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SUNNY SOUTH TROUPE IS ARRAY OF ARTISTS

Big Local Talent Production Has Assumed Proportions of Great Musical Attraction—Much Fun, Much Appreciable Music and Wholesome Enjoyment Assured.

Under the skillful hand of J. H. Mac Lennan, the rough edges of the big amateur production, "Sunny South Minstrels," are rapidly being planed down, and the finished commercialized article will be given to the patrons of the play Saturday night. Mr. Mac Lennan, as interlocutor, is the pivot about which the whole entertainment revolves, and the fact that he acts in such a capacity, is in itself assurance of a superior attraction, as he has had much experience in the past ten years in fraternal circles in organizing and directing similar affairs.

Mrs. Anna Z. Crayne, too, has been working assiduously in her efforts to reproduce on the stage the scenes of her childhood in the sunny south, and the olio will be charged with the essence of darktown hilarity as the result of her labor to this end. However, there will be other features besides those savoring of Ethiopia, prominent among which will be importation from old Ireland, in which four winsome countesses and four courtly gallants will introduce some of the favorite steps of the residents of the Emerald Isle. Another number distinctly of the hit variety will be the waltz of the woodpeckers, wherein four of the strictest of young ladies disguised as these familiar birds, will flutter through a few graceful gyrations and at the same time give an exhibition of knocking as it is done by the feathered denizens of the woods. Other features of especial note will be the song numbers of Pendleton's pedagogical quartet, Messrs. Welles, Akers, Landers and Owen, the "pianoology" portrayal singing specialties, and clever impersonations of Jack Keefe, Weston's entertainer extraordinary, and the solo selections of the city's best vocal talent, whose names alone are a sufficient guarantee of excellence.

Below is printed the entire personnel of the cast of musical artists and mirth producing geniuses.

Director—Mrs. Anna Z. Crayne.

Interlocutor—J. H. Mac Lennan.

Soloists—Mrs. J. R. Dickson, Mrs. Ethene Virginia Crayne Claxon, of Walla Walla; Mrs. W. A. Slusher, Miss Edna Gates, Miss Edna Zimmerman, Dr. Elmer Hill, Jack Keefe of Weston.

Piano Soloists—Miss Perry, Miss Harriet Young, Prof. Jack Keefe.

End Men—Dot Anger, Nat Kimball, Herbert Ruppe, Ernest Ruppe, W. Edmund, Brook Dickson, Prof. Greenwood and Claud Hale.

The chorus and stunt people will be: Miss Mary Zacher, Miss Inez Makin, Miss Maxson, Miss Sally Gray, Miss Edith Johnson, Miss Bertha Anger, Messrs. Merle Chessman, Carl Engdahl, Herbert Campbell, Willard Bond, W. E. Hanscom, J. F. Edmund, C. M. Bishop.

The quartet men and chorus consists of F. K. Welles, M. E. Akers, J. S. Landers, A. J. Owen, Will Piper, Elmer Crow, Charles Harra, James Chilson, Sheldon Taylor and Ralph Hann.

Mrs. Claxon is a graduate of Whit-

man and has received three years' training abroad, so that there will be assurance of some first class out of town talent to add to the exceptional local product.

The sale of seats begins tomorrow morning and in view of the fact that the entertainment is for such a worthy purpose, it is expected that society will turn out in a body.

PEOPLES WAREHOUSE DEFEATS ALEXANDER'S

Employees of two of the big department stores who are exponents of the bowling game settled a long rivalry last night when the representatives of "Where It Pays to Trade" administered a defeat to counter jumpers of the "Progressive Store." However the vanquished team, though feeling dejected are not without hope and will seek to retrieve lost honors next Wednesday evening in a second match. The scores of the two teams and individuals are as follows:

Peoples Warehouse.		Total
Crystal	152 121 127-401	
Spell	120 165 111-406	
Sturdivant	178 112 155-446	
Dowler	119 110 146-369	
Dickson	145 104 144-291	
		2623
Alexander's Dept.		Total
Coon	182 122 192-497	
Stott	134 119 180-433	
Ferguson	125 90 87-312	
Schuman	99 111 142-287	
Balley	50 98 99-252	
		1881

MEDFORD CLAIMS PATERNITY OF NEW STATE IDEA

Medford, Ore.—Local leaders in the movement to create a new state out of northern California and southern Oregon, when shown dispatches from California unfavorable to the project today stated that as soon as possible they would start an active campaign to call attention to the advantages to be derived from the creation of the new state.

The movement originated in Medford some months ago and has since been indorsed by many commercial bodies and men in all walks of life. It was brought about through the seemingly inability of the territory embraced in the new state to secure any recognition by either state or national legislative bodies. Northern California, it is claimed, has long been neglected, while southern Oregon says it is impossible to get a national appropriation for any part of the state that does not border on the Columbia river.

At a meeting of the Medford Commercial club, the largest body of its kind in Oregon outside of Portland, a mention of the proposed new state brought about a wild demonstration on the part of the 800 men present, which lasted many minutes. Local leaders in the movement are claiming today that the sentiment expressed at this representative gathering is universal throughout southern Oregon.

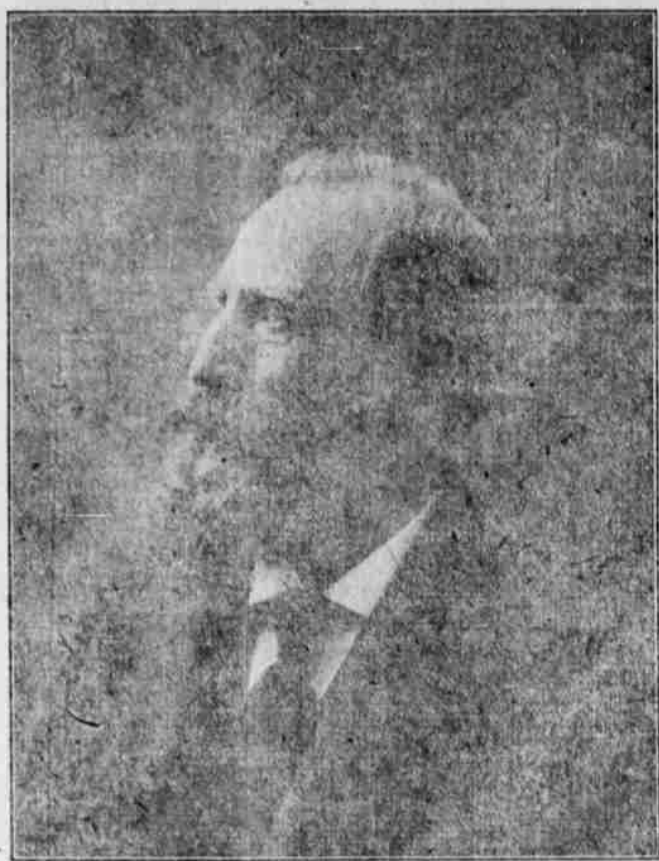
Attention, Royal Arch Masons.

The funeral of Companion T. J. Kirk will take place tomorrow from the Masonic hall at Athena at 1 o'clock p. m. All Royal Arch and Blue Lodge Masons are respectfully requested to attend.

Train will leave Pendleton at 9 o'clock a. m.

LOT LIVERMORE, High Priest

It is no longer safe or wise to commit murder until you can show a streak of insanity in your family.



THE LATE T. J. KIRK.

T. J. KIRK DEAD AT ATHENA HOME

PROMINENT FARMER ILL BUT FEW DAYS

Settled at Athena in 1871 Taking up Homestead Where Town Now Stands—President of Bank and Former Legislator—Funeral Tomorrow.

T. J. Kirk, the prominent Athena farmer, former member of the legislature and president of the First National bank of Athena, died at his home in that place at 3:45 yesterday afternoon. Death was the result of chronic liver trouble combined with a severe case of grip. Though suffering from a cold the deceased was up on the streets of Athena but a few days before his death. However his condition became serious yesterday morning and he grew worse rapidly until the end came during the afternoon.

T. J. Kirk was a native of Missouri and he was 70 years of age when he died. He crossed the plains and settled in Linn county, Oregon, in 1848. He moved to this county in 1871 and took up a homestead claim where Athena now stands. Since that time he has resided constantly in Umatilla county and became a wealthy and influential man. He served two terms as a representative in the Oregon legislature and three years ago was candidate for state senator against Dr. C. J. Smith. However he was defeated in that race.

The deceased is survived by his wife and three daughters, one of the daughters is Mrs. Ed Koontz of Athena, another being Mrs. Eli Ackles of Portland, while the third lives at White Salmon. He was married twice, his first wife and the mother of his daughters having been dead for some years.

For many years the deceased was a prominent member of the Masons and at the funeral service which is to be held tomorrow they will have charge of the ceremonies. The funeral is to be held from the M. E. church at Athena at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon. The sermon will be by Rev. Locorneu of Walla Walla.

ARNOLD'S WIFE ON STAND.

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picture running on the screen for the benefit of the jury.

But this morning with the spot light a brilliant white they put a figure on the screen and permitted the jury and interested spectators to look to their heart's content. The wife of the defendant took the stand and testified in detail as to this mysterious third person. She had seen him in Boise, he looked very much like the defendant. He had about the same color of hair, it might have been a little lighter, his stature was about the same and this man was in Echo at the time the defendant and the unfortunate Riball was there. Where is this man now? Ask Sherlock Holmes.

The wife of the defendant also testified positively that on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 23d day of November, in the year of our Lord 1909, she saw the defendant in the kitchen of the hotel where she was working in Echo about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. And this is the afternoon when the defendant is supposed to have been riding out on the road to the government dam with the murdered man. She says he was in the kitchen at that time, but as yet the defense has put no other witness on the stand who saw the defendant about Echo that afternoon. She was alone in the kitchen when the defendant was in there.

To rebut this and refute it the state yesterday afternoon put three witnesses on the stand who positively identified the defendant as being one of the two men on horseback riding out on the road from Echo toward the government dam. One of the witnesses testified that the defendant came down to his house, a little ways off the road, and inquired of the way to the government dam. The other man says that the defendant stopped him on the road and inquired the way to the government dam. This was about six miles out from Echo. These witnesses were satisfied in their own minds that the defendant was the

man who talked to them and that the other man was Riball.

The court house was crowded and jammed early this morning by an eager, interested house, anticipating that the defendant would go on the stand in his own behalf as the state announced yesterday afternoon that with the examination of one witness this morning they would rest. But the defendant was not put on the stand immediately. This did not deter the crowd. They hung on, crowding the benches and standing up two and three deep about the walls.

The defense put a Miss Nissen on the stand who testified that she saw the defendant waiting on the railroad track as he claims he did wait for the return of the horses. But Mrs. Longnecker and her cousin who were out riding that afternoon says that they saw two men ride horseback across the track out on the gravel road and that they didn't see them stop to exchange horses any place near the railroad track, although Attorney Peterson wanted to know of Mrs. Longnecker if there might not have been that mysterious third person standing around there some where and that she didn't see him. Mrs. Longnecker admitted that she wasn't looking for any mysterious third person, but stated positively that there was no person around within 25 or 30 steps of the road or on the railroad track at that time.

Everybody is waiting with almost breathless expectancy for the defendant to take the stand, as Attorney Peterson said he would do in his opening statement to the jury. But it is very evident for the line of testimony now being introduced by the defense that the defendant intends to cling to that old story of having turned the horses over to two other men, one of whom was the dead man, and he then waited on the railroad track for them to return.

AT THE PICTURE SHOWS

New Pictures at the Orpheum Tomorrow.

- Program for Friday, Jan. 28.
- 1. The Adventuress, (S. N. 'A.) drama.
- 2. The Life Buoys, (Gaumont.)
- 3. Nothing is Ever Lost, (Gaumont.)
- 4. Modern Highwayman, (Pathe.)
- 5. An English Boxing Bout, (Pathe.)
- 6. Someone thinks of Someone.

"THE PASTIME" PICTURES OF QUALITY

Three notable films for Friday's change.

The Film D'Art, "Camille." A thrilling and dramatic presentation of that masterpiece of Alexander Dumas. This story will be of especial interest to all. The unfortunate Marguerite Gautier, who was in real life the Camille of the story, and her unhappy lover Armand Duval will be real characters and live for ever in their memory.

"Richelieu," a sumptuous and strongly dramatic production of an episode in the life of the famous Cardinal. A love story, runs through the picture adding materially to its interest.

"Miss Money Bags Wishes to Wed." (Garc.)

"Women in India." An interesting film.

HAYWARD HOME FROM TOUR OF INSPECTION

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Bill Hayward, Oregon's famous trainer, who is supervising the erection of the elaborate new gymnasium, has returned from a trip of inspection through several of the large northwestern gymnasiums in order to get hints on the latest wrinkles in athletic equipment.

A year ago Hayward made a trip through the eastern gyms, getting hints on the latest gymnasium arrangements. These ideas were compared and the best features in each embodied in the new variety gym which is rapidly nearing completion.

Several authorities in this line have pronounced Oregon's new athletic home one of the most modern and best arranged gymnasiums on the coast. The plan is to have the equipment the best possible and Hayward has gathered many tips on the recent trip.

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KING VICTOR OF ITALY WOULD FOSTER PEACE PLANS

Rome.—King Victor Emanuel may be the most active ally among European monarchs of the peace plans fostered by the United States and urged in part by the recent note of Secretary of State Knox urging an agreement on the question of an international court of arbitration.

King Victor Emanuel with Queen Elena is making preparations for a royal tour of Europe, and it is understood that their majesties propose to visit Paris, London, Berlin and St. Petersburg.

King Victor is a firm advocate of anything that makes for the peace of the world. He realizes as much, if not more than any other European sovereign the crushing burden upon his people caused by the enormous taxes for war purposes. One of the reasons for his proposed journey is to talk over with King Edward, President Fallers, Kaiser Wilhelm, Czar Nicholas, the question of reaching some agreement for the limitation of armaments.

King Victor is convinced that the time is ripe for some such agreement and that because of the friendly relations now existing between Italy and the other great powers he will be able to take the initiative with some chance of success. It is believed this

question was discussed between the czar and King Victor when the Russian monarch recently visited Italy and that the czar is favorably inclined toward the proposition looking to a reduction of expenditures for war purposes, and will use his influence toward securing that end.

TAXICABS OUST HANSOMS.

One Picturesque Feature of London Disappearing.

London.—Taxicabs are rapidly driving the traditional hansom, once fondly called "the London gonola," from the streets. It is predicted that two years hence there will not be a single hansom cab on the streets, where three years ago there were 10,000. At frequent intervals there are large auction sales of cabs and horses and the former are thrown away at a ridiculous fraction of their original cost. The hansom cabbies in despair recently reduced their minimum fare by one-half, but the move did not bring back their old prosperity.

Attention Knights Templar. The funeral of Sir Thomas Kirk will be held at Athena at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Train leaves here at 9:15 a. m., returning at 5:15.

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