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DOWN BY THE SEA.

Beyond all Expectations

The play "Down by the Sea" by the home company of the W. O. W., last Thursday night, was without doubt the most decided success of any production that was ever brought before a Forest Grove audience, either by local talent or by a traveling troupe. The house was crowded and the interest and appreciation shown by the audience was more than that accorded to any other production ever in the city. A stranger would not have known that those acting were novices at the business, so well did each do his or her part, and so well was each person chosen for the particular part taken. The casts were as follows:

Kate Raymond, Jessie Buxton
(A City Belle)
Kitty Gale, Anna Pomeroy
(John Gale's daughter)
Mrs. Gale, Mrs. E. D. Harris
(John Gale's wife)
John Gale, W. R. Hicks
(A Fisherman)
September Gale, Harry Giltner
(Protege of John Gale)
March Gale, Harvey Baldwin
(Protege of John Gale)
Abner Raymond, Ed. Wirtz
(A City Merchant)
Capt. Dandelion, Robert Wirtz
(A City Dude)
Jean Grapeau, Wm. Clapshaw
(An Old French Peddler)

The story which is very fascinating opens at the home of John Gale, a fisherman who lives down by the sea. Two successive shipwrecks, one in March and one in September, left the Gale family two boys who are now young men, each named after the month of the ship wreck each experienced. The city belle, Kate Raymond, and her father were boarders at the Gale home and Mrs. Gale relates to Kate the wierd story of how the sea gave them two boys, and she in turn remarks that her father would be interested as he had lost a son about the same year, in a similar manner. Later Kate is walking on the rocks and accidentally falls into the sea and is rescued by September Gale, who falls in love with her. Her father having heard the story and knowing that the wrecked ship was of the same name as that on which his wife sailed for home, forbids his daughter to receive the attention of September upon the theory that

he may be her half brother. September disbelieves that he is a son of Mr. Raymond and persists in his attentions. Finally the father, to thwart the match, insists that Kate shall marry Capt. Dandelion, a city dude, who has followed them to the sea-side. At this critical juncture a French peddler appears upon the scene and he hears the story and asking questions discovers that he was on the same ship wreck that occurred in March and that upon the same ship was a Madam Raymond with her infant boy, who had failed to catch an earlier ship the previous September. The peddler also states that a small anchor had been tattooed upon the boy's arm, during the voyage. September has no such mark, while March has the anchor where the peddler had stated it was placed on the Raymond boy. March is thus a brother to Kate and September wins the consent of the merchant to marry her. March makes it a condition of his acknowledging his father, that Mr. Raymond consent to his marriage with Gale. Other intensely interesting features are present throughout the play.

The city belle was very charmingly acted by Jessie Buxton and the scene where she was carried in dripping with sea water was vociferously applauded. The saucy manner in which Miss Pomeroy, as Kitty Gale, made things come her way was very amusing. Mrs. Harris seemed especially adapted to the role of Mrs. Gale, and was the recipient of much favorable comment. Mr. Hicks acted the role of Father Gale in a most excellent way. Edward Wirtz was a typical merchant and carried his dignity well. The City Dude, acted out by Robert Wirtz caused much mirth by his fine impersonation. March and September Gale, acted by Harvey Baldwin and Harry Giltner, were especially good. Wm. Clapshaw, as the French peddler, was also to be commended.

The rare way in which each played his or her part causes one to regret that it will not appear elsewhere in the county. After the play the orchestra gave a dance which was well attended.

Obituary

Mrs. John A. Striplin, after many long weeks of patient suffering, was called to her reward last Sunday morning

at daybreak. Organic heart trouble with other complications arising later, was the cause of her demise. She was born in Cass County, Georgia, October 31, 1853, her maiden name being Martha Louise Ivy. While quite a young child her parents moved to Pickens County in the same state where she lived until she was married to John Striplin on December 10, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin at once located in Cherokee County, Kansas, where they lived until they came to Forest Grove in the fall of 1890. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church while yet a young girl and has been an earnest and faithful Christian since her conversion. Her true christian spirit and loving motherly character was shown many times during her late illness by the many expressions of readiness to meet her Savior and her anxious regard for the welfare of her family and husband who for eight weeks have not left her bedside.

Her spirit departed as peacefully as the sleep of a little child.

She leaves an unusually large circle of friends to mourn her departure as she was so earnest a worker in her church and so kind and true a neighbor and friend.

Her husband, John A. Striplin, one of our staunch and highly respected citizens and the two daughters, have the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community in these sad hours of their bereavement. The daughters are Mrs. Dora Adams, Forest Grove; and Mrs. Lottie Smith, of Springfield, Lane Co., Oregon. Deceased also leaves four brothers and three sisters all living in the far East and South. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning and she was laid to rest in the Naylor Cemetery.

A Correction

In the issue of the Washington County News dated March 17, an obituary of Mrs. Mary McDaniels was published which contained two errors. It stated that Mr. McDaniels had resided in Columbia county, whereas he had been a resident of Washington county. The second error attributed to a local doctor the mistake of giving an over dose of morphine. The obituary was handed to the News as published but

we have since received a communication that clears up the situation and completely exonerates the doctor from any blame. It seems that the lady was dying at the time of the doctor's arrival and the former statement was a mistake. It is an injury to the doctor which the correction cannot entirely atone for. He is a christian gentleman and a fine physician and surgeon and such a statement was a gross injustice.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Wells celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are well and favorably known and their many friends wish them many more years of peace and happiness. They have lived in Forest Grove for over 30 years, coming from Ohio in an early day. They have one son and two daughters, Aaron Wells of Portland, Mrs. Sadie Williams and Mrs. Emma Teegarden of Forest Grove.

Cracksman a Novice

An attempt was made to blow open the safe at the Climax Mills at Hillsboro Saturday night. The attempt was unsuccessful although they injured the safe. The burglars were novices at the trade as the nitro-glycerine used was not what a good chemist would have made up. No money was in the safe as the proprietors are careful business men who always bank their cash each afternoon. No clue has yet been discovered which would lead to the detection of the criminals.

Obituary

Elbert Lafayette Wilson was born in Silver Creek, Ida county, Iowa, September 23d 1881, and came to Oregon December 11th 1888. He first moved to Cornelius, where he lived a little over a year then moved to Hillsboro, later coming to Forest Grove, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was drowned in the Yamhill river, February 12th, 1904. His body was found March 22d, 1904 by a professional diver, Hugh Brady from Portland. He had many friends in Forest Grove being a young man who had a pleasant word for every body. He leaves to mourn his loss, an aged father and mother, three sisters and two brothers.