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**SECOND PERFORMANCE OF ELKS SHOW AS BIG A SUCCESS AS FIRST**

**CROWDED THEATER GREETED "HELLO BILLS" IN MIN. STRELS LAST EVENING.**

Laughable Feature Is Staged by Bob Fletcher and Lee Drake and Four of the Fletcher Kidlets Who Are Forced to Respond to Many Encores—Songs Good.

There was more fun at the Oregon theater last evening and there was another full house to enjoy it. The second performance of the Elks' minstrels was just as big a success as the first one and perhaps a little more so. Together the two performances combine to add new lustre to the Elks as entertainers and also to swell their charity fund some \$500 or more.

Given confidence by their successful efforts of Wednesday evening, the "Brother Bills" went at their task of manufacturing laughs with more assurance last evening and the applause below the footlights was ample proof that they "put their stuff over." The blackface comedians' jokes, songs and dances, the selection of the soloists, the chorus work and the olio sketches were received with every evidence of genuine delight.

Solos were sung by Geo. C. Baer, J. B. Simonds, George Edmond, Brooke Dickson, Willard Bond and Glenn Scott and every one was mighty pleasing. All were required to respond with an encore chorus. The end men's numbers without exception were splendid. Jack Gibson, Bill Livingston and Lou Steelhammer started the laughs with their songs and dances and the laughs developed into uproarious hilarity when Lee Drake and Bob Fletcher and the four Fletcher kidlets put on their "Aba Daba" monkeyshines. The children, garbed in monkey costumes, came on in the chorus and their "baboon baby glide" caught the fancy of the audience so strongly that they were forced to respond to repeated encores.

Jim Estes' "Chicken Rag," done with voice and feet nicely attuned and helped out by little Miss Marie Fletcher in a chanteuse costume, was another scream and Estes scored another triumph in the final sketch with his buck and wing dancing.

The sketches of the olio were remarkably clever. The Pendleton election in 2000 A. D. repeated its hit of the evening before. Walter Rose, George Baer, Nat Kimball, Ray Craytal and Clarence Bean covering themselves with glory as they depicted the revised order of the universe under militant feminism.

"The Death of the Gladiator," one-time favorite of vaudeville circles, discovered some talent not yet signed by professional managers. Clive Cheshire, Don Saunders and Lou Steelhammer could commercialize their stunt of last evening.

The plantation scene made a fitting close to a program of fun. Cloupek's "Teasing Moon" with chorus was one of the best numbers of the evening and the musical "Junk" dished up by the Baer-Dickson-Cloupek Scott quartet proved about as popular as anything, so popular in fact that the harmony dispensers exhausted their repertoire. The darktown wedding, in which Lou Johnson featured as the bride, Buck Buchanan as the groom and Lee Drake as the parson, was one of the best ticklers of all.

Between halves Lou Steelhammer entertained the audience with some songs and some good jokes pulled at the expense of the "Bills" down in the audience, and the orchestra also filled up gaps with selections that were appreciated. On the whole Messrs. Cloupek and Steelhammer proved that they can produce quite as good entertainment as professional directors and the Elks may consider themselves fortunate, financially and otherwise, in having these two men numbered among their members.

**DEPUTY GAME WARDEN SLAIN BY POACHER IN TRAIL CREEK WILDS**

**ARTHUR HUBBARD IS KILLED AS HE PERFORMS DUTY IN SOUTHERN OREGON.**

Louis Martin Is Assailant—Upper Rogue River Country Is Scene of Death of Daring Deputy State Official—Sheriff Goes to Arrest Slayer—Place Isolated.

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 18.—Deputy Game Warden Arthur Hubbard, aged 38, of Ashland, was shot and killed while on duty at Trail Creek, in the Upper Rogue River country, by a man said to be Louis Martin, a game poacher. Monday morning Hubbard left Ashland, saying that he had heard of violations in the Trail Creek district. He was accompanied by Constable Irwin, evidently anticipating trouble with the lawless element.

Sheriff Singler and Coroner Kellogg immediately left for the scene of the shooting to bring in the body of the warden and apprehend his slayer.

Threats against Warden Hubbard have been made frequently, as he was rigid in the enforcement of the law. On several previous occasions he has been a target from ambush. He had been a member of the game protective force for three years and had a splendid record as an officer. He leaves a widow and two small children in Ashland.

Hubbard, when shot, was attempting to make a search of Martin's cabin for evidence of poaching.

Communication with Trail is difficult, but it is reported that Martin is being held there awaiting the arrival of the officers. Martin lived in a wild section of the county, where it has been openly boasted a game warden would be shot on sight.

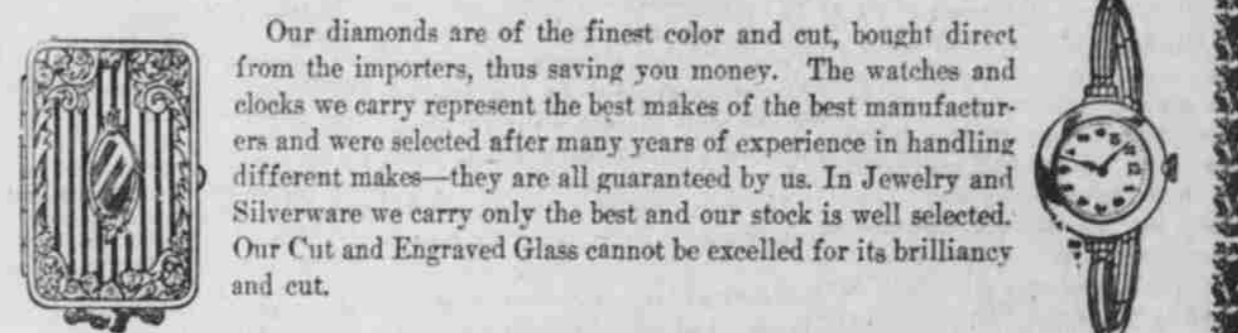
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**THREE PEOPLE ESCAPE FROM BLAZING HOTEL**

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rogers and Miss Grace Owen, the latter a sister of Mrs. Rogers, barely escaped in their night clothes when a fire destroyed the Rogers' rooming house in the business section of Centralia and Moore Brothers' cafe in the same building. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The Rogers' apartments were a seething furnace a few moments after the occupants fled. The loss is estimated at \$3000, of which only a small part is covered by insurance. The rooming house and cafe are located in a block of wooden structures, which would have been wiped out had there been a wind blowing at the time.

**Rescued from Launch.**

HERMOSA BEACH, Cal., Dec. 18.—After drifting all night at sea in an open launch, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake, their son and daughter and two little girl friends, were rescued early today when the incoming tide washed the craft on the beach. All are in a serious condition from exposure. Engine trouble left them at the mercy of the wind and rain swept waves.

**Goethals to Washington.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Colonel Goethals will arrive next Wednesday or Thursday for a conference with government officials regarding his request for a neutral patrol of destroyers. Goethals will testify before the congressional appropriation committees next week.

**Spelling Contest at Marcola.**

MARCOLA, Ore., Dec. 18.—A spelling contest was held in the public school here a few days ago, and eight out of the 11 members of the eighth grade made 100 per cent, with an av-

**Lions Escape From Cage While Show is on in N. Y. Theatre**

AUDIENCE IN PANIC BUT ANIMALS DO LITTLE DAMAGE—ARE ROUNDED UP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Six trained lions escaped from their cage on the stage of an East Eighty-sixth street vaudeville theater and bounding into the audience, consisting principally of women and children, created a panic.

One lioness, Alice, the largest of the pack, escaped into a crowded street. Policemen pursued her into the hall of a nearby apartment house and in shooting at her probably fatally wounded a companion, Sergeant Daniel Glenn. Two or three officers were slightly wounded by the claws of the beast in a battle at close range.

Hundreds fled from the theater. At sight of the lions hundreds of persons in the theater fled screaming to the exits. Mothers delayed by gathering up their children crowded into corners and places of supposed safety. Scores fainted and many, numbed by the sight of the animals among them, sat transfixed in their seats.

With the exception of Alice none of the beasts displayed great ferocity. A few persons who got in their paths were scratched, but none of them was seriously hurt.

Five of the animals still were roaming about the theater when the last of the audience escaped. In their rush to safety, spectators left behind all kinds of wearing apparel and personal belongings.

Beasts Room Through House. Meantime the beasts roamed over the house from gallery to basement. Within an hour after the last spectator left they were rounded up in the lobby and driven into their shipping box, none of them being injured.

Three arrests were made on charges of manslaughter in the second degree pending the outcome of the wounded persons. Those in custody are La Balles Andre, the lions' trainer; C. Turquet, their keeper, and George H. Hamilton, manager of the attraction. The lions were owned by Francis Ferrari, a showman, who had been exhibiting them in carnivals during the summer.

**Swiss Feel Neglected.**

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The Swiss papers ask why the United States has forgotten Swiss children in the distribution of Christmas gifts in Europe. Switzerland is not fighting, but its fathers, husbands and brothers to the number of 250,000 are guarding the frontier until the end of the winter. They will not return home for Christmas. Their children will not have any presents.

The Swiss army is entrenched on the frontiers and in their Alpine forts ready to attack the first army which crosses its frontier while women and children are suffering.

**Chicago Sponsors of the Plan.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Chicago sponsors of the plan whereby Christmas presents were sent by Americans to the children of the warring nations of Europe said no gifts were forwarded on the steamer Jason for the Swiss children because the intention was such that holiday momentoes should go to the children of the countries actually engaged in fighting; children and orphans of soldiers killed in battle and for those whose homes and property had been destroyed.

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**COLD SNAP AT NOLIN FOLLOWED BY SNOWFALL**

LIGHT STORM COMES YESTERDAY—REVIVAL SERVICES ARE BEING HELD.

(Special Correspondence.) NOLIN, Dec. 18.—The cold snap was being followed yesterday by a light snow fall.

C. C. Darr of Adams visited at A. J. Harps during the first of the week. Mrs. Mary Holmes of Bedford, Ia., is visiting her son, W. D. Holmes.

Rev. Nichols of Spokane and Rev. Cunningham of Holdman, are holding a revival here.

A successful social was held at the South Youkum school last Saturday night. The proceeds amounting to over \$50 will be used for an Xmas tree.

O. P. Steele leaves on No. 18 this evening upon a visit to his old home in Cape Girardeau county, Mo., where he hasn't been for 22 years.

Will Lecture on Files. SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 18.—On Saturday evening, the first lecture of a series of six to be given by the Silvertown schools will be held in the assembly room. Dr. Hodge of the University of Oregon, will speak on "The Plague of Files."

**Medford Warehouse Wrecked.**

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 18.—Fire in the warehouse on the Southern Pacific tracks caused a loss of \$10000 to the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association and the Medford Egg & Poultry concern. The fruit association's loss is \$3000, fully insured consisting of 10 spraying machines and a quantity of spraying material and orchard supplies. The Poultry concern loses \$1500 partly insured.

**Globe Girthing Aero Race Is Off.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Arnold Kruckman has returned to San Francisco, after having completed a tour of the world. He was engaged by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to arrange for an aerial race around the world in 1915, as one of the big features of the exposition.

Owing to the existing conditions in Europe and parts of the Orient, as a result of the world-wide war, the exposition management was forced to abandon the race as the greater part of the course was necessarily through the countries engaged in war.

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