

STRAUSS OPERAS BIG HIT AT HELIC

Portland Capitulates Before Insistent Charms of "The Chocolate Soldier."

CAST IS ABOVE REPROACH

Musical Play Based on Shaw's Satirical Comedy, "Arms and the Man," Is Masterpiece of Mirth and Real Music.

THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER. An Opera Bouffe in Three Acts, Music by Oscar Strauss, Presented at the Helic Theater.

With the applause of London, Berlin and New York trailing behind and over it, "The Chocolate Soldier" came to Helic last evening and Portland has capitulated.

Oscar Strauss has found in Shaw's pleasant material for real opera bouffe and around the few incidents in the life of the chocolate soldier of fortune, "Bismarck," the Swiss captain of Serbian troops, he has composed music splendidly new, in no way reminiscent, that sparkles and talks, dances, romances, laughs and leaps in continuous melodic rhythms.

Score Is Tunesful.

It is music that is not only of great charm, but moves at times in massive solidity, a outwork of a decided current of humor that is most fitting to the cynicism of the Celtic author of his lines, and the orchestration is characteristic of the Eastern Balkan regions in which the scene of the opera is laid.

Beginning in exquisite serenity and all quietness with Nadina retiring in her chamber, the action and music become with the entrance of "the chocolate soldier" more and more animated and full of fire until the denouement at the finale of the second act is reached, when a wonderful cumulative climax is developed that in volume and impressiveness can be aptly and artistically compared to the finale of the second act of the grand opera "Aida."

This one splendidly dominant part of Strauss would authoritatively give to it the success it has so far achieved, but it possesses many other musical numbers that breathe individuality and a positive genius for combination.

"My Hero" Is Motif.

The aria, "My Hero," the motif of the entire score, the rousing march movement, barbaric in color and grotesque, which Massarett, the handsome soldier, sings, the several duets and finally the "Letter Song," in the third act, are all of particular strength and beauty.

An opera bouffe score demands primarily singers who can act also; it calls, too, for an orchestra of nearly grand opera proportions, and it requires a musical conductor who can dominate and hold together all these elements collectively as well as separately, for the adequate and harmonious expression of the whole.

English Is Perfect.

The young Miss Kopetsky is said to have come from Prague, but her English is exquisite and perfect, the most difficult numbers in the score being given by her with a virtuosity that makes them absolutely effortless. Her technical ability as a singer does not interfere with her dramatic sense, and her pantomime is a delight.

Her aria, "My Hero," in the first act was her most inspired performance.

Hamer's bill, which passed the House at the last session, permitting Western States to relinquish scattered school sections in forest reserves and take in exchange equal and compact area of forest reserve lands, accessibly located. This bill would have passed the Senate at the last session and become a law, but for the objection of Senator Heyburn, who maintains this exchange would be unconstitutional. Senator Borah has all along taken the opposite view, and has favored the passage of the bill.

Senator Jones of Washington and several other Western Senators are anxious to see this exchange of lands, and their respective states can give up scattered school sections which are not marketable because of their isolation, and in return receive compact bodies of similar lands lying on borders of forest reserves.

Senator Heyburn has announced he will oppose the bill if provisions are inserted to the effect that no such changes shall be made in Idaho. This plan, Senator Jones thinks, should be followed, but it is understood Senator Borah will not be willing to consent to any such amendment, but will favor the passage of the bill as it came from the House, so that benefit along with other Western States.

BEATEN WOMEN PROTEST Suffragists Send Telegrams to Governors of Five States.

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—The fight against Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, which was waged unsuccessfully at the Tacoma suffrage convention yesterday was the occasion here tonight of a meeting of the leaders of the women who were overruled in the Tacoma gathering.

SON'S 10 SHOTS KILL SIRE Murderer, 22 Years Old, Sends His Brother for Police.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 15.—Ildore Freedman fired 10 revolver bullets into the body of his father, Hyman, an automobile dealer here, today and then sent his brother for the police. The son was 22 years old and the father 48.

Candidate Drops Dead.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 15.—John Lyttleton, candidate for Councillor in South Vancouver, dropped dead of heart disease yesterday as he was importuning a voter to vote for him.

NEW BILLS AT THEATERS

"THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST." A Play in Four Acts by David Belasco, Presented at the Baker.

EVER since Blanche Bates first presented "The Girl of the Golden West" the grip of the beautiful thing on the hearts of the public has been matter of theatrical history.

The Baker company is putting the play on the boards in an excellent manner, and the house was packed yesterday with both males and females for the performance, giving prolonged and insistent applause with the fall of each curtain.

The three principal roles are the girl, the outlaw and the Sheriff. Ida Adair, the handsome new leading woman of the company, leaped at once into favor with the patrons with her fresh, piquant and undoubted acting ability. Her voice is pleasing and her enunciation a distinct delight.

Her "girl" is played with naturalness and great sympathy and understanding of the requirements. The actress strongly suggests Miss Bates in method. It is interesting to note that Miss Adair took her first stock actress to appear in this role.

Thurston Hall, as the outlaw, gives an excellent interpretation, clean cut as a cameo and faithful in detail.

ROSE DAY PLANNED

Peninsula Residents Arranging Attractive Features.

CHILDREN TO TAKE PART

Ten Improvement Clubs in Portland to Be Asked to Aid Promoters in Making the Occasion a Success—Interest Is Keen.

Peninsula boosters will this week begin earnest work in preparation for the regular annual "Rose Planting day," which is to be celebrated on February 22—Washington's birthday.

A number of novel features have already been taken up. Among them is the unique idea of having a boy and girl selected from each of the 10 improvement clubs affiliated with the Peninsula Rose Festival Association.

The occasion is to be made an event of state-wide importance, for among the prominent speakers to be invited to deliver addresses at the celebration is Governor West as the representative of the state. Mayor Simon will be requested to speak on behalf of the City of Portland.

The Portland Rose Society, which has had general charge of former Rose Planting days, will be represented by Mrs. Dr. A. C. Panton, president of the society.

Inasmuch as Seattle has recently organized a rose society, President Sherbrooke will be asked to be Portland's guest on that day and speak on behalf of rose culture in Seattle.

Rev. Spencer S. Bulliger, of Vancouver, Wash., one of the most noted rose fanciers of the Northwest, who recently returned from abroad, will be asked to give a short talk on rose shows and culture in England, where he attended a number of National floral exhibitions.

The Peninsula district has a band of 40 pieces which has furnished music at many of the recent floral festivities and this organization will furnish a programme of popular music during the rose-planting ceremonies.

HYDE COMES BACK

Official Denies He Ran Away From Graft Investigation.

CLOSING OF BANKS NEWS

New York City Chamberlain, Missing 38 Days, Declares That While on Florida Houseboat He Did Not Know of Sensation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Charles H. Hyde, New York City's Chamberlain, missing for 38 days, arrived from Florida this afternoon and alighted from his train, laudably, calm and smiling.

Hyde Makes Denials. All this and more Mr. Hyde denied. The committee had ample time to get him before he left New York, he said, and he remained away solely on account of his health. Passing most of his time on a houseboat, he was out of touch with the world, he said, knew nothing of the furor caused by his absence, and did not learn until Friday last of the closing of the banks.

Then, he said, he hurried back to his duties, prepared to be at his desk tomorrow morning, and to stick to his job. Suggestions of resignation he met with emphatic negatives.

This graft investigation stuff is all boah," declared Mr. Hyde. "I left this city because of ill health, and for no other reason. For three months before I departed, the investigation committee was in session. I was about the city all the time, and I was not in the least bit interested in the investigation committee that I was wanted."

Hyde Not Approached. "Everybody else was subpoenaed who was wanted. Nobody approached me. I had no reason to assume that I was wanted. And as to the alleged corruption fund, why, I don't know the peo-

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GRANTS PASS UNCERTAIN

City to Ask Supreme Court If It Is "Wet" or "Dry."

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Whether Grants Pass shall be "wet" is a question to be settled by the Supreme Court. This announcement was made by District Attorney Mulkey here today. A hearing of the case will be held before Judge Calkins at Grants Pass next week.

The question to be settled is: "How far does the recent home rule amendment passed at the November election modify the local option law in effect?" Josephine County voted "dry" in November.

COUPLE WEDDED 50 YEARS

Anniversary Celebration is Noteworthy Event at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Winworth Lord gave a reception Saturday night from 8 to 11:30 o'clock at their home on Court street in celebration of the 50th anniversary of their marriage. The guests were old friends and pioneer residents of The Dalles, the younger set being well represented by friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Broughton, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lord, whose 21st wedding anniversary it was, and who stood in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Lord.

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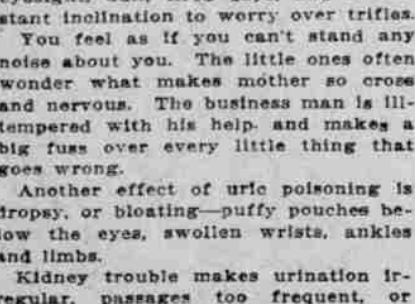
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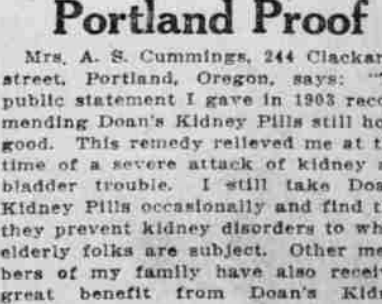
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