

## PRESS CLUB SHOW IS GREAT SUCCESS

Stars of Theater and Concert Platform Make Up Delightful Programme.

### SOUVENIR BOOK PLEASURES

Professional Acts on Long Bill Keep Brilliant Audience Interested. Clubmen's Attack on Drama, "A Crying Need," Great.

It was a tremendous success, that "Night Off" of the Portland Press Club at the Hotel Theater last night and a huge representative audience that packed the house from pit to dome, was warmly demonstrative throughout the evening, and attracted interest and pride in the enterprise.

The programme opened with an interesting address by Sidney B. Vincent, president of the Press Club. Mr. Vincent told briefly of the club's work since its formation last August, telling of the remarkable development of the organization and the part played by the club in the city, and the hearty cooperation and support that has been given the club by the Portland business men, and in behalf of the club thanked the public for its support in this, the first "night off," assuring them that this was only the first, and that others, bigger and better would follow.

### Good Things Many.

Mr. Vincent's address was the forerunner of a long programme of good things, handed over the footlights by a bunch of real artists, who were generous to a degree in their encores.

Nammi Elhardt, a European equilibrist, a rubber-jointed lady who came over from the Pantages bill, led off the festivities with a series of remarkable balancing feats.

She was followed by Jimmy De Vaux, one of the trained feet, who made one of the hits of the early evening, and was welcomed back a second time. De Vaux, a recruit in Portland's amateur entertainment ranks.

An extra number, the Varden, Perry and Wilbur trio from the Grand Theater, clad in a variety of emerald green, entered next, playing on stringed instruments and singing delightfully melodic that set every foot a-tapping. As an encore, a quartet of four Yankies, and sang a round of popular selections in excellent style.

### Mrs. Stack Charms.

Next came Mrs. Zilpha Ames-Stack in a charming series of wee-folk tales. Mrs. Stack is a splendid raconteur and her little verses of old life are given with a charm and natural simplicity that evidence the truth that she knows her subject, and what is better, is a faithful exponent of it.

For the first time in several months Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer appeared as a soloist and was received enthusiastically. Her first number, "You, Dear, and Me," and her response, "In the Garden," were sung in splendid voice, with a wealth of color and melody.

Rube Dickinson, a son of the city, came next. Rube's layward philosophy and imitatively funny way of getting off his opinions in municipal affairs was one of the big hits of the evening.

### Pelham's Feats Marvellous.

"The Great Pelham," also from the Grand, gave his marvelous hypnotic exhibition, a combination of clean comedy at the expense of a half dozen volunteer "subjects," closing his act with several remarkable scientific demonstrations.

Wilson-Franklyn and company, of Pantages, appeared in their comedy skit "My Wife Won't Let Me," and Dillon and King, of the Lyric Theater, were next, creators with a long line of local jokes and innuendoes of cleverness.

Then came Alice Lloyd, of the Orpheum, the dainty English singing comedienne, who gave four numbers, of which her "Splash Me" song was perhaps the most enthusiastically applauded. The audience did not seem to be able to get enough of Miss Lloyd.

One of the tremendous hits of the evening was Grace Cameron, who is appearing at the Bungalow in "Nancy." Miss Cameron, in a "Roupey" costume, gave a series of embracing songs and "revelations" as she called them. Her big number was Marie Dressler's famous ballad "Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl."

### "Crying Need" Great.

Somewhere along in this programme was sandwiched a playlet (7) "A Crying Need," composed and acted out on the spur of the moment by members of the Press Club. The crying need was, apparently, more relevant.

Opinion of prominent local theater managers on this "Crying Need" blot on the dramatic cutcheon, follow:

"I regret that I didn't put off the opening of my new theater until the premier performance of the Press Club comedy," said George B. Pratt, of the Grand.

"I don't think I could have done better," said Jack O'Brien, of the Lyric.

"The performance of 'A Night Off' ended with the audience on its feet, singing in unison with the Orpheum Club, under the direction of Professor W. H. Boyer, the old familiar and beloved 'Auld Lang Syne.'"

The Press Club's souvenir programme elicited much favorable comment in the audience. Attractive in cover, color and text and interesting in content, stories and sketches by local writers and advertisements of business houses, it contributed to the club's evening of triumph.

### BIBLE STUDY MAKES GAIN

Three New Classes Are Organized at Portland Y. M. C. A.

So rapidly has membership in the men's Bible classes of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association been growing that three new classes will be organized tonight. As there are now three such classes meeting regularly on Tuesday nights, henceforth six classes will meet on Tuesday, besides many that convene on other nights of the week.

Dr. George B. Pratt will lead one of

## Play Makes Man Forget His Feet Are Shoeless

Vancouver Resident Leaves Footwear Under Bed and Goes to Playhouse Out of Playhouse With Young Woman.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—So enthralled and interested in "The Nigger," given at the Hellig in Portland, last week, did a prominent Southern man of this city become that he walked out of the playhouse in his stocking feet, leaving his shoes under the seat. He did not realize his predicament until his feet touched the concrete steps, and then, then—he was forced to tell his fiancée, who accompanied him, that he had made a terrible blunder.

The man in question, with his fiancée, went to a matinee Saturday afternoon. He wore a new pair of patent-leather button shoes, and during the first act, his feet began to burn and smart. For half an hour he suffered the torture, and then, then—he was forced to tell his fiancée, who accompanied him, that he had made a terrible blunder.

So as to attract no attention, he lifted one foot at a time and unbuttoned the shoes, and slipped them off and put them under the seat. He breathed a sigh of relief, and for the first time began to become interested in the play. By the end of the second act he was all interest, and his Southern blood was boiling.

Came the last act and the curtain. The houselights were turned on and he assisted his lady-love to her cloak and putting on his own, they fled out with the crowd.

When the top of the steps were reached and the man put his foot on the chilly concrete step, a vibration flashed through his body from the sole of his foot. It was the vibration of cold, and within a millisecond he realized he realized—realized in all its humiliation and horror that he had left his shoes under the seat.

When she reached the top of the steps, she was followed by Jimmy De Vaux, one of the trained feet, who made one of the hits of the early evening, and was welcomed back a second time. De Vaux, a recruit in Portland's amateur entertainment ranks.

### TWO, AGGRIEVED, WAIT

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY HAS BUSY DAY.

Man Who Wants Money Refunded Followed by Another Who Wants Detective.

Excited and out of breath, a man whose use of English betrayed foreign origin rushed into the City Attorney's office yesterday morning and demanded that R. A. Sullivan, one of the deputies, accompany him immediately to the establishment of a watch repairer, for the purpose of arresting the proprietor of the place.

Little by little, with the greatest difficulty, Mr. Sullivan drew from the man that he had left his watch, which had been suffering from a faulty mainspring, to be repaired. Returning a little later, he was assessed a dollar and given his watch, being assured by the repairer that the spring had been replaced. The watch ran for about half an hour and then took another layoff. Sullivan's visitor demanded that the deputy collect his dollar.

When told that the City Attorney's office is not a collecting agency and that his only recourse is a civil suit, the man stomped out of the office, breathing imprecations on the American system of justice.

A short time afterwards another man, a Greek, demanded that Mr. Sullivan accompany him to a North End Turkish coffee house. The proprietors of this establishment, two young women, were selling two or three special brands of imported Greek liquors in tacuous. Sullivan's informant said, and he wanted it stopped.

The deputy found it necessary to explain that the City Attorney's office is not a detective bureau. He advised the man to go to the police station and get a plainclothes member of the force to help secure the evidence.

"These are fair samples of the demands constantly being made upon us," said Sullivan. "Lots of people seem to think that justice can be dispensed immediately and automatically from the City Attorney's office."

### POPE'S BLESSING BROUGHT

Father Hylebos Returns to Tacoma After Trip to Europe.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Very Rev. P. Hylebos, vicar-general of the diocese of Seattle, returned tonight from an extended trip abroad, in the course of which he visited his old home in Belgium, which he had not seen for 40 years.

Father Hylebos, who is the pioneer Catholic priest of this city, had the notable honor on the 35th anniversary of his appointment to the vicar-generalship of being received in audience by the Pope, and received a special message from the Pope to the people of America, as follows:

"Give my blessing to all the people of America. I love the American people. I love every part of America. As you go through that great country, give my people my blessing to the very end of it."

### DAVIE'S VICTIMS ANXIOUS

Creditors of Missing Broker File Petition in Bankruptcy.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court today against Robert E. Davie, a young broker, who disappeared several weeks ago.

The petition was brought by two retail firms and the holder of a note. Other creditors are expected to file claims with the court. It is said, will total more than \$200,000. His creditors include prominent persons in the religious, theatrical and business world.

### XMAS SWEETS.

Park & Tilford's world-famed donuts, packed specially for Christmas trade. Sig Scheel & Co., 91 Third and Third and Washington.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, a good dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to wake off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

## JURY YET TANGLED

Jurors Retire Again After More Than 52 Hours.

### QUESTIONS ARE PUZZLES

Judge Morrow Kept Busy Answering Queries of Twelve Chosen to Try Alleged Accomplice in Johnson Murder Case.

After debating for 52 hours and 32 minutes over the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, accused of conspiring in the murder of William A. Johnson at the New Grand Central Hotel, last June, the jury was locked up at 9:50 o'clock last night to await the opening of court at 9:30 this morning.

When court convenes this morning the jury will have spent 52 hours and 32 minutes in its deliberations. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury sought the advice of Judge Morrow, the presiding judge in the case, for further instructions.

Questions put by four jurors, an example cited by one and a remark dropped by another indicated that some were in favor of acquittal, that others would convict the woman of first degree murder and that a few would be satisfied to disagree and return to their homes.

### Parallel Case Recounted.

One of the spokesmen of the deliberators in elucidating his difficulty arrived at an opinion in the case recounted a parallel case. If two men, he asked, one tall, one short, know a \$50 bill was in a till and the tall man steals it, he handed it to the short man, who took it and helped spend it, could the small man be held for conspiracy to commit murder if the tall man returned to the store later and killed the proprietor?

Judge Morrow answered in the negative. Other jurors asked questions relative to the same comparison, and were informed by the judge that lack of intent excluded the small man from incrimination, although he had received and spent ill-gotten money obtained from the murdered man that was no crime under the indictment, and that if she concealed the crime she could not be convicted on that evidence alone.

Previous to this the judge informed the jury that even though Mrs. Kersh accepted money belonging to the murdered man that was no crime under the indictment, and that if she concealed the crime she could not be convicted on that evidence alone.

### Judge Kept Busy Explaining.

Further questions were asked by the jurors concerning the varying degrees of murder, and this subject was explained for the second time by Judge Morrow.

Apparently satisfied with the additional instructions, the jury retired for the third time, asking Judge Morrow as they left the courtroom, "How long will we be kept if we disagree?"

The judge replied that he had not made up his mind.

Mrs. Kersh was brought to the courtroom in a state of collapse, requiring the support of Deputy Sheriff Hunter and Cameron. As the jury entered she cried, "I don't know anything about it at all." She repeated this several times and was ordered from the courtroom proper to the chambers by Judge Morrow. Attorney Seneca Fouts carried his client bodily from the courtroom and the proceedings were then resumed.

## MERCY'S APPEAL HEARD

RED CROSS SEALS SOLD UP TO SATURDAY NIGHT, \$3500.

Campaign Against White Plague in 1911 Depends Upon Amount Provided for Nurses.

Yesterday marked the opening of the last week of the Red Cross seal campaign, and the workers plan to make this a banner week and to come out with flying colors at the close, Saturday night.

The work of the Visiting Nurse Association for 1911 demands a large amount of money, say the officers, and the amount of work done depends upon the funds realized from the sale of seals.

Money received up to Saturday night, not including the schools, the East Side or outside towns, amounted to \$3500. The largest individual donation was \$100, and the most taken in at any booth was at Meler & Frank's, \$500. The booth in that store is in charge of Mrs. David Housman. The booth at Olds, Wertzman & King's, in charge of Miss Mai Hirsch, ranks second, with \$741, and the one at J. K. Gill's, in charge of Mrs. Fred Chamberlain, received \$228. The latter opened a week later than the other booths.

The largest amount sold in any office building, \$115, was at the Spaulding building, in charge of Mrs. O'Gorman.

At the hotel, the booth at the Oregon leads, with \$2548, in charge of Mrs. Chester Deering.

A booth was opened at Sweetland's yesterday afternoon by Mrs. George W. McBride.

All booths close Christmas eve. The following will sell at booths today: Meler & Frank, Miss Lisa Wood, Mrs. Josephine and Mrs. Henry Lind, Olds, Wertzman & King, Mrs. Lamond, Mrs. Ralph Walker and Mrs. Felix Friedlander; J. K. Gill, Mrs. C. F. Bunker, Miss Elsie Gill and Miss Mabel Korrell; Woodard, Clarke & Co., Miss Della Hahn and Miss Frances Fuller; Owl Drug Store, Mrs. Max Cohen and Mrs. O. A. Tuill & Gibble; Mrs. William Rowe, Miss Janette Kennedy, Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie and Mrs. Frank Wood; Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Miss Jean Morrison and Mrs. Robert Lewis.

### SLOVER GIVEN GOLD STAR

Police Show Regard for Captain by Making Christmas Gift.

When the second relief of the Portland Police Department reported for duty at 11:15 o'clock last night the members took a special interest in the new badge presented by the captain with a gold star as a Christmas remembrance.

The star is the regulation size and bears a description, "Captain, Portland Police." In presenting the gift Police Captain Rupert, in behalf of his comrades, spoke of the high esteem in which Captain Slover is held.

The captain immediately discarded his nickel star, after thanking his men, and remarked that he hoped his new badge of authority would prove as good a mascot as the one he has been wearing the past several years.

Welsh Anthracite is ideal for furnace; over 500 use it. Phone E. 302. C. 2302. Fine line ladies' bags. Harris Trunk Co.

# Christmas News

**OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS**



**SOLID COMFORT**

**FIVE MORE DAYS**

For Christmas shopping. What to buy and where to buy it is shown in our Suggestion List. Read it over. You will find something in it to interest you.

**Fine Tools**  
Tool Chests  
Tool Cabinets  
Work Benches  
Chests of Tools  
At \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$20 to \$50.

**Chafing Dishes**  
Coffee Machines  
Thermos Bottles  
Percolators

**Baking Dishes**  
Five o'clock Teas  
Smoking Stands  
Scissor Sets  
Library Sets

**Fern Dishes**  
Candelabra  
Manicure Sets  
Travelers' Sets  
Smoking Sets

**AUTOMOBILE LUNCH BASKETS**

Shaving Mirrors Shaving Brushes  
Safety Razors Corn Razors  
Table Cutlery Butter Spreaders  
Fruit Knives Salad Sets  
Fruit Baskets  
Pocket Knives

Express Wagons  
Coaster Wagons  
Teddy R. Carts  
Automobiles  
Handcars  
Tricycles  
Barrows

**SPALDING SPORTING GOODS**

**OUR ACME \$5.00 CHEST OF TOOLS**

**OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS**



**Indian Clubs**



**Punching Bags**



**Basket Balls**



**Handcars**  
Express Wagons  
Tricycles



**BOXING GLOVES**



**DUMB BELLS**



**Automobiles**  
Coaster Wagons  
Velocipedes

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The witness is one of five complainants who are endeavoring to have Yankwich indicted on a charge of larceny by bailie of \$500, which he had collected for them.

The complainants are Roumanian laborers who held a sub-contract on the Natron-Eugene Railroad construction. They had a dispute with the contractor and engaged Yankwich to collect their money. They allege that he collected \$1583 on a 25 per cent fee and turned over to them only \$125 apiece.

Yankwich declares that the 25 per cent contract was abrogated and a new one was made in its place after he had investigated and found that the task was more difficult than he supposed. The laborers admit that they signed a second paper, but say that it was not dictated to them and they did not know what was in it. They are positive, however, that after working for 10 months they received but \$125 apiece.

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