

NOTHING BUT STAR ACTS IN PRESS CLUB'S SHOW



Top row, left to right—Jack Barrett, chairman entertainment committee; O. C. Merrick, Fred W. Vincent. Bottom row, left to right—Fred W. Bell, George C. Cowing, Charles Ryan. In center—James S. Tyler, treasurer and chairman of house committee.

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Members of the Press club will look through the beautifully printed pages of the program with as much interest as those not connected with the craft. Both will see it for the first time just prior to the raising of the curtain on the first of the 15 or more star acts which are to comprise "A Night Off."

For weeks James S. Tyler, chairman; Fred W. Bell and O. C. Merrick of the program committee, have been working on the book, carefully going over the efforts of their brethren, taking a nip here and a tuck there, that the publication may be the finest of the kind ever issued by a newspaper man's organization, when it comes from the presses.

Cub reporters have burned much midnight incandescence and given type-writer keys fearful batterings striving to evolve literary masterpieces with which to charm the town, while grumbled stars have dug into the mines of their experience and observations for new ideas.

Of good results there is no doubt, judging from the satisfied smiles of

the program committeemen, who decline to produce advance copies to any one. As to giving a synopsis of the contents of the book, they are probably the most capable sphinxes in the city.

With the promulgation of the book and a boost to dramatic art in "A Night Off," the Portland Press club will appear before the public for the first time.

The organization was formed last summer, but has enjoyed a remarkable growth, numbering almost every writer in the city among its members, with several of the most prominent men in the city and state as associate members. It is the intention of the club to

become a powerful factor in the life of the city. The frolic and the publication of a book will be annual events.

The entertainment committee of the club has arranged for the appearance of many stage favorites in "A Night Off," an entertainment they describe as society vaudeville, revue and song show, in which all of the artists will have ample opportunity to display their talents and which will be a setting for some "stunts" not ordinarily given on programs of this character.

Arrangements for the performance are in the hands of a committee composed of Jack Barrett, chairman; Charles N. Ryan and Fred W. Vincent.

ITALIAN DUKE IS NOW AMERICAN CITIZEN

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 3.—An Italian duke, Tommaso Duca Pagliatti di San Giorgio, became a citizen of the United States today, when he took his final papers in citizenship in the United States courts.

Tommaso Pagliatti, shorn of his titular habiliments, was sworn in by William H. Gilchrist, in the latter's capacity of chief clerk of the naturalization bureau of the district court. He is a professor in New York university.

JAPANESE MURDER CASE IS DELAYED

Denver Jap Accused of Murdering Woman—Much Interest Taken in Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Denver, Colo., Dec. 3.—The unexpected outcropping of many legal questions which attorneys for both sides were not prepared to argue caused the sudden adjournment until Monday of the trial of Genkyo Mitsunaga, the Japanese accused of murdering Mrs. Katherine Wilson last May. It is expected, however, that the state will rest its case Monday morning.

After he had admitted in evidence a statement made to the police by the Japanese last August admitting he was in the Wilson home at the time of the murder, and declaring he was forced to assist in disposing of the slain woman's body, Judge Shannock this afternoon also admitted an earlier statement made to the police by Mitsunaga. This statement conflicts in almost every particular with the other statement. In it Mitsunaga denied that he had ever been in the Wilson home, and declared he knew nothing whatever about the murder. The state lays great stress upon this statement, as showing the wide variance in the Japanese' stories to the police.

The only important witness today was Mrs. Galland, daughter of Mrs. Wilson, who recited the story of finding her mother's mutilated corpse stuffed into a packing box in the basement of the Wilson home. Her testimony was chiefly a reiteration of the testimony of her stepfather, Ridgeley Wilson, and brought out nothing new.

Great interest is being shown in the case by the Japanese government representatives, who are attending every session and insisting that Mitsunaga be given an absolutely impartial trial.

FRANK J. MILLER NOW R. R. COMMISSIONER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 3.—Frank J. Miller of Albany, railroad commissioner-elect, was yesterday made railroad commissioner in fact by appointment to serve out the unexpired term of Commissioner West, who had resigned. The appointment of Miller was made by Acting Governor Jay Bowerman and State Treasurer Steel.

Lived in Fear of Death.
Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 3.—For years, Michael Dominick, a shoemaker here, lived in fear of sudden death by heart failure, and kept candles always burning by his bedside. Early this morning he rose suddenly to a sitting posture, collapsed and passed away.

JERSEY CITY BARBERS TO CHARGE BY CROP

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 3.—Four hundred Jersey City barbers, following the lead of Brooklyn "tonsovicists," will meet tomorrow afternoon in an effort to change the rules of their local union so that hereafter hair cuts and shaves will be charged for according to the condition of the crop and the average, instead of the flat rate and per face rate.

Incidentally, they are waging a relentless warfare against the safety razor. One of the proposed changes involves a double charge for hair cuts to all men who shave themselves. It is

unfair, the barbers say, to charge a man with a billiard ball head full price for a hair cut, and equally unjust to shave a shaggy youth with faces of apparition down and a heavy jawed man with a raspy stubble for the same price.

Chehalls Loses Debate.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalls, Wash., Dec. 3.—The joint debate held here last night between the Chehalls and Castle Rock high school teams was won by the visitors, the decision going to them by a vote of two judges out of three. The Chehalls debaters were Sidney Bond, Arthur Nitchel and Frank Michael. The judges were S. O. Oistad, city superintendent at Wialock, Principal Dougherty of Centralia and Principal Rimebaugh of Sit-

ver Lake. The Castle Rock team had the affirmative side of the proposed income tax question.

SUES TO PREVENT HIS PARTNER FROM SELLING

Alleging his partner in a building enterprise is about to sell property for no more than it cost and leave no profit, C. W. Mower has begun suit in the circuit court against T. H. Stoner, asking that Stoner be enjoined from selling a house and lot in Ladd's addition for less than \$8000.

Mower says they shared the expense equally and he prepared the plans, besides supervising the work. They

agreed to sell for \$8000 and divide the profits, he says, but Stoner is now trying to dispose of the property for \$1000. He wants Stoner declared trustee in trust and required to hold out for \$8000 with instructions to divide the profits when a sale is made.

Syracuse Students Save Crew.
About \$2500 has been subscribed by the students at Syracuse university to send a crew to Foughthouse this year. Coach Tom Byck was forced to disband the crew on account of lack of funds. The outlook is rosier now, however, and it is hoped to have the necessary \$3500 to put the rowing association on its feet.

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