

KEEN INTEREST IN IMMORAL PLAYS

Burnham's Blast Causes New York to Rush to See Them and Test Opinion.

O'LOUGHLIN'S SLAVE SALE

Craze for Marathon Racing Pills Hospitals—Amateur Wireless Operators Cause Woe—Storm Rages Over Trinity.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The attack on immoral plays has aroused New York, and everybody is going to see them. Manager Charles Burnham of Wallace's, started the trouble by stating that there were five productions which were unfit to be seen. Now any Gothamite can give you off handed the names of four of these disgraceful performances, but there is more or less difference of opinion as to the identity of No. 5, which explains why a number of managers have rushed into print of late to say something like this: "If Manager Burnham says the 'Cream of Tartar' at the Roadside Theater is one of his five plays, he must be prepared to face a suit for damages. The 'Cream of Tartar,' while hardly a play for children, teaches a good moral lesson. In addition it illustrates some new steps in the Apache dance."

Before Mr. Burnham bounded into the limelight the four plays that everybody knew were bad playing to capacity. Now half a dozen other shows have increased their receipts, solely because of a rumor of wickedness.

Last year the "Merry Widow" had all the vogue. Now "Terry" and "The Girl of the Year" are the new sensations. The "Human Auction," or "Selling a Man into Slavery," is a play which is being played in many of the theaters. O'Loughlin's idea is that so many men are out of work that they will be glad to become slaves and thereby get three meals every 24 hours.

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Pugilism Grown Brutal.

Another brutal affair, like the butchery of "Jim" McSherry by Sailor Burke who put an end to boxing for all time in New York. McSherry was an amateur touting as an "instructor." He should never have been allowed in the ring at all, and the referee should have called the battle off as soon as he realized that McSherry was hopelessly outclassed.

Followers of boxing in this city delight in scientific contests between evenly matched pugilists, but judging from the action of the spectators, they do not care for brutality in the shape of deliberate knockouts. Officials of the National Athletic Club have been warned that they are bringing the boxing game mightily near the danger line.

Crazy for Marathon Races.

Marathon racing is the amateur rage nowadays, and the hospital authorities are beginning to complain. Every few days a number of young fellows who have no expert training start to cover the 26 miles distance at top speed. We have Marathon races from Yonkers to the City Hall, and from Brooklyn and Coney Island, and any number of places where the traveling is bad. The result is that the course is lined with enthusiastic spectators and dotted with the bodies of unconscious runners. The ambulance has a little Marathon run of its own.

The only thing that has prevented trouble is that the course is long, and the fagged-out amateurs do not feel over at the same point. And as we have a good many hospitals the cases are distributed.

Interesting Fact About New York.

Within the boundaries of Greater New York there are 209,160 acres of land, the most valuable realty in the world. Parks and cemeteries take up 12,375 acres, or nearly 6 per cent.

BLUNDER KILLS ONE BILL

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\$30,000 for a sprinkler system for fire protection and insured \$1,000,000 for a chemical fire system. As this amended the bill went back to the Senate, where the Senate concurred in the amendment.

Later the Senate reconsidered the vote by which it concurred and refused to concur. Then a conference committee was appointed by each house. Farwell and Bonebrake on the part of the House, and Wood and Bingham on the part of the Senate. The conference committee met and agreed that the House amendments should be stricken out and the bill passed as introduced. This report was drawn up by President Bowerman and signed by all the members of the committee. The report was filed in the Senate, but not in the House, so that the journals show that the House passed the bill with the amendments and that the Senate refused to concur. There the bill stands upon the journals.

When the bill was enrolled it carried the House amendments and was signed by Speaker McArthur. When it went to President Bowerman for signature, he noticed that the amount, \$1,000,000, was in the bill where it should have been \$30,000. He refused to sign the bill in that condition. As the record would not warrant a

change, the House never having recorded its amendment, the conferring committee could not correct the item in the bill. It therefore was a question whether to let the bill fall and the institutions go without their appropriations, or have a special session called.

Speaker McArthur was summoned from Portland this afternoon and a conference was held in which the Governor was asked to call a special session. This he agreed to do if the members of the Legislature felt that a session is needed, and would come to the capitol without expense to the state.

After the conference President Bowerman said that he could not ask the members of the Legislature to come here at their own expense, for all except a few of them were entirely without fault in the matter.

"The Senate did its part in passing the bill," he said.

"It is not going to ask anybody to come here at his own expense to pass that bill," said Speaker McArthur, who at first was inclined to urge the members to come. It seems that Assistant Chief Clerk Nutter in the House asked Mr. Bonebrake for the conference committee's report, and he said that Farwell had it. The clerk then went to Farwell, and Farwell said it was in the Senate and he would go and get it. He went out, but did not return with the report, hence the failure of the House to take action on the amendments.

"It is not our place to drum up a quorum for a special session," said McArthur, after the conference. "The Governor is vested with power to call a special session if he thinks it should be called. I'm willing to come without pay, but I'm not going to ask anyone else to do so."

The plan outlined by Kay is to have the members come to Salem Tuesday and have the call for a special session issued that day, but the uncertainty as to the issuance of the call will make it difficult to get a quorum together that soon.

The most important items in the appropriation bill are the new wing, and fire protection for the asylum. All the improvements at each of the institutions are needed, but many of them could be postponed, though at the expense of convenience and injury to the institutions.

Governor Chamberlain is not asking the members of the Legislature to come without pay. He is taking no part in the special session movement, but told the members who called upon him that he increased their receipts, solely because of a rumor of wickedness.

NEW ROAD READY THIS FALL

WORK ON LINE DEADMAN TO PEOLA TO BE RUSHED.

Idaho Railway & Navigation Company Authority for Announcement of Plans.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—E. E. Heagle, one of the principal stockholders in the Idaho Railway & Navigation Company, and in charge of the survey of the company's proposed line from the mouth of the Deadman, on Snake River, to Peola, on the summit of the Blue Mountains, southeast of Pomeroy, said at Colfax that all, or a portion of this line at least, will be built and in operation in time to handle this year's crop.

The line is already surveyed from Pomeroy to the mouth of the Deadman, and up that water course to the vicinity of Gould City, and it will be continued shortly to Peola. What course the line will take from Gould City is not divulged, but it is presumed that it will run on the high lands through what is known as "Upper Deadman" and run up the ridge between Aldwapa Creek and the Pataha.

Mr. Heagle says the line to Gould City will be ready to haul grain to the Snake River this fall, and that it will be taken up by branch at a station the company has already laying on the river. The new line is believed to be a feeder for possibly the St. Paul or the North Coast.

HOBO WORKS BUNCO GAME

Vancouver Supplies Weekly Victim, but Money Is Recovered.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Vancouver's regular weekly bunco game was pulled off last night with a flourish. A hobo, and Bert Pearson, a saloonman, as principals.

For a few minutes O'Connor was the possessor of \$15.50. He told the saloonman that the sisters of Charity owed him \$15.50 for work done, and had only a twenty-dollar piece. He asked for change for them and left his watch as security. Then he did not return. Pearson made complaint to the police and the man was arrested under charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

Where Everybody Laughs.

It was a long-ago settled fact that there is something wrong with the man or woman who can see nothing in "My Friend India" to laugh at. The average American it is one big screen and as presented by Ziegfeld stock company at the Sunlight this week it is simply irresistible.

"Shannon Blue" at the Baker.

Arthur Cunningham began his second and last week at the Baker yesterday in his other famous success, "Shannon Blue," one of the most beautiful, humorous and interesting Irish plays which has been shown in new songs this week, including "The Donovans," "A Handful of Earth" and others of the sweet and simple old melodies.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

Orpheum Opens New Bill Today.

The bill at the Orpheum last week proved to be so popular that the standing room sign was displayed every night. The bill tonight with a matinee Saturday afternoon, to be equally attractive and will doubtless play to capacity houses the entire week. Orpheum attractions are booked from all parts of the world.

Varied Vaudeville at Pantages.

The vaudeville patrons have been prepared for Pantages this week, and will open this afternoon. The feature will be Melbourne MacDonnell, the eminent actor, and Virginia Drew Trecoet in the dramatic bit, "The Man of the House." The bill is a gem. Pantages, Fourth and Stark.

Celebrate at the Grand.

Celebrate Washington's birthday today by attending the vaudeville entertainment at the Grand, on Washington street. New programme begins this afternoon, headed by Howard Treadwell & Co. in "Two Men and a Zoo." It is a typical holiday entertainment and one which will be enjoyed.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"A Stubborn Cinderella."

Beginning next Thursday night, February 25, and continuing Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee Saturday afternoon, will be the big musical comedy success, "A Stubborn Cinderella." Homer B. Mason heads the cast, appearing as the enterprising young American college man, "Mac." He is assisted by Miss Grace, soprano, whose beautiful soprano voice is heard to advantage.

Centralia 32; Olympia 13.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The Centralia basketball team defeated Olympia the second time in a game played Friday evening with a score of 32 to 13.

SEEK NEGRO'S LIFE

Iowa Mob, Crying for Blood, Surrounds Jail.

TAKE SUSPECT FROM TOWN

Black Man Makes Brutal Attack on Invalid Wife of Traveling Salesman at Ottumwa—Dogs Are Used to Track Brute.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 21.—Angered by the brutal attack by a negro upon Mrs. Charles M. Johnston, the invalid wife of a traveling salesman, a mob of 100 men and boys tonight surrounded the jail, thirsty for vengeance upon the unknown culprit.

Four negroes were locked up as suspects, and John Junkin, a negro suspected of the murder of Clara Rosen two weeks ago, was hustled out of town to avoid the mob's fury. Company G, of the National Guard, was held in the barracks, in readiness for action.

Mrs. Johnston was in bed with her 4-year-old child at 3 o'clock this morning, when she awoke to find a negro bending over her. Before she could scream for help the negro seized her. Despite her weakness, as the result of a recent operation, Mrs. Johnston fought desperately. She tore herself loose and cried out. At the same time the child screamed. The negro became alarmed. There was a curtain pole an inch in diameter, which was used as a window prop, within reach. The negro grabbed this and beat the woman until she became unconscious. How long the negro remained is not known. The cries of the child finally aroused the neighbors. They found Mrs. Johnston lying on the floor unconscious. By her side was the curtain pole stained with blood. The news spread rapidly.

Armed posse were soon on the trail of the felon. Members of the citizens' guard were posted in places where riots were feared. The homes of the negroes were placed under guard. The city jail became the point of attraction for the excited men who formed the nucleus of the mob.

The trail of Mrs. Johnston's assailant was followed by a posse. Threats were made freely against the negro Junkin, and the police became alarmed for his safety. Toward night the officers took him out of the jail by a rear door. He was placed in an automobile and taken to Chillicothe, ten miles west of the city, put on board a Burlington passenger train and taken to Albia, where he was locked up.

POLICE CATCH POLICEMAN

Raid Also Discovers Married Couple Who Are Rudely Awakened.

After having him "shadowed" as the result of a tip, alleged to have been provided by one of his enemies, Police Sergeant Keller and Kienlen, acting officers, swooped down upon the rooming house directly above the Quells, Sixth and Stark streets, at an early hour yesterday morning, and arrested Policeman Stuart.

In the room with the officer was a woman who at the police station gave the name of Jesse Jones. Both the officer and the woman were placed under arrest and released on bonds for the alleged erring officer. The two sergeants routed out of bed a couple, both of whom were over 50 years of age. They were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kienly and easily convinced the officers they were married.

Officer Stuart has been regarded as one of the best officers on the force. His friends allege that he is the victim of a plot arranged by his enemies to injure him. Mrs. Parker, who conducts the rooming-house, says she did not know the officer was at her house. He did not register, she says.

MUCH MONEY FOR HARBORS

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Coquille River, from its mouth to Myrtle Point.

Siuslaw River, at its mouth.

Williamette River, from Oregon City to Eugene.

Clatskanie River.

Wood River, from Klamath Lake to the head of navigation.

Provision for Coos Bay.

In addition to these local provisions, the bill provides that the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Coos Bay and Siuslaw rivers, in connection with \$15,000 raised locally, for operating the new Government dredge Oregon in improving the channels of Coos Bay and its tributaries.

In explaining the large appropriation made at the mouth of the Columbia River, the Chief of Engineers, in a letter to the committee on rivers and harbors, said:

"At the mouth of the Columbia the work of jetty construction requires the use of a long and expensive railroad trestle with full equipment of locomotives and cars for the delivery of rock from shore. Aside from the ordinary losses from deterioration of plant which would result from lack of funds, the maintenance of this trestle is constantly affected, as it requires constant repair and protection from the sea, and any suspension of work would prove disastrous. The estimate now given for this work has just been reported by the

SCHOONER IS DISABLED

Captain Winkel Puts Into Astoria to Repair Cracked Cylinder.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The schooner J. Marhofer, on route from Grays Harbor for Redondo with a cargo of lumber, put into this port this morning in distress, her high-pressure cylinder being cracked through the top and down, for a distance of 15 inches.

The Marhofer sailed from Grays Harbor on Thursday and the accident occurred at 1 o'clock on Friday morning when off the Columbia River jetty. There was a high sea running, with indications of a continuance of the storm, and while the vessel could make slow headway with the low-pressure cylinder, Captain Winkel did not consider it safe to make the run down the coast in his crippled condition, so he headed off shore and lay to until this morning, when the bar became smooth enough to come into the Columbia River.

Captain Winkel is now awaiting orders from the owners, but as the engine was built in Portland, he expects to take the vessel to that city for repairs.

KATO DENIES ALL WAR TALK

Sees No Reason for Conflict Between Two Nations.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, Count Takakura Kato, in an interview today said that he saw no reason why Japanese relations with the United States should not remain excellent in the future, despite the loud talk of a small excited section. Count Kato declared that there could be no dominant power in the vast waters of the Pacific.

"We have no interests there," he said. "That can clash with the United States. We mean to have our own sphere of influence in our own part of the Pacific, but not to the detriment of a single power, for we are not seeking any exclusive privilege."

GREEKS ASSAILED BY MOB

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and Q streets, where is located the principal Greek quarter. The maddest crowd began its work of destruction by throwing stones and bricks through the windows of stores and houses which were occupied by Greeks. In a very short time havoc was made with the fronts of these places, and the stocks of the stores were quickly laid waste.

KANSAS CITY HAS RIOT, TOO

Greeks Throw Knives and American Hurl Stones.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 21.—Following a quarrel today in Kansas City, Kan., between a Greek laborer and an American, a general fight ensued in which four men were painfully hurt. Fifty Greeks were being attacked by a crowd of 600 men and boys armed with sticks and stones, when the police reserves arrived and arrested a number of the participants.

Thirty Greeks and two Americans were arrested. The trouble began when Emile C. Root, a laborer, and a Greek met on a sidewalk. A dispute as to which should step aside followed. David Hendricks, a restaurant-keeper, saw Root struggling with the Greek and ran to separate them. Several Greeks came to the assistance of their countrymen.

Someone struck Hendricks with a board, a shot was fired and a crowd gathered, crying "Kill the Greeks." The Greeks drew knives and the Americans threw stones.

Root, the laborer, received bruises about the head and body; Hendricks was cut and bruised; George Gust, a Greek, received a knife wound on the throat and Thomas Mikes, another Greek was cut on the head.

More Fires Break Out.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 21.—Three more secondary fires broke out in the Greek quarter at 2:30 o'clock this morning, but they were put out without serious damage. One of the fires was discovered in a building which had been partially wrecked early in the night.

GINGLES MYSTERY ENDED

ALIENISTS SAY GIRL IS HYSTERICALLY INSANE.

Confession of Self-Inflicted Tortures Expected When in Normal Mental Condition.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Captain of Detectives O'Brien, who has questioned and cross-questioned Ella Gingles and others whom she named in her accusations after she was found slashed, bruised and seemingly suffering from the effects of laudanum in the Wellington Hotel last Wednesday morning, is to be told tomorrow officially that the mystery practically is an end at that time a full confession.

This information is to come from two expert alienists of such standing that their opinions cannot be taken otherwise. Dr. J. H. Kienly, who has closely observed Miss Gingles. The experts—Dr. Harriet C. B. Alexander and Dr. James G. Kienly—made an exhaustive examination of her within a few hours after she had been taken from the hotel to the Francis Willard Hospital.

In the opinion of the alienists, Ella Gingles is in a dazed state of mental confusion, resulting from hysterical insanity, from which she first suffered. She said, kept from all excitement. It is said, until her normal condition of mind has been restored, that she is unable to maintain for days that political enemies had tortured her, but finally confessing the truth.

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