



DAVID BELASCO, FAMOUS AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT

David Belasco is to the stage today what Dion Boucicault was to the generations ago or what James A. Herne was ten or twenty years ago. Mr. Belasco is a master of stage technique. His "Heart of Mary" was a forerunner for such careful productions as "The Girl of the Golden West" and his other plays that have won such stannal popularity. Much of Belasco's success lies in his ability to produce that subtle attribute of the modern drama known as "atmosphere." He never writes of things he does not fully understand, and when he has staged a play it is well nigh perfect in every detail.

AMUSEMENTS

**"Jane Eyre."**  
 "Jane Eyre," the new comedy drama sensation, will be seen here at the Medford Theater tonight. Charlotte Bronte's famous novel has been treated in a thoroughly up-to-date manner in this dramatization, without losing any of the power and force found in this justly popular classic. The story flows evenly, without any break in its thread, the bright and snappy comedy fitting into the story as perfectly as the strands of incidents. It is a first-class offering in every respect, presented in an able manner by a company of extremely competent players.  
 The dramatic version of Charlotte Bronte's ever popular novel, "Jane Eyre," is drawing full houses on tour. It is a magnificent performance of a powerful, pulsating play, containing a strong, soul-stirring story, told in a charmingly fascinating way by a company of practical players. It is a play that reaches the heart and touches the soul. It holds an appeal to the men as well as the women, and its strength lies in the directness with which the whole theme is treated. It is a great play from a great book! A triumph of stage craft, and deserves all the success and praise it has received. "Jane Eyre" will be seen at the Medford tonight.

**Last Appearance at Bijou.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Blessing appear in a new and original role tonight for the last time. Their appearance at the Bijou has been a large drawing card at all times, and the audiences have been most appreciative to say the very least. Tonight's bill contains the very best of clean-cut and original comedy. An exceptionally strong musical number is billed for tomorrow night and the remainder of the week. Josephine Regal of musical fame was strongly recommended to the management of the Bijou in a telegram from Pantages theater in Portland. Some of the features of the performance are the musical riffs, bells, chimes, etc. Tomorrow night at the Bijou.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

- Joseph M. Densmore to E. M. McIntire, lots 25 and 26, Matthews' addition to Ashland... \$ 300
- H. L. White to William M. McIntire, mining property..... 2000
- Ellen H. Wagner to Stella Case Wagner, property in Ashland... 1500
- William H. Leeds to Ellen H. Wagner, property in Ashland... 1500
- Clarence Wheeler to Nells C. Sorenson, property in Medford... 1200
- Nells C. Sorenson to L. H. Tucker, property in Medford..... 600
- C. W. Palm to George Taverner, 2 acres in D L C 59, township 37, range 2 W..... 300
- H. I. Hayes to Mrs. S. J. Hays, lots 16 and 15, block 1, Bryant addition to Medford..... 10
- James W. Hamlin to J. L. Wheeler, lots 5 and 6, block 4, Page addition to Medford..... 600
- J. T. Gagnon to Irvin Dahack, lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 25, Medford..... 1700
- John D. Olwell to Trail Lumber company, lot 4, block 1, Nick-addition to Medford..... 10
- F. C. Page to Bert Anderson, property in Page addition to Medford..... 10

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The question of the granting of licenses to saloons has become an issue in the impending municipal campaign, and  
 Whereas, It is desirable that this question be eliminated from the issues involved in electing a mayor and councilmen for the coming term: Now, therefore, be it  
 Resolved, By the city council of the city of Medford, that the question of allowing saloons to exist under license in the city of Medford during the year 1909 be and the same is hereby submitted to the voters of said city for their election, and that said question be so submitted by placing upon the ballot at the municipal election to be held on January 12 1909, the following matter, to-wit:

- For Prohibition.....
- Against Prohibition.....

And be it further Resolved, That in the event that the majority of the votes cast on said question at said election be cast "for prohibition," the sale of liquor shall not be licensed by the city council during the year 1909, but in the event that the majority of the votes cast on said question be cast "against prohibition," the sale of liquor in Medford shall be licensed as provided by the ordinances of said city.  
 The foregoing resolution was adopted by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, December 21st, 1908, by the following votes, to-wit: Merrick aye, Trowbridge aye, Wortman aye, Elfer aye, Hafer absent and Olwell absent.

Approved December 21st, 1908.  
 J. F. REDDY, Mayor.  
 Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

Mrs. Otis Tryer is entertaining her father, R. F. Barrickman of Salem, Or.  
 Mrs. Stanley Taylor of Shelburn, Or., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stiles.

**Milk Fed Edible Rats.**  
 The Chinese diplomat regarded his grilled frogs' legs with faint disgust. "I suppose they are good," he faltered. "It is hard, though, to conquer my repulsion. Yet they are clean—clean feeders, eh?"  
 The American laughed long and loud.  
 "You," he cried, "are repelled by frogs' legs, you who eat dogs and rats!"  
 "Ah, but," said the Chinaman, "our edible dogs and rats are the cleanest feeders imaginable. They are equal to celery fed duck or California peach fed hog. They are confined in runs, you know, and to make their flesh white and delicate they are fed on mushes of bread and milk and vegetables—no meat whatever."  
 "You Americans think it disgusting to eat rats and dogs because you imagine them fattening on carrion and offal. But these frogs here—No, I'm afraid I can't. They may have fed on some tramp suicide for all I know."  
 He pushed back his plate and waited for the next course.

**The Elusive Chuckwalla.**  
 The chuckwalla is one of the most interesting of the creatures to be found in southern California's great desert. The chuckwalla seeks to escape his adversary by crawling into a crevice of a rock so narrow that it seems impossible to get him out. But the Indians have learned all his tricks and how to circumvent them. To the desert aborigine the chuckwalla is alluring. He feasts on the chuckwalla; hence he grows wise as to its habits. He takes a piece of strong wire or a bent twig, and, poking it into the crevice, he taps the chuckwalla on the end of the nose. In a moment the angered reptile exhales a kind of hiss, the noise being made by a rapid expulsion of the breath. As he thus exhales he loses his hold on the rocks, and in a moment the Indian pulls on his tail. As speedily as a flash of lightning the chuckwalla inhales again and tightens himself in his recess. Another tap on his nose and then exhalation; another pull, another exhalation—so it goes until at last the Indian has him in hand. Then he cooks him.—Suburban Life.

**Depth at Which Miners Can Work.**  
 Below fifty feet the temperature rises in the proportion of one degree for every sixty-five feet of depth except where currents of water carry the heat away. The result is that at a depth of about 4,000 feet we reach a temperature of 98 degrees, or blood heat. This renders it exceedingly difficult to work coal pits below that depth. This is the reason that Great Britain's coal commission decided that mines are not workable below 4,000 feet.  
 The thickness of the solid rocks building up the crust of the earth is at least thirty to forty miles. At that depth the heat is such as would reduce everything on the surface of the earth to liquid. But the pressure of the overlying rocks is so great that until the relation of the heat to the pressure is known it cannot be said whether the earth at that depth is fluid or solid.—Chicago Tribune.

**Not "Lost in London."**  
 The confession of the provost of the Great St. Bernard hospice that he almost got lost in London and found it more bewildering than his own Alps recalls to the London Chronicle a remarkable feat of the great guide Melchior Anderegg of Meltingen. He had never seen a larger town than Berne when he visited London, and when two famous climbers, Leslie Stephen and T. W. Hinchliff, met him at London Bridge station and walked with him thence to Lincoln's Inn Fields there was a thick London fog. Nevertheless when a day or two later the three were at the same station, returning from a trip to Woolwich, Mr. Hinchliff confidently said, "Now, Melchior, you will lead us back home." And straight to Lincoln's Inn Fields Melchior guided them, pausing only once.

**Why Joyner Left Home.**  
 "Are you ready to receive the obligations?" asked the most upright supreme hocus pocus of the Order of Hoot Owls.  
 "I am," said the candidate firmly.  
 "Then take a sip of this prussic acid, place your right hand in this pot of boiling lead, rest your left hand upon this revolving buzzsaw, close your eyes and repeat after me."  
 Early next morning shreds of Joyner's clothing were found upon the bushes and trees all along the road to Pottsville, thirty miles distant, and at Scabbletown, sixty miles away, he was reported still headed west.—Judge.

**Knew the Symptoms.**  
 The Minister—John, John, I am surprised to see you. What good does it do you getting muddled like this, putting you off your work? When you go to bed you cannot sleep, your tongue is parched, your head is like to split, and you have no appetite. John—Gie us yer hand, sir; ye've been drunk yerself.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**A Useful Key.**  
 "What is this peculiar key on your typewriter? I never saw it on any before."  
 "Hst! My own invention. Whenever you can't spell a word you press this key and it makes a blur."—Boston Transcript.

**Changed.**  
 Nell—Maud couldn't have thought much of that fellow she married. Belle—Why? Nell—She boasts that she has made another man of him.—Philadelphia Record.  
 Everybody stumbles, but no man need be in the mud.—Gentlemen.

**NOTICE**  
 The Hotel formerly known as the Taylor House in Jacksonville, Or., has changed management and will henceforth be known as the  
**ABBOTT HOUSE**  
 under the management of C. D. & M. E. ABBOTT. The house has been remodeled and made modern and up-to-date in every respect and rates are as reasonable as consistent with first-class service.

**Are You From MISSOURI?**  
 In The Matter of  
**COOKING WITHOUT FIRE.**  
 We will continue to show the people how it is done. Demonstrations daily until January 3. Come and see the hot food cooking at the  
**WEEKS & MCGOWAN FURNITURE STORE**  
**Johnson's Fireless Cooker.**  
 Manufactured by Roscoe A. Johnson.  
 MADE IN MEDFORD

**NORTONIA HOTEL**  
 PORTLAND OREGON  
 MODERN COMFORT  
 MODERATE PRICES  
**ONLY ROOF GARDEN IN PORTLAND**  
 The Tourist Headquarters of Columbia Valley  
 ENGAGE ROOMS EARLY FOR THE ALASKA-YUKON EXPOSITION  
 A. S. NORTON, Manager

**Compare the Quality**  
  
 It is, and always has been our aim to supply our customers with goods of the highest quality and to that end we are always adding quality to our line. The addition of "preferred stock" makes our line of high-grade Canned Goods most complete. Our service always the best and every accommodation given our customers.  
**Allen & Reagan**  
 Groceries, Chinaware, Fruit and Feed

**Medford Theater**  
 TO-NIGHT, DEC. 30th  
**JANE EYRE**  
 A Play that Reaches the Heart and Touches the soul.  
 DRAMATIZED from CHARLOTTE BRONTE'S Great Novel  
 BOOK NOW ON SALE AT ALL BOOK STORES  
 Excellent Company — Complete Production  
 Prices—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

**DANIELS DOING BIG BUSINESS**

His Goods Are Going Rapidly at His Great Sale— Pays to Advertise

That advertising pays is the opinion of T. E. Daniels, who is at the present time conducting a great sale at his clothing establishment in this city. He has had proof of it during the past few days. In speaking of the matter he said:  
 "Yes, it certainly pays to advertise. We have had ample evidence of late, and none more marked than during this sale, for our business has been enormous and still continues. Of course, you must have the goods to show when called upon by your customers, for when your advertisement is read and the public want to buy, your prices and stock must agree with your ad.  
 "A great deal depends upon your assistants in a store like ours. Courteous treatment and not afraid to show goods all go a great way toward making a sale, and satisfying your customer. We have carried a large stock, and our sales have been satisfactory during the past year, and if our city of Medford keeps growing in the future as it has in the past, and I predict a much more rapid growth, we will, of course, keep pace with the conditions.  
 "I believe our people are awakening to the fact that they can buy goods as cheaply in our stores in Medford as they can by sending their money to outside cities, where I know it to be a fact they get an inferior article. Keep a good and up-to-date stock and don't be afraid to advertise it are my sentiments."

**SAYS SUPERINTENDENT IS DISCIPLE OF HOBSON**

**RUTHVEN, Ia., Dec. 30.**—Ruthven wants to know, and the Ruthven school board wants to know, if A. H. Welty, superintendent of schools, tried to kiss one of his pretty school teachers.  
 The pretty teacher insists that he did. Moreover, she insists that he persisted in the attempts and that she spurned them. She refuses to remain in the schoolroom with the superintendent.  
 Either he must resign, says the pretty teacher, or she will. Several other teachers say they will resign if she does. Sentiment apparently is with the teacher.  
 Now what is the board to do? Welty is a good superintendent. He has done his work well. There is no complaint on that score. The board does not want to dismiss him. He refuses to resign. Now what?  
 The whole affair is said to be interfering seriously with the work of the schools.

**KAUFMAN AND BARRY TONIGHT**

Fight in Los Angeles Which May Decide for World Championship

**NEW YORK, Dec. 30.**—A fight which may decide the future heavyweight championship of the world will be pulled off tonight in Los Angeles. Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, and Al Kaufman, Billy Delaney's protege, are the principals, and the Jeffries Athletic club the place. The result of the fight will decide the heir-apparent to the heavyweight throne, and, unless all the dope goes wrong, Kaufman will be the winner. The mill is scheduled to go 45 rounds, but it is unlikely that Kaufman will allow Barry to go that distance.  
 According to the reports, however, Barry isn't scared about the result, and thinks he has a good fighting chance to beat Delaney's coming champion. Barry is a nifty man, and is the only fighter with sand enough to go up against Sam Langford. Barry has figured in five scraps with the black one, and hasn't always come out second best. He has been showing great improvement in every battle, and while all the indications point to a Kaufman victory, the big boy will have to fight for it.  
 Billy Delaney, manager of Kaufman, believes he has the coming world's champion in the boy from the golden west, just as he had when he took Jim Corbett, then a slender stripling, to New Orleans to wrest glory, money and title from the mighty John L.  
**West Believes in Kaufman.**  
 The west believes in Kaufman—or rather it believes in the ability of Delaney to bring forth his third champion. For in addition to Corbett he made Jeffries a champion and the sage of Istantia believes he is fated to bring out his third.  
 Kaufman has the requisites of a champion. He is big, rangy, powerful and fast. He can hit with either hand like the kick of a mule. He can take punishment when he has to, but his defensive ability generally makes this unnecessary. Delaney is a firm believer in the value of a left hand. He has often declared that a man without a good left cannot become a champion and his protege has as dangerous a left-hand whip as ever hung from the shoulder of a pugilist.  
 Only 22, without bad habits, Kaufman may indeed be the next heavyweight champion of the world.  
 Since he entered the ring in 1904, Kaufman has participated in 13 important battles, winning all but two over the knockout route. His longest fight was with Jack O'Brien, whose skill enabled him to go 17 rounds before he went to the mat. In all of his battles Kaufman has shown a high degree of courage, generalship, boxing ability and willingness to fight from going to camp. He frames up as the most logical successor to Jim Jeffries and as a real champion in all that the name implies.