'OMAR, THE TENTMAKER' COMING TO HEILIG SOON

Noted Play Causes Quickening of Interest in Writings of Omar Khayyam, Based on Times of Persian Poet.

Guy Bates Post in "Omar The Tentmaker"

A DISTINCT quickening of interest in the writings of Omar Khayyam has been occasioned through Richard Walton Tully's play, "Omar, the Tentmaker," which is based upon the life, times and Rubaiyat of the immortal Persian poet. The whole world is familiar with the tilting quatrains of Khayyam, and for those who speak the English tongue they have been best rendered by the late Edward Fitzgerald, whose literary fame rests largely upon his exquisite version of the Persian verses.

There are many ancient manuscripts giving the Rubaiyat in its original form, but unfortunately for students in this country, most of these are housed in the libraries and museums of Europe. There is, however, in the possession of Hector Fuller, Esquire, of Indianapolis, a splendid facsimile of the famous manuscript of the year A. H. 885 (A. D. 1480), the original of which is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Undoubtedly this is the oldest copy of the Rubaiyat extant.

Professor Cowell discovered it in 1865 among an uncatalogued mass of Oriental manuscripts comprising the Ouseley collection. There can scarcely be a more beautiful Persian manuscript of its age in existence. It is written in purple black ink upon thick yellow paper and is profusely powdered with gold. The only places where the ink has faded are occasionally along the borders and the formal headings, which, translated, means "and likewise to him," which is written above each quatrain. Experts have decided that the borders and headings were written later than the quatrains themselves, and in a different ink. It is known that FitzGerald depended a great deal upon the Bodleian manuscript, which enhances its value to the student and bibliophile.

In one respect only perhaps does the FitzGerald Rubaiyat differ in spirit from the original and that is in its modified Sufism. FitzGerald realized that he was writing for the rather narrow-minded Englishman of the Victorian era, and accordingly tempered the sufistic tendencies of Khayyam. As Richard Burton eloquently expresses it:

"Sufism is the religion of beauty, whose leading principle is that of earthly, the imperfect type, or heavenly love. Its high priests are Anacreontic poets; its rites, wines, music and dancing, spiritually considered, and its places of worship, meadows and gardens, where the perfume of the rose and the song of the nightingale, by charming the heart, are supposed to improve the heart of the listener."

As every student of literature and society well knows, the England of 50 years ago was not tolerant of such a frank dependence upon beauty. Although FitzGerald toned down and subordinated as much as he could, the apparent boldness in much of Khayyam, his work was nevertheless doomed because of the frankness that still remained, the frankness that brought shudders to the Puritanic souls who had not yet wrestled with Ibsen and Maupassant. Not until many years after FitzGerald had completed his version of Khayyam's Rubaiyat were its tremendous merits and beauties openly recognized and lauded by Rosetti, Tennyson and Carlyle, and with such distinguished patrons the long-neglected quatrains speedily attained an almost unprecedented popularity. That popularity they have steadily maintained, and now, thanks to Mr. Tully's keen drama insight, it is being royally enhanced.

"Omar, the Tentmaker" is to open at the Heilig Theater May 28 for four days with Guy Bates Post.

WIDOWS' AID TO GO ON

LAW CHANGES MAY 22 NOT TO AFFECT PRESENT LIST MUCH.

Judge Cleeton Silent on Policy Intended When Juvenile Court Work Is Taken Over.

Changes which will take effect May 22 in the widows' pension law will not affect materially the present list of women being cared for under this act, according to Chief Probation Officer McIntosh, of the Juvenile Court.

The changes will become effective at the same time that the Juvenile Court work is transferred from Circuit Judge Gatens to County Judge Cleeton. As yet Judge Cleeton has made no statement as to the policy he intends to pursue in handling the juvenile work or whether he will retain the present force of deputies.

Under the law as amended by the last Legislature $40 a month is the biggest pension that may be drawn. Heretofore there was no limit. The largest pension ever paid in Multnomah County was $50. This was to a woman who had 11 children.

"It was found," said Mr. McIntosh, "that this family was able to maintain itself properly with the aid of some of the larger children and by proper supervision of a friendly visitor and investigator."

Another change in the rule is that the children must be living with their mother if a pension is to be paid for their support.

"Relief is granted," said Mr. McIntosh, "only when in its absence the mother would have to work regularly away from home and children, and when, by this relief, she would be able to remain at home with her children.'

If a wife receives relief on the grounds that her husband is permanently incapacitated for work by reason of physical or mental infirmity, the court may require that the husband be removed from the home, if his presence is a menace to the health of the wife or children.

A new section added to the law will keep creditors from attaching the money received as pensions. The money thus received is made exempt from attachment and execution.

"A great deal of credit is due," said Mr. McIntosh, "to the co-operation of the Visiting Nurses' Association and the Good Samaritan, St. Vincent's and County hospitals and a number of physicians, who have all given their time to help mothers and children back to health without the cost of one cent to the mother. The public never will know the good done along these lines but it is absolutely surprising to learn how many people are able and willing to step up and do help whenever they are sure of a worthy case."

...AN GRATITUDE SHOWN

...er Describes Undying Thanks of War-Ridden Country.

...e appreciation of the Belgians for ...gifts sent from America is told ...x-Representative Charles F. Scott, of Iola, Kan., who was a member of the committee selected to distribute supplies among those people, in an address delivered recently at Fort Scott, Kan. The Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor gives a complete account of the address, which in part follows:

"Those of you who have contributed something to be sent to the stricken Belgians need have no fear that your gifts have not been appreciated. I do not believe any people ever appreciated gifts more than the Belgians appreciated the supplies which were sent to them by America to relieve their sufferings. The Belgians are a people who do not forget. For the past 350 years they have hated Spain, nor has this hate relented in the least measure with the passage of time. And in the same way their love for America, which has been engendered by our gifts, will never die.

"Brand Whitlock, the American Ambassador to Belgium, is the most popular man in that county with the one exception of King Albert. The American legation in London received from Mr. Whitlock a great bag of letters which had been sent to him by the little children of Belgium. These letters were touching, containing expressions such as these: 'Mama does not cry any more since you sent us something to eat,' 'We shall never forget you; God bless you,' and 'America has won our hearts.'"

Mr. Scott was a member of Congress for many years from the Second Congressional District in Kansas. He is owner and editor of the Iola Register, a paper published in Kansas. The copy containing Mr. Scott's address was received in this city by W. R. Biddle, attorney, who was formerly a resident of Fort Scott, Kan.

BOND LIEN INTEREST LAGS

City May Take Drastic Action to Avert Making Up Delinquency.

Delinquency of property owners in paying interest and installments on bonded liens granted the city for street and sewer improvements has grown so great that drastic action may be necessary on the part of the city to avert making up the delinquency from the money in the city's general fund.

City Treasurer Adams issued a statement yesterday to the effect that the city, to break even on the interest it has to pay daily, must take in a total of $2627. For April the average amount received was $992.18 a day. So far for May the average taken in has been $998.51.

GOVERNOR TO BE GUEST

Mayor Also Will Dine at Working Men's Club Wednesday.

Governor Withycombe and Mayor Albee are to be guests at dinner at the Working Men's Club at 271 Front street Wednesday, when the club founded by Ben Selling gives its monthly "special feed."

The dinner, which will be of the 5-cent variety that have made the club famous with the unemployed, will be made especially elaborate because of the distinguished guests.

QUEEN NAMES MAIDS

Miss Louise Walker, Oregon City, Plans for Fete.

ROYAL TRAIN ARRANGED

Regal Party to Enter City May 22 for Booster Day Celebration and to Be Met by Escort of Prominent Business Men.

OREGON CITY, May 15.—(Special.)—Miss Louise Walker, as the queen of the Rose Show and Booster day celebration here May 22, will be known as Queen Louise. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Seventh and Washington streets.

For her maids Miss Walker has named Miss Madge Brightbill, Miss Morieta Hickman, Miss Ethel Risley and Miss Florence Grace. Teddy Hendry and Roland Eby will be her pages. A king for the celebration is yet to be named.

Queen Louise and her party will enter the city on a Royal Train over the Willamette Valley Southern. They will be accompanied by the Mount Angel band. At the Willamette Valley Southern station the party will be met by representative citizens in automobiles who will act as escort to the Courthouse, where elaborate ceremonies, including the coronation of the King and Queen, are planned.

The parade, which has always been one of the principal features of the annual celebration, is expected to eclipse previous ones. Additional prizes, which will bring the total awards up to $200, were announced today by the committee. For the best decorated vehicle drawn by two horses, $7.50 will be given and for the best decorated vehicle drawn by a single horse, $5.

The lower floor of the Weinhart building, formerly occupied by Elliott Bros., has been obtained for the annual display of work of pupils in the city schools. Included in this exhibit will be the work of both the grammar and high schools and exhibits of manual training, cooking, sewing and mechanical and freehand drawing.

PAROLE VIOLATOR IS HELD

Ex-Convict Also Arrested and Record Here Is Being Investigated.

A parole violator who is wanted at Walla Walla, and an ex-convict whose Portland record has not yet been cleared up, were arrested by City Detectives La Salle and Leonard Friday. Harry Daly violated his parole at Walla Walla, where he was serving from one to 15 years for petty larceny. He is known as a professional pickpocket, serving two years in the Illinois penitentiary and one year in Salem for the same offense.

William E. Collier, the other man arrested, was sentenced October 10, 1910, to Walla Walla penitentiary for from three to 15 years for a burglary committed in Seattle. Daly was arrested on description, and Collier was taken up for investigation by the Detectives. Detective Leonard arrested Daly in Pendleton two years ago.

ROAD "BEE" IS ARRANGED

Eugene, Springfield and Walterville Men to Donate Services.

EUGENE, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Even the women of Walterville will take part in Good Roads day, next Thursday. A huge noonday dinner, served by the women for the benefit of the 150 persons expected to work on the McKenzie Highway, is to be a feature of the day, according to George E. Potter, Supervisor of District No. 49, who was in Eugene yesterday.

Business men of Eugene plan to handle shovels, rakes and axes for a whole day. Carl Fischer, of Springfield, last night informed Mr. Griffin that Springfield, too, will give some assistance. More than 50 men at Walterville have donated their services, and 25 teams are pledged.

OREGON CITY GIRL WHO IS TO RULE AS QUEEN AT BOOSTER DAY CELEBRATION

MISS LOUISE WALKER.

GREAT GARDENS VIEWED

SCHOOL OFFICIALS INSPECT RARE PLANTS AT BEAVERTON.

Large Gathering Sees Varied Blooms, Dines Under Pine Boughs and Visits Among Flowers.

Gardens of peonies, purple, red, white and variegated, single and double, 30 varieties, in one of the largest collections west of Omaha, attracted to Beaverton yesterday a big gathering of supervisors and principals, including also Superintendent Alderman, who came as the invited guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evarts Weed.

After Mr. Weed, supervisor of school gardening, had conducted the party through many acres of ornamental plants, dinner was served out-of-doors under a rustic pergola of pine boughs.

Today the Portland Floral Society will be entertained at dinner. Next Saturday, May 22, the Portland Educational Association, and Sunday, May 23, the members of the Rotary Club are scheduled to inspect the gardens.

Among those present were the following:

Superintendent Alderman, Assistant Superintendents Grout and Rice, R. H. Thomas, clerk of the Board; W. H. Doane, purchasing agent; Principals William Parker, S. F. Ball, A. R. Draper, Mrs. A. E. Watson, G. E. Jamison, S. U. Downs, C. M. Stafford, R. R. Steele, T. J. Gary, B. E. Hughson, A. J. Prideaux, L. A. Wiley, E. H. Whitney, L. H. Baker and C. W. Burtt, principal of the Beaverton schools. In addition were: Mrs. D. A. Grout, Mrs. Laura Hughson, Mrs. L. A. Wiley, Mrs. Jessie Stafford, Mrs. Flora A. Draper, Mrs. S. F. Ball, Misses Sally and Harriet Hughson, T. J. Gary, Jr., Misses Meri and Merz Wiley, Miss M. Davis, Mrs. Ruth C. Whitney, Miss Martha Stafford, Mrs. Charles A. Rice, Miss Charlotte Rice, Master Milton W. Rice, Miss Ruth C. Hoffman, Mrs. G. E. Jamison, Marian S. and Marian C. Gary, Miss Jennie Richardson, Miss Lucy E. Humphreys, Lee Stafford and J. Willis Jefferis.

FLORAL FEATURE NOTED

ADDITIONAL BOOTHS MAY BE NECESSARY AT FESTIVAL CENTER.

Allotment to Be Made Tomorrow for Community Exhibits and Interest Is Unusual.

Four additional booths may have to be erected at the Festival Center to take care of the floral displays being arranged for the coming Rose Festival as a result of the interest in this feature throughout the city.

Emery Olmstead, president of the association, says the floral display will be one of the best features ever planned and the community exhibits will be highly representative of the floral supremacy of Portland.

"It is remarkable the interest that is being taken by the representatives of various sections of Portland in connection with the coming floral display," said President Olmstead. "The meeting at the new Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night will be one of the most important yet held, as the booths to hold the community exhibits will be awarded. This will be done by lot.

"This is one of the features of the festival that will attract great attention from strangers in Portland fiesta week and they will return to their homes more than favorably impressed with the beauties of the city."

LYMAN D. M'KEE RETURNED

Embezzlement of Ashland Postal Savings Bank Deposits Charged.

Arrested in Indiana, charged with the embezzlement of postal savings bank deposits from the Ashland postoffice, of which he was formerly assistant postmaster, Lyman D. McKee was returned here yesterday by Federal authorities.

A secret indictment against McKee was returned by the Federal grand jury last February, it having been discovered by Postoffice Inspector Wood that he was short in his accounts to the amount of $350. The shortage was admitted and was made up by the man's friends. He left the state before his arrest was made and was located in Michigan City, Ind., by Postal Inspector Morse. McKee was brought here by M. W. Mangus, Assistant United States Attorney, of Terre Haute, Ind., and M. M. Storen, Deputy United States Marshal, of that place.

Child Welfare Commissioner Named.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today announced the appointment of Mrs. Clyde Appersoh, of McMinnville, as a member of the Oregon Child Welfare Commission, to succeed Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Astoria. Mrs. Smith resigned, not being able to devote sufficient time to the work. The other members of the commission are: Mrs. Robert H. Tate, chairman, Portland; Dr. Mae H. Cardwell, Portland; George Rebec, Ph. D., Medford, and L. R. Alderman, Portland.

Father's Death Follows Daughter's.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—W. M. Gorseline, 86 years old, one of the best-known farmers of Marion County, died at his home near Salem tonight. His daughter, Mrs. Alice C. Smith, 40 years old, died Thursday, and soon after he was stricken. Mr. Gorseline came to Marion County 50 years ago, and lived here continuously since. His funeral and that of his daughter will be held at the home tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Smith is survived by three sons and a daughter.

Two Near Gateway Kill 16 Coyotes.

GATEWAY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The Spicer brothers of this place located a den of 16 coyotes and killed them all. Jefferson County has a bounty of $3 a head. Coyotes come into the yards at times in broad daylight.