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OREGON CAN GROW FLAX. Build the Mill Here and Salem Will Do the Rest.

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SWEET SINGERS MAKE A BIG HIT

Society Turned Out Last Night at the Character Concert.

EVERY NUMBER WAS SPLENDID

The Best Amateur Performance Ever Given in This City—Stage Profusely Decorated.

It is very seldom that such an audience as that which crowded Fisher's last night is seen in this city; and rarely has there been such a display of fashion. The neat little theatre was comfortably filled, about five hundred people being present. All were anxious to see the "character" concert, as a treat was anticipated. In brief, local amateurs never did so well.

The stage was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, presenting a very pretty appearance.

The first number was the anvil chorus in which twenty voices took part. Following was a vocal duet, "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," by Messrs. Richard Carruthers and James Taylor. The singers were attired in feminine costume and made a decided hit. Responding to an encore they gave a burlesque of the Maginel-Mullin Concert Company, apologizing for the absence of their mother and Count Kosminsky. A quartet, "Sweet and Low," by Messrs. Barker, Smith, Bennett and Burnett, was a delightful rendition. Mr. Terry McKean gained new laurels for himself in a recitation. He is a favorite with Astoria audiences and was at his best last night. The hearty encore was richly deserved.

A vocal duet, "We've Gone Through Life Together," by Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen and Rev. Mr. Short, was one of the gems of the evening. They were encored, but would not respond.

The instrumental (piano) duet by Mrs. Th. Olsen and Miss Edith Conn was executed most artistically. The selection, "The Dance of the Dead," was a most difficult number and the manner in which it was rendered spoke much for the ability of the ladies.

A vocal solo, "A Son of the Desert Am I," by Mr. W. H. Barker, was sung with taste and effect and closed Part I.

Part II was opened by one of the sweetest songs ever heard on an Astoria stage, by one of the city's sweetest singers—a lullaby by Mrs. Frank Taylor. The lullaby naturally was simple, but its artistic rendition brought forth a storm of applause. Mrs. Taylor responded to an encore.

A quartet, "The County Fair," by Misses Alice Woods and Pearl Holden and Messrs. Griffin and Burnett, created no end of amusement. Misses Holden and Woods looked charming in becoming costumes. In marked contrast with Mr. Bennett's German make-up.

Mr. Harry G. Smith's vocal solo, "Day After Day," was one of the most pleasing numbers on the program. The gentleman was in fine voice and his effort was duly appreciated. Miss Ruth Garner and Mr. Burnett in a German impersonation were splendid. Their make-up could not possibly have been better and their dust caused much laughter. In "Lightly Row, My Gondolier," by the ladies' chorus, the voices blended harmoniously and the number was well received. "Go Sleep, My Honey," by the jubilee singers, Messrs. Barker, Bennett, Burnett and Smith, was an excellent rendition and a hearty encore was given it. The closing number, "The Maid in the Moon," was a credit to the ladies and gentlemen who took part. The Maid in the Moon was Miss Edith Conn, who made a beautiful picture as she sat on the edge of a silver crescent. Mr. F. Barker, the soloist, was in good voice and did exceptionally well. Mr. Griffin was the man in the moon, to whom Mr. Barker's song referred.

Altogether the concert was a decided success and a credit to the ladies and gentlemen who participated in it. The following ladies comprised the ladies' chorus: Mrs. Curtis Trenchard, Mrs. A. L. Fulton, Mrs. Herman Prael, Mrs. F. J. Taylor, Mrs. Brenham VanDusen, Mrs. Frank Dunbar, Mrs. William Barker, Misses Pearl Holden, Gene Lewis, Alice Woods, and Nettie Tuttle. The gentlemen singers were: Messrs. W. Barker, Bennett, Burnett, Smith, Griffin, Wyatt, F. Barker, Short and McKean. The accompanists were Miss Edith Conn and Mrs. Th. Olsen, two of Astoria's most accomplished musicians. Both ladies were becomingly attired, Miss Conn in pink and Mrs. Olsen in blue.

OREGON CAN GROW FLAX. Build the Mill Here and Salem Will Do the Rest. Oregon can grow flax. Oregon is going to grow flax in the very near future. It has been demonstrated satisfactorily that many counties in the Willamette Valley can produce as fine a quality of flax as any other portion of the world, as is shown by the following editorial from the Salem Statesman: "There is no necessity to experiment in the Willamette valley with flax. We

don't know how it is in Clatsop, but we do know that the very finest quality of flax may be raised in Douglas, Lane, Linn, Benton, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Clackamas counties. The world cannot produce any better. We know this, because it has been done. It is no experiment here.

"Build your twine factory in Astoria, and our farmers will raise the flax. All they want is assurance that it will be taken at prices that will pay them for their trouble, and the use of their land. Many of them know how to raise it. No time will have to be consumed in waiting for them to learn the process. By all means, let the twine factory be built. It may be the precursor of linen and linned oil factories, putting flax fields on all our farms—and diverting to this valley a large share of the \$50,000,000 a year we now send away to foreign lands for the things made from the fibre and seed of the flax plant. It would be an additional inducement helping us to get a high protective duty, that would insure these conditions."

The object of the tests now to be made in Clatsop and other portions of the state is to furnish accurate data of the results in particular sections of this state, under varying conditions, in order that the Stewarts, of Ireland, may know just what they can do and how best to lay out their plant for the manufacture of linen twine. As has been previously stated, the seed for these tests is now on the way to Astoria, and will be distributed promptly upon its arrival by Messrs. Poard & Stokes. Daniel Ryerson, a prominent rancher of the Nehalem, was in the city yesterday, and spoke for a portion of the seed to plant on his farm.

Doubtless, following the building and operation of a large spinning mill will come the erection of linned oil works for the manufacture of oil and oil cake from flax seed. These industries alone will be the means of putting in circulation in this state many thousands of dollars yearly. It is the effort now of the Stewarts to ascertain what profit can be made in producing flax in this country, what the cost of production will be to the farmer, and the most successful methods of treating both the seed and the fibre. For these reasons there should certainly be hearty co-operation on the part of farmers to assist in these enterprises in arriving at accurate figures.

NO PROSPERITY FOR HIM.

"It's all very well to talk about this revival of prosperity, but it don't go," he remarked confidentially to the bartender as he leaned over the counter. "Don't you read the papers? The mills are opening, everybody is going to work, and we are having prosperous times, although, to tell the truth, the saloon business isn't as good as it was the night before election." "That's all very well, but my business is ruined." "And it was good before election?" "It was." "And may I ask what was your business?" "I was a campaign prophet and I will have nothing to do for four years."

HIS MOTTO.

(From Spare Moments.) A boy walked into a London merchant's office in search of a situation. After being put through a series of questions by the merchant, he was asked: "Well, my lad, what is your motto?" "Same as yours, sir," he replied. "Same as you have on your door—push."

CLOSE CALL.

From the Detroit Free Press. "Say, Pete, you have ridden that horse very near to death." "Yas, sah; I waint moah 'an six foot from it when I beat dat motah caw to de tunnin' off place."

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

There is evidently a new era of railroad building in sight. Senator Teller will not talk of fusion in the future—the Colorado boiter has had enough. George Meredith, it is said, presents a copy of his novels to every servant in his employ. Olney has a chance to make a ten strike on the Cuban question before he goes out of office.

St. Louis is just now the proudest city in the Union. She is exulting in her first horse show.

There is a chance for the Dingley bill to go through this winter. The senate has seen a new light.

Whatever the gold in the banks may do, that in the mountains will have to come out of its hiding places.

The country voted for prosperity and is reaping the reward much sooner than even the most sanguine expected.

The Bryanite leaders are silent, but the prophets have resumed business by predicting what will happen in 1900.

Working for a living won't be such a hard struggle for existence in this country as it has been for the last three years.

"Your teacher tells me you were not at school yesterday. Now, young man, you know what you are going to get?" "Bob (firmly)—"I do, pop; and I am willing to be licked any day for a circus parade like that—Life.

WIFE POISONER GETS THE PEN

The Rev. James C. Hull, of St. Paul, Sentenced to Six Years.

SENSATION CREATED IN COURT

Defendant Confesses to Have Been Slowly Poisoning His Wife for Her Life Insurance.

St. Paul, November 19.—The case against the Rev. James C. Hull, accused of attempted wife-poisoning, came to a sudden and sensational end in the district court this afternoon.

Hull had been on the witness stand since yesterday afternoon and had entered a categorical denial to all the state's evidence in regard to the administering by him of arsenic mixed with the medicine his wife was taking. Then the state sprung a surprise in the shape of a letter which Hull had written while in Portland, Oregon, last February, to the Rev. I. I. Spence, an intimate friend, who was then in Fernando, Cal. In this letter he stated that his wife was very sick; that she was suffering from a cancer and that he expected to be called home at any time and that he thought she could live through the year. He also stated that an operation had been performed for the removal of the cancer, but that it had broken out again.

Spence and Hull had been old friends and chums, and when the former heard of the charge against Hull he remembered the letter received last February and thinking its contents would exonerate his friend, he enclosed it to some way got track of this letter and today put it in evidence. Hull finally admitted its authorship. The evidence of the state's witnesses, and Hull's own admissions in his previous testimony, showed that there had been no talk of a cancer for a year previous to the date of the letter and that the surgical operation had simply been the dressing of a slight laceration. The state claimed that the letter placed in evidence was written with the intention of preparing his friends for the death of his wife, and to provide a plausible theory.

Last August Hull was arrested on complaint of his wife, who charged that for a year or more he had been slowly poisoning her by the administration of arsenic mixed with her medicines and with articles of food.

The motive as shown by the evidence of the state in the trial just ended was a life insurance policy for \$2500 which Hull had prevailed upon his wife to take out in his favor.

Hull withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. The judge sentenced him to six years in the penitentiary.

SMUGGLING.

Treasury Report on Opium and Diamonds.

Washington, November 19.—J. J. Crowley, supervising special agent of the treasury, in his annual report, devotes considerable attention to smuggling. Opium smuggling, the report says, has decreased largely during the last year as a result principally of the reduction of the rate of duty from \$12 to \$5 per pound; 138,559 pounds of opium was imported at San Francisco during the year 1895, upon which \$12,494 was paid in duty. Last year the amount was 98,128 pounds upon which duty aggregating \$388,750 was paid.

The report shows there has been a noticeable increase in the smuggling of diamonds since the duty on precious stones was increased by the tariff act of 1894. A return to the rate of duty provided in the act of 1890, Mr. Crowley said, would be in favor of revenue and of legitimate trade.

During the past year 5,566 Chinese persons applied for admission to this country. Of these 2510 were admitted. The number of Chinese arrested for violation of the exclusion law was 198 and the number deported 129. Under the treaty between the United States and China, providing for the departure from and return to this country of Chinese laborers, 956 laborers left the United States and 108 returned during the past year.

WHEAT STRONGER.

News From the Pacific Coast Sends the Price Up.

Chicago, November 19.—Wheat opened at a decline of 1/8c in both December and May deliveries. The early weakness was almost entirely due to the disappointment over the opening Liverpool cables which showed only 1/2 advance in sympathy with a much larger advance here yesterday. The weakness lasted but a few moments. Strength came from the other side of the continent from the reports from California showing the immense proportions which the Australian business had assumed. The flour mills of the state, according to reports, are working night and day on Australian orders and the orders for wheat from there now in the hands of San Francisco brokers are reported to amount to 1,700,000.

The opening quotations for December were 78c cents as compared with

yesterday's closing price of 78 1/2 cents. After touching 77c cents for an instant, the price jumped, under the influence of the Australian news referred to, until 79 cents had been reached. Then came the second cable. They showed a decline. Apart from Lower Liverpool cables and the bearish sentiment which they created the conditions were favorable for continued strength in prices. Cables from Russia stated that the principal cereal crops of that country were 122,000,000 bushels less than the annual average production for thirteen years past.

THE MARKETS.

London, November 19.—Hope—Pacific Coast, 43 1/2c. Liverpool, November 19.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 spring, 7s 7d; No. 1 California, 7s 7d. Futures opened quiet and steady. November, nominal; December, January, 6s 9d; February and March, 6s 10d. Portland, November 19.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 81 1/2c; Valley, 84 1/2c.

TRAINS RUNNING.

Damages Done by Storm and Flood Being Repaired.

Tacoma, November 19.—Northern Pacific trains are now running regularly except on the Seattle branch. The White River bridge will be repaired so that trains can pass over it tomorrow noon.

Passengers are being transferred at Trout Creek, Mont., where the bridge was washed away, but the repairs are being rushed and will be finished Saturday.

Much damage has been done in the Cowitz valley. Scores of miles of fences have been washed away and many cattle drowned. At Toledo between thirty and forty houses on the west side of the Cowitz river are partially submerged and a dozen families at Castle Rock have had to move to houses on higher ground. The loss of fences, cattle and small buildings has been general throughout the Cowitz and Columbia valleys.

APOSTLE THATCHER.

Has Been Dropped from the Rolls of the Mormon Church.

Salt Lake, November 19.—Apostle Moses B. Thatcher will be declared "contumacious" and dropped from the rolls of the Mormon church. This was the day fixed by the church authorities for the trial of Mr. Thatcher for his failure to take counsel for taking part in political matters a year ago when he was a candidate for United States senator. A card appeared in the Desert News this evening, signed by the president of the twelve apostles, to the effect that a meeting of apostles was held and that it was unanimously decided that Moses Thatcher be severed from the council of the twelve apostles and that he be deprived of his apostleship and other offices in the priesthood.

SEATTLE POLICE.

Doing Good Work in Securing Burglars and Booty.

Seattle, November 19.—Chas. Phillips and Chris. Scott, young men under 20 years of age, are in jail. Scott is suffering from a bullet wound in the left arm inflicted last night by H. R. Bayliss, whose residence they were burglarizing. For the past two weeks the city has been overrun with burglars and fifteen residences have been looted. The young men confessed to the chief of police with the result that the officers are now in possession of \$1500 worth of goods which the boys cached in a lodging house.

SANTA FE TROUBLE.

Federal and State Courts of Kansas Disagree.

Topeka, Kan., November 19.—Bound by ironclad restraining orders from both federal and state courts, both sides to the controversy in the Santa Fe receivership case are now powerless to move, and it is thought there will not be any new developments until the case comes up for hearing before Judge Foster in the federal court next Monday.

DISASTER AT SEA.

Brest, November 19.—Torpedo boats known by numbers 83 and 61, of the French navy, came into collision during maneuvers off Cape De La Chevre. The former boat sank and its crew is missing. Number 61 was also badly damaged and was towed here. Number 83 has a complement of sixteen men.

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YALE ELEVEN AND THE TIGERS

Will Meet on the Gridiron Tomorrow in a Great Battle.

AN UNPRECEDENTED INTEREST

Shown in the Coming Match—Tickets at a Premium—Both Teams in a Magnificent Condition.

New Haven, November 19.—Over 2500 students and friends assembled on the Yale field this afternoon to see the "varsity eleven hold its final practice for the game Saturday with Princeton.

All the men played in their regular positions, lining up against a scrub eleven for about thirty-five minutes' play. Trainer Fitzpatrick said tonight that he never saw a collection of athletes in better condition for the contest.

The unprecedented demand for tickets has caused many disappointments, as there are nearly 300 undergraduates as well as several members of the faculty who are unprovided for and the appointment to players has also been reduced. New York men have been in the city offering \$10 and \$12 bonus, something never before heard of, but the management have yet to discover the first case of a student disposing of his ticket.

Princeton, N. J., November 19.—The coaches gave the Tigers light work today and the undergraduates were permitted to watch the practice during the first half, after which spectators were excluded and the playing was continued in secret. The form that the Tigers showed this afternoon was very satisfactory to the coaches; undergraduates alike. The men worked well together and played with speed and energy. Dr. Bergen, the team physician, pronounced all the players in prime condition.

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PRESENTS FOR MCKINLEY.

Canton, November 19.—Two lively crowds arrived at the McKinley residence this evening, a present to the president-elect from an admiring friend in Kentucky.

A great squash, that filled a bushel basket, was another present received today, a gift from Colonel Charles Worker, of Blaine precinct, Pierce county, Nebraska. Accompanying the squash was a clipping from the Pierce county Call, which explained that the squash had grown in the only precinct in Pierce county which gave Major McKinley a majority. A verse was scratched on the squash, the last line of which read: "Early in November I shall make McKinley pie."

GENTRY SOLD.

New York, November 19.—John R. Gentry, the king of harness race horses was sold at the Madison Square Garden horse sale tonight for \$19,900 to Lewis J. Tewksbury, the owner of Robert J.

GIBSON TO ILLUSTRATE DICKENS.

C. D. Gibson and Edward W. Bok were chatting together in the former's studio one day, when the editor of the Ladies' Home Journal said: "Why don't you drop the American girl, Gibson, and try something entirely new?" "What is there new?" asked Gibson. "Illustrate Dickens," ironically answered the editor.

"Illustrate Dickens!" repeated Gibson. "Why, man alive—" Just then the artist's mother came into the studio. "Mother," he said, "what have I always told you I would rather do in the way of illustration than anything else?" "Well, I don't know, unless it is to illustrate Dickens."

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE