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They left San Francisco in high spirits, for a tour of the "Northwestern" circuit, and the members of the small repertoir company were as jolly and lively a crowd of theatrical people as one would wish

Each and every member of the organto know that for a while at least the existing circumstances. They had weathnoise, bustle and clamor, even of dear ered the season together, and came to old " 'Frisco'', would be left behind.

gowns and toilets. For to one who has cisco, if possible,

The mad rush to the Klondike gold of discouraged players. plish, as every available space that would secommodate the form of a man, on the bandsome price.

Still the goldseeker's loss of time was north, they would spend money.

So this is how the proprietor and manhimself. He would organize this "snap" afterwards.

"People are coming," he said, "from every known part of the universe and will-as

the saying goes-have money to burn. dictionary, I am more than confident full. that "Hayes' New York Theater Com pany" will do the bauner business on be sure to come out winner in the end.

suit of clothes," ble for the other.

This is mentioned for the reason that it is very seldom, indeed, if at all, that elling, dwell together in strict peace and harmony as did the members of this dra

"booked" it.

after night the curtain would roll up to tion. known to bimseif, gould get no more, and at the depot awaiting his return. it seemed as though fate itself had His mission of charity was in vain, as

bring them to disaster, ager would get back home to some way, told them of his unsuccessful mission.

could not pay expenses, and realizing, no doubt, by this time that he had overlooked the word "fail" in his dictionary, skipped out with the few paltry dollars he had taken in-like the Arab, he had silently folded his tent and stolen away -leaving the company without a dollar, among strangers, and far from their homes.

When it was known for a fact that he had hurried away and left them penniless, a consultation was held by the performers to see what could be done and ization seemed much pleased, and glad what was the best thing to do under the the conclusion that it would be better It was in the golden summer time, and | for all concerned to try and hold together all nature was arrayed in her loveliest and work their way back to San Fran-

been accustomed to the hot, sweltering They had been playing standard drama days, and the warm and sultry nights of in country town balls all summer and some of the large Eastern cities, with now it was close on to the holiday seatheir cloud-resching buildings, a sum- son of the year-Christmas time. But mer spent on the Pacific coast means to as it appeared now, the day of "good that individual, peace, comfort and hap- cheer' would not be one of great happiness or of pleasure for the little company

fields was at its height, and thousands of Still they struggled along in the best people were crowded in every seaport manner possible, they meandered from town between San Francisco and Seat- village to village, from town to town, tle. Every hotel and lodging-house was just making enough in one place to get jammed full of northern-bound gold to another, but try as they would, do hunters, who were awaiting to get pas- what they may, luck was against them, sage on the boats, but as a matter of business grew worse and worse, and on fact this was a difficult task to accom. Christmas Eye it seemed they must dis-

One of the members said: "If we hold steamers, had been sold weeks ahead at out and can keep together a little longer perhaps we may get through somehow or other," and they all agreed with him, the business man's gain, as naturally, and with bright hopes of the morrow's while waiting for their chance to go big houser, it caused them to be anxious to reach the next "stand". Having no money with which to pay their railroad ager of the little dramatic company fig- fare, the only thing they could do was to ured he could make a few dollars for walk, in order to reach the next town.

The landlord at the hotel where they company-as he called it-and play all had been stopping finding out that they the small towns along the coast as far were financially embarrassed, placed an the teeth of the fearful storm that was north as Skagway, then jump them, for sttachment on their trunks and baggage now raging. But they could not remain this was his intention, as was learned for their board bill, which they could not pay, thus leaving them without what little "wardrobe" they did possess.

Their trunks and baggage had been stowed away down in the deep, dark cel-"After purchasing their outfits' for the lar of the "Crazy Horse" hotel. The proprielong and difficult journey over the ice tor had been heard to remark that "actor and snow-capped mountains, and waiting fellers" were a bad lot, and if the opporfor the boat, or rather their chance to go, tunity presented itself they would steal will very naturally seek for amusement their trunks out of the house and he did little stranded troups—when suddenly, at cheap prices, and I will get my share not propose to let them have their "city with a cry of misery and despair the there is no such word as 'fau' in my they had liquidated their board bill in

Nothing daunted, they started out and reached the next town, where they inthe coast this sesson. I am so sure of tended giving a performance as the bells success that I have put every dollar that chimed Christmas Day. They were alas, it was no use, for in the soft pale I possess into my attraction, and I will planning as they trudged along the rail- light, streaming through those grand road track what they would do with the arched windows, out on the spotless Everything went well for a time, and money they would make during the holithe show seemed to be doing nicely. day week, thinking, with receipte big. gas jets in the church, it was seen that Business was spleudid, and the much- that they could soon square up their his life was ebbing fast away, and this admited "man in white" appeared debts and send for the baggage that had added to their troubles, filled completely, promptly each week, dressed in his best been attached, then, as the comedian their cup of bitterness and sorrow to the said, "We'll be playing on velvet, and if brim. Though, as it may appear, not a quar- we are moneyless, and wear patched rel had been recorded among the mem clothes, we may have a streak of good and Good Will Towards Men' while bers, as yet. Angry words had not even business after all and have the stereo through the "heavy" man's brain the been beard, something remarkable in a typed regulation run of 'one hundred words and music dreamly floated as his company of theatrical players, and it was and fifty nights', do a banner business thoughts went back again to the fifth noticed, and formed the subject of much and be compelled to hang out the S. R. Hoor of a tenement house, on a side conversation from the "heavy" man O. sign every night at 8 30, and then, my street in Sau Francisco, far away, where down to "prope", as to bow each mem boys, if this comes true, we won't do a he knew a woman and two little children ber of the company tried to outdo the thing, see? Just have a hot time in the were hungry this Christmas day, and in other in making it pleasant and agrees old town tonight, and live on the sunsy his weary brain he imagined he heard

side of East street."

would remember until their dying day. matic troupe. For, as the public well hall where they could give a perform- woman through a tear. know, in most theatrical companies it ance, but their hopes were speedly disagreements from the commencement the law, designated as "marshal" of the of the season until the close. And even village, who was neither courteous, civil, to stay with you, but I could go no then it does not always end. For in sev- or even for that matter, polite, rudely in- farther. The curtain of life will soon fall eral well remembered cases the members formed them in his pompous Chester- on me, rang down by nature's stage of a company kept up the fight or quar- fieldian way, that a law had been recently manager, who rules us all. If you ever rel in the newspapers after the attrac- made which demanded a theatrical reach Frisco, tell Mary, my wife, that I tion had dieban led for the season, until license fee of \$50, and, as if said good by to her and the children, the editors of the respective journals be- wishing to make the members of the un- tell the babies to be good, and always came disgusted and ended the war of lucky company feel as miserable as mind their mother. That's all-boys-I words by refusing further "space" to the possible, took it on himself to say that --am sleepy-." this law had been put into effect for the But I stray from what I set out to tell. sole purpose of driving out the "cheap Bright prospects and good business poor actors", as the good people thought was not to last always; clouds of adver- it only right to vote this high license, so

sity began to spread over the mans- they would keep away from the town. so rosy and bright for himself as he had of. There was not \$10 among the company, and to even think of trying to For some reason, why, no one could raise the amount of the license fee, was

empty benches. Then shortly the "man A terrific snow storm had set in, and pathetic occurrence had softened the in white' was seen no more, the salaries the comedian volunteered to go and see bearts of the citizens, for they provided were six weeks behind, and it was known the landlord of the only hotel in the a place for the remainder of the comthat the show could not hold together place, and see if he would allow them to pany to sleep and eat, and showered much longer, as the manager had lost all remain over night at his house. He ex- kindoese and heartfelt sympathy upon the money he had put into the business, plained the situation as to their financial them. The comedian said: "The world he had no more, and what was still worse, condition, to him, while the rest of the seemed to have suddenly emerged from from some cause or other, perhaps best company were standing on the platform darkness to gleaning sunlight."

marked them out for revenge and to the proprietor informed him that if they and it was a golden harvest. The entire had no money to pay their way, they which enabled them to send the remains Trouble was in store for them, and could not stay at his house, storm, or no of their brother performer to San Franthey now wished that they were back storm. To all entreaties of the come, cisco for burial, recover their trunks and again in 'Frisco, even with its noise, disn he turned a deaf ear, and it was baggage, and procure for each ticket home. bustle and clamor. Still they did not with a sad heart that he returned to the complain, thinking and hoping the man- little crowd of brother performers and



mas day, and were thinking of the dear ones at home.

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The company held another consultation, and it was to the effect that they should take the road that night for the next town, which was ten miles distant. When they made their intentions known to the agent, that they would try and walk to the next place, he insisted that they were foolish to undertake it as they never could reach their destination, in

So in the face of the bleak storm they started, discouraged, hungry, and footsore. They were just passing the brilliantly lighted church, which was decorated with beautiful flowers, pot plants, and colored lights in tribute to Him, of whom it is said "loves even you", but which seemed hollow mockery to this worn out from exposure and privation, fell at the costly stained glass door of the church.

The members went to his assistance and tried to help him upon his feet, but

Inside the choir sang fervently "Peace the little ones say: "Ob, mamma, if After arriving at the town, the mem- papa was here we would have candy and bers of the company were to meet with toys, like the other little boys and girls, a theatrical company, either locator trav disappointment and a sorrow that they wouldn't we mamma, dear? And then the mother's reply, "Your father is work-They started immediately to flad the ing to send you some," said the sad

"Can you come on with us, Frank," "No, boys. My end is near. I tried

He was dead, The sermon was over, the closing prayer Was said while heads were bowed

On the steps outside a form lay still With a snow-drift for a shroud. For a "white-winged" angel with key breath Had whispered "come with me" To a land where stranded actors rest

And they charge no license fee. The news of the sudden death of one say, business began to fall off and night |-well, it was entirely out of the quest of the "actor" men, spread rapidly over the little town, and, it seemed as if the

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ager would get back home in some way, at least.

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