

FINE MAGIC IS SEEN

Orpheum Act Wins Unadulterated Applause.

SKETCH ALSO IS STRONG

Numerous Other Good Things Included in Week's Offering, Among Them Being Margaret Mower and G. Aldo Randegger.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. Didja ever sit in at a show of magic and illusion, one of these now-you-see-it-now-you-don't-see-it demonstrations with wobbly rabbits and quackly ducks and pigeons and golden-haired girls and so-called phantoms appearing and disappearing from heaven and the magician only knows where? Didja ever? And no matter where you sit didja ever notice that some one in front of you, or behind you, or beside you, knows ex-act-ly how every trick is done?

Well, that cheery individual was conspicuous by his absence yesterday at the Orpheum while the Le Roy, Talma and Bosco, trio of magicians worked their spells of mystery and made us say that white is black.

While it is true that a little fooling now and then is relished by the wisest men, it is also true that we like it much better if its our neighbor who is being utterly bedazzled and we, our own smart selves, have inside information on how it's done.

Wise Ones Mystified. It was somewhat of a shock, then, to see the old stagers at knocking sawdust out of dollies admit that Le Roy, Talma and Bosco had 'em going.

I asked the man who goes to the shows with me if he had ever noticed where the little canary bird goes when Le Roy says "resto," and the man who, etc., said if he knew he'd be up on the Orpheum stage doing an act and getting rich.

I would take a column to tell all the mysterious moves and deavings into deviltry made by this trio, a merry little maid, Mercedes Talma, with pep and personality, who never lets the conversation and comedy sag; Bosco, who fills in with big dots and dashes of humor, and Le Roy, upon whose slender shoulders the great wonder-packed act rests. They put Talma on a table, do a hoky-poky and Talma disappears into thin air.

From tables, boxes and more thin air temperamental poultry is plucked and carried from the back of the theater Le Roy comes prancing when we all of us would swear that we looked upon Talma as peacefully reposing in a glass cabinet. As I said, the inevitable person who can tell you how-it's-done wasn't there yesterday, and to this report which lacks information on that part of it. Besides, Le Roy probably wouldn't want the world to be in on the plot.

Millie Mower Admired. All by her lonesome a little maid, Millie Mower, fresh as a rose and unspiced by any theatricals, walks on and sings a half-dozen songs. Her voice is phenomenal in that it is amazingly sweet, rare in its tonal quality and soars like a flute's notes. Absolutely untrained in this little maid's music. She's never had 10 cents' worth of lessons, and its sweet naturalness is one of the things that caught the audience's immediate liking. Oliver W. Scott is Miss Mower's accompanist.

An artistic treat is the playing of G. Aldo Randegger, premier Italian pianist, whose appearance is scholarly and dignified, who plays with musical understanding and love of his art, and whose repertoire is selected entirely from the best music. He was repeatedly encored and generously responded.

"Our Family" is the title of a clever little light-shedding into the home life of many a family where there's an overworked, sacrificing mother, a self-ish daughter, an unthinking father and an average not-the-best plot, full of keen comedy, and a fine moral in the unfolding of the little sketch as presented by Jane Courthope and her little company.

Ben Deely, in blackface, as a bellboy act, is a scream forever, and could profitably present more of his slow songs and delightful conversation in the act he presents with Emmet and Florence Briscoe. Deely writes songs and sings 'em—just a little better than the average who offer their own material. The Briscoes dance and sing nicely.

Opening the bill are a pair of interesting folk, Gertrude Long and Spencer Ward, both excellent vocalists, who have an unique and altogether diverting way of presenting their versatile numbers.

The aerial De Groffs close the bill with a sensational performance in mid-air.

WATER RATES QUESTIONED
Service Commission to Hold Irrigation Hearing at Sisters.

Frank J. Miller and H. H. Corey, members of the Public Service Commission, left last night for Sisters, Or., where they will conduct a hearing on the application of the Squaw Creek Irrigation Company for a readjustment of their water rates.

The company now charges for water on a "second-foot" basis, but wants to change to an "acre-foot" basis, which is the basis upon which most irrigation projects are operated. Representatives of the company as well as water users will be heard.

The commission has been called upon to adjudicate water charges on only two previous occasions since it was granted jurisdiction over public utility corporations.

PERSONAL MENTION.
A. M. Burt, of Camas, is at the Corneliuss.
P. J. Patterson, of Eugene, is at the Seward.
A. R. Coates, of Albany, is at the Seward.
C. H. Taylor, of Ostrander, is at the Seward.
E. L. Clark, of Lebanon, is at the Oregon.
J. F. Graver, of Sheridan, is at the Perkins.
W. A. Barrett, of Albany, is at the Portland.
William Agge, of Salem, is at the Portland.
M. A. Biggs, of Prineville, is at the Portland.
W. G. Carroll, of Brighton, is at the Corneliuss.
H. L. Hell, of Corvallis, is at the Multnomah.
T. J. Egan, of Walla Walla, is at the Multnomah.
H. E. Murray, of San Francisco, is at the Perkins.
A. R. Martin, of Junction City, is at the Perkins.
R. S. Elliott, of Boston, is at the Multnomah.
George L. Lofft, of The Dalles, is at the Imperial.

J. H. Lewison, of Grants Pass, is at the Corneliuss.
J. T. Meek, of Seattle, is registered at the Perkins.
H. A. Wood, of San Francisco, is at the Washington.
E. A. Bond, of Eugene, is registered at the Corneliuss.
H. N. Barr is registered at the Imperial from Salem.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris, of Chehalis, are at the Imperial.
F. T. Sutherland, of Bend, is registered at the Oregon.
J. H. Brooks is registered at the Portland from Albany.
Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Barrett, of Astoria, are at the Washington.
E. H. Mahoney, of Seattle, is registered at the Multnomah.
Dr. D. McVernon, of Grants Pass, is registered at the Imperial.
H. W. Brydm, of Cottage Grove, is registered at the Seward.
Allen P. Hughes, of McMinnville, is registered at the Imperial.
Jack Pennington, of San Francisco, is registered at the Oregon.
Mrs. Ralph Lock, of Montesano, Wash., is at the Washington.

GIRLS PLAN BENEFIT

PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR TALENT ON PROGRAMME.

Honor Guard to Present Vaudeville at Helbig May 10—University Quartet Coming From Eugene.

The programme for the Girls' National Honor Guard benefit at the Helbig Theater, May 10, has been completed, and Miss Mamie Helen Flynn, general chairman, Saturday promised a lively evening of entertainment for all who attend. That the theater will be crowded to capacity is indicated by the heavy advance sale.

One of the promising numbers will be offered by Harriet Cumming and P. Lee Menefee, accompanied by the Jazz Band, composed of Alan Green, Macormac Snow and Erescott Cookingham. Miss Cumming and Mr. Menefee will provide drawing-room dancing and "small songs" act, and the Jazz Band will provide an explanation for its title.

Miss Dorothy Strowbridge, Ruth Sholl and Clementine Lambert will be seen in a melodramatic novelty, Miss Katherine Laidlaw will give an Oriental dance.

Waldemar Lind, violinist and orchestra leader, will contribute to the programme, as will Dr. Stuart McGuire, soloist. Mrs. Jane Burns Albert will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The boys are all sold in advance, and the benefit will be a cosmopolitan social event.

The money derived will go to extend the work of the Girls' Honor Guard in Portland.

RAILROAD POST LIKELY

HOWARD ELLIOTT MAY RETURN TO NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Chairmanship of Board Thought to Have Been Offered Retiring New Haven President.

Howard Elliott for chairman of the Northern Pacific.

This, it is believed, is the logical sequence of Mr. Elliott's recent resignation as president of the New Haven.

Mr. Elliott was president of the Northern Pacific before going to the New Haven a few years ago. His recent resignation leaves him without permanent connections, but it is possible that the Northern Pacific chairmanship was in sight when he resigned.

Mr. Elliott is too young a man to retire permanently from active life. The office of chairman has been vacant on the Northern Pacific board since the death of Colonel W. P. Clough a few years ago. It is understood that the directors have urged Mr. Elliott to take the place.

He went to the New Haven at a time when it was in a financial disaster owing to a series of queer trans-

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actions that involved a group of its principal directors and Charles S. Melton, its former president, in criminal indictments.

Through Mr. Elliott's masterful handling of the situation the New Haven property was restored to a sound financial basis and rapidly is regaining the confidence of the people.

FACTORY TO MAKE STARCH

Portland Men Will Make Market for Cull Potatoes.

A factory to make starch out of waste potatoes is to be established in Portland in time to consume all the available portions of the present year's crop, taking "culls" too small to sell on the market.

J. F. Griffith, of Portland, is to be head of the concern. Associated with him is J. A. Turner, real estate dealer, and other local business men. They propose to equip their plant and begin to work before the end of the present month.

It is estimated that Oregon and Washington heretofore have used nearly 6000 tons of potato starch annually—imported before the war, from Germany.

CATHLAMET PICKS FACULTY

Gunter Krause, Reed College Graduate, Is School Principal.

CATHLAMET, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—The Cathlamet School Board today elected as principal Gunter Krause; assistant, Miss Ruth Leonard; grammar grade teacher, T. M. Bowman; intermediate, Mrs. C. W. White; primary, Miss Josephine Strand.

The grade teachers have been employed in the school for the past year. Mr. Krause and Miss Leonard are graduates of Reed College.

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Taken From Sunday's Papers (Back Page) and Other

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Kranz Kuchen and Wreath Cakes, filled with delicious almond and raisin filling; Kranz Kuchen, each, 20¢; Wreaths, each, 30¢ and 10¢; Cinnamon Rolls, dozen, 15¢; Tea Sticks, dozen, 20¢.

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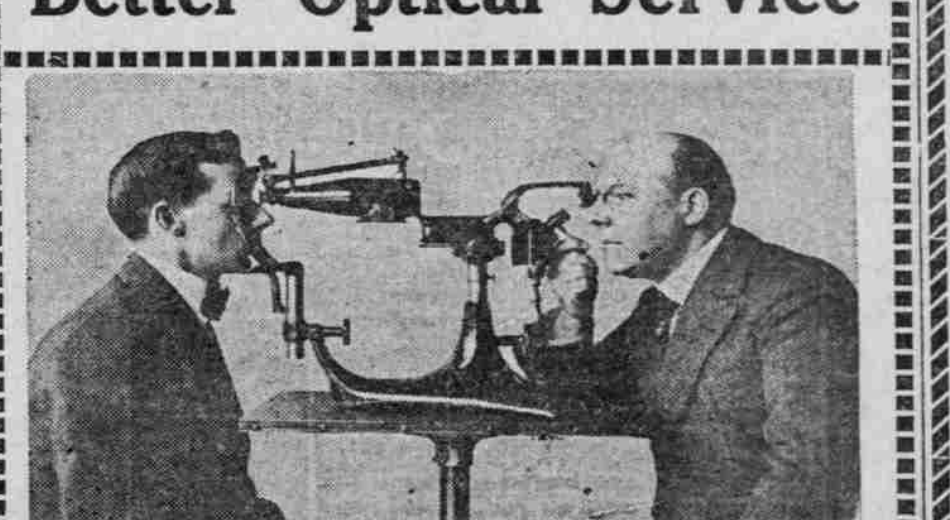
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