RAPPS AND DOANE SIGN CONTRACTS

McCredie's Ante-Season Troubles About Ended—Beavers Present Strong Front.

DELEGATION OFF MARCH 3

Gregg and Steen Plan to Go on Stage at End of Season—Abe Attell Forced to Extend Self in Match With Kilbane.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Two files in the Portland baseball preserves—Bill Rapps, first baseman, and Walter Doane, outfielder—have finally signed their 1912 contracts, and the Portland Coast League family is again serene and content with practically every malcontent within the corral.

Those already signed are: Rapps, Rodgers, McDowell, Bancroft, Coltrin, Lindsay, Peters, Kibbie, Krueger, Chadbourne, Doane, Strait, Mathes, Fries, Howley, LaLonge, Burch, Byrd. Yet unsigned but apparently satisfied with their contracts: Koestner, Harkness, Lamline, Hersch, Osborne, Steiger. Dissatisfied: Henderson and Greenwell.

From this it will readily be seen that the Portland club is in much better shape than any other Pacific Coast League club, for all have at least one or two serious holdouts.

Of the two Portland stars, Henderson will be on hand at the training camp, ready for hard work and his document will then be drawn up, but Greenwell doesn't seem disposed to come West, and may not play ball at all this season. Greenwell, it will be recalled, suffered a severe gunshot wound while on a hunting expedition last Fall. Rapps' agreement will be turned in this week.

Manager McCredie will leave Portland by train on Sunday, March 3, for San Francisco, where the Portland delegation, Speck Harkness, Bill Rapps and newspapermen, will lay over for a day or two before proceeding to Santa Maria, the Spring training camp. Active work will then begin, for all the men have been ordered to report there by March 3. W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland club, will remain in the city to supervise the construction of the new plant at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn.

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Bill Steen is going upon the stage. Nor will the Portland pitcher make his debut alone, for Ven Gregg, the great Nap southpaw, will be the other half of a "rube" team which will flash the American flag behind the footlights next Fall after baseball season.

Bill's plans depend in a great measure on his success with the Cleveland American Leaguers during 1912, but he has great hopes of making good under Harry Davis and his chief concern hinges about the "holdout" habits of his prospective codabbler in the thespian warpaint, Gregg.

When the two hurlers were on the same Portland payroll in 1910, they kept the camp in a continuous uproar with their primeval vaudeville, and Steen figures they might better retire from the arena with a bankroll than drift along in satisfied contentment until the day when their dollar-earning ability will be reduced to the minimum.

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Abe Attell recently boasted that he won his first 75 fights via the knockout route, but is now content to win on points. No qbotations or amplifications from Abe are necessary—the fans are too familiar with his innumerable "pulled" bouts even to elevate the eyebrows. Abe is one of the original business men of the ring.

But, while Abe figures close to the dollar, there will be no stalling in the match with Johnny Kilbane, on Thursday afternoon at Los Angeles. On December 11, 1908, Attell "pulled" a fight with Ad Wolgast, 10 rounds, at Naud Junction, and the hungry wolves who lounge o'er the typewriter mills in the vestibules of mendicant and prodigal alike, fell upon him like man-eating tigers in a Ceylon jungle. For two rounds Abe made a chopping block of Wolgast, then a stripling youngster, and after that "iced" him for future use, but the publicity given his efforts have prevented Abe from ever hooking up with Wolgast again.

Attell knows full well that he will have to do his best in Los Angeles on Thursday. He has appeared 10 times in the shade of the Pasadena rosebuds and there are but two instances of alleged dishonesty on the part of the 122-pound champion.

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"Dutch" Altman, former Oakland and Spokane infielder, is the "unknown" third sacker for whom Danny Long of the Seals has been acting as press agent for the past week. So it appears from a Philadelphia dispatch that Connie Mack had asked waivers upon Altman, purchased from Memphis, to be turned over the San Francisco.

Altman went to Memphis in 1910 and played great ball for the Southern leaguers, but last season slumped terribly. Memphis then tried to dispose of him, but several other clubs refused to waive and the "fake" sale to Philadelphia was put through as a subterfuge. Apparently it has worked, but Walter McCredie doesn't think Altman is worth the trouble.

BERG'S OPPONENT DUE TODAY

Mystery Surrounding "Cyclone" Frankenstein Not Cleared.

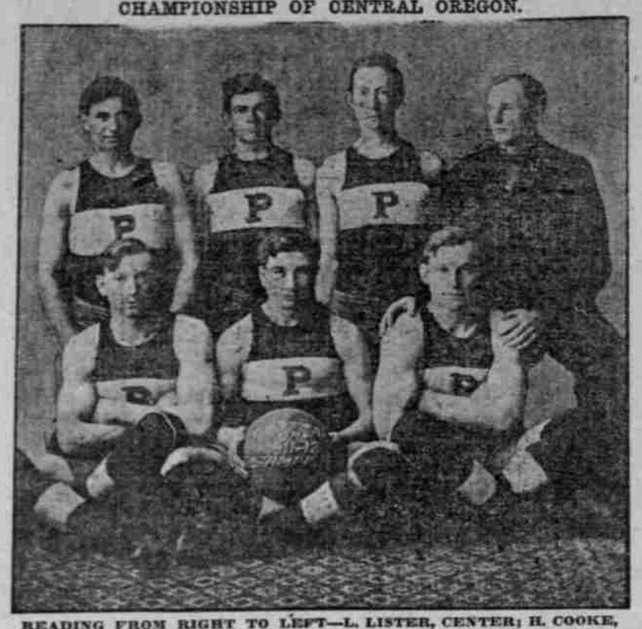
"Cyclone" Frankenstein, the great unknown who will do battle with John Berg on February 26, is to reach Portland today from Salt Lake to begin active training for his match with the light heavyweight championship claimant.

Who he is or from whence comes the $250 side bet is proving somewhat of a puzzle to the Portland bone crusher, and Berg confided to his friends yesterday that he had a hunch and had sent East for photographs of one or two men who he figured might come out under assumed names for a chance at some easy money.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the invader recalls to mind a project undertaken by a bitter enemy of Peter Buzukos seven or eight months ago. The conspirators had planned on bringing Walter Miller, the St. Paul welter-weight champion, to the Coast and stationing him in some small town near Portland under another name, whence he would be available for a cleanup over the Portland Greek, but Eddie O'Connell came along about the time the scheme was well under way and spoiled Buzukos as a golden goose by tossing him at Roseburg.

The Berg-Frankenstein match will be staged at the Bungalow Theater and the promoters are drawing up a programme of good preliminaries to the main event

CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CENTRAL OREGON.



READING FROM RIGHT TO LEFT—L. LISTER, CENTER; H. COOKE, SUBSTITUTE; C. RICE, FORWARD; R. L. BREWSTER, COACH; H. M'ALLISTER, GUARD; R. LISTER, GUARD, AND R. M'CALLISTER, FORWARD.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The Crook County High School basketball team of this place holds the undisputed championship of Central Oregon, and its two decisive victories over the strong aggregation from The Dalles has demonstrated its claim as a factor to be considered in state championship honors. The team is well balanced. Its play is fast and team work good. It is ready to meet any high school team in the state.

LONG BEACH YIELDS

San Francisco Bowlers Take Lead at Los Angeles.

A. THORPE'S SCORE BEST

Chicago Five-Man Team Still Ahead and Big Record Is Not Even Approached—Doubles Held by Bay City.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—San Francisco wrested the lead from Long Beach in tonight's doubles and singles at the Western Bowling Congress tournament. Chicago still led in the five-man team competition with 2813, made by the Mineralites.

Shave and Thorpe, of San Francisco, rolled 1173 and stepped into first place in the singles, while A. Thorpe, of the same city, knocked over 618 pins in his three games in the singles, and displaced W. W. Bostwick, of Long Beach, for first place. A. W. Brown, of San Francisco, also went ahead of Bostwick when he rolled 593, taking second position.

Today's scores follow:

Men's doubles—Shave and Thorpe, San Francisco, 1173; Miner and Brown, San Francisco, 1039; Jarrett and Richardson, San Francisco, 967; Volois and Anderson, San Francisco, 964; Arbogast and Harding, Los Angeles, 933.

Men's singles—A. Thorpe, San Francisco, 618; A. W. Brown, San Francisco, 593; A. Shave, San Francisco, 582; E. Miner, San Francisco, 574; G. E. Arbogast, Los Angeles, 576; G. W. Harding, Los Angeles, 583; J. Anderson, San Francisco, 503; W. P. Jarrett, San Francisco, 591.

Five-men teams—Eugenes, San Francisco, 2596; East Sides, Los Angeles, 2593; Los Angeles Bottlers, 2500; Harris & Frank, Los Angeles, 2476; Loveras, Los Angeles, 2394; Schlitz, Los Angeles, 2267.

2 NEW LEAGUES NOT OUTLAWS

Hermann Says Majors May Sell Players to Organizations.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Augustus Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, said today that organized baseball was not hostile to the newly-formed Columbian and United States Leagues.

"The two leagues are not outlaws," he said. "They are independent bodies within their rights and not trespassing on ours. We have no right to object to them and no license to annoy them. The status of the two leagues is exactly similar, so far as organized baseball is concerned.

"If I had a player for whom I had no room and all the big league clubs waived claim on him, I would not hesitate to turn him over to either league. Any National agreement team has a perfect right to dispose of its contracts to any organization not in the outlaw class."

Indoor Track Meet Arranged.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An indoor track meet between Pacific University and the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland has been signed up for March 2. The meet is to be held in the Pacific gymnasium. The usual indoor events will be on the schedule, including a half-mile relay race.

Oregon 44, Y. M. C. A. 24.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 19.—The University of Oregon basketball team Saturday night defeated the local Y. M. C. A. five by the score of 44 to 24.

Monmouth Five Beats Indians.

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Monmouth High School defeated the Chemawa Indian basketball quintet here last night by a score of 40 to 14.

Dartmouth Defeats Yale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 19.—Dartmouth won from Yale at basketball tonight, 14 to 12.

Brief Sporting Notes.

Local amateur swimmers who have been figured as entrants in the aquatic events at the Portland Baths tonight will have to withdraw or lose their amateur standings, according to a ruling promulgated by T. Morris Dunne, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Association, last night.

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Jack Leon, the Russian wrestler-boxer, has left San Francisco for Los Angeles, where he will try to get into the fight game. Four rounds was all the Bay Cities had to offer and Leon couldn't figure himself as a white hope in that sort of a test.

"Father Tom" Kelly, well-known coach and ballplayer, has written to Joe Cohn, of Spokane, asking for an opening in the managerial end of the game in this section.

Ed Hanlon, the Sioux City magnate who left Portland yesterday after a short visit, has made Seattle an offer for Pitcher Jim Wiggs, who refuses to report to Seattle.

The regular Thursday night social swim of the Multnomah Club will be on tap as usual at the Portland Baths. This will be the last before moving into the new building.

CANADIAN POLO TEAM WINS

English Four Loses in Second Round of Play for Crocker Cup.

SAN MATEO, Cal., Feb. 19.—The Canadian polo team defeated the English team today in the second round of play, for the William H. Crocker cup, by a score of 5¾ to 3. The English team had a handicap allowance of four goals and lost one goal on Besley's foul and safeties by Lord Tweedmouth and Gower. The English team played a good defensive game, but never threatened the Canadian goal.

The lineup was as follows:

Canada: 1, K. J. Snowden; 2, A. H. Noton; (3) Addeson Hone; back, Major Colin G. Ross, captain. English: 1, Captain J. C. Besley; 2, Lord Gower; 3, Lord Herbert; back, Lord Tweedmouth, captain.

The Canadians will play the Slashers, the first San Mateo team, the final game for the Crocker cup Saturday. The Slashers will play the English team tomorrow in the finals for the Eugene De Sable cup.

Amateur Athletics.

AFTER the game with McLaughlin Club the Columbia University quintet will disband for the season. Columbia, because of its games in the Interscholastic Basketball League, has not been able to schedule many games with the high schools, the only one which it has met being the Jefferson quintet, which defeated it by a close score.

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The first cross-country practice at Columbia was held yesterday at the campus, with a turnout of six men. Lundy, Leonard, Morris, Malarkey, Douglas and Dwyer. Lundy is a new man at the university, and looks like a very strong performer according to the first runs. Malarkey and Douglas are veterans at the game, and certain of representing the team in some of the events this Spring.

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The Lincoln High School classes are to have a meet within a short time, which has caused a number of the representatives to appear at Multnomah Field lately. The February '13's will have Woodworth and Goodwin. The former is one of the best jumpers in the state and will land the high jump for the class. Woodworth won the high jump against entrants from all over the state, at the meets at Corvallis and Eugene, last Spring.

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Football and basketball managers for the Fall will be chosen at a meeting of the Lincoln Athletic Association to be held Wednesday. Earl Goodwin and Schiffer will be the strongest candidates in the field for football executive.

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Wilsonville and the Jefferson High School second basketball teams met at Wilsonville Saturday night, Jefferson going down, 33 to 10. The good guarding of Stangel and Murray caused the downfall of the Portland quintet, as they managed to land but ten points during the evening.

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The Columbia University Midgets claim the championship for basketball teams of this city which are composed of players under 15 years of age. They have played five games of which they have lost none. The last victory was taken from the Nob Hill Juniors Saturday.

ARMED WORKMAN TAKEN

Pickets Cause Arrest of Railroad Employe Bearing Gun.

Carrying a loaded revolver while on his way to the Brooklyn carshops, Martin Ziner, an employe of the railroad company, was seized by strike pickets yesterday and was turned over to Patrolman Frey, who charges him with carrying concealed weapons. Ziner asserts that he was carrying the weapon in full view.

Ziner caused the arrest of Simon Ernest, a picket, last Saturday, charging him with an assault with a baseball bat. An effort was made to hold Ernest to the grand jury, but he was discharged by Judge Tazwell. Following this failure, Ziner was advised to carry a revolver, but in plain sight. On his first appearance so armed, he was arrested.

The case was already before the court yesterday morning, when Ziner's attorney appeared and objected to further proceedings. He demanded a trial by jury, which was set down for a later date.

MORAN OUTPOINTS BROOKLYN FIGHTER

Gong Saves Joe Bedell From Knockout in Ten-Round, Well-Fought Bout.

ENGLISHMAN SHOWS CLASS

Championship Caliber Shown by Lightweight Who Hammers Opponent Hard and Knocks Him to Floor Twice at End.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight, completely outclassed Joe Bedell, of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn tonight.

Moran virtually knocked out his opponent in the ninth, but at the count of eight the bell rang, saving Bedell. He was revived and toed the mark in the tenth and fought gamely, being knocked down for the count of nine in the last minute.

In the sixth round Moran began to hammer his oppenent hard and the effect of the blows were plainly seen.

The fighters' weights were announced as: Bedell, 140; Moran, 133.

ATHLETICS LEAVE FOR SOUTH

Connie Mack Takes Fine Array of Players to San Antonio.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—Players who hope to become regulars on the Philadelphia American League team departed today for San Antonio, Texas, where they will begin Spring training. They are accompanied by Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics. The party includes: Egan and Kilhullen, catchers; Brown, Pike, Salmon and McCleary, pitchers; Chase, infielder; Whiting and Strunk, outfielders.

With the exception of Strunk, the men are new players. Jenson, a pitcher, secured from a Chicago semi-professional club, will join at St. Louis, and Gipe, Bonner and Hauck, pitchers, who were on Pacific Coast teams last season, will join at San Antonio. The regular team under Captain Murphy will depart in about two weeks.

WASHINGTON DOWNS CORVALLIS

Aggies Surprise Seattle Basket-Tossers and Hold Score 13 to 11.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Fighting desperately for the game that gives them the Northwest basketball championship, Washington's undefeated quintet tonight whipped the Oregon Agricultural College five by 13 to 11. Twice in the game Corvallis tied the score. The deciding two points were made in the last 30 seconds of play. The visitors' spectacular showing came as a surprise to the over-confident team. Another game will be played Tuesday night.

As Washington defeated Oregon in both games played here, the championship depended on tonight's game.

PORTLAND SHOTS NEAR GOAL

Local Revolver Team Only One Unbeaten—End of Tourney Nigh.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 19.—Official scores for the 21st and 22d rounds in the United States Revolver Association Indoor League were announced today. Springfield was eliminated in the race for the championship last week by losing to Portland, Or.

The Manhattan team of New York City has a chance to tie for the lead this week when it meets the Oregon club. This week's matches will close the season.

SEATTLE BOXERS CONVICTED

Marino and McVeigh Fined $100 Each for Prizefighting.

ANACORTES, Wash., Feb. 19.—Eddie Marino and Pete McVeigh, Seattle lightweights who fought an eight-round draw here last Thursday night, were found guilty of prizefighting today and were fined $100 each.

Bert VanHorn, promoter of the bout, was fined a like amount and "Kid" Ross, the referee, was fined $25. The District Attorney declares he will endeavor to punish the spectators.

ATHLETIC AMITY URGED

OREGON U. EDITOR WOULD HAVE VARSITY PLAY O. A. C.

Present Attitude Foolish, He Says, and Expectation of Apology From Either Side Is Futile.

R. Burns Powell, editor-in-chief of the Oregon Emerald, the official university paper, has come out with a plea for a resumption of athletic relationship between the State University and the Oregon Agricultural College.

"It is because of the desire to do the right and sensible thing and escape the criticism directed at both schools that we make the definite statement that it is foolish and detrimental to both institutions to remain unfriendly," writes Powell, editorially.

"A resumption of athletic relations is sure to come, sooner or later. No one thinks the two institutions will go on indefinitely as at present, and it is absurd to expect either school to apologize for its part in the unfortunate fracas. In the meantime we are standing about like a lot of kids, letting our graduate managers worry over finances, our spellbinders tear their hair in efforts to produce college spirit over games with institutions located 400 miles away, and the public laughs at us over the childishness of our ways."

ZBYSZKO THROWS ORDEMANN

Victory Comes in Straight Falls. Roller Defeats Karla.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—Zbyszko defeated Henry Ordemann, of Minneapolis, in a hard wrestling match here tonight, winning two straight falls, the first in 46 minutes and 10 seconds, and the next in 16 minutes and 45 seconds.

Dr. Roller defeated Karla, the Hindoo, in two straight falls.

Yale Wrestlers Victorious.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 19.—The first wrestling team from Harvard to compete with Yale met a decisive defeat here tonight, losing all seven bouts. The 158-pound and the heavyweight bouts were won by falls and the others by decisions.

Boxer Does Work of Horse.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—To reduce his weight and get into condition for a sparring exhibition, Bud Anderson, a clever lightweight boxer of this city, has taken the novel method of pulling a single buggy around on the paved streets on the run. He is accompanied by his trainer, who pulls on one shaft while Anderson handles the other. He wears a heavy sweater and hits up a blood-warming clip for several miles. He attracted much attention in doing the Marathon on Washington street this afternoon.

Columbia Meet Date to Stand.

Although April 13, the date of the Columbia University track meet, is the same as that of the Stanford University All-Coast meet, it will not be changed, according to Faculty Manager Bach, of the Peninsular school. If it should be advanced a week it would come in the Columbia University vacation. If it is postponed a week it would come in the holidays of Oregon University. This week the invitations will be sent to the different schools of the state. All entries must be in by April 6.

Independent Race Meet Proposed.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 19.—Business men, disappointed by the action of the Pacific Jockey Club in assigning the Spring meeting to Coeur d'Alene instead of Salt Lake, have agitated the matter of an independent meeting. It was announced today that 300 horses had been engaged for a series of races to begin late in April or early in May and continue for 50 days. The Fall meeting of the Pacific Jockey Club is scheduled to begin here August 27.

Dallas Defeats Silverton.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The basketball team of Company G, Third Infantry Oregon National Guard, of this city, defeated the Silverton Athletic Club team of Silverton 44 to 13 Saturday. This is the second defeat Dallas has administered to Silverton this season. The Dallas team has games scheduled with University of Washington, Washington State College, Idaho, Newberg, Amicus Club of Portland, Multnomah Club, and probably Vancouver.

St. Paul Rifle Team High.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—St. Paul made the high score in the Western section of the Inter-Club Indoor Rifle Shooting League matches last week, according to the official records issued here today. The Dickinson team was the runner-up. The scores: St. Paul, 979; Tacoma, 978; Dickinson, 974; Madison, 945; Adrian, 963; Minneapolis, 962; Los Angeles, 934; Helena, 932. Butte defaulted in its match with the Badger Club, and Bisbee defaulted to Milwaukee.

Warm Weather Mars Races on Ice.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Warm weather and melting ice marred the first day's races of the international amateur outdoor skating championship here today. In the 220-yard race, O. B. Bush, of the Vancouver Athletic Club, made an excellent showing in the preliminaries, but in the final he did not hear the gun and was left at the scratch. Lot Roe, of the Eaton Athletic Association, Toronto, won.

Anglers' Club Will Meet.

Portland's newly organized Anglers' Club will hold its second meeting on Friday night, 8 o'clock, in the convention hall at the Commercial Club, at which time to constitution and bylaws will be adopted. Those desiring charter membership have been asked to make application to Dr. E. C. McFarland, secretary, before Friday.

New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

Pantages.

ALTHOUGH not billed as the leading part of the week's programme, the greatest hit at Pantages seems to be a monologist, Fred Wyckoff, the "Mayor of Tank Town." Jokes come so thick and fast that the audience is kept three or four jokes behind the laughter. The only part of the act anything like the usual run of "rube" impersonators is the Mayor's costume, as all his jokes and ditties are fresh from the joke smithy.

Two short sketches and athletic acts are especially good. The five Merkels, athletes, are particularly worthy. The other gymnastic card is entitled "Fun in a Swimming Pool," and is put on by three Emerson brothers. Although no real tank is put on the stage, various dives and plunges are made from a spring-board, the divers usually landing in the hands of one of the other brothers.

The first sketch is built around mistaken identity. By a strange coincidence, two persons, each trying to escape the other, meet on board ship. The scenery is a reproduction of a steamer, of which a midship section suddenly disappears, showing the interior where the tangling incidents are enacted. Irene H. Gorney appears as the widow and Tom Kyle as the bachelor.

The second sketch is entitled "The Lunatic and the Prima Donna." The character work and singing introduced make this about as good as anything on the bill. Bertha Yeoman as the prima donna, sings a number of selections which tickled the audience. D. L. McGrath, as the lunatic, carries the comedy side of the sketch to perfection.

Elmore and Raymond crack a lot of jokes and sing in a well-balanced act. Moving pictures and music finish the bill.

Empress.

TOPLINERS at the Empress this week are Ruth Francis and Players in their musical sketch, "A Touch of High Life." There is not much plot to the playlet. What there is concerns a prima donna, who visits a New York cafe in the hope of meeting a stage manager and getting an engagement. She mistakes Jack Flanigan, a ward-heeler, who happens to be in the cafe at the time, for the stage manager, and proceeds to impress him. This she does by her singing, which not only captures Flanigan, but incidentally all the waiters. The prima donna proposes to pay for the dinner which follows, assuming that the stage manager will wish to pay, but Flanigan, who has only 60 cents, fails to make good. She, it seems, has left her purse at home, so everybody is embarrassed, until the real stage manager arrives; then everybody is happy. The song numbers are all melodious and the singing is a delight. Miss Francis has a voice of unusual quality, and her method is excellent. She is extremely pretty and has much charm.

Cliff Berzac's Comedy Chorus, a small edition of a pony show, is an act that will not fail to please children and all lovers of animals. The tricks of the ponies and mule are most amusing.

Gertrude Holmes and Robert Buchanan give a pleasing musical act called "The Girl of 1847." Both have excellent voices, and their songs, contrasting the bygone days with the strenuous present, are filled with pretty sentiment.

The Three Keltons give a musical ensemble with xylophone, cornet and trombone. Miss Gladys Kelton displays much skill in her rendition of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

Brady and Mahoney bring a lot of fun to the front in their act called "The Fireman and Foreman." Their songs are good and their patter full of wit.

Cadieux, a wirewalker, gives thrilling feats in that line, his most daring accomplishment being a complete somersault on the wire.

Moving pictures of Genoa, Italy, complete an entertaining programme.

Orpheum.

MORE than making amendments for what it offered last week in the name of entertainment, the present Orpheum bill puts over at least one-half dozen worth-while numbers.

Any bill that Valerie Bergere heads is sure of at least one good act—hers.

She returns this season with a strongly dramatic sketch, "Judgment," which affords her unlimited opportunity to display her splendid emotional ability. It's a story—rapidly told—of the uncertainty of hasty judgment, and particularly of circumstantial evidence. The denouement of the sketch is its big feature—hence any review of the story itself would spoil it for those who have yet to enjoy it.

Naturally, Miss Bergere has the principal role, that of a wife of a thief, condemned on circumstantial evidence of murder. She is a most capable actress, and offends not with an overmuch tearing of the emotions, but rather plays skilfully and with unmistakable understanding. Herbert Brill, as the judge, is excellent in a small part in Miss Bergere's play.

Kranz and White are back, singing for the fun of the thing (not). But at least they are singing; all of it new, comedy and tunes. Their big hit yesterday was a "melodramatic rag," which they did in "costume," with 10-20-30 mellow-drama atmosphere. White was handicapped by a cold, but Kranz was in fine vocal trim.

Dick Gardner and Anna Revere have what they label a true variety act, a sprinkling of a litle bit of everything set to comedy. Miss Revere has one of the most pleasing of singing voices—nothing big or pretentious, but thoroughly delightful to hear.

Gardner gets a lot of new harmonies out of that elderly instrument, the guitar, and the two finish with a dandy bit of stepping.

Two real Irishmen—James B. Donovan and Charles M. McDonald—have a half hour fun session that keeps everybody smiling. Both sing pleasingly—Mac does a lot of fancy soft-shoe dancing, and together they chatter humorously of their Celtic friends. As a finale they have a howlingly funny conversational row with two men in the audience about a hat one of the twain has borrowed for the act.

The opening act is a meritorious one, possessing the distinction of novelty. A half dozen dogs, beautifully groomed, pose in various positions against a red curtain, with another drop falling at the end of each pose. The dogs are examples of training for which their owner, "Richardson," may garner in much credit.

A chap who assumes a very great opinion of his own ability is Bert Jordan, who bills himself as America's premier eccentric dancer. He does dance well—much better in fact than many, but his equal can be found on almost any average bill.

Cole De Losse has a wire turn that is in itself a very fine piece of stagecraft, but for some unaccountable reason he insists on having as his partner a tramp comedian whose comedy is pathetic.

Lyric.

THERE is nothing wrong with "The Merry Rounders," this week's show at the Lyric. It's full of laughs, novel and graceful dances and choruses and the solos are all up to the standard. Edward S. Allen, Frank Vack and Jack Curtis are in their element and are funnier than ever. Allen, the Lyric's star comedian, has material for a laugh-maker in the part of Isidore Levi.

Lillie Sutherland is amusing as Dottie Allcash, an actress. Her solo, "Strike Up a Bagpipe Tune," with chorus in Highland costume, is one of the hits of the show. Miss Sutherland has another opportunity in the tableau at the close of the performance, when she appears as Uncle Sam and sings "Daddy Was a Grand Old Man."

One of the prettiest choruses yet given at the Lyric is that which assists Myrtle Guild in her solo, "Child Love." Miss Guild is demurely dressed in blue gingham. The others are in pink Buster Brown suits. Pauline De Vere is seen in the part of Maud Dashington, a society woman, and contributes much to the success of the show. Her solos are "That Hypnotizing Man," sung with Carlton Chase, and "Fishing," in which she and the chorus, with rods and sure-enough tackle, seem to be angling for the men in the front rows. It was a matter of regret to the audience that Jack Wise has left the company. His place is taken by Johnnie Franks, whose voice is by far the best yet heard at this playhouse. His solo, "The Hour That Gave Me You," was a gem. In addition to the regular company, the Le Blancs are again giving their "Texas Tommy" and other dances. They have already found favor. The Premier Trio is also giving a series of ragtime selections.

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