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THAT GRADUATE SCHOOL.

Princeton university is to have a school to which money will not buy admission, while lack of it will be no bar. The students who may attend this institution are limited to 100. It is to form what is so sorely needed in the United States as an offset to the prevalent plutocracy, "An aristocracy of the mind."

The institution in question is the graduate school, established on a foundation of \$4,000,000. This sum, by making possible the policy of admission for merit only, proves how money can be used to destroy the too great power of money. With independent resources there is no reason why this school should turn away any student competent to profit by its courses.

Pure scholarship governs the entrance requirements. It is planned to admit 100 young men, graduates, of course, who give promise of being able to reach the highest intellectual heights. By this recognition of the value of higher education the founders of this Princeton institution follow in the footsteps of Germany. The German respects scholarship as he respects nothing else, not even military prestige. To the poorest professor or intellectual worker of any kind there is accorded a recognition that no wealth nor purely material attainment can command.

In the United States the brain worker who cannot coin his thoughts into "the round, yellow pieces that buy things" is placed lower than the successful merchant or manufacturer. In the early days of this country it was natural that the emphasis should be placed on material conquests. In a primitive land he who fosters trade, opens markets and develops resources is a public benefactor. From this early tradition we have imbibed our extreme respect for wealth. Today, with conditions no longer primitive, with education more widely diffused and with our people keenly conscious that there are more than material conquests to be gained, we should foster the habit of recognizing culture and learning. The graduate school at Princeton is significant in so far as it signifies that the tide is turning.

Old French in Official England. One may not be ignorant, perhaps, that French, old French, remains as the language used in certain royal proclamations in England.

So when "the king's assent" is given before the throne in "the painted chamber" the clerk cries in the language of our father, "Le roy le veult." ("the king so pleases"). If the bill that he is asked to approve is a money bill the clerk adds after a profound obeisance, "The king thanks his good subjects, accepts their benevolence and is pleased." The proclamation on ascending the throne is preceded by the traditional call of the French heralds of former times, "Oyez, oyez, oyez!" Alas, that time has disfigured this old world of our country, and today the phlegmatic English herald cries thrice to the people: "Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Oh, yes!"—Ori de Paris.

National Baths.

He was a gentleman who was in Washington as a minister representing Honduras. Diplomats, according to the popular conception, never say the wrong thing. They are believed to be the delicacy of language and the fineness of vocabulary. This particular diplomat entered an uptown barber shop in Washington and got a shave after he had explained what he wanted in words which were more full of accent than of fluency.

"Now, sir," said the barber briskly, "can't we give you a Turkish bath?" "No-o-o!" replied the man from Honduras, with some hesitation. "You see, I'm no—no Turk."—Popular Magazine.

Plants and Electricity.

The idea of growing plants by electricity has been referred to as the "last cry" in gardening and floriculture; but, as a matter of fact, the idea is nearly a couple of centuries old. As long ago as 1747 electricity, as an aid to plant cultivation, was advocated by a writer in the old Gentleman's Magazine, who mentioned the astounding results he had achieved from electrifying a myrtle seventeen times.—London Tit-Bits.

A Thackeray Ship.

Thackeray asked Lowell to point out candidly any error of Queen Anne English in the novel "Heary Edmond." Lowell asked if people used at that time the phrase "different to."

"Hang it all!" cried Thackeray. "No, of course they didn't."

Draws the Line There.

"All the world loves a lover," quoted the wise guy.

"Yes, but it hates to buy wedding presents for him," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

How Scandal Grows.

"What's this? I hear you had your face smashed in a barber shop."

"You heard it wrong. The barber merely broke my mug."—Kansas City Journal.

Plain Talk From Home.

"I ought to be supremely happy," the youth wrote to the home people. "I don't see much business ahead, but I have my diploma and my books."

Whereupon the "old man" wrote him: "Put the diploma in a frame, make a pillow of the books, then rise up early and hit some good hard licks for three square meals a day."—Atlanta Constitution.

Great minds are wild, others only wish.—German Proverb.



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BIG ELK'S SHOW IS READY FOR DEBUT TONIGHT

Tonight is the Elks' big show, "The Elk's Tooth", at the Arcade theatre. The entire production was staged yesterday with all the scenery and properties and the beautiful scenes displayed were a great surprise to the company. Last night there was another rehearsal at the Elks' club that smoothed out every little detail and the production will go on tonight with all the snap and vim of a big traveling attraction. The beautiful costumes were given out Saturday, which delighted the entire company.

The chorus will change costumes at every appearance, something unusual even in road shows of the better class. The scale of prices will be as follows: Lower floor \$1.50. First two rows of balcony \$1.00. Remainder of balcony 75 cents and 50 cents. Special decorations of the Elks' colors will beautify the auditorium of the theatre and every detail will be looked after to make it the greatest Elk show ever staged in La Grande.

"The Elk's Tooth," caste has been whipping in the finishing touches the last few nights and now announce that they are ready for the big show. This noon the box office rush showed nights.

"THE ELK'S TOOTH" Written and Staged by H. L. Brown.

PROGRAM.

The play opens on board an ocean liner, which is lying in a bay of a south sea island repairing machinery. Among the many passengers who are on board are two American tourists traveling around the world under a wager, disguised as a Dutchman and a tramp. The plot hinges on these two characters. At the close of the first act, a genuine southern storm comes up and the ship narrowly averts being wrecked on the rocks. During the storm the Dutchman and the tramp are blown overboard, while the ship catches fire and is blown out to sea with all on board. Fortunately a chicken coop is blown overboard, to which the two men cling until morning, when they are washed ashore. As they land on the island and are contemplating a search for food, a tribe of cannibals overpower and tie them to trees. The cannibals build a big fire and prepare for a feast, when they discover the Elk's tooth worn by the Dutchman. Hostilities cease, and, very much to the surprise of the Americans they crown the Dutchman king. The mystery surrounding the elk's tooth provides the theme for the subsequent developments and final conclusion of an interesting and thrilling story. The ludicrous situations in which the two comedians find themselves furnish an abundance of humor that is ever clean and wholesome, and the beauties of a southern tropical island form an appropriate setting for the choruses and dances.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Captain Blowhard, of the S. S. "Sea Queen" ..... M. B. Donohue
Bowlin Knott, mate of the "Sea Queen" ..... J. H. Peare
Griddle, cook of the "Sea Queen" ..... Norman Desilet
Will I. Strand, manager of the "Garden of Roses" Opera Company ..... C. P. Ferrin
Wienie Wurst, a German-American tourist ..... A. B. Rogers
Easy Tyme, an American tourist ..... Chas. Harding
Cookem Quick, a cannibal chief ..... C. P. Ferrin
Michael Patrick Finnegan, secretary to the King ..... W. P. Peare
King Hi Mogul, ruler of Kokomo Island ..... John Hadaller
Tinsel Winnerway, Prima Donna of the "Garden of Roses" Opera Company ..... Miss Olive Massee
Princess May, daughter of the King ..... Mrs. C. P. Ferrin
Carmine, a belle of Kokomo Island ..... Miss Laretta Bramwell
CHORUS—Miss Retta Bramwell, Miss Bessie Allison, Mrs. Irving Watson, Miss Elva Green, Miss Vera Joel, Miss Agnes Leslie, Miss Nora Arbuckle, Miss Calista Love, Miss Leona Newlin, Miss Charlotte Jones, Miss Eilene Peare, Miss Harriet Nichols, Mr. Herbert Browning, Mr. Wallace Black, Mr. Bobby Pattison, Mr. Fred Henning, Mr. Walter Francis, Mr. George Abegg, Mr. Don Scott, Mr. H. E. Dixon, Mr. Glen Conley.

MUSICAL NUMBERS.

ACT I.
Opening Chorus, "On the Deep Blue Sea" ..... Sailor Boys and Girls
Incidental Solos for Soprano and Bass.
Coon Song, "Jane" ..... Griddle
Soprano Solo, "The Lonely Moon" ..... Miss Winnerway
Duet and Chorus, "O Merry Maiden" ..... Miss Winnerway, Mr. Strand and Chorus
Topical Song, "Stick Around Awhile" ..... Wienie, Easy and Chorus
ACT II.
Tenor Solo, with Male Chorus, "By Discovery" ..... Chief Cookem Quick and Cannibal Warriors
Baritone Solo and Chorus, "Dear Old United States" ..... King Hi Mogul and Indian Chorus
Quartet, "Lingering" ..... Easy, Wienie and Indian Girls
Duet for Baritone and Soprano, "Canoe Song" ..... Chief Cookem Quick, Carmine and Chorus
ACT III.
Comic Song, "A Touch of Nature" ..... Michael P. Finnegan and Chorus

Grand Finale.....Entire Company

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES.

Act I.—Scene, quarter-deck of the S. S. "Sea Queen." Opening Chorus, "Out Over the Sea," "The Island Was Inhabited by Cannibals." Song, "Jane," by Griddle. "Sea Shells." A comic opera managers' troubles. Soprano solo, "The Lonely Moon." Ship Ahoy. "Oh, Merry Maiden." Strand, Miss Winnerway and double octets from the "Garden of Roses" Opera Company. The article in the Baltimore Herald. Arrival of Easy Tyme and Wienie Wurst. "Stick Around Awhile." Wienie, Easy and Chorus. The approaching storm. All hands on deck. Stand ready to clear away. "Man Overboard." Terrible storm at sea. The ship on fire.
Act II.—Scene, shore of Kokomo Island. Shipwrecked on a cannibal island. Wienie's story. "I am not your mother." Wienie and Easy captured by cannibals. The sun dance. "By Right of Discovery." Cookem Quick and Cannibal Warriors. Wienie to be the first victim. The Elk's Tooth. Finnegan's story. Gold. The corporation. The plot to dethrone the king. "Wienie Wurst the King." It will be the worst king the natives ever had. "Dear Old United States." King Hi Mogul and Indian Chorus. Finnegan as a diplomat. The king an easy victim. Quartette, "Lingering." Easy, Wienie and Indian girls. Wienie adds several planks to his platform. Easy and Finnegan creating offices for themselves, Finnegan to be the cabinet. "Canoe Song." Chief Cookem Quick, Carmine and Chorus.
Act III.—Scene, Indian village, Kokomo Island. Return of the plotters. Personal matters. "He is carrying this matter entirely too far." Finnegan as a peacemaker. "A Touch of Nature." Finnegan and Indian Chorus. Landing of the "Sea Queen." Final Chorus, Entire Company.

CIRCUIT COURT OPENS.

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recovery of a \$100 promissory note and A. B. Huddleson and W. A. Huddleson, forming the business firm of Huddleson & Son, are the defendants. R. J. Greene was counsel for the bank and John Hodgkin for the defendants. Judge Morrow will take up the O. W. R. & N. case tomorrow.

Judge Faces Attaches.

Judge Morrow spent a busy hour this morning meeting court attaches and attorneys. Farmers who have grain ready for threshing or threshed and out in sacks, were given every possible consideration as the Portland jurist realized the great necessity of prompt action with grain crops and allowed his decisions for excusals to govern him.

"Eighteen years ago," said Judge Morrow, this morning before the grand jury was drawn, "I was through La Grande delivering Polk directories and since that time have only been through La Grande occasionally. I have formed a strong liking for La Grande, however, and it pleases me much to be able to spend a week in the city, meeting Union county people."

Cases that are at issue but have not been set for trial, include: American National bank vs. Hewitt; Chicago Gilm & Exchange Co. vs. Sherwood Claridge vs. Miller; The Out-calt Advertising Company vs. Buel, appeal from justice court; Toy L. Young vs. Ed Wulf; State vs. Beatey; State vs. Ray Clark; State vs. Cook; State vs. D. R. Fong; State vs. Murchison, certified up from the justice court.

Many Cases Set for Trial.

The list of cases set for trial when court opened this morning, included the following in the order named: Powder Valley Bank vs. Huddleson & Son. Wiggins & McKennon vs. O. W. R. & N. company. (Settled out of court today). State vs. Burnett, et al. State vs. Newlin. State vs. Broughn. State vs. Kivette.

While these cases are being tried the grand jury will be turning out indictments and the court will then take up the criminal cases sent out

from the grand jury room. Grand Jury Created.

The principal work cut out for the morning session was to create the grand jury and act on juror petitions for excusals. The grand jury as picked this morning was: Dexter Easton, C. W. Fisher, W. J. Hughes, later appointed foreman; Jonathan Greene, E. D. Halley, M. W. Huffman and Lewis Klienfelter.

Instructions were issued and the customary attention of the jury called to matters pertaining to prizefight forest fires, libel and illicit sale of liquor.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CUNNINGHAM DISTRICT.

Harry McNabe, who was taken ill with paralysis this week, is a little better. The doctors now think he may recover.

E. D. Gekeler's brother-in-law and family spent Sunday with them.

Miss Winnie Newcombe was a week end visitor at the home of Lottie Bendchadler last week.

Fred Hall lost a valuable five-year-old mare last Sunday. The horse was not sick very long.

George Closen and family, from Walla Walla, are visiting at the home of Ray Hug.

Cadden Crawford and family were among the Elgin visitors at Walla Walla last week.

Clifton Phillips lost one of his driving horses last week.

Mr. Shelton is now digging his potatoes. The crop is pretty fair this fall. Ray Hug and family spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Beem.

The Rev. Mr. Smith will preach in the Rysdam school house next Sunday.

The Cunningham school has a better attendance than usual this year. New pupils are coming in every week. The fall grain is looking fine and almost every one is through hauling wheat.

Mrs. Rude Hug spent last Sunday with her mother, who lives over in the Pumpkin Ridge country.

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