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'THE NEW MINISTER' IS SCREAM AND THEN SOME

Old Maids' Costumes Drown the Voices of Actors, and There Are Other Loud Noises

To say that "The New Minister," given by the Methodist church choir at the high school auditorium Thursday evening was a scream probably would be putting it mildly and would at the same time be misleading in describing some of the vocal numbers of this enthusiastically received musical comedy.

The particular scream of the ensemble was the music committee, Cecendo B. Platt, Hezekiah F. Sharp and Doctor Hoosick, impersonated by Superintendent R. W. Glass, Elbert Skel and Alfred Skei. Rev. Joseph Knotts made a distinct hit as Ralph Bunter, a baseball enthusiast, the part being somewhat at variance with his position in everyday life and yet acted in a manner that might be envied by Sammy Loophole Mackin and others who claim to be red hot enthusiasts in real life.

Miss Mae Armstrong, as Daisy Lovejoy, slightly comical, took her part in a realistic manner that certainly would have made a sweetheart jealous had she had one in the audience. S. L. Mackin did finely as a new minister but would never do for an old one. Lester Phelps, as Seth Perkins (a joke), was an uproarious audience all by himself.

Talking of screams, some of the old maid costumes made so much noise that it was hard to catch the words of the actors. "Camouflage" has come into use just in the nick of time to describe this particular feature of the evening's entertainment. Some of the transformations were almost unbelievable and not even a rejected suitor would be so mean as to hope the appearance of the girls on the stage would be any indication of their probable appearance 25, or 40, or 50 years in the future.

C. E. Umphrey, supported by the chorus, sang two splendid songs which were accorded a hearty reception. It will be a long time before another entertainment will be given that will cause such widespread comment and much commendation has been given Mrs. Leon Deslarzes, the director.

The cast of characters was as follows: Rev. Homer Alexander Brown (the new minister)..... S. L. Mackin Professor Topnote (leader of the choir)..... J. E. Godard Cecendo B. Platt..... Roy W. Glass Hezekiah F. Sharp..... Elbert Skel Doctor Hoosick..... Alfred Skei (members of the music committee) Ralph Bunter (a baritone in the choir)..... Joseph Knotts Seth Perkins (a joke)..... Lester Phelps Daisy Lovejoy (the new school teacher)..... Mae Armstrong Odella Hasbin (organizer of the Old Maids' Club)..... Florence Luckie Petunia Pimples (the milliner)..... Irma Beager Uncle Alce (the old sexton)..... C. E. Umphrey Augusta Wind (everybody's friend)..... Carrie Hemenway Mrs. Delaney (president of the Ladies' Aid)..... Mrs. Roy Glass Members of the Choir, Ladies' Aid, Old Maids' Club, Sewing Circle, Etc.

Miranda Ketchum..... Maude LeRoy Blossom Glover..... Mrs. Frost Henrietta Sharp..... Marian Hooper Ivory Sage..... Nieta Hazelton Mrs. Shocum..... Mrs. Chambers Mrs. McInty..... Mrs. Heine Mrs. Spicer..... Mrs. Hart Mrs. Dressy..... Mrs. Conner Kitty Spangler..... Mrs. Broadbent Belinda Bangs..... Mary Ellen Benson Prunetta Pills..... Mrs. Cochran Eliza Whiffles..... Lois Thomas Betty Buttons..... LaViey Hamilton Mulberry Juice..... Ansel Wood Candy Stuck..... Orren Woolley

CLASS DRAMATIC ART GIVES ENTERTAINMENT

A pleasing entertainment was given at the Arcade theater Monday and Tuesday evenings by Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway's class in dramatic art, it being the dramatic comedy, "Kentucky Belle." The pupils performed in an admirable manner, those whose parts received the most favorable comment being Miss Eud Veatch, Miss Hazel Loucks and the orchestra. The cast of characters was as follows:

Miss Mariah Douglas..... Lena Burcham Rachel Douglas..... Hazel Loucks Maude Van Harlingen..... Ruth Phelps Col. McMillan..... Clyde Burcham Dr. Black..... Charles Protzman Miss Madden..... Sylvia Veatch John Cason Gorden..... Robert Jones Mrs. Gorden..... Ada Oakes Miss Gorden..... Muriel Shay Cindy..... Maude Doyle Henry..... Claude Kime Linemen—Ray W. Wiley, Russell Benia, Clifford Taylor. Little Folks Chorus—Lee Nichols, Cloe Whiteley, Millicent Barrows, Jennings King, Geneva Kime, Jerene Barrows, Mildred Burcham, Hazel Heine, Margaret Medley, Donna Nichols, Cecile Callison.

Murray Trunnell, who went to Portland to be examined for admission to the aviation corps, was unable to pass the rigid physical examination.

COTTAGE GROVE SAMMIES ARE TOP NOTCHERS WHEREVER THEY ARE FOUND

Cottage Grove is always on the map as far as things military are concerned. Cottage Grove now has a hundred or more of its young men in the service of Uncle Sam—probably a greater number than any other city of its size in the state can boast. The members of Sixth company, now at Fort Stevens, are maintaining the record made by the company as a part of the militia and had fair to carry off all honors for expert rifle work.

This city is also well up towards the head of the list in furnishing officers for the national army. Lieutenant Colonel B. K. Lawson and Major H. K. Metcalf are both from this city. Major J. C. Johnson, now with the regulars, first received his commission as a major while living here. Captain Lee Roy Woods, now acting major, is the senior ranking captain of the state and in line for the next majorship from the state. Lieutenant C. C. Cruson has been an acting captain almost since his arrival at the fort and is considered in line for a captaincy.

Lieutenant B. N. Hawley and Lieutenant Lewis C. Beebe, both with the regulars, are recently from this city, and Captain Elkins, chaplain of the regiment at Fort Stevens, was pastor of the Christian church here six years ago.

COMMISSIONER SPENCER IS GUEST OF CLUB

Lorane Road and Delight Valley Bridge Will Be Taken Up With the County Court.

A rousing meeting was held at the commercial club Monday night. County Commissioner Spencer was present, as were also road boosters from nearby sections. For about an hour the commissioner held the floor explaining the conduct of the road work of the county and answering questions asked by the audience. He assured the people they could at all times expect a square deal at the hands of the county court and that he was at all times ready to do his part in getting for Cottage Grove all that it is entitled to. As a result of the meeting the road committee of the club will visit the county seat tomorrow and meet with the budget committee in an endeavor to get an item in the budget for the Lorane road. The long proposed bridge over Row river to serve 30 families in Delight valley will be taken up with the court. An attempt will be made to get the highway commission to survey a permanent route for Pacific highway between the south boundary line of the county and Eugene.

Committees from Silk Creek and Delight valley will accompany the Cottage Grove committee to Eugene. C. H. Haight, E. J. Sears, H. F. Gibler, J. A. Joll and W. J. McClellan will go from Delight valley.

IS STRANGE AIRPLANE FLYING AROUND NIGHTS?

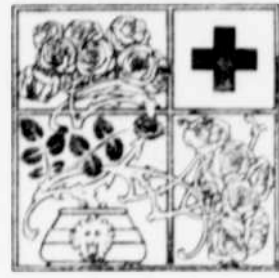
Is there a strange airplane flying over Lane county at night? Roy Purdie, proprietor of a confectionery store at Corvallis, thinks so, as do 6 other people of that town who say they saw an airplane flying south over Corvallis about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. The machine carried several lights and was not flying so high but that the noise of the engine's exhausts were plainly audible, according to their story.

George Elwood, of a Eugene barber shop, reports that he is positive that he saw an airplane pass over Eugene one evening several weeks ago. He says that the night was bright, the moon was shining and as it was at a late hour the air was perfectly still so that he could discern the shape of the machine and hear the exhausts of the engines plainly. In fact he states that it was the clear-cut, snappy barks of the exhaust that attracted his attention.

Visit Soldiers at Vancouver.

Mrs. A. E. Foster, of this city, and her two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Chapman and Mrs. Sara Allemen, of Divide, went to Vancouver Friday to visit George Foster, son of Mrs. Foster and brother of the other two, who expects to leave soon for France with the engineering corps. Being informed that he had lady guests, and really expecting that they might be some young friends from Portland, George was mightily surprised to find his mother and sisters, but his captain gave him more time off than he would have given for the former visitors. The women enjoyed their visit immensely. They saw trenches, improvised bridges, wire entanglements and such things, but were not permitted to visit any of the buildings except the Y. M. C. A. They report that the boys, who seem just kids when off duty, but men with fight in their eyes when on drill, are anxious to be on their way. The engineers have a fairly good company fund for the purchase of extras. The fund is made up entirely by the boys themselves and they have asked no outside aid. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Chapman also visited Mrs. Foster's son Tom at St. Helens. The trip there was Mrs. Foster's first experience traveling by water, and she says she prefers the trains.

First Red Cross Christmas



SOMETHING has happened. A simple and thrilling thing that brings something of real greatness to our lives, humble as they may be. It is the observance of our first Red Cross Christmas. One cannot have even the thought of its appropriateness and its significance in this world of anguish without having touched the very highest thought of all the world—that which was given on the birthday we are celebrating—“Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people”; and that which was expressed in the Red Cross Treaty made by nations which established that in warfare the sick and wounded of the enemy should be sacred to the Red Cross.

This is a Christmas when we cannot see our new young soldiers, strong and straight of back, without visioning those others whom war has made helpless. We cannot see the happiness of our children without thinking of those little ones in Europe who have starved to death. Perhaps we cannot deck our children's Christmas trees without remembering that he in whose honor they are was a “man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.”

In the Red Cross campaign for 10,000,000 new members during the week preceding Christmas there is scope for all our tenderness, all our richest imaginings, all our new-born power of simplicity of heart, all our possibilities of service.

The Red Cross chapters have asked all members of the American Red Cross to take part in a simple ceremony on Christmas Eve—the placing of a lighted candle in the window shining through a Red Cross service flag on the window pane. This flag is a piece of white transparent paper, blue-bordered, with the sign of the Red Cross, five inches square, in the center, and smaller crosses to be added for each of the household who is a member of the Red Cross. It is an expression of service in this unexampled time—a symbol so instinctive that the Red Cross will glow from the windows of our homes over the length and breadth of the land, sending out the Christmas message to the world, and telling not only the passer-by, but our own hearts, that just as our boys and men are finding new strength in their new sacrifices, so may we through our new service.

TALLOW CANDLES MAY YET COME INTO USE

Probably few Cottage Grove people know how near they came to having to get out oil lamps and tallow candles during the past week, due to the shortage of the fuel supply. The breaking down of the carriage at the Wildwood mill left the electric light plant here without its customary supply and Tuesday the situation was serious, the supply at the plant having been reduced to

a few sticks of slash wood. The fuel situation has been a serious one for the lighting plant ever since the burning of the Brown mill. Not only has the supply been precarious but the advance over the former cost has been large.

Lane County Is Fourth.

Lane county ranks fourth among Oregon counties in the assessed valuation of property as compiled in a statement made public by the state tax commission. Multnomah is first, Clatsop second and Marion third.

FOUR HUNDRED POUND PIG IS CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO DAUGHTER

One Portland woman is assured an expensive Christmas present. Her name is Mrs. D. F. David and her present is a 400-pound hog shipped her from here by her father, W. W. Christman. There is an old saying, said by knowing ones to have originated in the bible, about casting pearls before swine, but in this case the hog comes before the pearls and its intrinsic value has the jewels faded.

Mrs. Wampole's Pocket Picked. Eugene Register: Mrs. A. W. Wampole, of Leona, who was in Eugene Saturday, reports that her pocket was picked of a purse containing \$15 in cash and a return ticket to Leona. She was on the streets and in different stores during the evening and does not know exactly when the theft occurred, but thinks it was while she was standing in a crowd at the corner of Eighth and Willamette, when there was a congestion on account of a number of automobiles passing on the street.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR RED CROSS NETS 360

Much Work Yet to Be Done During Remaining Days of Week—Country Districts Are Not In.

The drive for Red Cross members will prove as successful in Cottage Grove and surrounding territory as have all other drives connected with the war. The work has been conducted entirely by the women of the Red Cross, about 40 of whom started to work Monday morning and have been on the job ever since. Up to last night the total enrollment reported from the city was 332, and from the surrounding country 28, making a total of 360. Mrs. K. K. Mills, head of the campaign committee, expects this total to be raised to 1000. Due to lack of materials, many committees, especially those in the country, have been unable to report.

While in most cases it has been easy to get the memberships, cases have been found where citizens refused to enroll without giving any good reason for such action. There is talk of organizing a male committee to call upon those who have refused to enroll under the Red Cross banner and demand to know if such refusal is for unpatriotic reasons, the names of those who refuse to enroll for any other reason than a genuine lack of money, to be published.

There are yet several days of the campaign in which any of those who have been overlooked may bring in their dollars. For convenience, a booth has been established in the First National bank. It is in charge of women who will take memberships.

AUTO THIEF WHO IS STOPPED HERE IS SLICK ARTICLE

Has Forged Papers With Which He Gets By Our Famous Crook-Catcher

The man, Davis, who was recently captured in Portland with a Buick car stolen in California, is a pretty smooth one, according to Deputy Sheriff Pitcher, Cottage Grove's famous man-catcher.

The car was shipped here by freight from Drain on account of the impossibility of the Pass Creek canyon. Deputy Pitcher's attention was attracted by the fact that the car bore no license numbers and he took it into custody. When the owner arrived several days later, he told a story of how the car had been stolen from him, how he had found it just after the thief had removed the license numbers and was taking it home. He also had papers presumably signed by garages in southern Oregon, to bear out his story. He said he had these papers prepared because he knew the car would be likely to arouse suspicion without the license numbers, and said that he had had to produce them several times on his way here in order to prove his ownership. He was as cool as a cucumber, nonchalantly said he had nothing to worry about and was willing to give the deputy sheriff ample opportunity to make any investigation he desired.

Deputy Sheriff Pitcher remained suspicious but could get no evidence upon which to hold the car or driver and had to let him proceed on his way.

TELLS HOW WOMEN MAY HELP TO WIN THE WAR

Grange Women Say City Women Do Not Reciprocate.

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, field agent for the food administration, made a very touching appeal to the women of America in the address delivered by her at the open session of the grange Saturday afternoon.

She showed in clear concise language how it is possible for every woman to contribute toward the success of the war, regardless of her station or position in life. She explained how the women's committee of the Council of National Defense has taken up the work allotted to it as its part in the defense of the country and endeavored to impress upon her hearers the necessity existing for each and every woman to give not only of her spare time but to even make sacrifices in order that the work given them by the Council of National Defense may be accomplished. She urged that all become effective members of the Red Cross, where use can be made of the ability of every individual and explained how these abilities become effective when brought together in a well organized body.

Mrs. Kemp was very much disappointed that none of the women of the city were present and the women of the grange expressed the opinion that if they are to respond to appeals to assist in work undertaken by women of the city the latter should show a spirit of cooperation when asked to help with the work of the grange.

BANKER HERE IN BEHALF OF PIG, CALF, SHEEP CLUBS

R. A. Blanchard, agriculturist for the Live Stock State bank, of North Portland, was in the city Monday. He complimented the city upon its apparent enterprise and remarked upon the progress and development of the agricultural interests. Mr. Blanchard is traveling over the state visiting the banks in the interests of agriculture. He says that at last the banks are taking as much interest in the farmer as from him, that they are beginning to realize their opportunity in helping to develop the agricultural resources of the country, and that with the present national need for more food this type of endeavor among the banks is almost a patriotic necessity. Mr. Blanchard has been able to interest many of the banks of the northwest in pig clubs, calf and sheep clubs and corn contests.

HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW SERVICE FLAG WILL HAVE 35 STARS

Cottage Grove high school is to have a service flag. The alumni girls of the school have furnished the material and the work of making the flag will be done by the girls of the domestic art department. The school already has the names of some 35 boys and desires those who know of former members of the school now in the service to notify the members of the domestic art department.

Mining Work Ceases.

Many of those operating properties in the Bohemia district are taking advantage of the law recently passed by congress whereby assessment work need not be done during the years of 1917 and 1918.



JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW!

If you have not yet done your duty, see the committee in booth at First National Bank