

PUBLIC INTEREST
IN DRAMA GROWS

John Barrymore and Walter Hampden See No Decline in Tragedy

NEW YORK.—(By Associated Press.)—Two of America's foremost Shakespearean actors—John Barrymore and Walter Hampden—see no decline of interest in plays of the poet in this country and believe they always will be popular.

Their statements were prompted by the announcement of Henry Ainley, London producer, that he was taking off "Much Ado About Nothing" because of non-support, and substituting a modern play.

In his message from California, where he is working in motion pictures, Barrymore revealed he had made more money playing "Hamlet" than in any other of his many theatrical ventures.

"E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe played to enormous business when they were doing Shakespeare in New York and on the road," he said. "Walter Hampden started his 'Hamlet' morning performances at the Plymouth theatre while I was playing there in 'The Jest.' His production became so popular that he moved to another theatre for regular performances and did a magnificent business.

"I do not see any reason why Shakespeare's plays should lose in popularity in this country and I don't believe they will."

Barrymore has no intention of doing any of the Bard of Avon's plays on the screen because the "splendor and beauty of the poetry, which in itself is drama of the highest type," is not transmutable to his medium.

"Hamlet" and "Shylock" both have been played by Hampden this season and he now is in the title role of Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," a modern classic.

"Whatever may be the case in London," he commented, "there is no doubt there is greater interest in Shakespeare's plays in the United States than ever before."

"I do not base this opinion entirely upon my own experience. The splendid reception given Mr. Sothern and Miss Marlowe throughout the country over a long period of years, Mr. Mantell's consistent success for a third of a century, and, more latterly, John Barrymore's record in 'Hamlet' and Jane Cowie's in 'Romeo and Juliet' are proof enough of the appeal and vitality of the greatest dramas in the English language.

"Edwin Booth never played to such large receipts as have been common with those whom I have mentioned. In fact, Shakespearean productions today could not survive on the largest amount that Mr. Booth ever grossed weekly. The productions now are so much more complete and elaborate and the casts are so much better rounded. No longer is everything subordinated to the eminence of the star as in the old days.

"There always will be a larger public for Follies, Vanities, and Frolics than for 'Hamlet' and 'Othello,' but the number of persons interested in serious drama is growing year by year so that even now, when the cost of producing and touring is double what it was 25 years ago, there is no difficulty in presenting the classics at a reasonable profit."

The actor pointed to "Cyrano de Bergerac" as an illustration of the public's attitude. This classic has been as successful financially as if it were a good musical comedy.

"If it had been written by Shakespeare, perhaps it would not be so popular," he said, "because Shakespeare has come to be regarded as forbidding by the Follies type which constitutes a large part of the public. This class has patronized 'Cyrano' in great numbers and found it enthralling despite the fact it is written in verse and has an unhappy ending."

"Any one who approaches 'Cyrano' without a feeling against it is bound to fall under its spell. The same thing is true of 'Hamlet,' 'Othello' and 'Macbeth,' but, unfortunately, many persons are frightened out of seeing them performed merely because they were Shakespearean.

"Luckily for American culture, however, this number is growing less each year."

Cabbage, Apple and Beet Combinations

1. Cabbage, chopped sweet pickle and Mayonnaise.
2. Cabbage, pineapple, nuts and mayonnaise.
3. Cabbage mixed with mayonnaise in a ring of diced beets and sprinkled with chopped sweet pickles.
4. Cabbage, shrimp or flaked salmon or tuna with pimento and mayonnaise.
5. Apple, cabbage, nuts and mayonnaise.
6. Beets stuffed with chopped ham and chopped cabbage mixed with mayonnaise.
7. Apples and raisins mixed with mayonnaise served on a slice of pineapple, topped with a cheese ball, mixed with chopped nuts.
8. Dates stuffed with cream cheese and nuts mixed with mayonnaise placed on a slice of pineapple.

Schooner, Believed Lost, Makes Port After 130 Days



The sailing ship Irene, four master, is the center of attraction on the waterfront at Los Angeles these days following her arrival in port after a 130-day trip. She left Gray's Harbor, Washington, bound for Miami with a load of lumber. Only 14 days of good wind were encountered in the 130 and she drifted for weeks just below the equator. Caught fish and rainwater saved the lives of the crew shown with the ship and Capt. and Mrs. Allan E. Rosendal. Radio kept them in touch with the world.

COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

Auburn

Elmer Olson was among the callers in Auburn during the week. His parents and family were residents of Auburn for several years. The many friends of the family will be interested to know that invitations were sent out for the wedding of his sister, Selma, for May 1. She will make her home in Oakland, Cal., where her father, two brothers and sisters now live. Three of the brothers are now located in Salem.

A farewell dinner was given by Mrs. Charles Cady in honor of Mr. Cady's sister, Mrs. L. Hobbs, who is leaving for Saskatchewan, Can. Covers were laid for six, the guests being brothers and sisters. Howard Jones has sold his home here to George Witte, who comes from Colorado, although he has lived in Oregon before. He will be ready to take possession as soon as the present renter, H. Armstrong, can vacate.

Pringle

A goodly number of the Pringle folks attended the Red Hill Sunday school convention at Halls Ferry May 2. Halls Ferry folks gave their guests a hearty welcome. A very good and interesting program was rendered both morning and afternoon. Ivan Hadley, county president of the Sunday school association, was among the Sunday school workers present. I. M. Stout of Turner addressed the convention in the morning and Rev. DeVoe in the afternoon. A basket dinner was served. The Stout brothers of Turner brought their musical instruments and their music added much to the pleasure of those present.

Sunday, May 9, Pringle will observe Mother's day by having an all-day service and a basket dinner. E. C. Whitaker, pastor of the First Christian church of Salem, will preach at 2 p. m.

The strawberry and cream season has arrived. Quite a large per cent of the cherries have fallen, but the prune trees are overloaded with fruit at this time.

Stayton

Mrs. Carl Stewart received a telegram yesterday stating her husband had passed away in a hospital in Grants Pass. Other particulars are not known. Mrs. Stewart was here visiting her parents and the news came as a severe shock. Mrs. Stewart, in company with her mother, Mrs. Frank Silhavy, left this morning for Grants Pass.

David Aegerter, wife and son, Earnest, are preparing to leave next week for Europe, where they will be visiting friends and old home scenes until fall. The party expects to drive their car as far as New York City where they will take the vessel.

The Aegerters are among the well-to-do farmers of Linn county, living a few miles south of Stayton.

W. A. Weddle has purchased a 12-foot strip of land from N. W. Elder, adjoining the undertaking parlors on the south, and is making it into a private driveway, leading to the rear of the undertaking rooms. This will prove an added convenience at the time of funerals.

Friends of Mrs. M. J. Kitchen

of Albany received word last week that she had been severely injured in an automobile accident. The accident occurred when the car in which she was riding to a funeral was smashed into by another car in the funeral procession.

Work on the large annex to the cannery building is going forward rapidly. Manager R. D. Hoke expects to have every thing in readiness to begin the season's pack of strawberries by the 15th of May. Local grown strawberries have been on the market here for the past week, and there is every indication of a large yield of berries this year.

L. S. Leinbert and wife recently attended an interesting grange meeting at Ankeny, which they enjoyed. Mrs. Leinbert who has considerable talent, contributed to the program by reciting "The Flag," which was well received.

Mrs. G. C. Watson and children of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in Stayton last week for an extended visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy.

Mrs. V. A. Goode enjoyed a very pleasant visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dryden of Woodburn last Sunday. Mrs. Goode is a successful grower of plants and bulbs and has a magnificent showing of flowers of all varieties at her large and commodious green house out in the eastern suburbs, on the Mehama road.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hunt had quite a scare a day or two ago, when their little 4 year old son wandered away from home and became lost. The neighborhood was aroused and a house to house search was made. Some time elapsed before the little fellow was located and the family restored to mental tranquillity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall returned home Sunday afternoon from a 3 days visit at Roseburg where they visited with their son, Orville Adams and wife.

Mrs. Esther Stamp of Portland visited over the last week end at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Brewer. Other visitors at the Brewer home were Mrs. G. L. Brown and Mrs. R. L. Shaw and children of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Burnett who were married last week and Mrs. Edith Newberry, a sister of Mrs. Burnett, plan to leave the latter part of next week for Hollywood, Cal. Mrs. Newberry expects to stay in the south where she will make her home with her brother, Paul Blakely. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett will probably return to Oregon within a few weeks and plan to settle near Philomath.

Every thing is in readiness for a big track meet, and May Day program here Saturday. The crowning of the May Queen and winding of the May Pole are two of the attractions features for the forenoon. A basket dinner on the grounds at the noon hour will lend an attraction to old and young alike, while the afternoon will be given over to sports of all kinds. The entertainment will be held on the school campus.

Fruitland

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cade and son Hale motored to Buena Vista last Saturday, returning Sunday.

The following community club officers were re-elected: President, Franklin Paul Girod; vice president, Hale Turner Code; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Edward For-

gard. A committee of three was appointed to look after the products for the corn show. Those appointed were N. Andrews, A. Harman and Ed Hinton. A program, given by Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois, was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served afterward.

Miss Francis Brown has recovered from an attack of the mumps. Miss Eula Bell is very ill with erysipelas.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Girod Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gardner and three children, Vaughn, Bonnie-belle and Robert, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harman, arrived here Thursday after a trip from Hamlet, Neb. They reported a very good trip but were very glad to get here.

K. O. Runner is building a new house.

Turner

The local WCTU entertained the county convention at the M. E. church Wednesday, April 28. Lunch was served at the parsonage and on the lawn. About 40 were present from other points in the county. Mrs. G. L. Buland of Portland was the chief speaker. The high school glee club furnished the music for the evening service.

Mrs. O. P. Given and son, Albert, motored to Portland Saturday.

Wallace Riches was called to Tillamook Saturday to attend the funeral of a friend.

Ross Hill came out from Salem Monday evening to show the home folks his new car.

The high school enjoyed their bonfire w e i n e r roast by the creek Friday evening.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Archibald, April 28, a daughter. Prof. Bidgood has a new car.

A gospel team from Jason Lee church conducted the M. E. service Sunday evening.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 3.—(Special.)—Two contests, one for the best ode and one for the best song, were announced today by the semi-centennial ode committee to be used in connection with the celebration on October 15-23.

Any alumnus, former student, faculty member or undergraduate may compete. September 1 is the final day on which the poems may be turned in, and July 1 as the last date for the songs.

In the ode contest no restrictions will be made as to the number of stanzas, the scheme of rhyme or form of poetry used. The committee hopes to secure a poem of not more than 100 lines, elevated in tone and spirit. The song writers may submit both words and music if they care to, but any poetic form suitable for musical accompaniment will be accepted.

Members of the committee are Alice H. Ernst, assistant professor of English; W. F. G. Thacher, professor of English and journalism; and Ralph D. Sasey, associate professor of journalism.



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