

NAME DESCRIBED HIS FINANCES

James Davis Adopted Name "Owen Hall" to Signify "Owing All."

WAS NEVER OUT OF DEBT AFTER HE LEFT SCHOOL

Well-Known Author Saw Humor of His Chronic Condition, and Suggested that "Payne Nun" Would Have Been All Right.

(Journal Special Service.) London, May 11.—Owen Hall, who wrote "The Geisha" and "Floradora," and who has just died, was not, of course, James Davis in reality, but plain James Davis. It may not be known to Americans, however, that there was an especial significance in the name of the man chosen by this amazingly successful, librettist. But the truth is that his selection was a grim pun on the part of Davis, who might have stepped straight out of Henri Murders "Vis de Boheme." "Owen Hall" was simply "Owing All," and Davis once remarked that perhaps if he had called himself "Payne Nun"—"paying none."

This facile writer made pots of money, yet he was always in debt, and frequently "broke." A year or so ago he wrote an uncommonly candid autobiography, in the course of which he said:

"I suppose I shall go on working in harness till I get one of the only two experiences I have never had, death and solvency." The first came to him recently from acute gastritis—but solvency he never achieved.

Could Not Manage.

"Money has always been my stumbling block," he declared in his autobiography. "I never could get enough money, and I never could manage it. I suppose I am cursed with an erratic temperament, or a careless one, or perhaps a dishonest one, but the fact remains that no matter how much I have earned in my life I do not think I have ever been out of debt since I left school at Kew, owing 2 and 8 pence to the tax woman."

Most of the money that Davis made out of his stage pieces was lost at the track. He is said to have received \$10,000 for the manuscript of "A Greek Slave" and to have parted with every penny of it in three weeks. Small fortunes also came to him from "Floradora," "An Artist's Model," and, of course, "The Geisha," but they all melted rapidly, "for," he wrote, "I make it a rule to allow my weekly expenditure just to exceed my weekly income."

The story of how Davis, or "Hall," began writing musical comedies, is interesting. While in the train one day he met George Edwards, who had just produced a new piece at the Gaiety. Edwards asked Davis what he thought of it, and Davis, who was then doing journalistic pot-boilers, replied that he believed he could write a better one. "All Right," replied the manager, "you shall do this for me." Thus "The Gaiety Girl" came to be. In writing it Davis practically invented the musical comedy as we know it today, and as Mr. "Owing All" or "Owen Hall" he lost no time in working the gold mine he had discovered.

VOTERS GET LAST CHANCE

(Continued from Page One.) Rushlight was right in his contention but Mr. McNary held to his point and the council accepted his view of the matter. A resolution was therefore adopted providing that the books be opened from Monday morning until Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

There was no opposition to the adoption of the resolution and after its adoption an ordinance, framed by Councilman Amann, was passed providing for the opening of the books. The purpose of the latter is not clear, since under City Attorney McNary's decision the resolution is all that was necessary.

Books Reopened at Once.

Upon the adjournment of the council the books were at once opened by Councilman Amann and the registering commenced. In the opinion of many politicians there are fully 5,000 voters in the city who have failed to register up to this time. It is expected that these will all be placed on the books by the time they close on Wednesday afternoon. The Republican city central committee has sent out men into every precinct in the city and has gathered lists of all those who have not registered. Eager workers will see to it that these men are all provided with a chance to sign their names in the registration book.

SEEK TO EVADE

(Continued from Page One.) Attorneys Hawley and Borah, for the prosecution, have indorsed on the indictment the names of witnesses they intend to call and today presented 15 more. The prosecution admits it will open up all of the labor troubles that have occurred in the western mining fields since 1892, and endeavor to connect Haywood and the officers of the Federation with the disturbances, alleging they have at all times counseled, viewed, or then they will try to substantiate the confession of Harry Orchard, who admits he blew up Governor Staunenberg, but claims he was paid to do so by Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone and Jack Simpson.

Telegraphed for Lawyers.

The state places stress on the fact that Haywood telegraphed for lawyers to defend Orchard even before he was arrested and without Orchard making any request for counsel. This is declared to indicate that Haywood knew what Orchard's presence in Caldwell would

the fatal night meant. But Haywood's friends explain this by saying that Orchard had spent weeks in Denver getting acquainted with Haywood, that he had secured the latter's confidence and that naturally, when Haywood got word that Orchard was likely to be arrested he went to the front for him.

CHALLENGE TO DEVLIN

(Continued from Page One.)

that greatest man of yours, whom I mentioned above, was so noble an example, I respectfully ask your consent to a series of joint public meetings between Mr. Devlin and Dr. Lane, and beg that in person or by committee you will meet with us at such time and place as you may designate to arrange the details. An early answer will oblige. Yours very truly,

R. W. MONTAGUE.

Respects Acceptance.

It is stated by Chairman Montague that the challenge is issued in active good faith with the expectation that the case will be picked up by the Republican committee and candidate. Since the opening of the campaign it has been repeatedly stated in the Republican camp that Mr. Devlin had "the dope" and that if he once turned loose his guns of oratory there would be nothing left of the camp of the opposition.

WATER THIS SEASON ON KLAMATH PROJECT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., May 13.—Arrangements are now being made by the reclamation officials with farmers owning land under the first unit of the irrigation project, to supply the water during the season of 1907. Conditions are such that it will be impossible to furnish water under the reclamation act, but a charge of \$1.50 an acre for the season has been fixed, and this will apply just to the actual number of acres irrigated, and not to the total holdings, as will be the case under the reclamation act. The charge is considered reasonable, as it is the usual charge made previously to the government when arising as to what will be done with the excess after the actual cost of furnishing this water has been paid. Some think it should be credited to the land owners upon the original contracts with the government and others that it should be placed to the credit of the project, inasmuch as those securing water get their money's worth.

KENO CANAL WILL BE DUG BY FORCE ACCOUNT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., May 13.—The Keno canal, to be constructed on the west side of the river by the federal reclamation service as a part of the Klamath project, is to be dug by force account, or practically so. The first bid submitted for the work some time ago, which amounted virtually to 75 cents per cubic yard, was rejected by the secretary of the interior, as similar work had been done at 10 cents per cubic yard, and he has authorized the officials here to do the work by force account. It is the intention of the reclamation service to arrange the specifications so that small contractors can bid on the work and every assistance will be given them. Then if the small contractors do not bid it will be done by force account.

TULE LAKE REMAINS AT HIGH WATER MARK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., May 13.—Tule lake still registers high water mark. It is at present about two feet above ordinary high water, and it is estimated that the waters will not recede to normal for at least two years. There are now under water between 4,000 and 5,000 acres of good hay and pasture land, although less than 100 acres is in alfalfa. Those familiar with the country say that as a whole this high water will probably be beneficial, as the land has accumulated alkali, and the flood waters will serve to take up and carry away the alkali. The plan of the reclamation engineers is to divert the waters of Lost river into the Klamath, hence there cannot be a recurrence of such a condition, but meanwhile the flood waters now in Tule lake must recede by evaporation.

WAGON TONGUE FULL LENGTH IN STREET CAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., May 13.—A team ran away yesterday and struck the wagon tongue through the end of a street car. The team was hitched to a load of furniture. The harness broke and the tongue came down. The horses became unmanageable, and a coming street car on either side of the street car and got out just as the tongue penetrated the end of the car and ran full length into it. The people were all in the back of the car, so no one was hurt. Another car was hitched to the back end of the wagon and pulled it back. In 12 minutes after the accident had happened the line was clear.

Idaho Shooters' Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, May 13.—The State Sportsman's association, at the close of its very successful tournament here, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George A. Anderson; secretary, Harry Grauel; treasurer, H. J. Lemp, all of Boise.

New Electric Line in Idaho.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Ida., May 13.—The management of the Boise & Interurban Electric Railway company announces that it is the intention of the company to extend its line from Star 10 miles west of Boise to Fayette, on the Oregon Short Line. The new line is to be a branch of the main line of the electric road which extends from Boise to Caldwell.

Boise to Be Four-Troop Post.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Ida., May 13.—General Woodbury, of the department of the Columbia, who has just inspected the Boise barracks, says no more soldiers will be sent here until the improvements being made at the fort are completed, when four troops will be stationed here.

CHURCH AT McMINNVILLE THAT IS 40 YEARS OLD

Baptists Hold a Two-Days' Celebration of Anniversary of Organization.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., May 13.—The First Baptist church of this place celebrated Saturday and Sunday the fortieth anniversary of its organization. The church was organized May 11, 1867, with 31 members and now has a membership of 298. During that time the church has had 13 pastors, Floyd R. Adams, the present pastor being the thirteenth.

On Saturday at noon the church had a basket dinner followed by an afternoon session in which the history of the church was recounted and messages were read from former pastors. In the evening a stereopticon lecture was given on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau."

On Sunday two of the former pastors occupied the pulpit, Rev. A. J. Hunsaker in the morning and Rev. W. J. Jordan, now of the Central Baptist church of Portland, in the evening.

CARUSO THROWS ROSE TO AMERICAN GIRL

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, May 13.—Signor Caruso, the tenor, who is now much in evidence in Paris, where he is stopping with his wife and children, was yesterday returning from a concert at Trocadero, where he received an ovation, and was driving in the Champs Elysees in an automobile filled with flowers. The automobile was caught in the jam and stopped beside the carriage in which a beautiful American girl, well known in the American colony, was sitting. Signor Caruso took a rose from a bouquet, kissed it and threw it into the lap of the fair American, who, smiling, bowed and raised the flower to her lips. The crowd saw the incident and shouted "Bravo, Caruso." He waved his hand as the automobile, released from the jam, proceeded on its way.

CAN BE NO TITLE IN WILD GAME AND FISH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, May 13.—A very important decision has been handed down by the Idaho supreme court in the case of J. Sherwood vs. W. N. Stephens, state game warden. Warden Stephens was sued for damages for liberating 750,000 fish which had been captured from the Snake river and put into ponds in the vicinity. The court held that wild fish and game belong to the public, and that no person could acquire title to them as could be done in the case of chattels. It was further held that no one had a right to construct a dam across a public stream and thereby endeavor to secure title to the fish therein.

TIMBER FRAUDS SCENE SHIFTS TO NORTH IDAHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, May 13.—Judge Dietrich in the federal court at Boise today said that the timber fraud scene which has been in progress for some time in this state has shifted to north Idaho.

Open Shop Threat at Spokane.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., May 13.—The electrical workers, having refused either to return to work or submit their differences to a board of arbitration, the electric shops have announced that they will open their shops to non-union as well as union men today at noon, unless the workers take action before that time. The strike is over the refusal to raise wages from \$4 to \$5 a day.

Kiser—Scenic Photos—Imperial hotel.

Deserted Flat-bottomed Skiff Adrift in Harbor.

The Willametta river is slowly rising as a result of backwater from the Columbia. This leaves the water clear and practically no current in the harbor. About the only evidence of the river having encroached upon its banks this morning was a flat-bottomed skiff adrift in midstream. The skiff was stuck on a log and floated off with the tide, which, notwithstanding the general belief to the contrary, is quite perceptible even in the harbor.

The skiff was picked up by Captain Ames of the Eva, who will be glad to turn it over to the owner upon payment of towage and wharfage charges. This is the third time that the skiff has been deserted and adrift in midstream during the past few months.

TACOMA MINISTERS WAR AGAINST SINFUL SHOWS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., May 13.—It is doubtful if "Salome" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession," billed for a theatre here next week, and which have been tabooed at different cities of the country, will be allowed to appear. The ministers of the city have begun a crusade against them on account of their alleged gross immorality and the authorities will be asked to prevent their production on a Tacoma stage.

FATAL AFFRAY OVER DOMESTIC TROUBLES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Willits, Cal., May 13.—W. Hopper shot and instantly killed L. Bercholdt near this city last night. The trouble arose over domestic difficulties. Hopper has surrendered.

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AT THE THEATRES

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Thrilling Melodrama.

"The White Cape" is the name of the thrilling melodrama that is being offered at the Empire Theatre this week. It is a story of a Kentucky feud, a subject that is always popular in fiction and on the stage. The Seaman company is giving an excellent interpretation and large crowds are showing their approval.

"Behind the Mask."

"Behind the Mask," the melodrama which created such a sensation in New York early in the season, will have its first Pacific coast production tonight by the popular Albee Stock company at the Lyric. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Verus Felton as the favorite in the east. Reserved seats may be ordered by telephone.

Best of Bicyclists.

The Baker troupe of acrobatic bicyclists, considered the best in the world, are the leaders in the new vaudeville program at the Grand, starting today. "Billie and the Ace race" is the title of a skit by Walter Shrouds and Lina Murray, in which they introduce the acrobatic leg dance from "Babe in Toyland." "The Sheriff of Laramie" will be found a tabloid western comedy-drama, presented by Harry W. Lobb & company.

"Devil's Island."

This evening and all week "Devil's Island" will be played by the new Star Theatre Stock company. There will be matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. "Devil's Island" is a play based on the trial of Captain Dreyfus. The dramatist has taken the principal events from the case, and has made a stirring, exciting and enterprising story. Seats are now on sale for all performances.

JACOB DURST TRAMPLED TO DEATH BY A BULL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., May 13.—Jacob Durst, aged 65, and a single man, who lived eight miles southwest of here near Bellevue, was trampled to death by a bull Friday evening. What the bull, which is dehorned, attacked him it first butted him, knocking him down. It then stamped him to death. Durst was a prosperous farmer of Bellevue county. He leaves a brother, who is also a well-to-do farmer. Jacob Durst was well known throughout the southwest part of the county. The funeral was held today from the Bellevue church.

HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES OVER ARTHUR McEWEN

(Journal Special Service.) New York, May 13.—The funeral of Arthur McEwen, chief editorial writer of the New York American, who died in Bermuda May 1, was held at Fresh Pond crematory, Long Island, yesterday. A large number of Mr. McEwen's friends and former associates, and all members of his immediate family were present. The ceremonies were simple. Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission, who was formerly associated with the deceased in San Francisco, came from Washington and made a brief address.

FAMOUS EDDY CASE POSTPONED FOR WEEK

(Journal Special Service.) Concord, N. H., May 13.—This was the date originally fixed for hearing arguments before the superior court in the matter of the petition of Harry M. Baker, Josiah E. Fernald and Archibald McClellan, the trustees to whom Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has transferred the management of her affairs, that they be set aside in favor of the "real friends" in the attempt to secure an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property. By agreement of court and counsel for both parties to the proceedings the hearing has been postponed for one week.

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