

TRENTINI REALLYS BRILLIANT 'FIREFLY'

Operatic Star Writes Lines of Intentional Humor into Play in Own Way.

GOLDEN MELODY IS GIVEN

Fresh Young Voice Is Full of Dramatic Power and Ability as Actress Is Ever Noticeable; Play Is of High Standard.

CAST OF 'THE FIREFLY' Sylvia Vandars... Vera Derosa... Suetta... Betty Barnell... Pietro... John Hines... Geraldine Vandars... Grace Hanson... Jack Travers... Craig Campbell... John Thurston... Melville Stewart... Mrs. Oglesby Vandars... Oscar Figman... Jenkin... Marion Lee... Herr Franz... William Wolff... Nina... Emma Trentini... Correll... S. Sobason... Antonio Columbo... Kitty Mahoney.

BY LEONE CASS BAER

Whoever it was gave Emma Trentini the sobriquet of "Little Devil of Grand Opera" guessed right the first time. She came last night on her first visit to us, and a stellar trip, too.

"The Firefly," written and directed by her husband and Rudolf Friml set to music. Little Trentini has written into the production a sense of intentional humor and has everything her own way.

She appears as the insect of the title, a pathetic little Italian street singer, who sings and dances and is taken to Bermuda by a party of comic opera New Yorkers and forever after has a good time, develops a heart incident and turns into a real "star."

Not until the flashing of the little Trentini on our horizon could we imagine why "The Firefly" title. Now it is simple.

Trentini is wholly in keeping with the entomological nickname the opera gives her. She has an incandescent personality.

"Firefly's" Smile Elusive. Her vivacious smile is as elusive as the soft glow of the little firefly, and her saucy manner is quite as sparkling.

She fascinates and holds spellbound with the brilliance of her art. So she is really and truly a firefly prima donna. Also, she has a grand-operatic voice in a well drawn drawing-room-recital body. Out of an adorably slender throat she pours a flood of golden melody that a stalwart diva might envy.

From the gay red heels of her saucy boots to the topmost black curl on her always nodding little head she measures just four feet and eight inches, but she is a pocket edition in herself with a whole Carnegie library of throat. And while her voice is of grand opera quality Trentini has distinctive enchainments that are not grand operatic.

She is not the trick of singing at us—she sings for us. Her spontaneous vivacity is not of the grand opera school; her comedy is genuine and not the laughable farce of the operetta.

Ability an Actress Quality. Besides all of which, she is an actress of ability and has none of the tricks of triumphant attitude when she attains a climax in her singing. Trentini makes no bid for applause. Which may explain why the theatre-goer who is in abundant measure. Her fresh young, glorious voice, full of dramatic power, vibrating with human impulses and marvellously trained, is a veritable sensation.

As to the "Firefly" itself it possesses that type of score described usually as ambitious and melodramatic. Its three big acts are equipped with numbers which appeal to the ear and at the same time keep high the musical standard of the composers. Tremendous skill has wrought into this score and the score and great demands are placed upon the orchestra.

There is a song for everybody, and Mrs. Trentini is not the only one who does justice to all the music. Oscar Figman, a comedian who knows his comedy, gets into the spirit of fun incarnate as a mildly effeminate assistant to the hostess of the story in a vein of mirth.

The piece is richly staged and dressed. Trentini wears an Italian street singer's costume, a "Tommy Atkins" apparel, and the last act, a revelation of her sex, restores her to an evening frock.

The audience last night packed the theatre and gave ample manifestation of its pleasure. A pretty note and a gracious compliment was paid by Trentini to Madame Fritz Schuff, who entered the stage box. Trentini sang to her husband here, and in a storm of applause Madame Scheff threw the tiny Italian singer her corage bouquet.

The bill will continue all week, with a matinee on Saturday.

LID PUT ON 'CHICKEN' BALL Mayor Refuses to Permit Dance of "Squabs" and Some "Hens."

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Plenty of chickens was advertised in the posters of a dance here, but because this promise did not pertain to poultry, the Mayor, as head of the Police Commission, today declined to issue a permit for the dance.

from it by a plebiscite in five years. Should the opposition reject the above offer, the Daily Chronicle says, the government will proceed with the bill on its present lines. Suggestions made afterward will be placed on a separate paper accompanying the bill to the House of Lords.

The Chronicle says it is expected the government will make its offer within a fortnight.

LONDON, March 2.—Lord Roberts, Viscount Milner, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, Ruddyard Kipling, Professor Albert von Dicoey and Sir William Ramsay, and a score of less prominent persons today issued an appeal to their fellow countrymen to follow their example in signing a declaration, which is milder in form than the Ulster covenant, by which they hold themselves, in case the Irish home rule bill becomes a law without first being submitted to the judgment of the nation, "justified in taking or supporting any action that may be effective to prevent it being put in operation."

The signatories of the appeal are careful not to say anything about the declaration "no man will pledge himself to take any particular action of which his conscience or judgment does not approve."

ROAD BONDS IN DEMAND

CLATSOP COUNTY TO GET PREMIUM ON \$400,000 ISSUE. Bid of Chicago Firm at Par, Accrued Interest and \$4528 Accepted.—Other Offers Received.

ASTORIA, Or., March 3.—(Special.) Clatsop County agreed today to sell its proposed issue of \$400,000 of road improvement bonds at a figure that amounts to a premium and interest saved to \$10,361. The successful bidder was Chapman, Mills & Company, of Chicago.

The bonds are to be dated April 1, 1914, to run 20 years and draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent, payable semi-annually. Five bids were submitted. That of Chapman, Mills & Company was par, with accrued interest and a premium of \$1528, the money to be paid to the county at the rate of \$50,000 a month for eight months. By it, the premium and accrued interest the county will receive total \$10,361. Each of the other four bids was at par and accrued interest, and the premium offered by each of the other four bidders was as follows: Wells-Lickey Company, Minneapolis, \$7520; Well, Roth & Company, Seattle \$6740; Morris Brothers, Portland, representing a Chicago syndicate, \$8560; Trust Company, Portland, \$6520.

The offers received were much more favorable to the county than were any of those submitted in January, as the best bid at that time was scarcely at par. Of course, each bid is subject to the approval of the proceedings by the bidders' attorneys.

MOVIES TO BE CENSORED

ASTORIA COUNCIL PASSES ACT AND CREATES NEW BOARD. Ordinance Is Enacted Over Opposition of Managers of Moving Picture Theaters.

ASTORIA, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—The City Council last night passed an ordinance creating a city board of moving picture censors. The members are: Mrs. C. L. Houston, Mrs. R. J. Pickett, Mrs. E. M. Cherry, Rev. Father Waters and E. F. Stone.

The ordinance was opposed by the managers of the local picture theaters, who were represented at the Council meeting by Melvin Winstock, of Portland, president of the State Moving Picture Association.

In addressing the Council he said: "We do not object to censorship, but we do not think you should enact a measure of this kind. The board named is perfectly satisfactory and we are willing to work with it, but censorship by a legalized board is at this time unnecessary and unwarranted."

"The pictures are the only form of commercial amusement that tends toward education. The picture man himself is the best censor, as no one can succeed in this business if he exhibits films of a degrading nature. Every picture that comes to Astoria is censored by two boards, the National board in New York and the local board in Portland."

Winstock was answered by Father Waters, who said the idea was to co-operate with the managers; that the ordinance had been changed to suit the times; that the only thing aimed at is the welfare of the children, and so long as the managers are willing to assist the ordinance can do no harm and it will serve as a protection in case its authority is needed.

ALIMONY TAX PROTESTED

CHICAGO WOMEN CHAFE UNDER FEDERAL LAW REQUIREMENT. Collector Reads Law to Dissenting Ones at Eleventh Hour and Says Abide or Take Penalty.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Paying an income tax on alimony is going to chafe several Chicago women, who, on the last day of grace yesterday filed their schedules at the revenue collector's office here. Collector Fitch had to read the law to two in particular yesterday, who spiritedly protested having their alimony allowances come under the statute. The women amended their reports only when the collector told them they must pay the tax on their alimony or be liable to penalty.

The last of approximately 25,000 individual income tax schedules, which will net the United States Government more than \$2,000,000 for the first ten months of 1913 were filed here yesterday. The office of the collector of internal revenue was kept open until midnight to give a last chance to escape the penalty which would be imposed today.

PRIMER IS SCORED

Parents Oppose Adoption of Textbook on Sanitation.

PETITION IS PRESENTED School Board at Hearing Is Told Ritchie's Work Is Sectarian and Contains Unwholesome Text and Illustrations.

Secretarianism was urged last night as a reason against the adoption of Ritchie's Primer of Sanitation in the schools of Portland, at the hearing on physiology textbooks held by the School Board. Among textbooks submitted from half a dozen different book publishing houses, this book came in alone for attack.

A petition against its adoption, signed by 3600 parents, was formally presented by P. S. Seeley, and many people attended the hearing to speak against it in person.

While objections were to a large extent from persons holding the belief of Christian Science, there were not alone in the opposition, but there were also many who made their objection solely on the ground that the text and illustrations were not wholesome for children.

The three cardinal objections urged in the petition were: That out of 35 chapters, 23 were devoted to germs and to germ diseases; that the author's object was stated to be to instill a "fear of disease in the minds of children"; that disease, "the one subject treated in the book," is handled from the standpoint of a single school of medicine.

"This is sectarianism," says the petition. "Our schools are free from sectarianism and they should be free from sectarian teaching in medical matters."

"This book contains 136 pages, exclusive of the index," said W. G. Hayes in a short talk before the Board. "The word 'germ' appears 224 times, the word 'disease' 532 times, the word 'bacteria' 129 times, the word 'health' only 76 times, and the word 'life' only four times. It seems to me that this is a gross waste of space to set our children to study."

Mrs. M. E. Rhodes declared that if such a textbook were adopted in the schools she would not permit her children to study it, even if recourse to law were necessary.

"There are hundreds of other parents in Portland," she said, "who are trying to teach their children a true and wholesome attitude toward such matters, and who feel the same about it."

The Board will report on the selection of textbooks in arithmetic tonight.

BILLY SUNDAY VISIT OFF

Portland Pastors Abandon Proposed Engagement.

As Evangelist "Billy" Sunday had intimated the previous day that he could come to Portland to hold revival meetings would be March, 1916, and the chief object in having him come here was to help the Prohibition cause in May election, it was decided at the monthly meeting of the Portland Ministerial Federation yesterday to advise Mr. Sunday that the best way to get him here was to have a number of prominent pastors take an initiative stand against bringing the evangelist here at any time.

Over the opposition of Rev. D. H. Trimble and Rev. E. K. Jones, the constitution was amended so as to limit membership in the federation to ministers of evangelical churches. The vote was close, and the amendment was adopted.

JOHN Y. OSTRANDER DIES

Pioneer of Oregon and Alaska Succumbs at Olympia.

John Y. Ostrander, one of the pioneers of Oregon and Alaska, died at Olympia, Wash., March 1, having been brought down to that place from Alaska for medical treatment. He was the son of Dr. Nathaniel Ostrander, a pioneer of 1852, and Eliza Yantis, his wife, who was born at Astoria, in Clatsop County, Washington, about 37 years ago. His sister, Mrs. Sarah T. Catlin, lives in this city.

At an early time during the Klondike excitement, Mr. Ostrander went to Alaska and had large interests at Cordova, Valdez and Juneau, making his residence principally at Cordova. He was appointed by President Cleveland and served several years as Commissioner of Land Affairs at Cordova. He read law with William Strong, one of the pioneer lawyers of this city, and left a wife, but no children. His wife was the daughter of Captain Crosby, of an old pioneer family of Olympia.

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poosa River, in 1814, in Alabama, was provided by a bill passed by the House yesterday. Majority Leader Underwood made a speech vigorously supporting the bill.

BUSINESS CHANGE SEEN

MR. PINKHAM SAYS BROADENING IN SPHERE IS NECESSARY. Minimum Wage Laws to Benefit Merchant as Well as Employee, Asserts Treasurer of Retail Association.

F. Colburn Pinkham, of New York, manager and treasurer of the National Retail Drygoods Association, in the interests of which he is touring the country, characterized the present "era of legislation" as a period in which there is destined to be a great change and broadening in the sphere of activity necessary for the modern merchant.

Mr. Pinkham addressed the businessmen of the city at the Commercial Club at noon yesterday and was guest at a dinner given last night by W. P. Olds, at which a number of prominent merchants of the city were present.

The increasing tendency of legislative bodies to take action relating directly to the commercial and industrial questions demands, he said, that the merchant become more and more closely in touch with the movement of public events and public opinions, rather than confine himself principally to merchandising.

"The utility of the merchant's capital," he said at the luncheon at noon, "depends upon business conditions and their tranquility. He is in business to serve the public and his store is the public's store. His success is dependent on large and with his employees, upon his having the public interest at heart."

Mr. Pinkham said that, while the minimum wage laws might in some details appear detrimental, they brought with them features which would prove ultimately of great benefit to the merchant and to the employee.

As to the arguments advanced by some concerning the relation of wages to morality among employees, he said that his investigation had indicated that the usual department store scale has no bearing on the matter.

REFERENDUM IS ENJOINED

Submission of Railway Franchise to Voters Is Resisted. Suit to Enjoin Auditor Barbur from Referring the Franchise Granted Last November to the Portland & Oregon City Railway Company to the People at the Regular City Election in June, 1915, Was Filed Yesterday by the Railroad.

As part of the complaint a list of approximately 1200 persons, who it is said, have asked that their signatures to the petition filed with Mr. Barbur be erased, was filed yesterday.

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