

RUSSIAN ACTRESS THRILLS AUDIENCE IN WEIRD DRAMA

Nazimova Presents Strange Picture Like of Which Never Seen Here Before; She, Not Play, Attracts.

It was not the play that crowded the Hothe last night with a stunning audience of representative first-nighters. It was a stouthead, sensuous and sinewy Russian, Alla Nazimova, that "rag and a bone and a hank of hair" woman who pants and groves and writhes with all the basilisk fascinations of the siren. It is always Nazimova of whom they talk, rarely her play. They talk of those fingers that curl and twist and wave, of those lissome limbs that undulate like a horribly beautiful snake of that malarial and miasmatic atmosphere that she spreads, but seldom of her art.

Incidentally, the play is weird as Nazimova is weird. Everything is gray and gloomy and repellent. There isn't a touch of warmth in the cold picture. Nobody draws a natural breath or thinks a natural thought. It is Ibsen at his worst. The characters are abnormal, and all symbolic and full of hidden meanings. It is a disiecte analysis of a selfish and passionate woman.

Exhibited by the Nazimova method, it gives one the shivers. Its ugliness glares. She uses all the infinity of theatrical resources of the feminine nature in her limning of the woman who was so intensely jealous of her husband's love for their little crippled child that she wished the child had never been born. Her transition from the self-centered and passionate Rita of the first act to the sombre and tragedy-shrouded figure in acts two and three, was little short of marvelous. And not a detail of costume, pose or motion is slighted. She tells her story in the swing of her arms, in the pose of the torso, in the pose of her chin. What if her words are sometimes unintelligible? Mere words are superfluous.

The strangely weird and seductive characteristics of Nazimova parade the whole atmosphere of the play, the scenery has caught the foreign touch, and the ensemble is as unusual and misshapen as is the Nazimova personality.

The supporting company is superb. Brandon Tynan was effective as the vacillating and phantasm-chasing Alfred. Gertrude Berkeley as the Rat-Wife is an actress in a class by herself. The skillful accuracy with which she painted her picture was a wonderful exposition in real acting. Elsie Edmond received a warm greeting from an audience already familiar with her sympathetic personality. George Tobin as Exoil and Fred L. Tilden as Engineer Bergholm contributed their portion toward the excellence of the production.

TRAGEDY, PATHOS, MIRTH ON BILL

Italian Sketch Interesting Piece of Stage Performance; Other Features Good.

By V. H. P.
"The Sign of the Rose" is as its title would indicate, impregnated with touching tragedy. Yet, while vaudeville and tragedy are notably—perhaps, notoriously—antipathetic, George Beban and his associate players wrung both tears and applause from the Orpheum audience last night. Beban's characterization of the Italian is so far superior to that of Lionel Barrymore as to be beyond comparison; his played glows with the warmth of inspiration.

"The Sign of the Rose" is a plea and admonition and, while threatening to cheapen itself by reason of these facts, precludes the possibility of disparagement by wholesome tenderness and admirably handled pathos. It concerns itself with the kidnapping of a babe of wealthy parents by the Mafia, and the killing of another—that of an Italian of lowly stratum—by an automobile.

The scene is in the shop of a florist. Here, awaiting the arrival of the kidnapers to collect the ransom money, which is to be paid over when "the sign of the rose" is given, are Hatch, "the central office man"—burly, brutish, bellowing—and Mrs. Van Brunt, the mother. When the appointed time comes for the kidnapers to arrive, Pietro Masseni—spryly with perfect manner and appearance, the Italian laborer—steps by the window to gaze at the roses. When, finally, he enters, he tells of the killing of his Rosa and would buy one rose. In the scenes that follow, when Hatch accuses him of being the kidnaper and of the disclosure that Van Brunt himself, drove the automobile that killed the Italian's child, there is perhaps a shade too much effort for stress and tenacity. But why pick flaws in a production almost perfect, and in five actors deserving of the name?

Exceptional vaudeville well describes the collective Orpheum bill. Variety and harmony alike are achieved and peculiarly, too, for it is a motley array of acts we see. "The Great" Asahi, "wonder worker," mystifies his audience with necromancy inconceivable to the human mind, while other members of his party bear him up with feats of awe-inspiring skill. Imagine Grant and Hogg, in "Something Doing All the Time," in harmony with "The Sign of the Rose"! Yet somehow they fit perfectly into their vaudeville niche, as do Bunyas and Gideon, "The American Beauty and the Song Writer," and "Savo," juggler. Jewell's manikins offer a departure from the staid canons of the wire-pullers—a feature act alone.

Goff Phillips, "the minstrel man," is the one dark spot, for even the motion pictures are interesting.

An ink with carbolic acid as one of its ingredients has been put on the market for bankers to use in signing notes, thereby producing antiseptic money.

CIVIC COUNCIL IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Issues Pamphlet in Support of Proposed Water Mains Amendment.

"Real issues" in the proposed water mains amendment to the city charter are explained in a statement made by Sherman W. Walker, chairman of the publicity committee of the Civic Council. The Civic Council is an organization composed of all improvement associations. The proposed amendment lays the cost of extending the water system, laying of mains, etc., upon the water department. A bond issue is also provided for. The alleged purpose is to make such a condition as permitted last summer's east water famine impossible hereafter. The following facts are submitted by the committee:

"The effect on street work under the new law will compare with great favor with the effect under the present law which has not worked successfully for the reason that street work has been retarded rather than assisted under its operation.

"Cannot Lay Own Mains.
"The water board is not now permitted to lay mains with its own crews and material, but must contract with contractors who have the work in hand. They do not want it and will not take it if they can avoid it, and when they do take such work they charge a price much higher than the job is really worth. The new law provides that the water board may do the work of laying mains itself, thereby saving in some cases as much as 35 per cent of the present cost.

"Again, one of the most advantageous features of the new law will be the laying of extensions into districts not having a sufficient supply of water, or where there is now no water at all. Surely anyone who can realize the inconvenience of not having water in his house will support a law that would change such an altogether undesirable condition.

"Merely Advancing the Money.
"The people should understand, too, that persons now paying for the construction of water facilities and the laying of mains, are only advancing the money necessary to cover the cost of such work, and that to them and to none other will repayment be made. Whenever the main yields a revenue of 6 per cent the water board may take it over with money obtained by bond issue.

"The new law will provide absolute protection against land speculators and for this reason should recommend itself to every voter. As to the actual cost to the property owners under the new law, we would recommend that every voter read the amendment proposed and see if he does not thereafter understand that a decided reduction in the cost of the enlargement of our present water system will result from the use of the cheap money therein provided. The bonds issued are to be retired in 25 years, all the property owner pays is 8 per cent per annum, including principal and interest, on the cost of his main, and he will have paid but 50 per cent of the principal at the time the bond is retired. The proposed amendment does not change the present law in the matter of the payment by the city for water to be used for municipal purposes.

"The plans proposed under the amendment will be almost identical with those used in other large cities. This statement is not intended to go into detail but is made to urge the voters to look into the matter before giving credit to either written or oral statements on the subject. We wish to appeal to the voters to support and adopt the water mains amendment, because it will afford relief from the present evil condition which is caused by an inadequate system."

Montana Men Pick Up Meteor.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Butte, Mont., Nov. 1.—A falling meteor Sunday night near Adair, set a tree ablaze and enabled two prospectors to find the aerolite which was the size of a half bushel basket. It was so hot it could not be touched for many hours.

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SENTIMENT STRONG FOR WEST, SMITH

Northern Douglas County, Nor- mally Republican, Promises to Go Democratic.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oakland, Or., Nov. 1.—Sentiment for West and Smith is very strong in this section. Your correspondent has interviewed a large number of farmers and business men residing in the Calapoosia, Oakland, Sutherlin and adjacent precincts, and the expressions from these people indicate that West for governor and Smith for congress will receive a good majority of the votes cast for these offices in this section; in fact, at present it looks very much like the normal 400 Republican majority in Douglas county will be wiped out and most of the Democratic candidates elected. The sentiment in favor of Reed for joint representative from Jackson and Douglas counties, against Buchanan, the assembly nominee, is very strong, and it is freely predicted that the latter will be defeated. J. K. Howard, the Democratic nominee for representative from this county, has a good chance of election, and several Democratic county officials will no doubt be elected.

SUPERVISOR BLACKBURN
OUT ON \$3000 BAIL

(United Press Special Wire.)
San Francisco, Nov. 1.—Daniel E. Blackburn, supervisor of San Mateo county, was arraigned yesterday before Police Judge Shortall of San Francisco, charged with having accepted a bribe

of \$558 from Charles Marshall, "outside man" for the H. S. Crocker company.

After arraignment the court continued the case to Wednesday at 11 o'clock, when a time will be set for Blackburn's preliminary hearing. Meantime Blackburn is at liberty on \$3000 bail. In the complaint against Blackburn it is alleged that on October 7 he arranged to receive money for his vote in favor of the payment by San Mateo county of \$13,500 for furniture installed in the county offices.

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