

PLAYS PART HER SISTER PORTRAYED

Josephine Bartlett Speaks of Stage Experience.

Was Once the Understudy of Jessie Bartlett Davis of the Bostonians.

By K. K. K.

Think of being part of a company for nearly 14 years, and never missing but two performances! Josephine Bartlett, of the Bostonians, laughingly told of the last time as we sat in her room at the Imperial yesterday afternoon. The first night of the year ago in the East, when she was too ill to raise her head from the pillow, the last in California this present tour.

Her understudy is an Oakland girl. She was naturally anxious to have her family and friends see her in the part of Dame Durdan, so Miss Bartlett resigned in her favor and went out before the curtain to see Robin Hood played for the first time in her life. And she was completely carried away with it. She sat on the edge of the seat from start to finish, so oblivious to her surroundings, the man behind had to ask her to take off her hat.

The strangest sensations came over her whenever the Dame's cues were given. She felt she must slip up on the stage and go on with the part. In the second act her understudy, in the excitement of a first appearance, began her song in a key too high. Instantly Miss Bartlett struck in with the right note, and she firmly believes would have sung it straight through, but for the nudges of a friend with her that brought back time and place. As it was, the people all around turned to look at her. The performances, she loves Robin Hood just as dearly as ever. Night after night she stands in the wings watching the others go through their parts. She felt delighted to have it for the leading opera in the repertoire this year. I suggested she had an easy time without a rehearsal, but she said "no, indeed." At the beginning of the year there were weeks of rehearsals, some lasting until 10 or 11 at night. They were necessary to get the new members up in their roles, and make the old ones familiar with new scenery and costumes.

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MAGNITUDE OF THE OSAKA FAIR

Fifteen Buildings Erected—Ten Governments Represented.

It appears from latest advices received from Japan that everything possible is being done for the comfort and accommodation of the visitors to the Japanese National Exhibition, to be held at Osaka. A society, known as the Welcome Society, has been formed, who will have prepared an English guide book to Japan and the exhibition. Various other attempts of the same kind are being made by individual Japanese.

The following buildings have been erected by the exposition authorities: Agricultural, Forestry, Aquatic, Industrial, Transportation, Engineering, Educational, Fine Art, Foreign Samples, Zoological, Foreman, Canadian, Green House, Cold Storage and Aquarium.

The following nationalities will be represented in the list of exhibitors: Japanese, German, English, American, French, Austria-Hungarian, Dutch, Italian, Turkish and Russian. Special buildings will be erected by the Canadian government, Andrews and George and C. Weinberger & Co.

Special Rates East On January 3 and 5 the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets at reduced rates, according to National Livestock Association to be held at Kansas City January 13 to 16. Call at 142 Third street for full particulars.

SIDELIGHTS IN THE COURTS

Judge Hogue Considers "You D—d Old Fool" Complimentary.

Whether "You d—d old fool" is abusive language, in the legal sense of the word, occupied some time in Judge Hogue's courtroom yesterday. The case was that of a Mrs. Rose Davis against a W. H. Lake. After hearing evidence in the case for about half an hour, Judge Hogue stated that he did not consider it abusive.

Do you mean to say that those words are not abusive? questioned Lawyer Petrain, for the plaintiff.

"No, I do not think they are abusive. I think it too trifling a matter to take into court," answered his Honor.

"Your Honor," again questioned Mr. Petrain, "suppose someone called you a 'd—d old fool,' would you consider it abuse or a compliment?"

This caused his Honor to stop and consider, but he finally replied: "I would resent such language addressed to me, but it depends in what way it was said."

Then there was argument for 15 minutes as to various ways in which the expression might be used. The end of it was the dismissal of the case, with the understanding that Mrs. Davis may consider the term either a compliment or a curse word.

GENTLEMEN OF LEISURE

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still they had a kind spot in their hearts for Policeman Roberts, who arrested them. When Roberts took the stand yesterday to testify against them, their legs failed them, their love for Roberts overpowering their strength. "Roberts, what are you in for?" queried his Honor, the Judge.

"Judge, ye see—" commenced the accused. "Shut up, he ain't through with you!" bawled out Jailer Roberts, and Ed closed up like a clam, but finally edged away from the masterful Roberts, took courage and stated in a husky voice, which had seen better days:

"Ye see, Judge, I ain't been in Portland long. I just came over from the logging camp, an' I was walkin' 'long the street with my frien' and was goin' to get a bed in the Detroit House, when I was taken in by this officer."

"What have you got to say, Arthur Chandler?" queried the Judge, pointing to another derelict.

"Hain't got nothin' to say, 'cept that I can't see why respectable gentlemen can't be 'lowed to walk on de streets without bein' pished."

"And what do you say, John Russell?" pointing to the last one of the bunch.

"Your Honor, have nothing to say, except that I left my apartments in a rooming-house on North Third street, to get a bite to eat, as I felt myself starvin', when I was arrested by this officer."

"Well, I went to bed and had a dream that I was famished; woke up and met the officer."

"I think you are all guilty, and I think \$10 apiece would not hurt you a bit."

A CURIOUS CROWD. The Police Court was crowded yesterday with people anxious to see Joseph Castromuove, the murderer, it having gone the rounds that he would be arraigned. Jailer Roberts announced that Castromuove would not be arraigned, but this did not help, so with a "Clear the road!" many were hustled into the street.

BILL TO PROTECT U. S. MERCHANTS

Powers of Commission to Be Enlarged.

Elkins Bill to Enlarge Jurisdiction of Interstate Commerce Commission Before Congress.

The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from Chairman E. P. Bacon, of the executive committee of the Interstate Commerce Law Convention held at St. Louis, on November 20, 1900, in which the writer states that he has been in Washington since opening of the present session of Congress. His object in so doing was to endeavor to secure the reporting, by the respective committees of the two Houses, of the bill "to enlarge the jurisdiction and the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission," known as the Elkins bill, as revised in accordance with an agreement at a conference held May last, between Chairman Bacon, on behalf of

over 100 commercial organizations for which the committee is acting, on the one hand, and the president and general solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at whose instance the Elkins bill was first introduced. By so modifying the pooling provision contained therein as to place its operation under the full control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in protection of the public interest, and also incorporating in the bill the essential provisions of the so-called Nelson bill, introduced in the Senate at the same session through the instrumentality of this committee.

Mr. Bacon thinks it probable that the bill will be favorably reported to the two Houses soon after the re-assembling of Congress at the expiration of the holiday recess. He further states that it would be necessary to bring all the influence possible to bear upon the members of both Houses, from their immediate constituents, to enlist their active efforts to get the bill taken up for early action in both Houses in order that its passage may be effected at this short session.

MAKES RECOMMENDATION. A recommendation is made that each organization interested in the measure assign to a special committee, appointed for the purpose, the duty of personally interviewing the Representatives and Senators from their respective states, while they are at their homes during the holiday recess, and impressing on them the desire of the members of their respective organizations for the speedy enactment of legislation rehabilitating the Interstate Commerce Commission with the powers it formerly exercised, the possession of which has been denied by the courts, and giving greater effectiveness to its rulings, as provided in the Elkins bill, in order that a practical means of relief from rates that have been found unreasonable or discriminatory, upon full hearing before a disinterested and competent tribunal, may be secured.

A statement is further made that any efforts made at Washington, will be without avail unless reinforced by direct expression of sentiment on the part of their constituents to Representatives and Senators in Congress.

but \$33 from Chicago to common points in the Pacific Northwest. This will enable those seeking land out here to come through with one of our excursion rates and receive all the attentions that will be given first-class passengers. Anything desired in the way of information, either special or general, will be secured for these people, who will practically be the guests of the railroad while they are enroute.

The movement into the Northwest in the spring will be the largest in the history of American progress. During the winter Eastern and Middle Western farmers have been reading the literature supplied them by the immigration bureaus, and this reading will bear fruit.

RUSSO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE. Regarding the so-called Russo-Japanese alliance the San Trade Journal a monthly publication published at Tokio, in its latest issue, under the heading of "The Russo-Japanese Association," states:

"In Nigata, there is such an association, which is formed in order to promote the business between Russia and Japan. Politically speaking, there are some people in Japan who seem to cherish an incurable hatred against the Russians, and it is very difficult to cure the feeling when approached from political side alone. However, as business is universal, and the progress of the world is the progress of such an organization as the Russo-Japanese Association. It is our hearty desire that the promoters will widen the scope of the field for their activity and push its interest not in Nigata only, but to all parts of Japan and Russia, thus enlisting the favor of the latter."

SPAN BROKEN. The span wire connecting the Weather Bureau at Tatoosh Island with the mainland parted on account of the severe storm on Christmas Day. The vessel reports formerly sent from Tatoosh are being temporarily sent from Neah Bay. A new span wire has been ordered shipped there, and it is expected that it will arrive today.

SPECIAL TRIPS FOR SETTLERS

Homeseekers Will Be Cared for Like First-Class Passengers.

W. A. Golden, special traveling agent for the Northwestern Railway Co., left Portland for the East today, and will return in a short time in charge of another of the "special excursions" being operated into the Northwest States by that company in connection with the Union Pacific. Mr. Golden predicts that heavy westward travel will begin with the going into effect of the settlers' rates, on February 15 of the coming year. The people of the East and Middle West, he says, know more of the Pacific States today than they have ever known before, and they are acquiring further knowledge as rapidly as they can.

No reduced rates are made for these "specially-conducted excursions," which have their starting point at Chicago and pick up additional to the party all along the line of route. The advantage gained by participating in them is that the traveler is under the personal charge of the agent of the company, and is better cared for than would otherwise be the case.

TO AID HOMESEEEKERS. This personal excursion business is going to prove of immense benefit to those who desire to come West during the homeseeker movement," said Mr. Golden to a reporter for The Journal.

"We will run our excursions just the same as formerly, and the rate will be

"The railroads have discriminated against The Dalles," said Mayor Farley, "and business has been injured as a result. However, The Dalles has a population of about 5,000 people at the present time, and indications of prosperity were never better.

"The natural terminal of both the Columbia Southern and the Columbia River & Northern was The Dalles, but neither of them chose it. They have built into country that was in the tributary to our city, and have diverted the trade from us. However, we are doing quite well and do not intend to go out of business.

"An open river is a certainty, and it can only come through the construction of a portage railroad at The Dalles. This will necessitate the employment of between 400 and 500 men, with a payroll that will amount to millions in a year. Three years will be required to complete the work and The Dalles will profit correspondingly.

NO LASTING BENEFIT. "I do not figure that an open river would be of any lasting benefit to The Dalles. We are about as prosperous now as we could expect to become, through business brought by an open river. It is not the opening of the river that will count with us. The Dalles is in splendid shape municipally. The city is almost out of debt, and on a firm financial footing."

Mr. Farley said The Dalles had no real personal interest in the Senatorial election. "Of course Mr. Moody has been mentioned," he said, "but I do not believe he has any expectation of winning. We will watch the contest with a great deal of interest, but I think the matter is all fixed and that it will come out as the big ones have planned it."

HIRSCH WAS CERTAIN. "Death robbed the State of Oregon of the best Senator who ever represented her. He was not Senator when he died, but Solomon Hirsch was as certain of election to that office as I am that my home is in Benton County."

Senator J. D. Daly, at the Hotel Imperial, made the above statement last evening. He was in Portland for the day, attending to personal business matters, and will return to his home today. Senator Daly is recognized as one who supported Mr. Hirsch, and is strongly during the life of the latter. Now that Hirsch is dead, it is said the legislative ballot of Senator Daly, of Benton County, is being warmly sought after by such other possibility in the race for United States Senator from Oregon.

"I was a strong supporter of Sol Hirsch," said Senator Daly, "and I believe that if he had lived, he would have been certain of election. Now the thing is chaotic, and there is little possibility of anyone making a correct forecast of the result."

"I have received no instructions from those who elected me to office, and can not say, as yet, for whom I shall cast my vote. All I can say is that I greatly deplore the death of a man who would have been elected beyond doubt, and of whom the state might well be proud. I shall vote for the one whom I consider to be the best man."

Mr. Daly strenuously denied that his presence in Portland had anything to do with politics, although it is well known that several prospective Senatorial candidates would like to count him among their henchmen.

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FORD ESCAPES FROM OFFICER Bold Impersonator of Cartoonist Oppen Eludes a Texas Officer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—A special to the Bulletin from San Antonio, Tex., says:

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 26.—Paul Ford, the young fellow who has been following Miss Rosa of "The Belle of New York" Company over the country, and incidentally impersonating Fred Oppen and others, was arrested here the other day, and made his escape. The charge against him was swindling.

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