

Town Topics
TOMIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS.
Bungalow—"Don't Tell My Wife"
Orpheum—"Dorothy Vernon"

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP TO SOLVE LABOR PROBLEM

Father Ryan Addresses Large Crowd at Cedar Park on the Rights of Labor—Good Points of Socialism Should Be Used.

Hundreds of union men left the fair grounds today in the midst of the exercises in order to attend the Catholic picnic at Cedar park, where Rev. John Ryan, of St. Paul, Minn., widely known as a champion of the laboring man, today addressed a gathering of several thousand interested listeners on "The Rights of Labor." Rev. Mr. Ryan is the author of "The Living Wage" and other works which are recognized as means of a socialist.

He thinks that socialism is undesirable as well as impracticable, at least the socialism being advanced by the party of Eugene V. Debs at the present time. The speaker's address today abounded with helpful suggestions for the betterment of the working man, and especially of the unskilled laborers of the country, whose position is precarious in the extreme," said he.

Father Ryan then spoke of the rise of the unions, their purposes and needs and some of their abuses. Ever conservative in his appeal for the rights of labor, he made a favorable impression by his fairness even upon those of his audience who are averse to organized labor in any form.

He said that there is a tendency on the part of some to veer toward socialism. The radicals, and happily they are as yet only a very small part of the great body of union men," he continued.

He said that the nationalization of great corporations and railroads and the municipal ownership of public utilities. The country is gradually awakening to the need for the curbing of the monopolistic tendencies of the age, and these are the first steps in the right direction. Government ownership is the only remedy for the people.

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THE PLAY

Bungalow—"Dorothy Vernon." By D. S. Perhaps it was the newness of surroundings, the lease—smack of fresh paint and general renovation that has transformed the Empire into a pretty and cozy auditorium of amusement—perhaps the safety of an indiscriminating Sunday audience, went to applaud and view with happy and uncritical acceptance the best and worst—any one of the unskilled laborers of the country, whose position is precarious in the extreme," said he.

Father Ryan's speech in part was as follows: "The trouble with unionism as it now stands is that the labor organizations are too exclusive. There is an absence of generosity on the part of the organization toward their less fortunate brethren."

The vast roving army of unskilled workmen have no protection in their rights, and the unions show no inclination to help them. By the nature of their tasks, they are compelled to move about, and it is hard to secure permanent organization. They are so low for unskilled laborers that they are not able financially to support a union among themselves if they did organize for such others would suggest the remedy which has been tried in New Zealand with great success in the case of the shearers.

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Baker—"Don't Tell My Wife." By J. M. Most of us have heard the expression, "waited back on the wings of song," but few of us have ever had the opportunity to realize that the phrase is anything more than a platitude of sentimental fiction or the part of the returned descriptive vocabulary of the country reporter. For these few we prescribe a visit to the Baker theatre, where Richard Jones, just billed as the "greatest comic tenor in America," is appearing at the head of his own company this week.

The famous old singer has no part in the three-act farce which is supposed to be the piece de resistance of the evening, but just the same his appearance on the boards is what the audience will wait for. The man who made famous the talking machine in this country is still charming all who are fortunate enough to hear him, with the sweet notes of a voice which has lost nothing in tenderness of tone and feeling with the years; but, on the contrary, seems to have mellowed, like wine, with age.

There were not many vacant seats at the Baker theatre last night, and nearly every one of those occupied held a friend of the singer, to judge from the deafening outburst of applause that greeted him when he began his opening song. There were few snoreers, among them being "Silver Threads Amongst the Gold."

While the singing of Jones is the main attraction, there is also for those who like it, a rollicking three-act farce, "Don't Tell My Wife," is the name of it, and the title is fairly suggestive of the character of the piece. Walter H. Newman, as the gay deceiver, and Lillian Hayward, who appears in the last act wearing a sheath gown, are most in the limelight, but it is to be feared that the major part of the house pays but little attention to the lines of either when Miss Hayward ambles back and forth past the footlights in that distracting gown.

Of the other characters, Florence Plummer as the suspicious mother-in-law and Bertha Holt, the trusting wife, are deserving of mention, as is "Old Si-Bang" Foster, capably portrayed by Arthur.

"Dorothy Vernon," the play, contains a courtly fool. It is a character not easy to portray. The part has been given to Donald Bowles. If he has failed to grasp the intricate nuances, the delicate gradations of a personality that go to establish a standard, what matters it if in handling a difficult and exacting part he has furnished amusement that brings genuine enjoyment to his auditors? As Perkins, Mr. Bowles is due for much credit. He adds luster to the play and some of its tiresome portions.

It is a matter of no little comment that the Baker company has started its fall season with a go that speaks well for the future. It is a matter of commendation that its first offering for the winter should be as well staged and as acceptably presented as "Dorothy Vernon."

Mims Jewel carries herself through a long, many-worried role with a deal of credit. Mr. Ayres, whose first appearance here was but a reflection of nice things said and unsaid to himself, may be judged later on when he has shown his real worth under a variety of titles.

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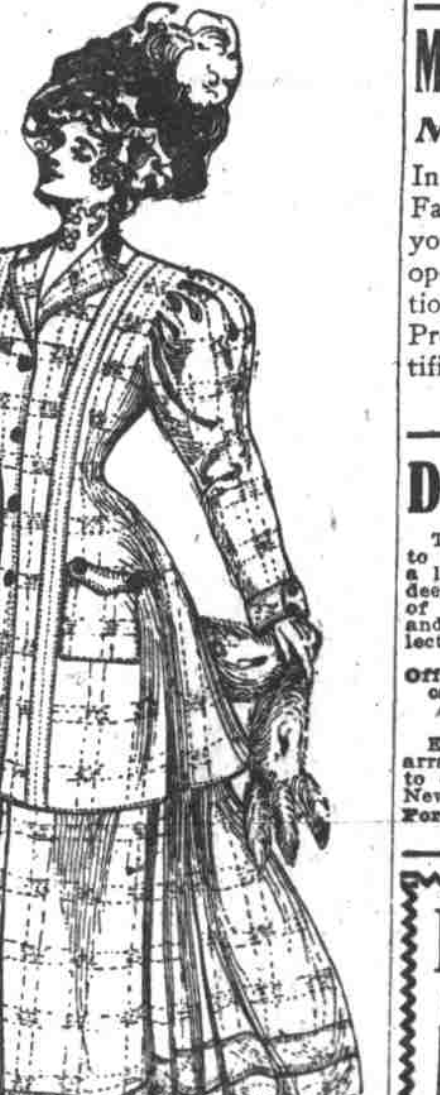
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