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"Jim the Penman" Delights and Teaches Crowded House Last Night.

- CAST OF CHARACTERS
- * Agnes Ralston... Florence Smythe
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 - * James Ralston... Thurlow Bergen
 - * Mr. Netherby... Geo. McManus
 - * Louis Percival... Clarence Arper
 - * Baron Hartfeld... Theo. Roberts

Florence Roberts, Thurlow Bergen and Theodore Roberts in the order enumerated were the stellar attractions of a half-score capable actors in a splendid dramatic production that entertained a "house" in the Steward opera house last night that called for every available seat on the main floor and filled the gallery with men and women. "Jim the Penman" the piece in which not only three stars but a half dozen other people of far more than ordinary ability essayed the task of pleasing a big audience is rattling good. It is a four-act piece in which the plot thickens rapidly from the first and reaches its climax in the third act where Miss Roberts attains the highest perfection of her art. Then comes retribution. She is an emotional actor but not of the wild, raving type and with little ado of physical exertion, depending on facial expression and light gestures to convey the same thought that others will tear at their hair and eyes to express.

She is in a much better company and a much better piece than when here four years ago in the "House of Bondage" when it is safe to say not 50 per cent of the audience even liked her work, let alone praised it. She has a vehicle now fitted for her and the same is true of Theodore Roberts. There may be a variation in public opinion as to the relative merits of Mr. Bergen and Mr. Roberts but it was Bergen who has the more difficult role of the two—Roberts is peculiarly fitted for his part and was acting under pretty much the same conditions, while Bergen was figuratively wadded hither and thither and called upon to delineate more than one sort of a human being—Roberts, not so. He was the same old baron, through and through.

Mr. Bergen was here with Miss Roberts before, but this is the first time a La Grande audience saw Mr. Roberts Frank Denithorne was also here about five years ago, being then attached to the Rose Coghlin company and Clarence Arper was here in "The Man of the Hour."

One might go on indefinitely dwelling at length on the morals of the play and the capabilities of the individual people portraying the parts in that play but it would be superfluous for those who didn't see it, overlooked a chance to see and hear as well-finished and skilled production of a high class drama as it will be the pleasure of a La Grande audience to see for some time; to those who were there, no word of commendation need be added.

La Grande is a cold, hard, exacting theatre crowd, but it warmed up last night and one of those rare occasions at the Steward went as a high compliment to the actors. The leading character was called to the curtain repeatedly and the "hand" was given to her colleagues too, with plenty of vim. La Grande seldom does applaud with any degree of vigor and though Miss Roberts probably didn't know, the audience paid her a warm compliment indeed by the protracted "hands" after her masterly attainment of the climax in the third act.

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FRINK TO DON STRIPE TOGS

FORMER ATHENA PITCHER GOES TO PRISON.

Man Known to Baseball Circles Lands up in Penitentiary.

"Soldier" Frink, the slab artist who was directly responsible for the capture of the championship rag by the Athena team last spring and who has since been hurling the sphere for the Chehalis team, will be in uniform of a different pattern for the next year. He will wear convict stripes, for he has just been sentenced to a term in the Washington state penitentiary, according to a message from Chehalis, which reads:

"Early Sunday morning Frink, who pitched for Chehalis in the state league this year, tried to break into a hardware store of the Fred Dunbar company and was caught in the act by Night Officer John Parr. Parr had been to the fire for some time and left there about 2:30 o'clock to make the rounds of the city. He started down the alley between Chehalis and

Pacific avenues just in time to catch Frink in the act of trying to enter the store by way of a rear window. The latter jumped and started to run, but was compelled to stop and put his hands up. He begged Parr to give him another chance as he said he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. Frink was arraigned before Judge Rice this morning and pleaded guilty to attempted robbery in the second degree and was sentenced to the penitentiary for from one to five years, with recommendations for one year only.

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