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THE WEATHER.  
Rain tonight; warmer; south-  
easterly winds, increasing along  
the coast.

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## GUILTY IS VERDICT IN HALL CASE

### Former U. S. District Attorney Convicted After Three Hours' Deliberation.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Ex-United States District Attorney John H. Hall, indicted for conspiring with the Bette Crook Land, Livestock & Lumber company to maintain an illegal fence, which included 20,000 acres of public land in Wheeler county, was today found guilty. The trial has been in progress since January 13, and was bitterly fought by both sides. Three hours and ten minutes after receiving the instructions from Judge Hunt last night the jury arrived at a decision and at 1:30 o'clock this morning a sealed verdict was returned, which was opened at 10 o'clock this morning.

The offense is punishable with a fine of not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years. The sentence was suspended for the time being, Hall's attorney being granted until May 1 to prepare a bill of exceptions. There were 12 individuals indicted on this conspiracy charge, but Hall was the only one tried, the others having pleaded guilty of having been given a immunity bath as a reward for having testified for the prosecution.

Hall appeared much surprised at the verdict of the jury and expressed a belief that it was based upon matters which had no bearing on the case and which he did not know would be introduced. He declared his conscience was free in the matter. His attorney gave notice of appeal.

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### NORDICA'S FIANCE IS OREGON MINING MAN

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 8.—George W. Young, the millionaire mining man to whom Madame Lillian Nordica, the famous singer, is to be married in New York within the next few days, is a well-known miner of Grants Pass. He is the sole owner of the Preston Peak copper mines, located on the crest of the Siskiyou mountains, and has expended a big sum in getting them in shape for operation, it being his dream to erect one of the biggest smelters in America on the heights of the Siskiyou near his properties. No doubt the copper miner and his bride will spend a portion of their honeymoon in the wilds of the Siskiyou, hunting bear and deer as a pastime.

W. H. Kennedy, who has been absent in Cadillac, Mich., for the past three weeks, will return to Medford Sunday.

## EXCURSIONISTS DUE SUNDAY

### Inland Empire Crowd Arrive Tomorrow —Owners of Autos Asked to Come Out in Full Force—Everybody Re- quested to Take Part in Welcome.

In one of the most palatial trains ever seen in the west, under the personal charge of William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, the inland empire excursionists from Spokane and surrounding cities, arrive at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will stop at Medford half an hour.

Members of the reception committee, headed by Mayor Reddy and President Colvig of the Commercial club, will receive the guests and all Medford is expected to turn out to welcome the visitors.

Owners of all autos are requested to have them drawn up in line at the depot, so as to afford a material evidence of this region's prosperity. Boxes of fancy apples will be distributed to the guests and a programme of welcome arranged.

### WHEREABOUTS OF MORSE ARE STILL A MYSTERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The whereabouts of Banker Morse is still a mystery, notwithstanding rumors that he was in the city Wednesday night. The United States attorney has requested Morse's attorneys to induce him to return, and they have called Liverpool to intercept him, if he should be on the Campanian, though it is doubted that he is on that vessel.

### SOCIAL NOTES.

Master Jean Paul Reddy, son of Mayor J. P. Reddy, entertained eight of his friends in honor of his eighth birthday on Saturday afternoon. Helen Reddy, Millie Piel and Donald Russell won prizes in the rabbit contest. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

On Monday evening Miss Orth of Jacksonville entertained a number of young people in honor of Jean Paul Reddy's eighth birthday.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. P. J. McMahon delightfully entertained at bridge Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Mrs. W. Hyde Stalker, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Ralph L. Clarke.

### Revivalists Arrive.

Professor Gray and wife, from Chicago, the singing evangelists, arrived today to open revival services at the Methodist church on B street on Sunday. Rev. C. M. Van Marter, from Iowa, is on the way. The evangelists had 175 conversions at Lebanon, Ia.

### Road Supervisors for 1908.

District No. 1—W. E. Holbert.  
District No. 2—L. A. Rose.  
District No. 3—A. Throckmorton.  
District No. 4—Barton E. Hard.  
District No. 5—J. R. Morrison.  
District No. 6—Linnus J. Headler.  
District No. 7—Royal Brown.  
District No. 8—Oscar Schuman.  
District No. 9—George W. Stacey.

## STAGE FINDS DEFENDERS IN ANDREWS AND COLVIG FROM PREACHER'S ATTACKS

### Veteran Actor and Attorney Both Reply to Rev. Reuter, Defending Morality of The- ater—Careers of Noted Actors Cited as Example—Hot Shot From Colvig.

BY W. M. COLVIG.  
To the Editor:

After being advised by the Rev. Mr. Reuter that dancing is immoral and that the theater is the "workshop of the devil," I feel somewhat like the boy did of whom I once heard. He lived during the Puritan days in New England, when Sunday was regarded as a day of sorrowful meditation. By an absolute family requirement the boy attended church with his mother, and wearily listened to a soul-barrowing sermon on the burning question of "In fact damnation," accompanied by a vivid portrayal of the future punishment and torments of the wicked after death. The exercises of the day closed with the old, familiar hymn, whose concluding lines says heaven is a place— "Where congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths never end."

While walking homeward his mind filled with the gloomy memories of the day, and the cheerless refrain of the hymn yet ringing in his ears, he looked up to his mother and said: "Say, ma? Don't Sabbaths never end in heaven?"

"No, my son," she replied, "but why do you ask?"

"Well, because," said he, "I'm like a Saturday once in a while, so I could slide down to hell and have a good time."

### Heaven a Gloomy Place.

What a gloomy and lonesome place heaven will be if only those who never smile and whose souls are continually maked with mortifying groans are to reach its pearly gates and walk upon its golden streets!

Rev. Mr. Reuter is more than a century past due on the stage of human affairs. His ideas would have been in the red front of battle in the days when "Infant Damnation" was preached, and when the Quakers were expelled from the colony for not conforming to the Puritan system of worship. He would have been a leader in those days, when every Protestant church in America—save one—demanded the observance of Christmas, on the ground that it was an institution of the Roman Catholic church.

I have an idea that many of us who patronize the theater are as moral, as respectable, and as "near the cross" as is the revered gentleman.

### Challenge Accepted.

He indignantly threw down the gauntlet in this controversy by trying to impose his ideas on the public by means of the daily press. We accept the challenge.

It is the love of the beautiful in the human heart that leads us to admire the sentiments of the soul, whether expressed by the work of the sculptor's chisel, the musician's wand or the painter's brush. The greatest quality of man is not his form, nor his strength, nor his ability to accumulate worldly wealth, but his ideas and sentiments. Whatever he has wrought in the name of the beautiful has come from the divinity of his nature. It may have found expression by evolving an angel from the rough marble, or by appearing upon the glowing canvases of a Van Dyck, a Millet or a Rosa Bonheur. It may have come to charm the world from the tuneful soul of the musician as it may be found in the words of the ideal Homer, or upon the written pages of Shakespeare, Milton, Dickens, Tennyson, Whittier or any of the great luminaries who have endowed the art of literature with the devotion of their lives.

### In the Hall of Fame.

Has the actors' art no place in the Hall of Fame? From whence comes his power to arouse the sluggish soul from its reveries and banish the burden of care from the brow of labor? From the devil, says Mr. Reuter? I do not think it. The beauty and power of Christianity was never more strongly impressed upon my mind than it was when I witnessed the presentation of "Ben Hur" and "Quo Vadis" by great actors and actresses in a Chicago theater. Each of them were stars in the art of portraying the sentiments of the human soul. I can imagine how

restful it was to the great President Abraham Lincoln to throw aside the burdens of the day, and for an evening hour enjoy the beauty of this God-given art. Was he sinful or immoral in so doing? At the moment when the assassin's bullet struck him in Ford's theater he and his wife sat side by side, enjoying the beautiful drama of "Our American Cousin," which in itself is a great sermon on loyalty and fidelity to home and country. But our friend may say, can we not hear Christianity exemplified and taught without going to see a production of "Ben Hur" or "Quo Vadis"? It may be, but I like good art, whether it be the orator's or the musician's. I do not admire a play like "A Desperate Chance," nor a book like the "Life of Jesse James," but I do admire "Ben Hur" and "Quo Vadis" and Milton's "Paradise Lost." I do not admire nor enjoy a poor sermon, whether written or spoken, but I do not condemn Christianity because many poor sermons are preached. Nor Milton, because many other books are evil. Nor the theater, because "A Desperate Chance" was produced on its stage. These things are all kindly said in self-defense from the charge of immorality implied by Mr. Reuter's letters to the Tribune. Myself and family patronize the theater and we find sermons in the songs of the birds, in the running brook, in the starry heavens and in all the great and beautiful things that man's divine nature has wrought in the name of the beautiful.

WILLIAM M. COLVIG.

### BY ED ANDREWS.

Editor Daily Tribune:

It seems that brother Reuter has been anxiously waiting for the letter that never comes. I have tried in my former articles to write in a manner that would not give offense and not descend to personalities, and I would willingly leave the controversy where it is and anyone and go my way, but for the fact that Rev. Mr. Reuter has caused the people who attend the theater, and they are among the best of our community. He feels that he has proven his case and that henceforth people who go to the playhouse may consider themselves under a ban.

Let us take a look at this article of January 29. "Does the theater improve the morals of a community or lower them? What class of people predominates at the average theater?"

### Morality and the Theater.

In answer to the first question, I would like to ask, "Has the moral standard of the civilized world improved in the last half century or deteriorated?" This period has been one of the greatest in the advancement of the drama. Morality and the theater have advanced hand in hand, and if the stage were a corrupting influence, how could morality have so flourished during this great dramatic epoch?

The first performance of "Othello" given in this country had to be advertised as a dialogue in order to evade the law. Would any man of reason wish to change our present condition for that of the "good old days" when the clergy's word was law? Here is a fact that cannot be denied: During the time when the church was supreme, justice, mercy and the people's rights touched their lowest point, and at the same time the drama was under the ban of the church and the playhouses were the barren and improvised stages upon the common.

Every fair-minded man will acknowledge that there are good plays and bad plays; there is good literature and bad literature; there are good preachers and bad preachers; there are good teachers and bad teachers; and it is the business of just men as they meet Mr. Reuter to encourage the good and condemn the bad. Rev. Bishop Bates believes in the drama and has recognized what is known as the Arthur's Church Alliance, the greatest source of all ways been great men and is almost every instance not even.

### Actors Who Were Knights.

Victor, the Christian, on a stage.

## ROBBERS' ROOST IS UNCOVERED

### Electricians Find Abandoned Den Over Old Restaurant at Eighth and D Streets—Strong-Box and Other Re- minders of Gang.

While wiring an old frame building on the corner of D and Eighth streets Friday afternoon the electricians found an old deserted robbers' roost that had not been occupied for several years, from its appearance. The discovery was made by cutting into the building from the public end. The room between the ceiling and the roof was well fitted up with boxes for seats and good wool blankets for carpets. There were several boxes which had apparently contained goods from some general store, cigar and tobacco boxes and boot and shoe boxes.

There was a strong-box that was locked with a heavy lock. The means of entrance was through the roof by a trapdoor, which was ingeniously made to fit the shingles, which was opened by means of a string, leaving no outward sign of entrance. The means of getting onto the roof was from a low woodshed that stands in the rear of the frame store building. Several decks of playing cards, covered with dust, were found. The blankets still had on the under side their trade mark.

### KING CARLOS AND PRINCE ARE BURIED IN LISBON

LISBON, Feb. 8.—Funeral services over the bodies of the late King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis, shot to death a week ago today, were held in the church of San Vincente this afternoon. The ceremonies were simple and impressive and the final act of the bloody tragedy on February 1 was carried to a close without untoward incident. The line of the funeral procession from the royal chapel to the church was guarded by troops. All the governments in Europe and America were represented.

### SWIFT IN PORTLAND TO ERECT BIG PLANT

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—The Evening Telegram will say today that L. A. Swift and a party of officials from the Chicago packing houses is in Portland today to look over the affairs of the Swift Packing company, which is erecting a plant here. It is the intention of Mr. Swift and his associates to spend \$2,000,000 on the Portland plant, which will be made the headquarters for the entire Pacific coast, the trans-Berky Mountain district, British Columbia and Alaska.

Mrs. James Hart of Stage Grove arrived in Medford Saturday to spend a few weeks visiting relatives on Griffin creek. She is accompanied by her little son.

Had we all to confer upon Henry Irving the order of knighthood for the good work he had done, Arthur Sullivan, the composer of comic opera, was also knighted.

After all, what is acting but a re-enactment of the spoken language with the pantomime? A great book is written which appeals to our intellect. It is dramatized and presented to us in a more forcible manner through the sense of sight. Tennyson says: "Things seen are mightier than things heard."

Joseph Jegerston spent half a century upon the stage and was honored and entertained by the leading men of his time. Mr. Stoddard, Booth, Barrett, Mary Anderson, Emma Albani, Julia Marlowe and scores of others whom I could mention have lived lives above criticism, although constantly in the public eye, and their art has been the means of uplifting. Our great actor, Richard Mansfield, died with the words on his lips, "God is love."

Now, as to the second question, "What class of people predominates at the average theater?" I will tell you, brother Reuter, because I suppose you never go. They are the people who support the churches and the preachers; the people who encourage schools, universities, seminaries and libraries. There are good people who do not attend the theater. I admit, but they are none the better for staying at home.

### Old Dogmas Are Dead.

There are people who say that the Rev. Mr. Reuter has done his church no good by his public criticisms, but I differ from them.

This gentleman has a right to express his opinion and should not be rebuffed for so doing. I thank heaven that we are living in a day when both Rev. Mr. Reuter and myself can express our opinions without the fear of any rebuff. Other in the stocks, as they sit in the good old days of Hogben.

Old creeds and dogmas are dead. War, oppression will, but let them sleep.

ED. ANDREWS.

## SIGNS NOT ORDERED TO APOLOGIZE

### Superintendent Vol- untarily Begged Stu- dent's Pardon—Board Did Not Act.

Professor M. B. Sigus, superintendent of the Medford city schools, was not compelled by the school board to apologize to the four students expelled by him for having playing cards in their possession, or even to reinstate them. His apology and the reinstatement was voluntary and the board never acted finally on the matter. This is the statement made by the school board today.

Furthermore, the board is unanimous in asserting that Professor Sigus' term does not extend beyond the present school year and that he could not resign to take effect at the end of the school year, as he has nothing to resign, not having been engaged for another year.

No end of a commotion has been caused in school circles over the deck of playing cards found Tuesday on Willis Denton, Everett Corey, Walter and Emerson Merrick. The matter was considered by the board, but the superintendent's voluntary apology to the students had expelled ended necessity for action.

The members of the school board express themselves as being opposed to the exhibition of playing cards in the school room, but do not regard it as a serious enough offense to justify expulsion.

The question is, Why did Professor Sigus resign at the time he did?

## GREAT EXCITEMENT

A Majority of those who read newspapers never even give a hasty glance at a business advertisement, and if a

## Man

actually has a choice variety of goods he is selling cheap, it hardly pays to publish the fact, therefore we have

## Found

it best simply to invite everybody to call and examine our stock of goods and list of prices before purchasing elsewhere and say but little in regard to our ability and determination to make it advantageous to those who are not

## Dead

to their own interest to buy their Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Notions—in fact, every-thing.

## In

their line at

## The Big Store

DEUEL & KENTNER  
COR. SEVENTH AND D STREETS,  
Medford

## Hotel Emerick

### DINNER

SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 1908

**SOUP**  
Broque of Oysters.  
Olives, Young Onions, Dill Pickles,  
Lobster, Shrimp and Potato Salad.

**FISH**  
Planked White Fish, Broiled Salmon,  
Fried Silver Smelt, Black Bass.

**ENTREES**  
Stewed Chicken with Dumplings,  
Scrambled Omelet, Brains and Eggs,  
Sauté of Chicken Giblets on Toast,  
Broiled Veal Cutlets and Cream Gravy.

**ROASTS**  
Stuffed Young Turkey, Currant Jelly,  
Prime Rib of Beef, Natural Gravy,  
Loaf of Pork, Apple Sauce.

**VEGETABLES**  
Mashed Potatoes, June Peas.

**PASTRY**  
Apple and Lemon Pie,  
Vanilla Ice Cream and Cake,  
Bouquet, Swiss and American Cheese,  
Best's Wafer Biscuits.