twenty-seventh adventure of Till Eulenspiegel, who is reputed to have died in 1350. Having offended the Duke of Lüneburg, Till was "forbidden the land." He purchased a shilling's worth of earth to fill his cart with, and, being duly challenged by the duke, he answered:

"My gracious lord, I am not in your land, but in mine own, wherein I do sit. I bought it of a boor for a shilling. And rightfully could he sell it, for from his forefathers he inherited it. So is this truly my land."

At the close of one of Czar Peter's campaigns Balakireff overheard some Russian officers boasting of exploits they had performed.

"Nay," he cried, "I can tell a better story than any of you." And, being pressed for the story, he continued:

"Never have I liked this modern way of fighting, all in a body together. Surely it would be more manly for each to stand by himself. Therefore went I out alone in search of adventures. One day while reconnoitering

near the enemy's outposts I espied a Swedish soldier lying on the ground. Before he could rise and give the alarm I rushed upon him and with one blow from my sword cut off his right foot.

"You fool!" cried one of his auditors. "Why did you not cut off his head?"

"So would I have done," retorted Balakireff, "except that somebody else had already done it."—Washington Star.

INSULTED THE KING.

The Joke a Printer Turned on Louis Philippe and M. Thiers.

One morning during the reign of Louis Philippe there appeared in the Constitutionnel the following startling paragraph:

"His majesty the king received M. Thiers yesterday at the Tuilleries and charged him with the formation of a new cabinet. The distinguished statesman hastened to reply to the king:

"I have only one regret, which is that I cannot wring your neck like a turkey's."

A few lines lower down there was another paragraph running to the following effect:

"The efforts of justice have been promptly crowned with success. The murderer of the Rue du Pot-de-Fer has been arrested in a house of bad reputation. Led at once before the judge of instruction, the wretch had the hardihood to address the magistrate in terms of coarse insult, winding up with the following words, which amply show that there remains not a spark of conscience or right feeling in this hardened soul:

"God and man are my witnesses that I have never had any other ambition than to serve your august person and my country loyally to the best of my ability."

The printer had just cleverly managed to interchange the two addresses. The cream of the joke was that it was universally known how very little love there was lost between the king and the minister.—Strauss' Reminiscences.

Rays and Raiss.

"Everybody emits rays. An angry man emits violet rays; a contented person emits pinkish rays."

"Sounds interesting. I wonder if my boss would emit a ten dollar raise of salary!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Weed Notice

Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of School District No. One of Union county, Oregon, will receive up to 4 o'clock p. m. of March 3rd, 1911, sealed bids for furnishing said school District No. One with cords of four foot, split, yellow pine and red fir wood, said wood to be cut while green and not later than June 1st, 1911, free from large knots and acceptable to said school board. Said wood is to be delivered 300 cords at high school building, and 100 cords at the Fourth ward school and to be corded up neatly and closely where directed by Board.

100 cords to be delivered by July 1st, and all on or before Sept. 1, 1911. Bids to be left with school clerk. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
 School Clerk.

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