

STIRRING DRAMA DEPICTS MODERN NEWSPAPER LIFE

"The Fourth Estate," Which Opens Season of Stock at Baker Theatre Presents Interesting Picture; The Role.

Here and there among the hundreds of smiling faces at the Baker theatre last night an observer could have discerned several grins—these being made by newspaper men present. The difference between a smile and a grin represents the varying impressions made by "The Fourth Estate" on the public and the press. A smile may indicate pleasure, but a grin also denotes appreciation.

Manager George L. Baker chose a stirring story of modern newspaper life with which to open the new stock season and play and players alike received enthusiastic plaudits—tribute to the good judgment of the late acting mayor. "The Fourth Estate," by Joseph McDill Patterson and Harriet Ford is the most interesting stage story of news in the making that Portland has yet seen, this being the verdict, apparently, of the public and the "journalists" as well. Notwithstanding that the climax of the play could only have happened in the dreams of an over zealous playwright, it is for the most part a true picture of the vivid life nervous tension that characterizes the atmosphere around any large newspaper office of the present day.

Uncertain Story. Wheeler Brand is a young reporter with ideals and a mania for telling the truth. In the course of his investigations he unearths a "story" that conclusively proves the corruption of a judge of the United States circuit court. He writes the truth about the matter and Dupuy, the agent of "big business" has the article suppressed and the reporter dismissed.

Just at this juncture the paper is bought by Michael Nolan, an old Irishman, who has made a fortune in the mines. The new proprietor of the "Advance" learns of Brand's dismissal and the reason therefor. He makes Brand managing editor of the sheet, and instructs him to "follow" his "story" on Judge Bartelmy. Friends of the judge get busy and the paper loses \$30,000 worth of advertising in a jiffy. Nolan, being rich, is able to stand this, however, and before long the advertisers come back to the fold.

Having failed to win by hitting at Nolan's pocketbook, the judge and his friends strike at the publisher through his wife and daughter, who have social aspirations. At first this mode of attack proves unsuccessful, but in the end Nolan yields to the importunities of his family.

Story Against Judge. Meanwhile Brand, whose engagement to the judge's daughter has been broken on account of his attack on the corrupt jurist, pursues the rough course he has marked out for himself. He finally obtains information that will drive the judge off the bench if published. He tells Nolan and asks permission to publish the facts. Nolan expresses his disbelief in their accuracy. The indefatigable managing editor overcomes his employer's skepticism, however, by promising to obtain indisputable proof. He allows the judge to offer a bribe, and by means of a cleverly concealed camera photographs the briber in the act of passing over \$10,000 in currency.

The last act shows the composing room with the "yellow" article on the forms ready to go to press. The judge's daughter makes a final plea for mercy for her father. Her fiancé proves durable. At the last minute Nolan, beset by the lobbyist, the judge and his wife and daughter appears on the scene and orders the story "killed." Exit the gloating lobbyist and the owner of the paper. But Brand disobeys orders. The departing audience is presented with "extras" containing the whole story of the judge's crookedness.

Characters Well Sustained. Willard Mack, in real life McLaughlin, is the new leading man of the Baker stock company. His work as the editorial reformer was impressive enough to warrant the success of the company for the future. Maude Leone, in the role of leading woman, also gave a portrayal that commanded attention. J. Frank Burke again proved his versatility in the suave presentation of the venerable but dishonest judge. Walter B. Gilbert, in the role of Sylvester Nolan, Harvard graduate, was a droll success. "Billy" Dills furnished a comedy contrast in the part of Rowell, a cub reporter, whose first effort is cut from 300 words to 30. Marie Baker, Margaret Marlett, Earl Dwyer, Richard Vivian and Ronald Bradbury are other characters that met with the approval of the audience. Harrison J. Terry, who appeared here last winter in the "Rosary," took the part of Nolan. He is one of the strong additions to the stock company. The "Fourth Estate" will be played all week with the customary matinees.

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LOST RIVER CANAL PUZZLES SETTLERS

Possible Overflow of Marsh Lands May Settle Irrigation Problem.

(Special to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., April 1.—The swamp land owners of the Klamath basin are hoping that the Lost river diversion canal will prove a failure. The canal, built for the purpose of draining Tule lake, is about completed. Lost river flows into this lake, which has no outlet except a small hole in the ground. This outlet was discovered a few years ago. By diverting the waters of Lost river it has been determined by reclamation officials that Tule lake will gradually lower by evaporation.

In order to divert the water from its natural course into the Klamath river the government has built a canal six miles in length. The one thing that puzzles the layman is that the mouth of the canal is three feet lower than its sources. In order to get sufficient pressure to force the water up hill, a large steel and concrete dam has been placed in Lost river, to raise the water about 30 feet higher than the lowest place in the diversion canal. While the engineers seem confident that the canal will do the work and that Klamath river will carry off the water from Lost river without overflowing the marginal lands there are many who differ from them.

In the event the canal fails to do the work or Klamath river does not carry off the water without overflowing the marginal lands, it will be necessary to blow out the rapids in the Klamath river. If the rapids are taken out the result will be the drainage of the marsh lands and the swamp lands are once drained the question of irrigation will settle itself.

NO ONE CLAIMS \$1000 BILL FOUND IN THEATRE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 1.—A perfectly genuine \$1000 bill found in the lobby of a local theatre, has lain for 10 days in the management's safe unclaimed. The police tonight are trying to unravel the mystery of whether the money was lost by a patron of the show or by the press agent.

Captain Thomas I. Foster, of the federal secret service, has examined the bill and pronounced it "real money." He declares it has no connection with the theft of \$175,000, mostly in \$1000 bills, from the subtreasury two years ago. Unless the owner is found at once, it is said, the management of the theatre plans to place the "yellow back" on exhibition on the stage under the guard of a team of singing and dancing secret service operatives, hired as a special attraction.

ROSEBURG PARAGON SHOOT HEIFER, HUNTS OWNER SO HE CAN PAY

(Special to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., April 1.—Every once in a while some one finds some money, a watch, precious stone or something and returns it to the owner, and thereby an honest man is found. The following want ad clipped from a Roseburg paper goes to prove that there lives in Roseburg an honest man:

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT—One red heifer coming 2 years old, on Umpqua Park range. Heifer had no marks or brands. I desire to find owner in order that settlement for animal may be made. Ralph Shaffer, Roseburg.

Now, what do you know about that?

ENGLAND SOON TO BOAST GREATEST OF WARSHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, April 1.—Great Britain will soon be able to boast of the fastest, largest and most powerful warship in the world. The new battle cruiser Tiger, which is to be built at Clydebank, will displace 30,000 tons, have engines of 95,000 horsepower, will carry an armament of eight 16.25 inch and 12 6-inch guns and will be capable of making 30 knots an hour.

Each projectile of the new big guns will weigh 3000 pounds, giving a broadside of eight tons, or two and a half times that of former types of armored cruisers. The Tiger will be 700 feet in length and 90 feet beam.

Sue for Stock Payments. Seattle, Wash., April 1.—Maine Northwestern Development company formerly the Northwestern Development company has filed suit in the district court to recover the balances alleged due on preferred stock purchased. One is against the Northwestern Commercial company, one of the allied Guggenheim corporations now allied with the Alaska Steamship company, for \$125,000 and the other is against John Rosene, for \$25,000. Rosene promoted the allied Northwestern companies and is engaged in promoting a railroad through central Alaska. The Northwestern Commercial company subscribed for \$250,000 worth of stock and Rosene \$50,000, each paying one-half. January 12 the directors ordered the balances paid before March 12, and when this was not done suits were filed.

DECLARES THAT HE'S FAVOR OF TUBERCULIN TEST

A. H. Lea, Candidate for Dairy and Food Commissioner, Says He Defended Resolutions of Association.

Portland, Or., April 1.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Upon my return from a trip outside the city your editorial in Wednesday's Journal of March 27 was brought to my attention, asking where I stood as to the tuberculin test, and with reference to lobbying at the late legislative session.

As to my position regarding the tuberculin test, it never once occurred to me that there could be any misunderstanding or doubt in any one's mind as to how I stood on this important question. At the annual meeting of the State Dairy association held at Eugene in 1910, I served as chairman of the committee on resolutions, and as such reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, We recognize the public sentiment favoring the eradication of bovine tuberculosis from the state of Oregon; and

"Whereas, We concede to the public the right to demand whatever protection it may receive in the accomplishment of this desire; and

"Whereas, We are directly engaged in the manufacture and distribution of dairy products, which we desire shall be as pure, wholesome and conducive to health as it is possible for them to be; and

"Whereas, We concur in these words from the report of the International Commission on Tuberculosis, 'That control, to say nothing of the eradication, of tuberculosis is impossible of achievement without the hearty cooperation of the men who are actually engaged in the cattle industry.'"

"Resolved, That the Oregon Dairymen's association favors the eradication of bovine tuberculosis; that we favor a law appropriating for the remuneration of the owners of condemned cows to such an extent as to call forth their cooperation in the work of eliminating the disease; that we favor a provision making it possible to require the owner of cattle to submit to the tuberculin test, but do not favor a law making it compulsory to test all cattle."

I strongly defended this resolution on the floor of that convention. I am, I believe, or any other intelligent man would want babies to drink or be fed milk from cows affected with tuberculosis is beyond belief, and an insult to our intelligence.

In the Bailey investigation committee before the state legislature I did not lobby for Mr. Bailey, nor have I ever lobbied in the legislature for any person. Was subpoenaed as a witness in that investigation before the joint committee, and answered all questions truthfully and to the best of my ability. I am not a politician and have no experience in such matters. My life has been that of a hard working man. Born on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, of poor parents, I grew to manhood milking cows and worked my way through college by the same labor. My entire life since that time has been occupied in dairying, college extension work, and following my profession as a butter-maker and cheesemaker or manager of cream routes, until I became manager of my own small creamery in Portland two years ago. Thus I have had no opportunity to learn the political game, and have no desire to do so at the present date.

A. H. LEA.

Defends Resolution.

**THREE POWERS HONOR
VICTORIA AND EDWARD**

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, April 1.—At Nice April 9 a monument erected to the memory of Queen Victoria, and on the following day another commemorating King Edward VII, erected at Cannes, are to be dedicated, with French, Russian and English sailors in attendance—the fighting men of the "triple entente." King Queen Victoria and King Edward had the greatest love for southern France, and the late king was instrumental in not the prime factor, in bringing about the entente between the three powers named. The French government will be officially represented by Premier Poincaré, the British government by Sir Francis Bertie, British ambassador to France. A great banquet will follow the unveiling at Cannes.

JAPANESE DENY BUYING LAND ON MEXICAN BAY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokyo, April 1.—Flat denial of the report that Japan had succeeded in securing concessions in Magdalena Bay, from Mexico and would establish a large Japanese settlement there was made here today by government officials. The report, it was said, was absolutely baseless, high officials declaring that Japan had never contemplated any such move.

Interest in Wisconsin Primaries.

(Special to The Journal.) Milwaukee, Wis., April 1.—Leaders of national politics are looking ahead with acute interest to the presidential preference primaries in Wisconsin tomorrow, the first to be held under the new state law. Delegates at large and district delegates to the national conventions of both parties are to be selected. Wisconsin is the home of Senator La Follette and is generally supposed to have strong progressive leanings. Impartial judges of the situation predict that La Follette will carry the majority of the Republican delegation, with delegates reported in some cases to favor Roosevelt for second choice. The Taft men, including many of the older leaders of the party, have waged an active campaign, but their hope is not to get a majority of the delegation, but to prevent La Follette from having a unanimous vote from the state. On the Democratic side, confident claims are being made in behalf of Clark, Wilson and Harmon, and it is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty which of the three candidates will secure the largest number of delegates from Wisconsin to the Baltimore convention.

Michigan Votes on Liquor.
(Special to The Journal.) Detroit, Mich., April 1.—The "wets" and "drys" measured strength in Michigan today, when the voters of 25 counties of the lower peninsula went to the polls to cast their votes for or against

the saloon under the county option law. Interest centers largely in the 16 counties that have been "dry" for two years and are now having the question submitted again. They are: Kalamazoo, Shiawassee, Isabella, St. Joseph, Ingham, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Otsego, Cass,

Oscoda, Branch, Ogemaw, Arenac, Ocellana, Antrim, Miganawke, Alcona and Leape. The opponents of the prohibition movement believe that a change of sentiment will result in swinging several of the counties that voted out the saloon two years ago back into the "wet"

column. The anti-saloon campaign managers, on the other hand, predict that the number of "wet" counties will be materially cut down as a result of today's elections.

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