

FORMER OREGON GIRL TO JOIN "A KNIGHT FOR A DAY" COMPANY

Miss Jean Lillian Vance, Now Visiting in Portland, Received Her Training for Stage Under Madame Norelli.

MISS JEAN LILLIAN VANCE, a charming and talented young woman, who spent all the earlier years of her life in Portland, and who has been in the city for the past few weeks visiting her mother, has been engaged by Advance Manager Salisbury, of "A Knight for a Day" company to join that organization when it arrives in this city to play an engagement at the Heilig theater.



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STAGELAND. George Ade came to New York last week to supervise final rehearsals of "The Fair Co-Ed."

Marie Cahill will begin her season in "The Boy and the Girl" at Norwich, Conn., on October 1.

Count Leo Tolstoy has been elected to honorary membership in the faculty of the University of St. Petersburg.

Leaders Duncan will return to New York for a series of lectures, beginning at the Lyceum Theater on October 12.

Blanche Walsh will be starred in Jules Eckert Goodman's third play, "The Test," to be produced early in November.

Mrs. Leslie Carter is planning an elaborate production of a new play this season. She expects to open late in November.

Clyde Fitch has received a commission to write a play for Sir Charles Wyndham, which he expects to fulfill during the winter.

Harry Carson Clarke has resigned from the cast of "The Mimic World" and will probably return to vaudeville in a new sketch.

Madame Calve arrived in New York last Tuesday. She is expected to sing in opera again, but will appear exclusively in concert.

Annie Russell returned to New York last Thursday to begin rehearsals for "The Stronger Sex." She has been spending a month in Malaga.

Mabel Taliaferro will continue throughout the season in "Polly of the Circus," her appearance in "Cinderella" being deferred until next fall.

William Gillette's New York appearance in Samson has been postponed until the latter part of October. He will present the play on the road.

Charlotte Walker, it is said, will be starred by David Belasco in "The Boy and the Girl" at Norwich, Conn., on October 1.

"Marcelle," the new Play-Lux opera, was produced by Shubert at the Grand Opera House, on September 21, with Louise Gunting in the principal role.

William H. Crane arrived in New York on the Pacific last Friday. He will begin his season in "Father and the Boys" at Atlantic City on September 24.

It is said that Maude Adams will appear this season in the new Barrie play, "What Every Woman Knows," produced in London. Instead of Mrs. Dot.

James H. Hackett is having a translation made of "Francine," a play by Eugene Brieux, which he expects to produce during his season at the Heilig Theater.

Annie Bingham's contract with the Shuberts is not subject to her vaudeville engagement. She will not go under the Shubert direction until this engagement is ended.

Denman Thompson, in "The Old Homestead," began his first engagement at the Academy of Music on October 5. Mr. Thompson will be 70 years old on November 11.

Miss Ryan has been engaged to support Joseph O'Mara, the famous Irish tenor, when he begins his tour in November in "Foggy Mackerel," a new Irish comedy with music.

May Irwin will appear at the Garrick Theater, after September 23, in George Ade's curtain raiser, "The Boy and the Girl." The piece has been successfully acted in vaudeville.

Jules Eckert Goodman's play, "The Right to Live," will be produced in Washington, D. C., on October 7. The cast will include Graves Scott, Hardee Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Branning.

Madame Helena Modjeska has started for New York to arrange for the production of her golden wedding on their estate at Augeton, near Lillehammer, on September 11. Congratulations were received from all parts of Norway.

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"In Old Kentucky" is one of the few American plays which seem to possess enduring life. It is now in its 18th year, and is as popular as ever. "The Boy and the Girl" is another American play which shows no signs of waning popularity.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skinker returned to New York last Wednesday after the evening of their tour in England, Switzerland and Italy. Mr. Skinker will appear in "The Honor of the Family" before he opens in a new play by Booth Tarkenton.

Joseph Brooks and A. W. Dingwall own the American rights to the new Broadway drama, "The Struggles of Mayfair," which was produced a few days ago on the West stage at the Grand Opera House. They will produce it in New York or Chicago later in the season with a big cast.

Rehearsals began last Wednesday for "The Melting Pot," in which Walker Whitehead will star. The cast will include Henry Bergman, Grant Stewart, John Blair, Crystal Hume, Louise Von Ottinger, Louis Muldener and Eddie Connelly. The play will open in Washington about the first of October.

It is the intention of the Shuberts to send Mary Manning on a starring tour. It is said to be especially well done. She is said to come to this country under Daniel Frohman's management. She will play "The Little Girl" in New York and other Shubertean comedies, and a drama of American life.

Miss Estie Herbert, who will be seen here with "A Knight for a Day," is an actress in a class all by herself and has won a most enviable place in the hearts of her thousands of admirers. The delicacy of her acting, the excellence of her singing, and the mirth-provoking characteristics which are so natural to her, all combined, make a combination that is irresistible and carries her audience from start to finish.

"The Oath of Allegiance," by James B. Connolly, of Scranton, Pa., and Jack Drury, of New York City, which will be produced during the present season, is a politico-literary comedy-drama dealing with the treachery and intrigues during the period of 1850-1855. So pronounced are the lines of this piece said to be that it is thought it will create a sensation. The authors are well known and have entrusted themselves in "The Oath of Allegiance" behind historical data that is claimed to be unassailable.

Joseph O'Mara, who is declared by the press of Great Britain and Ireland to be the greatest Irish tenor of this generation, sails for New York October 12, to begin his American tour in "Foggy Mackerel" under the direction of Messrs. Brooks and Dingwall. O'Mara has long been a favorite in London, where he has appeared annually for ten years in concert and grand opera, and he is idolized in Ireland for what he has done in arousing interest in the folk songs of his native land. In Dublin a few days ago he was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner given by the Lord Mayor of the city. The leaders of the Irish cause present and O'Mara's singing of Ireland's patriotic songs stirred the distinguished gathering to wild enthusiasm.

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The Norwegian fishermen and hunters were for a long time undisputed masters of Spitzbergen and enjoyed unlimited freedom in following their occupations. Recently, however, two mining companies, one financed by British and Norwegian capital and the other by American and Norwegian capital, have begun operations in Advent Bay and both companies have annexed enormous areas of land, and have prohibited Norwegian fishermen and hunters from trespassing on these territories. It

is expected that Norway will lay claim to the possession of Spitzbergen by virtue of the prior rights of Norwegian fishermen and hunters, but in this case it is expected that Sweden will raise a counter-claim on the ground that Swedish scientific expeditions have been mainly instrumental in opening Spitzbergen to the outside world.

Since the days of the British Arctic explorer, Peary, Spitzbergen has been mainly explored by Swedish expeditions, but recently a British expedition visited the island and collected a number of mineral specimens which reveal opportunities for further mining enterprise. The Spitzbergen question was raised in 1871 when Sweden and Norway desired to annex the island, but Russia's opposition prevented the realization of the Scandinavian proposal. It appears that Germany will oppose the claim of any single country to Spitzbergen and will favor the establishment of some kind of international control whereby the absolute freedom of industrial enterprise and scientific research will be guaranteed.