

WAR ZONE COMEDY DELIGHTS AT BAKER

New Stock Company Wins Audience With "Such a Little Queen," First Appearance.

OLD FRIENDS GET OVATION

Season's Initial Play Is Happy Selection for Introductory Medium, Giving All Good Opportunity to Bid for Welcome.

"SUCH A LITTLE QUEEN." CAST: Stephen IV. King of Bosnia... Robert Gleckler... Harry Cason... Charles Hinton... William H. Powell... Brandon Evans... John Adams... Harry L. Fraser... John Adam... Walter Gilbert... Count Masevic... Helen Slagfried... Ann Victoria... Cora Belle Bonnie... Elizabeth Lambert... Helen Travers... Mary Edgett Baker... Margaret Donnelly... Janet Young Messengers, expressmen, etc.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. If I knew one blessed war term that hadn't become hoary with age and Sheridan still 40 miles away, or if I was right sure I could muster out enough of the old ones that are not completely disabled by reparative use, it might be that the opening of the Baker Stock Company would appear in print in truly militant and martial spirit, like unto all else that is printed nowadays. Certainly Manager George L. Baker did all he could to give the premiere of both company and play and up-to-the-minute atmosphere of war. He picked a play right out of Serbia and dressed half of his new company out in brilliantly be-ribboned uniforms of khaki and Dukes, and soldiers and guards, and members of the embassy, not to speak of a king or so, and a beautiful Queen to run the show, and a Little Queen, wasn't sufficiently smacking of royalty, nor the martial spirit of the play, the orchestra and audience became allies and came together in a tremendous rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," with everybody on his feet or those of his neighbors, and applause rarely deafening.

Certainly patriotic. No lengthy speeches on the part of manager or members of the executive board, or messages or telegrams read from friends and well-wishers of anything or anybody took place. After the spotlight showing the American flag on the curtain had signaled the orchestra and audience to give their applause into anthem and applause the curtain rose slowly and the play was on.

Each of the old favorites, Mary Edgett Baker, Walter Gilbert and Helen Slagfried, on their entrance received an ovation that almost stopped the development of the play at that particular point. The new ones were received with a sort of kindly yet firm attitude on the part of the audience. A long chapter could be inserted right here on the loyalty and interest that stood audience and players. But that chapter, as Kipling says, is another story. It doesn't belong here. It is true, though, that each actor felt the influence of the play to confidence that the audience inspired.

And while September 6 is early to register a judgment on the efforts of a company which will open on September 6, it is true that the personnel of the organization is of high standard, each a carefully selected and experienced player, who worked yesterday most earnestly and sincerely. The opening presentation evidenced splendid preparation of both players and production credit for which goes in a large measure to Thomas Coffin Cooke, the new director.

The play itself is a happy selection for an introductory medium, in that it gave every one of the points of opportunity to make his or her little bow and bid for further liking.

Humor in Play Is Delicious. "Such a Little Queen" is a comedy, the work of Charles Hinton, and abounds in bright lines and delicious humor, all of it particularly pertinent to the engaging topic of the day.

Cora Belle Bonnie, an ideal leading woman, charming of face and body, lithe and graceful, whose acting is a great deal more than a mere display of mannerisms. Her deftly modulated voice is a rare delight to hear and has a mellow carrying quality. There's a girlish winsomeness about her depiction of the little queen. Her suggestion of the foreign accent, this little queen would naturally possess is delightfully natural.

Robert Gleckler, in handsome, plays with genuine distinction the role of the deposed King of Bosnia in this Grustark-like play.

Charles Hinton, a gem-like character study of an old Baron who casts his fortunes with his little Queen, and good-looking William H. Powell, an especially American young chap who loves her, both give splendid accounts of talent.

LEADING MAN AND WOMAN OF BAKER THEATER PLAYERS, WHO OPENED SEASON YESTERDAY.



PATRONS ASKED TO AID

GEORGE L. BAKER INVITES AUDIENCE TO DECIDE LOCATION. Theater Manager Uncertain Whether to Stay in Present Place or Return to Former Home.

Where do you want the Baker Theater Players located? At Eleventh and Morrison or at Broadway and Morrison; which? Why? George L. Baker proposes to learn from his patrons and no one else, and therefore, yesterday, at the formal opening of the Baker Players' season, he distributed ballots in the audience, just as he will do for each audience this week. If you are a conscientious or interested patron, you are asked to vote, and your vote will play its part in the decision to be made. Mr. Baker has been dangleing from the heights of indecision. Some have asked, now that the Hellig has gone back to its old home at Broadway and Taylor, would the Baker go back to its original home, Eleventh and Morrison streets, which it so gallantly gave up more than a year ago during the theater upheaval in Portland? Mr. Baker wants honest help in deciding. The ballot circulated yesterday says: "Would you prefer to have the Baker Theater Players located at the present Baker Theater, Broadway and Morrison street, or at the former location, Eleventh and Morrison streets?" "It is absolutely necessary that you not only vote, but that you give a definite reason for your vote and that you state your name and address. Otherwise this ballot cannot be counted."

MAN, NOT FISH, CAUGHT

STRANGER CASTING WIRE AT BUBBLES SAVES SUBMERGED HUMAN. Andy Maguire, Who Fell Overboard, Is Rescued Oddly Before Harbor Patrol Arrives.

Proverbial "Grasping at a straw" always linked with drowning men, saved the life of Andy Maguire in the river yesterday, but in his case the "straw" was substantial wire with an involuntary lifesaver at the other end. Maguire was standing up and paddling his small scow near the foot of Ankeny street and suddenly fell overboard. M. Hackett saw Maguire tumble and notified the harbor patrol, but less than a minute later a man, whose name has not been ascertained, walked onto the Ankeny-street wharf and noticed bubbles rising a few yards off shore. "I wonder what those bubbles are from," he mused. Then, in a spirit of playfulness, he picked up a coil of telephone wire and holding one end in his hand, threw the strand to the place where the bubbles rose to the surface. Maguire, by this time, had been under water fully a minute or more. The wire struck him in the neck. He grabbed it, thought the wreathor, "I must have grabbed a fish."

Portsmouth he commenced to haul in his makeshift line. To his surprise his catch was no other than the half-drowned Maguire. Just then the harbor patrol arrived and after City Grappler Hugh Brady had performed emergency service for Maguire, the doused man was dispatched to the City Emergency Hospital. Later at the Police Station a charge of drunkenness was placed against Maguire. "Providence certainly does look after fools and drunken men," said Desk Officer Cason when Maguire, a wet mess, arrived at the Police Station.

PORTLAND CROAK INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETE AND BELGIAN BRIDE WHO ELOPED WITH HIM.



TEDE M. STILES AND MRS. STILES, FORMERLY MISS MARGERITE KEYAERTS.

Mr. Stiles is 20 years old and a brunette. Mr. Stiles is 21. They will reside at the Washington Hotel.

TOILERS' LABOR DAY; CITY PAYS HOMAGE

Toilers From Near and Far to Celebrate in Honor of Workers' Annual Fete.

OAKS IS BASE FOR EVENT

Outdoor Resort to Be Scene of Gala Picnic, Speechmaking and Lively Contests—Sports to Reign at Peninsula Park.

PROGRAMME OF DAY. At Oaks Amusement Park. 8 A. M.—Better opportunities, under auspices of Portland Eugene Society. 11 A. M.—Address at athletic field by William A. Munly on "The Progress of Labor." 12 to 2 P. M.—Luncheon. All are requested to carry own lunches. 12:15 P. M.—Address in auditorium by Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway on "Home and Merriment on foot in the evening at the Oaks Park. Second in importance is a programme of sports to be held at Peninsula Park, and third the address to the employees of the Union Meat Company at Gladstone Park. 9 A. M.—Train leaves East Water street. Special for employees of Union Meat Company and families. 9:30 A. M.—Second train. Sports and games at Park.

Hats off to the laboring man! The first Monday in September, dedicated to the toilers of the Nation, is celebrated in Portland today with closed stores and merriment on foot in the city parks. Federated trades unions have claimed the day for their own and have planned a big celebration consisting from morning until late in the evening at the Oaks Park. Second in importance is a programme of sports to be held at Peninsula Park, and third the address to the employees of the Union Meat Company at Gladstone Park.

The cry for rain to break up the summer drought has been heard frequently during the last few weeks, but was conspicuously absent yesterday. Today's plea of the laboring man is for "Jugs" Pius to continue to postpone the appearance of much-needed rainfall at least one more day. Though probable showers are predicted for today, the celebration at the Oaks will be held "rain or shine."

\$1200 in Prizes Up. Prizes to be awarded in the many contests to be held at the Oaks today are valued at more than \$1200. They are the gifts of merchants of Portland, many firms of many varieties being represented. Racing, field and special events for a day filled with excitement and interest every minute is planned for the contest. Foremost in interest among the competitions is the better baby contest at the Oaks celebration under the auspices of the Central Labor Council. Six valuable prizes are offered for the youngsters coming the nearest to eugenic standards. An entry blank may be cut from the program this morning. Dr. Harry V. Madigan is superintendent of eugenics and will be in charge of the contest. The judges selected are all baby experts well versed in the matter that go to make up a eugenic child, and a dimple will not count in this strictly scientific test.

Eight to Judge Babies. The judges are: Dr. F. H. Dammach, Dr. E. N. Neulen, Dr. Benjamin L. Norman, Dr. H. G. Hall, Dr. J. C. Simpson, Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, Dr. T. Homer Coffen and Dr. Benjamin Wade. The prizes offered are a silver loving cup, solid gold watch chain, silver trophy, silver baby set of knife, fork and spoon, one dozen cabinet photographs and one pair of baby shoes. The prizes will be held from 9 to 11 o'clock this morning, will be the addresses, the first by William A. Munly on "The Progress of Labor" in the State, by Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway on "Home and Merriment on foot in the evening at the Oaks Park."

HISTORY OF LABOR DAY. Labor day is a legal holiday in all states and territories in the United States except Nevada, North Dakota and Wyoming. Louisiana it is celebrated only in the parish of New Orleans. The celebration of this day was inaugurated by the United States in New York, and again in 1884, when resolutions were adopted by the United States for the first Monday in September. Workmen of all organizations then began agitation to have the day made a legal holiday that affected was passed in Colorado. The day now is celebrated throughout the United States. In Europe the celebration of the first of May as Labor day was begun in 1890 with a demonstration in honor of the eight-hour day. At that time and for a few years later it was greatly feared and violently opposed by the various governments and many clashes between the police and soldiers and the workingmen resulted. In the United States it may be celebrated by the Socialist-Labor party, but there is no attempt to cease work on that day.

Mother," and the third by Colonel C. E. Wood. Luncheon will be eaten while the speaking is going on. Proceeds of the celebration will form the nucleus of a building fund for a new labor temple. Most Popular Woman Sought. Of particular interest among the events of the day will be the voting contest to determine the most popular woman of a programme and badge 17 votes will be given away. There are many entries for this contest and the rivalry is keen. All competing either are workers or affiliated with a labor union or have near relatives, such as father, brother or husband, connected with a trade union. Among the special features of the

athletic events will be trades contests among members of the various unions, including riveters, carpenters, linemen, plasterers, etc., in which those expert at their daily work will compete along these lines.

Sport Programme at Park. At Peninsula Park athletic events and a soccer game between Columbia University and Jefferson High School are planned. Special trains will leave East Water street at 9 and 9:30 o'clock this morning for Gladstone Park, where the Union Meat Company will give its annual picnic to employees and their families. It is believed that more than 800 will go on this excursion. Sports and games and a fine picnic lunch will occupy the day. Portland stores will remain closed until Tuesday morning. The Federal offices, the City Hall and the Court-house will not open their doors today, and banks and wholesale houses will suspend business. The Postoffice will close at noon.

BETTER SCHOOLS IS AIM

HIGHER STANDARD FOR RURAL DISTRICTS IS IDEA. Nature Study of Farm Subjects, Agriculture, Manual Training and Domestic Economy Proposed.

That the public schools of the rural districts of Oregon should be even better than the city schools, that agriculture and manual training should be emphasized and that the pupils should be educated back to the farm and away from the city were the main features of the address of State Superintendent Churchill before 249 Grangers Saturday at Evening Star Grange Hall, Section Line road. His topic was, "The Rural Schools of Oregon and What is Being Done for Their Betterment." Mr. Churchill outlined what it is proposed to do in Oregon toward improving the rural schools. He condemned the methods that had been employed without change for the past 30 years and said that rural education should be more practical. He said that it is planned to improve the rural schools along four lines: 1—Nature study in which the students are brought in contact with nature and the farm. 2—Agriculture in all its practical forms and directions as applied to farm life. 3—Manual training as applied to farm work and something in which the students are interested. 4—Economic studies for boys and girls. Hugh Krum told of the "Compulsory School Law" and L. D. Elliott spoke of the "Fine Points That Determine the Winner in a Poultry Show."

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FOUR FAIRS TO BE HELD

EAST CLACKAMAS WILL HAVE SHOW AT ESTACADA TWO DAYS. School and District Exhibits to Be Made This Week at Orient, Powell Valley and Oak Grove. Four local fairs will be held this week: East Clackamas County Fair, Estacada September 3 and 9; Orient School and Powell Valley School Juvenile fairs, September 11 and 12; Oak Grove and Concord Fair, September 11 and 12. At the Powell Valley School Fair the main day will be September 12, which opens at 10 A. M. with a programme. F. W. Longgreen, of Portland State Immigration Society, and C. C. Chapman, of Portland, are on the programme for addresses. Rev. Jonas Johnson, president of the local fair association, will open the programme with remarks. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock. Boys and girls of the school will exhibit their products and special attention will be given to domestic science. Orient School Fair will be held two days, and is for the boys and girls of the school. Mrs. A. F. Chase is president of the local fair association. Exhibits will be from the boys and girls of the school. Prizes will be awarded. At Estacada the East Clackamas Fair will open next Tuesday and continue until Wednesday night and will be held in the big tent in Estacada Park. Several addresses have been arranged for from Dr. Withycombe, F. M. Gill, W. S. U'Ren and others. The indications are there will be a fine exhibit in all lines of agriculture, horticulture, livestock and domestic science. Burgess Ford is superintendent, and he will be assisted by a large committee. The Oak Grove and Concord district fair will open next Friday and close Saturday night at the Oak Grove schoolhouse and in a large tent. Friday night a cantata will be presented by the school children. Saturday night Governor West will deliver an address. All the rooms of the schoolhouse will be used for the exhibit. The Romanian Legislative Assembly has unanimously voted a credit of \$20,000,000 for railroad extensions and improvements.

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