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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1901.

TONIGHT—"OLE OLSON."

When on Dec. 23, "A Stranger in a Strange Land"—Dec. 27, "Old Jed Prouty."

"Old Jed Prouty," honest, good-natured, hole-hearted, simple but true and jealous as a Bayard, has long reined a firm grasp on the affections of theatergoers and has survived through years of continuous presentation to warrant the placing of this delightful character creation in the me category which holds "Rip Van Winkle," "Uncle Josh Whitcomb" and some of that popular class. The play is a happy blending of humor and pathos and a truthful delineation of the development of the untutored redish emigrant boy into the honest and respected American citizen. As presented by the popular comedian, A. Hendricks, and his company, this play offers a splendid entertainment worthy of patronage. A special feature of the performance is the singing by the Swedish ladies' quartet. A number of bright specialties have to enliven the development of the story and all in all, the comedy play deserves the popularity which it enjoys. Ole comes to the opera house light.

#### "Old Jed Prouty."

There is considerable demand for the engagement of Richard Len in "Old Jed Prouty," on Dec. 27. This engagement is the most important one. Mr. Golden is recognized as one of the leading actors of the American stage. The play in which will appear, "Old Jed Prouty," is one of the few rural dramas which have enjoyed constant success since the days of portraying rural life on the stage has been in vogue. "Old Jed Prouty" furnishes a picture of New England life which is said to be true in every detail. There is pathos, new humor and instead of being dragged, is given a series of interesting incidents. To a man with a sensitive ear and high wrought in a play. Mr. Golden in "Old Jed Prouty."

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## WOODMAN JUBILEE

(Continued.)

"We will not consider your policies in force if you should lapse at all in payments." But the resolution which went forth to every camp of the Woodmen of the World and which passed through every camp unanimously, which had a soldier gone, was "Should your dues become delinquent your camp will keep them for you."

"So this great order ever ascends, and ever will. Neighbors, I congratulate you and myself that we belong."

ADDRESS OF MRS. VAN ORSDALL.

Reviewed History of Both Woodmen and Women of Woodcraft.

Friends of Woodcraft:

I am very proud of the task committed to me tonight—to extend to our esteemed head consul and honored guest, on behalf of the grand circle and the Women of Woodcraft of Pendleton a very hearty greeting. With your kindly indulgence I wish to recite a bit of ancient history—the only ancient thing women as a rule care for.

Once upon a time, or to be accurate, in 1890, there was a great human need in the nine states of the Pacific coast. This need was the protection of the homes and wives and children of these states against the accidents of sickness, misfortune and death. This need required for its fulfillment an order having within it the peculiar genius, the mental breadth and the virile integrity of the great west. It required of the order which should come to fill it, that straightforward, honest, democratic government, that plain, but broad and efficient business common sense, which had transformed the barren desert of the west into an empire of homes. It required also, as its moving spirit, that sort of ready, practical and generous philanthropy with substantial sympathy next, and inquiries later.

The need was here, and in reply to the need, the man was raised up. He always is, and he is always the right man for the need. Fate, unlike Love, is seldom blind. This man was F. A. Falkenberg, familiarly known nowadays to 77,000 choppers, as "Falky," the "Father of Woodcraft."

He carried with him a parchment of potential importance, conferring on him the then empty title of "Head Consul, Pacific Jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World." The long title at that time embraced one man, one benefit certificate, some sage brush, some Indians, a bit of alkali as a touch of variety to the magnificent distances, and the prospective choppers, yet to be made and split and hewed into the real article.

It was a big need, involving a big task, and having secured from Fate the big man, the result is a matter of history.

Seven years passed. Thousands of Woodmen had been measured by the stumps and found fit. Then another need arose, growing out of the fulfillment of the first need. The Woodmen of the World reached but half of the family. The other and better half, it did not reach.

To meet this need, seven smaller people, equal in the aggregate to about the one who met the first, were caught by the cant-hook of Fate and pulled into a big task—that of founding an order which should extend to the Women of Woodcraft the same means of protecting their homes as their husbands had in the camp.

The peculiar conditions under which the Women of Woodcraft was organized, created many peculiar difficulties, chief among which were the bitter opposition in high places, the negative opposition in an auxiliary in the local camps and the inexperience of those called upon to lead. Our enemies were many and strong; our friends were few, and all the more precious for that reason.

So long as I live, I shall never forget the first time I met Head Consul Falkenberg. I expect to carry the memory of that meeting with me beyond the border, as one of the few precious possessions of which death cannot rob me.

It was in April, 1897, in Portland. I was young then, and green, and painfully bashful. I had already tasted of the bitterness of malicious opposition. I had been in Salem—not as a guest at any of the state institutions although my enemies had about convinced me that one of two of Oregon's homes for the unfortunate was the proper place for me. I wanted to see the head consul very badly, and then again I didn't want to see him at all.

If you cannot understand this paradox, I haven't time to explain it. I spent one hour and twenty minutes at my hotel screwing up my courage to the sticking point and finally, coming to the conclusion that the best way to get rid of a dose of medicine was to take it—I went; I saw; and I was conquered. The friendship and hearty good will which met the discouraged head of a struggling experiment, from the big man at the head of the big order we were seeking to imitate, put the courage into my heart that made the Women of Woodcraft what it is today.

I was ready to give up, and was discouraged and heart sick and worn out. But, when the head consul said to me: "You will win. Your fight is righteous. I am your friend, and we will see you to the end of it," and said this, as only a true Woodman says those things—well, I gave up all idea of going back to Salem as the state's guest, right there.

So long as the Women of Woodcraft stands there will be held sacred

the names of some Woodmen, whose friendship and encouragement made its success possible. We have scores of friends now. We are a success. But, without the steady friendship at the crucial point in our history, given us by F. A. Falkenberg, C. V. Cooper, F. P. Heston, C. A. Egan and A. D. Stillman, I sometimes wonder if the scale would have tipped toward success.

From a struggling experiment the Women of Woodcraft has emerged a strong, solid, persistent, brilliant success. From seven lonely neighbors, it has grown to 27,000 of the handsomest, brightest, frankest neighbors to be found in any order—except the Woodmen of the World. It has distributed for the protection of the woman's side of the homes of the west \$299,000. It has 422 circles.

The way has not been easy, there have been hills to climb, difficulties to face and lessons of patience and courage to learn. That we have accomplished these tasks and learned these lessons is due, in a large measure, to the membership realized, to the friendship and encouragement of the head consul, and the big-hearted and big-headed men on his council.

So, out of the depth of a grateful heart, and on behalf of the second greatest fraternal benefit order in the world, I extend to you, Head Consul Falkenberg, a welcome to Pendleton. We have a small city, but our people are broad-gauged, big of head and big of heart. We love big men and big orders, and big movements. We have big farms and big hills and big trees, and big flocks, and big Indians and big guns, even in our little community; and all we have, and all we love are yours tonight. As life is not measured by the "figures on the dial," so the greatness of hospitality and welcome is not measured by the size of a city or the numbers of its inhabitants. By this token, Pendleton's 60,000 Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft and their 20,000 friends say to you: "Welcome, God bless you! May you live a thousand years to lead the choppers into new forests, and dying, may you leave a manhood which shall endure as long as human needs exist."

George K. Roger's Talk.

George K. Roger, general organizer of the Woodmen of the World is an enthusiastic exponent of the benefits of fraternalism. He has traveled with Head Consul Falkenberg on the latter's recent tour and says that the order has been honored by the eloquent leader of this branch of the modern style of fraternal insurance. Mr. Roger was the secretary of the committee in Spokane that arranged the jubilee of last week, when thousands of Woodmen and Women of Woodcraft met there to enjoy the hospitality of that hospitable place. He secured the cooperation of President Roosevelt, who "touched the button" that sent into operation the illumination of the Spokane theatre, and attracted attention throughout the entire northwest. "These jubilees are doing much for the order," said Mr. Roger, "and will be felt in the future work of the order. It is no doubt true that the Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft are doing the grade, and will have a splendid membership before long, having now already a list that makes all present members proud."

The Pendleton Camp.

Before the jubilee of yesterday, the Pendleton Camp, No. 41, had a membership of 429. Yesterday 42 more were added, making the enrollment in this place of Woodmen alone 471. The camp has always been strong, and is accounted one of the best in the order. It is working for first place, and if the present indications show what is coming, it will attain its aim. The camp is in excellent financial condition, and has among its members some of the most prominent Woodmen in the order. A. D. Stillman, one of them, is chairman of the board of head managers, and takes a leading part in the affairs of the central body.

Brief History of Woodcraft.

The Woodmen of the World was organized by Joseph Cullen Root and F. A. Falkenberg June 6, 1890, at Omaha, Neb.

There is no other fraternal benefit order in the United States that had over 70,000 benefit members when 11 years of age, though doing business over the entire country. The Pacific Jurisdiction of this order alone has 77,000 members in good standing and the entire membership exceeds 240,000 members, making it though very young in years the fourth largest order of this kind in the United States. More than \$10,000,000 has been paid to the widows and orphans, and in this jurisdiction alone more than \$3,000,000. Calculating the business days in a month and business hours in a day the head officers are paying out a five dollar gold piece to the dependent ones of deceased members every minute.

There have been but two lawsuits against the Pacific Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World in 11 years, and I have never compromised a claim. I go on the principle that the order owes all or nothing. On December 31 the financial condition of the western jurisdiction will be most excellent, having assets composed of cash and bonds amounting to \$500,000 and no debts whatever. I am very earnest in the claim that no fraternal benefit insurance order can stand permanently without providing good hard American dollars in the way of reserve, and not only so but that it is not enough for an order to have a reserve, it must have a sufficient reserve.—Statement by F. A. Falkenberg.

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