

KEEN COMEDY IN PARODY

LATIN CLASS PRODUCTION FRIDAY, A SCREAM

Takeoff on Shakespeare's Famous Production, full of laughs.

On Friday, February 19, the Latin club of the high school, assisted by the boys of the Athletic association will give a revised version of "The Merchant of Venice," the proceeds to be divided between the two organizations.

This play, an exceedingly humorous and clever parody on Shakespeare's comedy of that name, has an interesting history, according to the details given by Mr. Radd, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., whose sister was a member of the class that originally produced it. Four boys in the Junior class of the high school at Cedar Rapids, Iowa were failing in their Rhetoric and were challenged by their teacher to write a play for the Senior class. They were promised that if successful they should receive their class credits. "The Merchant of Venice Up to Date" won for them not only the desired credits but also financial profit as it has proved to be one of the most popular school plays ever written. It is still given on an average of once in four years in the

Cedar Rapids high school and in hundreds of other schools all over the country.

The following is the cast of the play as it will be given here Friday night:

- The Duke of Venice... Walter Bean
- Antonio, a Senator, Capt. of the H. S. Football Team... Clyde Bunting
- Bassanio, his friend and suitor to Portia... Glen Conkey
- Gratiano, another friend... Frank Clark
- Shylock, a wealthy gambler... Harold Newton
- Tubal, his friend, and Capt. of the Belmont Football Team... Earl Rosenbaum
- Lancelot Gobbo, a servant to Shylock... Harold Tall
- The Professor, an X-ray photographer... Fred Moonhouse
- Policeman... Jay Shaw
- Portia, a rich heiress... Lucille Pierce
- Nerissa, her friend... Leona Newlin
- Jessica, Shylock's ward... Marjorie Snook
- Miss Abbie Thredwell, a teacher... Helen McDonald
- Polly, Portia's maid... Gertrude Reynolds
- Mrs. Gobbo, Lancelot's mother... Stella Bodmer
- Antonio's mother... Helen Pierce
- Football Players... H. S. Boys

A Forgotten Custom. Uncle Ezra—Eph Hoskins must have had some time down in New York.

Uncle Eben—Yep. Reckon he traveled a mighty swift pace. Eph's wife said that when Eph got back and went into his room he looked at the bed, kicked it and said, "What's that darn thing for?"—Judge.

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MRS. BAXTER BURIED AT COVE SUNDAY.

Fine Weather Prevails in Cherry Section and People Are Happy.

Cove, Ore., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Every body in and around Cove, have been enjoying fine weather as well as the farmers' institute which was held in this city the past week.

Mrs. Baxter, mother of Robert Baxter, our local barber, passed away in Utah Friday, where she had been taken for medical treatment. The remains were brought here and the service was held in the L. D. S. church and laid to rest in Cove cemetery, Sunday. A husband and several children are left to mourn their loss.

Report says that Mrs. A. A. Belde of Portland, a former resident of Cove is greatly improved since last week.

T. B. Johnson made a trip to North Powder this week.

Roy Baker made a business trip to Wallowa the forepart of the week.

Miss Edna Comstock is suffering from a severe injury to her left arm, it was hurt while coasting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Becker went to La Grande Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Becker over Sunday.

Mrs. L. J. Chadwick and Mrs. Edith Johnson are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Sarah Tompson of La Grande spent the week end at the home of her grandson Lester Johnson and family.

Mrs. Davis Boswell and daughter Miss Effie are greatly improved after several weeks of illness.

Geo. Jasper and wife left Saturday for Milton and Walls Walls, looking for a location.

Mrs. Geo. Chadwick has been seriously ill the past week. Dr. Myers of Union was called Thursday for consultation with Dr. McCown of this city.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson and daughter were over from La Grande Sunday visiting at the Lester Johnson home.

Mrs. J. Hancock and son Charles, left on the train Friday evening for Corvallis to be at the bedside of Mrs. Hancock's daughter, Miss Violet, who was critically ill with appendicitis.

Miss Hancock, who was a teacher in the Corvallis schools, died before they reached there. Mrs. Ed Clark of Lower Cove, spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Miller.

Geo. Holmes is on the sick list again. Dr. McCown is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Koger were over from La Grande visiting their nephew, Harlan Koger, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers visited with Lester Johnson and wife, Sunday.

Want Ads.

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Texas Not to Divide

Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—The bill to make a separate state out of the Panhandle section of Texas, although buried in committee today and fated to die by sentiment for the "grand old state," served its purpose. This was, as its author, Senator W. A. Johnson, pointed out in the preamble of his resolution, to force the redistricting of Texas in accordance with the last census.

The charge was specifically made that liquor interests were largely responsible for the failure to redistrict and give the Panhandle fair representation in Congress. A "slush fund to control state politics" was mentioned, and the inhabitants of the proposed new state of Jefferson "wished to free of such domination," it was stated.

Immediately following the Johnson resolution, a redistricting bill was introduced and today was believed to be certain of passage at this session of the legislature.

The great size of Texas is known to every school child in America. The proposition to divide Texas into two or even more states is not a new one. But this year the suggestion was received with less ridicule than ever and a few political wisacres were willing to predict that in the not far distant future such a bill would have a fair chance of passing the legislature.

Senator Johnson's bill proposed to organize a new sovereign state out of the four western counties and the so-called Panhandle district. The preamble declared this section was entitled to two more Congressmen than has today, that it supplies practically all the public school lands and pays to support free education in Texas out of all proportion to other parts of the state, and that its representation in the state legislature should be increased.

The bill provided for the organization of a legislature and a constitutional convention in the suggested new state.

A Striking Pair.

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TIGHT WAD TIM.

(By Hugh Kahler, in Wells Fargo-Messenger.)

I like to plow the coin I earn; but I don't blame the guy, who'd rather have the money, than the fun that it will buy. If you prefer the savings bank to taking in a show or cats and drinks and decent clothes, you won't hear me say no! I'd rather have some fun, myself, but I won't pick on you because you'd rather squeeze your cash than do the things I do.

But when a guy like Old Tim Fish, is so confounded tight, he tries to scrimp for other folks, why, then, I say: Good-Night!

Tim's such a mean old skin-flint he used to throw a fit, if anybody came in late or beat the clock a bit. He kept a record on us all and then convinced the boss he'd better put a time-clock in and stop this wasteful loss! It took Tight Tim to spot a chance to make waste-paper pay—he bought a patent baler and sold the stuff like hay! Our ink consumption nearly moved the stinky stiff to tears; his air-tight ink-wells maybe saved a quart each hundred

years! He said to sharpen pencils with a pen knife was a crime—it wasted heaps of precious lead and gobs of costly time! And so they bought a small machine with which the office boy points up the pencils every day and fills old Tim with joy!

Tim always snooped around the place, cat-footed, on the hunt to spot a tiny leak or start some penny-saving stunt! He'd nearly weep when pay-day came to see the money go—he acted like he paid us guys his own beloved dough! It made him sore to watch such lads as me and Clarence Hick—we used to often rest a bit, because we'd get our work done quick.

He got the Chief's permission to re-arrange the force, so every fellow in it, had to labor like a horse.

I never liked the tight, old pink, the penny pinching cuss—I say he didn't have no right to spoil our jobs for us! And that ain't all the Tightwad did—he chopped the force by three, and let the smartest fellows go—and one of them was me!

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