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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND—(Morrison street, between Sixth and Seventh)—"Parsifal." Tonight at 8:15.

BAKER THEATER (Third, between Yamhill and Taylor)—Baker Theater Company in "In the Bishop's Carriage." Tonight at 8:15.

EMPIRE THEATER (Twelfth and Morrison)—"Dora Thorne." Tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

PANTAGES THEATER (Fourth and Stark)—Continuous vaudeville, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—The Allen Stock Company in "The Nancy Hanks." Tonight at 8:15. Matinees Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

STAR THEATER (Park and Washington)—The French Stock Company in "The King of Cowboys." Tonight at 8:15. Matinees Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 P. M.

PREPARE FOR COMPETITIVE DRILLS.—The competitive drills of Russellville, Lents and Woodlawn granges will be held next Saturday, in Evening Star's hall, on the Section Line road, a mile east of the reservoir. It promises to be the most interesting event of the sort ever held in the county. The competing teams have been practicing the work for some time and will put in the best part of the time during the coming week in perfecting their movements. The competitive drills are held under the general charge of J. J. Johnson, district deputy, to stimulate rivalry and better work among the granges in his jurisdiction. The drills will start at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning and will continue during the day. It will not be an open meeting and only members can attend. Evening Star Grange does not provide the repast at noon and every one attending is expected to bring a basket filled to overflowing with good things, so there will be something for all.

FRIENDLESS OLD MAN DIES.—Gus Peterson, a Swede aged 76 years, was taken suddenly ill at his room in the Eldorado lodging-house, 152½ North Sixth street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and died within a few minutes. The old man had been complaining of pains in his chest and stomach and City Physician Zeigler was hastily summoned. He had hardly reached the place when the sick man experienced a violent spasm and expired. Coroner Finley was summoned and took charge of the remains. Nothing of any value was found in his effects, nor were there any papers to indicate from whence he came or whether he is survived by any relatives. He had been living at the lodging-house since last November, but was of a reticent disposition and would not talk about himself. As the deceased was penniless, his remains will probably be interred at the County Poorfarm.

NEW POST MUSTERED IN.—J. A. Smith Post, G. A. R., of Sellwood, was mustered in by Department Commander S. F. Blythe during his visit to Portland the ceremony being held in Strahlman's hall, corner East Thirteenth street and Spokane avenue. The following are the officers: Commander, J. C. Adams; senior-vice, M. R. Owens; junior-vice, Silas H. Beets; adjutant, J. D. Chapman; quartermaster, W. H. Reynolds; officer-of-the-day, O. R. Cumpton; officer-of-the-guard, E. Walling; quartermaster-sergeant, E. Miller; surgeon, C. Carter. Francis E. Miller was elected delegate to the state encampment. There were 25 charter members. After the organization and mustering-in ceremonies were finished, Blackman Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., served refreshments. Short addresses by the department officers added interest to the occasion.

PLUMBERS CAUSE FLOOD.—Careless plumbers were responsible for flooding the Lazarus building, at Fourteenth and Washington streets, yesterday morning. The upper floors of the building are not occupied, workmen being engaged remodeling the structure. Saturday night when the men quit work they failed to plug a disconnected waterpipe with the result that a large amount of water drained through the four stories into the storeroom occupied by the Grand Union Tea Company on the ground floor, damaging the stock to the amount of $1000. The damage would have been considerably larger but for the timely removal Saturday of about $700 worth of soap which was stored in the basement.

WILL PURCHASE CHEMICAL.—The Mount Scott Improvement Association is endeavoring to raise funds with which to purchase a chemical fire engine. A considerable portion of the money has been raised. It will cost $850 to get an engine that will be serviceable in the Mount Scott district. It is desired that every citizen should contribute a little toward the purchase. There is no fire protection of any sort. The young men have organized a volunteer fire company and are willing to give their time and means to furnishing such fire protection as they can. With a chemical engine the volunteers can do much better than with the present apparatus.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.—One of the worst cases of moral depravity to come to the attention of the Police Department came to light with the arrest of Hans Nelson, a man 52 years of age, who is said to be foreman of the construction gang which is at present engaged in repairing Oak street, between Second and Third streets. Nelson was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Hawley and Inskeep, and lodged in the City Jail on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Ettie Ulrich, a child 10 years of age. The child's parents reside somewhere in Yamhill County, and the little one has been living with a family in North Portland.

NEW SCHEDULE on O. W. P. lines, Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Oregon City cars leave Portland 4, 6:30 A. M. and every 30 minutes to and including 9 P. M., then 10, 11, last car 12 midnight; leave Canemah 5:40, 6:20, 6:50, 7:20 A. M. and every 30 minutes to and including 8:20 P. M., then from Canemah Park 9:03, 10:03, 11:03 P. M.; leave Oregon City 5 minutes later than above; leave Portland for Cazadero and Troutdale 7:15, 8:15, 11:15 A. M., 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 7:25 P. M.; leave Cazadero 7:15, 9:15, 11:15 A. M., 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 9:10 P. M.; leave Troutdale 6:24, 7:41, 9:41 A. M., 1:41, 4:11, 6:50, 9 P. M. *

NEW YORK SOCIETY MEETING.—The New York State Society will hold its regular monthly meeting and social at the home of Mrs. R. C. Bell, 589 Sixth street tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. All visiting New Yorkers are invited. A large attendance of members is particularly requested as a proposition will come before the society to advertise Oregon in the Empire State.

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COAL.—Sole agents for the genuine Rock Springs coal Independent Coal & Ice Company, Stark street, opposite City Library. Both telephones. *

IT COSTS only 50 cents but is worth $50 if you have cold or catarrh. The Weir Nasal Inhaler and Protector. *

Steamer tickets, San Francisco, Coos Bay. Frank Bollam, agt., 128 Third st.*

A. O. H.—Important business meeting called, 7:30 o'clock tonight. *

DRS. LOCKE & GULLETTE, Corbett bldg.*

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DR. E. C. BROWN, EYE, EAR; Marquam.*

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EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND.—Those having tickets for sale to the card party to be given by the Federation of Women's Clubs, will please return the unsold tickets to the committee-rooms in the Women of Woodcraft Hall, Tenth and Taylor streets, Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, that the committee may make suitable arrangement for the number who will attend.

CLUB TO BE REORGANIZED.—The Montavilla Improvement Board will hold a meeting tonight in the Hart real estate office to elect officers and appoint permanent working committees for the year. It will be the most important meeting of the year. All members and others interested in the growth of Montavilla are invited to attend this meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD MEETING.—The Portland Presbyterian Brotherhood will meet tonight in the Westminister Presbyterian Church, corner East Tenth and Weidler streets. A short programme will be rendered and a few social hours spent.

IF YOU work in factory, mill or mine, or wherever there is dust, the Weir Nasal Inhaler and Protector is what you need. Price only 50 cents. Ask your druggist. *

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JAY H. UPTON and H. F. Latourette will be located in rooms 526-7 Corbett building after February 15. *

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AUTO TRIP THROUGH CUBA

DARING TOUR OF S. D. WALDON AND PARTY.

Invade Country Never Before Traversed by Four-Wheeled Vehicle of Any Kind.

Hundreds of miles traveled in interior Cuba, where no four-wheeled vehicle of any kind had been before, was the recent automobiling feat of S. D. Waldon and party in a car. When Mr. Waldon, accompanied by Edwin S. George, Fred Crebbin and E. Ralph Estep, arrived in Havana and announced their intention, there was a general protest. Hotel men, the American garage owners, sugar planters, and others said: "It's folly; you cannot do it."

Interior Cuba is without roads. Horse trails lead from one place to another. The only vehicles are the high-wheeled ox carts drawn by three or more yoke of oxen. Their wheels are from seven to ten feet high. They cut the soft ground into many wide, rugged ruts, two to four feet deep. Where the ground is hard it is littered with immense boulders, or else itself is the base rock of the island. Then the rough trail may wind into a broad territory, where it is not even visible in the great stretches of high grass, which hide thousands of huge stones. From such lowlands and plateaus the way leads into rugged hills and mountains. Here the road taken by the tourists was a continuation of deep ravines and stony washouts.

Every day from three to ten rivers were forded. Cuban rivers run between banks 50 to 100 feet high. Their beds were reached by following the tortuous channel of some erstwhile mountain stream which had once run into the main river. Each ford meant a precarious journey over the solid but uneven rock of the river bottom.

During the latter days of the journey the heavy rains of a delayed wet season turned the red clay into a trail of sticky, heavy mire and created in every low spot a seemingly bottomless mud hole, some permanent ones of which the inundation enlarged into veritable swamps so wide and deep that it was necessary to build rough corduroy roads of palm trunks and underbrush on which to cross.

Travel was, of course, slow. Some days 30 to 40 miles, one day 63, and then one hard-fought day's journey of 14 miles. It was on this day that three deep rivers were forded in the heart of the Santa Fe mountains. Many times the roads were so difficult that the easier way of progress was to open fences and drive into the fields, across plowed ground, or through cane plantations. Once the tourists were lost in a wide tract, where there was no trace of any road nor habitation at which to inquire. Only by striking off toward the railway and following along its right of way was populated country reached.

Each night the party accepted the accommodation at hand when darkness came. The first night out a camp was made at the bottom of a deep valley. Succeeding nights were spent on cots or in hammocks in farmers' huts; one night the tourists bunked on the table of a sugar mill eating house, while the most unique experience was a night in hammocks swung under the thatched roof of a commodious pig pen.

The general direction of the tour was from Havana to Matanzas, thence, via Jovellanos and Macaqua, to Santa Clara, and from there, by a crooked route through Camajuani and Placetas, to Sancti Spiritus. The car was without special equipment except the ax, mattock and shovel purchased enroute.

BENEFIT BALL AT ARMORY

Third Regiment Will Furnish Gymnasium With Proceeds.

Another of the attractive dancing parties for which the Third Regiment, O. N. G., has become famous will be held at the Armory next Saturday night, Washington's Birthday, under the auspices of Colonel Charles E. McDonell's command. The affair is to be a benefit dance for the purpose of assisting the Guardsmen in securing new furnishings and equipment for the gymnasium.

All sorts of athletic devices are needed, but from the fact that the amount of money appropriated by the state for the support of the State Militia is insufficient to meet anything but the urgent demands of the citizen soldiery, it has become necessary for the Guardsmen to raise the funds required to install the proper paraphernalia for keeping the boys in good physical condition.

The puzzling question has worried the boys for some time, but at a recent meeting it was decided to take advantage of the patriotic occasion next Saturday and give a benefit dancing party. Music for the affair will be furnished by the regimental band, one of the best musical organizations in the city, and the Armory will be decorated with a profusion of flowers and National colors.

The committee which has charge of the benefit is composed of the following officers: Major F. S. Baker, chairman; Lieutenants J. J. McDonell, Frank Randall, Lester Kollock and C. C. McCornack. The committee is preparing to make the affair one of the most important social events of the present Winter season.

"We hope to be able to get enough from the proceeds of this party," said Colonel McDonell yesterday, "to furnish our gymnasium with enough equipment to meet at least the present needs. The boys who are working under the direction of the benefit committee are doing their best to make the event one that will be a credit to the regiment."

WHERE TO DINE.

All the delicacies of the season at the Portland Restaurant; fine private apartments for ladies, 305 Wash., near 6th.

AT THE THEATERS

"PARSIFAL" AT THE MARQUAM.

Anfortas	Mr. Cotton
Titurel	Mr. Priest
Gregory	Mr. Carton
Sir Gurnemanus	Mr. Harmon
Herald of the Cup	Mr. Archer
Herald of the Warders	Mr. Seaton
Parsifal	Mr. Connor
Klingsor	Mr. Kelvin
Sir Merlin	Mr. Harrington
Dwerger	Mr. McGillan
The Spirit of Denial	Mr. Holmes
Carlotte	Miss Freemont
Herzelede	Miss Hampton
Knightly Warders of the Holy Grail.	
Sir Pallens	Mr. O'Brien
Sir Guyon	Mr. Wilcox
Sir Goriols	Mr. Conway
Sir Encinal	Mr. Ready
Sir Ronald	Mr. Hoffman
Sir Adriae	Miss Losey
Sir Moderd	Mr. Irving
Narcotic Blooms in the Magic Garden of Klingsor.	
Curiosity	Miss Lorraine
Frailty	Miss Lund
Folly	Miss O'Connor
Passion	Miss Bryant
Vanity	Miss Irving
Allurement	Miss Farrington
Desire	Miss Carter
Queen of Terriprobe	Miss Bates
Kundry	Miss Keating

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

A VERY agreeable surprise was my experience at the Marquam last night when the Martin-Emery Company offered a dramatized version of "Parsifal"—a compilation of centuries-old traditions and legends which have been preserved in the folk-lore of Northern Europe from the days of Peter the Hermit and Richard the Lion-Hearted. William Lynch Roberts, to whom we owe the drama, puts the matter elegantly when he says:

"The author has simply revivified a story which hung from the medieaval rafters of romance like the ever-gathering moss of the oaks and first garnered by the lyric poets of the period to be handed down to posterity, as a glimpse behind the veil, into the literature of that time."

"Parsifal," in this form, was first presented in Portland a year ago by the same company at the Heilig, but last night's performance was infinitely a better effort. While the majority of the players are the same, they have improved their work amazingly. The settings and effects are also superior, and "Parsifal," as we saw it last night, bore little semblence to that of last year. Therein lay the surprise at the Marquam last night.

The Kundry, she who was fairest of women, at first temptress and handmaid of the devil, at the ultimate a redeemed and purified penitent—saint of the Grail—is impersonated by Miss Keating, who performed the same office last year. It was difficult to recognize her, however, as she has improved almost incredibly. She was passable formerly, she is a consummate artist now. How the transition was effected is a mystery, but no such reading of English lines as she gave last night has been heard on a local stage since the visit of the Ben Greet players some years ago.

Her elocution is well-nigh perfect, her enunciation and pronunciation a rare treat to those who love the mother tongue. Her stage presence is admirable and always her acting is marked by reserve and finish. No matter how she has done it, the fact remains that she is now an actress, with unmistakable claims to distinction.

Mr. Connor continues as Parsifal. He was the best member of the cast last season, and plays the part excellently this, but must concede first honors.

There is little fault to be found with his acting, but his voice, naturally sympathetic and musical, is unruly, and he allows it to get out of bounds occasionally. His work is marked throughout, however, with splendid sincerity and dignity, and his metamorphosis irresponsible, gentle shepherd into a serious, supernatural champion of the holy cause he convinces us is perfectly natural and so gradual as not to tax the credulity.

One of the most decided improvements in the acting staff is the substitution of Mr. Kelvin for Mr. Dvorak in the role of Klingsor, the black knight and archenemy to the champion of the Holy Grail.

Mr. Kelvin is a capable actor, who avoids the ranting and impossible posturing which made his predecessor so disagreeable in the part. The Anfortas of Mr. Cotton is commendable, and those in the lesser parts are good in the main.

"Parsifal" is spectacular in the extreme, the "Magic Garden of Narcotic Blooms" and the final tableaux being strikingly beautiful. As a dramatic entertainment it is impressive and interest-compelling and it is significant that from orchestra to gallery it made a strong appeal to the audience. The play will run through the week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Grease paints and professionals' supplies at Woodard, Clarke & Co.

BIG SALE FOR PADEREWSKI

Reservations Still Being Made for Great Pianist at Heilig.

Mail orders will be received all this week for the coming concert of the world's greatest pianist, Paderewski. This celebrated artist will give a concert recital at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, next Monday evening, February 24. These orders have been coming in by the hundreds from this city and the nearby towns for the past few days. Today's orders will take the remaining seats that are left in the balcony. To those who intend going, it is suggested that they order seats in the lower floor or the gallery, as it will be impossible to accommodate more in the balcony. Address letters and make checks and money orders payable to W. T. Pangle, Manager Heilig Theater.

APPEARS AT TABERNACLE

Benjamin Fay Mills Talks to Large Crowd at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 16.—In his new role of liberal philosopher, Benjamin Fay Mills today addressed thousands who heard him as an orthodox evangelist in his "Gospel Tent" a few years ago. His new creedless and ritualess doctrine did not debar him from the Mormon Tabernacle, which was filled to the doors at his afternoon lecture. His evening address was delivered in the Salt Lake Theater and scores were unable to gain admittance.

AUNE—THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Columbia Bldg. West Park and Wash.

Northwestern People in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

Portland—Woodstock, F. S. Morris.

Seattle—Cadillac, L. S. Kerfoot; Cumberland, J. Berkman; Manhattan, W. Hubbell.

Tacoma—Union Squire, A. H. Goder.

"IN THE BISHOP'S CARRIAGE," AT THE BAKER.

William Latimer	Robert Homans
Mr. Edward Ramsey	William L. Gleason
Mr. Obermuller	James Gleason
Tom Dorgan	Donald Bowles
Moriarty	Charles Lewis
Hooligan	Earl D. Dwire
Desk Sergeant	R. E. Bradbury
Nance Olden, "Nan, the Nipper"	Izetta Jewell
Mrs. Edward Ramsey	Mina Crolius Gleason
Miss Nellie Ramsey	Louise Kent
Mrs. Latimer	Hilda Graham
Mag Monahan	Maribel Seymour
Bishop Van Wagenen	Charles Richmond
Reporter	Howard Russell
Policeman	Sidney Sherwood
Servant	Cleo Binard
Bicycle Policeman	Walter Renfort
Mrs. Wallace	Olevia Ireland

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

A NEW leading woman came to Portland for the first time in her official capacity yesterday and in a trying role more than justified the advance promises made for her. Izetta Jewel is a decided improvement over many of her predecessors and her appearance with the Baker company unquestionably strengthens that organization. She is youthful and looks it, her figure is girlish and her vivacity suggests the ingenue. It is perhaps too early to estimate her worth as a stock actress for the successful assumption of one part doesn't make a leading woman any more than one swallow makes Spring. However, I feel reasonably safe in predicting that she will prove versatile and so satisfy the demands that will be made upon her should she complete the season here.

"In the Bishop's Carriage" has become familiar to this public through two successive engagements at the Heilig with Jessie Busley as the delectable girl thief. Miss Jewel had a hard task set for her when asked to follow so consummate an artist as Miss Busley in the star part, but judged even in that light she proves quite equal to make Nance Olden a most interesting and lovable young woman. It is as Nance in her reckless, devil-may-care moods that Miss Jewel's work shows to best advantage, for at yesterday's performance she was not entirely convincing when the deeper and more sincere emotions came to the girl's rescue.

For instance, in her simulation of terror and abhorrence at the big moments when Dorgan, the escaped jail-bird, comes into her room, she lacked a certain degree of intense repression which is compatible with so strong a situation.

It was in the first act in which she assumes dementia as an explanation for her presence in the prelate's carriage and in the interview with the alcoholic Mr. Ramsey at her own apartments that the young actress was positively brilliant.

Barring a slight self-consciousness as Latimer, the young Philadelphia lawyer, who effects Nance's reformation, Robert Homans appeared advantageously. It was but natural that in stepping into the place of leading man for the first time he should be a trifle ill at ease, and his capital acting when occasion demanded more than atoned.

As the week progresses and he becomes more certain of himself, Mr. Homans seems likely to demonstrate that he is a leading man who need ask no concessions.

The spectacle of Donald Bowles as a low-browed sneakthief and bullier of women is to say the least novel. The matinee girls seemed disposed to resent this degradation of their idol at first blush, but as he got into the spirit of the part and drew upon his resources as a character actor they gave in and agreed with the less impressionable that he was equal to his task. He apparently forgot that he had ever worn evening dress and murmured soft nothings and broken hearts. A tendency to be over stealthy and too palpably a crook while masquerading as the servant at Ramsey's country house and to overact at intervals under stress of his rage at being cheated of his prey jarred slightly. Besides, he uses much more profanity than is necessary. If all the oaths he uses are in the manuscript, which I'm quite sure they are not, he should eliminate some of them. Some of them are decidedly offensive.

The other big part, Ramsey, the bibulous motorist and capitalist, is played by William Gleason. Most of the comedy depends upon his efforts and the audience laughed with and at him whenever there was a chance. There were times when his lapses into sobriety and his return to his normal condition of "spifflication" were much too sudden. Mr. Gleason forgot occasionally that life was one long polite jag with Mr. Ramsey.

The faults I have enumerated are made by comparison with the work of metropolitan road companies who played the piece for an entire season or more after months of previous rehearsal. As a stock performance, with less than a week of preparation, the Baker edition of "In the Bishop's Carriage" is notably good.

There is little for the rest of the company to do, the play depending on those members named.

The production, which includes a horse and cab and an auto, is creditable.

The bill should prove very attractive during the week it will run.

"Dora Thorne" at the Empire

TWO circumstances contributed to give Empire patrons an opportunity to witness one of the best interpretations of "Dora Thorne" seen in Portland. In the first place, Manager Seaman canceled a contract for this week for a reason he did not make public, and in the second place there was the "As Told in the Hills" Company available to fill the date. The next thing was to select the play, and fortunately through the courtesy of another manager, that was available also. That is how "Dora Thorne" came to be the bill this week, and no one present at the two performances yesterday regretted the substitution of either play or company.

When it is considered that the Farley-McMillan Company is a road one their jumping in "stock" work is quite an achievement, certainly so when they "made good" in almost every particular.

The work of Miss Dorothy Grey in the title role was a revelation to those who had seen that excellent actress the previous week, as the half-breed Indian girl. Her Dora Thorne is both a delight to the eye and an appeal to the emotions. Years of rehearsing could scarcely improved her performance in the part. In the early scenes when Dora is a light-hearted, teasing girl, Miss Grey filled the requirements to the letter which, if anything, she improved upon when in the final acts she rose to the dignity necessary in teaching her husband his duty toward her.

Dora's old Scotch father is admirably done by William E. Blake and her titled husband, played by W. Roberts, is a praiseworthy piece of work. Miss Stirling has the trying part of Lady Chartaris, who is in love with Dora's husband and

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schemes to separate the couple, and gives a strong performance. Miss Lynn and Don McMillan carry off the comedy roles in a manner that brings out the laughs at proper intervals, and William Wolbert is sufficiently heartbroken and murderously inclined as the discarded sailor lad to meet the approval of the most satiated lover of melodrama. The others fill in acceptably and altogether the week's offering at the Empire is certain to draw big houses.

Bertha Clay wrote the story with no other intention in the world than to pucker up the heartstrings and cut loose the lachrymose depositories. The company at the Empire is doing nothing to interfere with the author's intention.

"King of Cowboys," at the Star

MANAGER FRENCH said yesterday that he proposed to give his audiences at the Star Theater an opportunity to enjoy alternately with the customary "blood and thunder" style of drama, some plays of a more subdued nature. He said that his company is entirely capable of presenting melodrama of the highest character and that he believed his patrons would relish a change now and then; but added, without apparent concern, that the character of the play he intends to "sandwich in" would cost a lot of money.

Whether or not he intended to begin with this scheme yesterday he did not say, but the fact is that the "King of the Cowboys" is a play which, while full of thrilling situations, is devoid of improbabilities too often worked into the "hair-raisers."

The opening scene is laid at West Point with a game of football furnishing the opportunity for the scamp to blacken the character of his rival, to win the girl who in reality loves the disgraced cadet. Then the scene changes to a wild section of the far West, where the disgraced cadet, his mother and an old Confederate veteran and his daughter, Birdie, take up life anew.

There are several scenes that call for the best talent that is in possession of the company at the Star, and they were equal to the demands without exception. St. George Daglenn, as the Sheriff, does the best work he has been seen in in months.

D. H. Henderson does the "heavy" with smoothness, and with Frank Seward, makes a pair of army officers with the real dash required in Indian fighters. Charles Burnison escapes overdoing the English "swell," but might tone down the extravagance without harm. Frank Howe as the old Confederate, has an excellent conception of the part, but is loaded up with a speech in the first scene of the second act which might be trimmed to advantage. Charles Conners has a congenial role as Peter Angel, a whole-souled Irishman. George Berry makes a capital Indian chieftain.

Miss Davis does "lead" very prettily as the wife of an army officer. Mrs. French makes as much as possible of the Sheriff's mother, and Leah LaForce, as an Indian girl, Laughing Water, acts and dresses the character admirably. Miss Taylor romps through her part of "Hickory's Birdie" in a graceful and satisfying manner. Speaking of dressing, French's people never took more pains with their costuming.

CONVICTS NOT CLOTHED

Preacher Says Washington Cannot Afford to Keep Prisoners Warm.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. F. J. Van Horn, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, at a meeting in the Methodist Tabernacle in Union street this afternoon, attended by more than 2000 men, declared that the prisoners at the penitentiary at Walla Walla had not sufficient clothing to keep them warm.

"The great state of Washington is so poor," he declared, "that the last Legislature said that it must cut out the $10,000 appropriation to provide a chapel for the men in the penitentiary to worship in. These men were shivering as we conducted services. They were insufficiently clothed. And yet the great state of Washington has refused to build a chapel where they can go and worship."

SHELL MOUND SCORE CLOSE

San Francisco and Spokane Shots in Friendly Competition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—M. W. Housner, of the Shellmound Pistol and Rifle Club, and L. S. Hawxhurst, of the Spokane Rifle and Revolver Association, shot a friendly match today at the Shellmound range, to determine the relative chances of the two organizations in the proposed contest. The match was 50 shots each with rifle at 200 yards.

Housner made 1040 points, beating Hawxhurst's score by seven points. The Shellmound Pistol and Rifle Club and the Spokane Rifle and Revolver Association will have a match shoot between teams of picked rifle and pistol shots for valuable trophies on Sunday, March 15, commencing at 10 o'clock. The Shellmound teams will shoot on the Shellmound range and the Northern team will shoot at Spokane. The result will be announced by telephone as soon as ascertained, and targets exchanged by express.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Professor E. R. Lake, of Corvallis, is a guest at the Lenox.

Lieutenant and Mrs. A. M. Smith arrived in Portland yesterday morning from Manila and registered at the Imperial. Lieutenant Smith is on his way to Spokane.

The friends of Mrs. C. C. Childs, formerly Josephine Harrington, will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at St. Vincent's hospital. She was taken sick while visiting her father here.

Mr. L. Eugene Coleman, of Warsaw, Ind., reached Portland last evening, having selected this city as his future home. Mr. Coleman is an insurance man of rare ability and comes to accept the responsible position of assistant to his uncle, John D. Coleman, manager of the Home Insurance Company of New York. The young man is widely and favorably known in insurance circles throughout the Middle States. Recognizing, however, the greater advantage of being attached to the giant of fire insurance companies, under so successful an underwriter as his uncle, he concluded to accept the flattering position offered him here. The Home Insurance Company occupies a commanding place on the Pacific Coast, and the new representative will at once assume a position of prominence in its affairs.

Oregon People in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:

Kaiserhof—J. A. Klein, Portland.

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