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"Trial of February" Was Big Success

So well was the grade school play, "The Trial of February," received at the Star Theater last Thursday evening that many stood during the entire performance rather than miss any of it and the repeat performance, given Friday night, was quite well patronized, in spite of other attractions in the city. Too often home-talent plays, especially where young children are used, are tiresome and uninteresting, but "The Trial of February" was so snappy and pretty that most of those in the audience were sincerely sorry when the curtain went down on the last scene.

The opening number consisted of a well executed piano solo by Orpha Parker. Following this was a violin duet by Arlington Marsh and Waneta Wendt which found much favor with the hearers. Then appeared Master Francis Jones, in continental costume, who announced the remaining numbers of the program. First of these was "A Garden of Flowers" in which girls from the intermediate and grammar grades appeared dressed to represent sweetpeas, buttercups, morning glories, etc. With colored lights playing upon them to enhance the scene, these flowers awakened from their winter sleep and sang their morning songs. Then came a beautiful little drill, entitled the "Mountain March" by children from Miss Krafscie's and Miss Enschede's rooms.

The play "The Trial of February" was then announced. The Court of Time, presided over by Frank Schroeder, in the garb of Father Time, was convened to determine if the month of February, represented by Orval Howard, was entitled to a place in the calendar. The prosecution was conducted by Joseph McCready, as Attorney Earth, while the prisoner was defended by Roscoe Coonse, as Attorney Year. Witnesses were then called in the interest of both the prosecution and the defense. The prosecution tried to show that because February is shorter than the other months that it should be eliminated. The testimony in defense went to show that of all the months of the year, we are most indebted to February as the month that gave the world Lincoln, St. Valentine's Day, Washington and Leap Year. The trial carried much patriotic color and was interspersed with many pretty drills and exercises. Humorous situations arose with enough frequency to keep the audience in good humor. Space will not permit particular mention of every part of the play, but the work of Glen Thornburgh and Frederick Olmsted as the loving Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed, and that of Master Hague Cate, as Cupid, deserve special mention because of their unique appearance. All parts were well carried. The characters and groups appearing in the play were as follows:

Father Time, Frank Schroeder; February, Orval Howard; Attorney Earth, Joseph McCready; Attorney Year, Roscoe Coonse; Clerk of the Court, Donald Templeton; Sheriff, Carl Johnson; Mr. North, Ralph Lyons; Mr. South, Francis Thomas; Moses Black, Lister Barber; Columbia, Marian Bockman; Cupid, Hague Cate; Mr. Henry Peck, Harold Howard; Mr. Newlywed, Glen Thornburgh; Mrs. Newlywed, Frederick Olmsted; Uncle Sam, Paul Baldwin; I. B. Shiftless, Kenneth Benfer; Twelfth of February, John Henry Buchanan; Twenty-second of February, Marvin Emerson; Fourteenth of February, Graeme Strickland; Con. T. Nental, Francis Jones; Pickaninnies from Miss Rodolph's

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SOCIAL NOTES

Shower for Grace Newton

Saturday evening Mrs. H. T. Buxton entertained a number of ladies at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Grace Newton, who is soon to become a bride, and the evening was pleasantly spent at parlor games, music and refreshments. The guest of honor received many pretty and useful articles from her admiring friends, who were Mesdames R. C. Hill, Zoe Hartrampf, Robert Bellinger, H. T. Giltner, Nora McNamer, Anna Dixon, Hazel Carmack, Lulu Ingersoll, Ivy Moore and Misses Leta Newton, Iva Conger, Belle Darling, Mary Woell and Aggie Peterson of McMinnville.

Mrs. Reba Secour Saturday afternoon entertained a number of little folks in honor of the fifth birthday anniversary of her son, Edwin Hoffman Secour. The dining room decorations were in red, white and blue, with streamers in these colors hanging over the table, in the center of which stood a large Kewpie, with smaller Kewpies suspended over the festal board. The place cards were in the shape of hatchets. The lunch consisted of cinnamon rolls, cocoa, ice cream and cake. The guests were Misses Harriett Helen Hughes, Margaret Hines, Margaret Faxon, Alice Johnson, Alice Inlow, Margaret and Mary Ellen Mertz and Betty Clark and Masters Bruce Brookbank, Edward Johnson, Donald and Stanley Caples and Edwin Hoffman Secour. Irene Robinson, Evelyn Patton and Aileen Hoffman assisted in entertaining the little guests. Mrs. E. Faxon of Portland brought her little daughter, Margaret, to the party.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rasmusen gave a dinner Tuesday evening, in honor of the birthday anniversary of their son, George. After the dinner the evening was enjoyed in playing "500." A beautiful large panel containing three fine views—one of Marsh Hall, one of the gymnasium and one of the Pacific University campus, with Marsh Hall in the background—was a birthday gift from a friend. Guests were Orlando Romig, Francis Wade and Ben Willard.

The members of the Philothea class of the Congregational church held their class party at the home of Miss Kate Scott yesterday afternoon and a jolly social time resulted. The afternoon was spent in doing fancy work and talking over matters of interest to the class. Those present regretted the absence of Miss Camilla Abernathy, who is in a Portland hospital. A most delicious dinner was served at 7 o'clock. Those present were Mrs. Livingstone, Mrs. A. G. Bryant, Mrs. Luella Walker and Misses Anna Taylor, Christine Mackrodt, Jennie Armstrong, Stalley and Kate Scott, and Mrs. Scott and son.

Miss Christine Mackrodt last Thursday evening gave at her home a miscellaneous shower for Miss Anna Staehr, who this evening becomes the bride of E. C. Montgomery, the marriage taking place at Hoquiam, Wash., where the groom is employed as a mill foreman. The evening was spent by the members of the party at games, followed by dainty refreshments. The guest of honor received a number of very pretty

The dedication of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Forest Grove, Oregon, (southeast corner of Pacific avenue and A street) will be held on Sunday, March fourth, nineteen hundred seventeen. Services at eleven o'clock a. m. and eight o'clock p. m.

All are welcome to these services. The regular Lesson-Sermon, together with a brief historical sketch of the church organization, will be read. The evening program will be a repetition of that of the morning.

presents appropriate to the occasion. The guests were Misses Kate Scott, Jessie Reynolds, Theresa Beahen, Florence Webbley, Mary Corl and Anna Staehr and Mesdames J. Mackrodt, James West and Edith Wirtz.

A Colonial Party

Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Burlingham, the members of the P. E. O. celebrated their annual guest day by spending the afternoon at a Colonial party, in costume, dancing the minuet; singing patriotic songs, each singer rendering a phrase. In the dances, each lady selected her partner by means of the names of historic couples. The afternoon came to a close with delightful refreshments. The decorations were red carnations, flags and other patriotic colors. There were three dozen ladies in the party and a jollier crowd would be hard to find.

Mrs. C. A. Littler Monday evening gave a dinner party to a few friends in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. Mary Saltmarsh. One of the guests was a son of the guest of honor and brother of the hostess, H. R. Saltmarsh of Portland.

Mrs. John Buchanan entertained the Bide-a-wee club at her home on Fifth street Friday night. After a sumptuous dinner, the guests played cards the rest of the evening.

To Talk to Farmers

Under the auspices of the Forest Grove Commercial club, R. W. Gill of Multnomah county, E. H. Fry, a famous swine-breeder, and E. H. Davis, berry-grower, will address a crowd of farmers, stock-breeders and berry growers at K. of P. hall this city, next Saturday, March 3d.

The program will occupy both morning and afternoon and at noon the Commercial club will serve a substantial lunch to all invited guests.

These men will talk on subjects of interest to all farmers and fruit growers and will talk from experience.

Boy Scout Notes

Prof. Thomas, former scout Master, visited the local troop on Saturday night. Eight new boys made application for membership. The local troop has registered with the Portland headquarters. Judge Hollis, Prof. Inlow and John Anderson are acting as troupe committee to regulate troop affairs. A band is being organized.

The Boy Scouts work and earn their way. Let them clean that yard or put in that wood. Call 0343

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Gilbert Potwin of Portland visited at the family home in this city Sunday.

J. W. Hughes, the champion auctioneer of the Pacific coast, departed today for Weiser, Idaho, to cry a big sale.

F. M. Starrett, who is suffering severely from a carbuncle on his neck, was taken to the Forest Grove hospital this morning.

Practical nurse, 12 years experience, wants case for March; maternity preferred. Phone 376 or address Lock Box 335, Forest Grove, Ore. 1t*

The county camp of the Modern Woodmen will meet in Banks April 4th and the local camp has elected M. H. Martin, W. P. Potwin, Clyde Perry and H. G. King as delegates.

It Was Guest Day

Monday was "guest day" with the Woman's club and almost every member availed herself of the privilege of bringing a guest to enjoy the excellent program prepared.

Probably the most enjoyable feature of the program was the play, "The Honeymoon," put on by six P. U. students, under the direction of Miss Bagstad. The players were Herman Turner, as the duke; Francis Wade, as the count; Orlando Romig, as Rolando; Harry Romig, as Lopez; Dorothy Hall, as Juliana, and Mildred Scobee as Volante. The play was well put on and made a hit.

Mrs. Hutchinson sang a group of songs and was compelled to respond to several encores. Her numbers were greatly appreciated.

Miss Miltimore read a paper on "Modern Poets" that appealed, especially, to the lovers of modern poetry.

The Congregational church parlors were beautifully decorated in potted plants.

Tea and wafers were served at a la Cafeteria by a committee composed of Mesdames Littler, White, Schultz, Gordon and Benfer.

Freshmen Score a Hit

The annual Freshman play, "The Village Lawyer," put on at Marsh Hall last Thursday evening by Mamie Loomis, Edith Craft, Beth Potwin, Bertha Flannigan, Harriett Benjamin, Herbert Deuell, Frank Burlingham, Kenneth, Arthur and Noah Jones, proved one of the histrionic treats so often put on by the College boys and girls. While other attractions kept the crowd from being as large as it should have been, those who attended were enthusiastic in their applause. The players were coached by Miss Anna Bagstad.

The city was in darkness from 9 to 10 o'clock Monday night, on account of a fire at the power plant. The fire started from the saw-dust conveyor, ran up to the roof and broke through and but for the fact that the engineers had hose with which to check the blaze until the department arrived, the darkness might have lasted some days. The department had to hitch up and work by lantern light, making a slow job of it. The damage was yesterday adjudged to be \$84 and will be settled at that price.

Walter Morris, aged 55 years, an engineer on the O. W. R. & N., and a brother to Mrs. J. G. Lenneville of this city, was badly scalded about the face, hands and wrists Sunday, when his engine was derailed near Kalama, Wash. by reason of striking a six-ton rock that had rolled onto the track. While the engine and several cars were derailed, no one was killed and the scalds of the engineer are not considered fatal.

The Artisan Concert Was a Rare Treat

The concert given in K. of P. hall Friday evening, under the auspices of the Artisan Assemblies of Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Dilley and Gaston, proved one of the musical treats of the season and the large crowd in attendance appreciated every number, as was evidenced by the applause.

The big show opened with several selections by Walker's orchestra and these were, of course, enjoyable.

The big feature of the concert was the Artisan Juvenile band of Portland, composed of nineteen boys, from eight to sixteen years of age, directed by Percy A. Campbell, one of the most efficient directors on the coast. There are many juvenile bands in the country, but few of them essay such difficult compositions as were handled with credit by

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Masonic Bodies

Are Quite Active

Last Saturday evening there was a special train from Portland, carrying only Masons and members of the sister organization (the Eastern Stars) to this city. Aboard the train were Masons numbering ninety-seven, including Worshipful Master Mason Hurlburt and the degree staff of Washington lodge, who came to confer the third degree upon W. K. Newell of Gaston who becomes affiliated with Holbrook lodge of this city, and a dozen of the Eastern Stars of Portland.

While the Masons were doing their work at the hall of Holbrook lodge the officers of Forest Chapter, Eastern Star, were entertaining Mrs. P. L. Lerch, worthy matron of Martha Washington Chapter of Portland and ten of her officers at the home of Mrs. E. E. Williams, Worthy Matron of the local chapter. The entertainment at the Williams home consisted of music, cards, fortunetelling by cards and palmistry and last, but not least, a fine lunch, served by the "Star points"

Mrs. Williams' guests numbered thirty six in all, eleven from Portland and the remainder members of Forest chapter, including eight worthy matrons of the last-named chapter.

This is the first time in history that a Portland Worthy Matron and her officers ever made an official visit to the local chapter and the members of Forest chapter, naturally, appreciate the honor.

Thirty-five Masonic lodges were represented among the visitors, twelve of them outside of Oregon. After the business session and initiation, Stewards O. S. Higby and J. G. Lenneville, assisted by other members, served lunch to 250 Masons, five tables being required to serve all and some of the local members did not get out of the hall until nearly 2 o'clock next morning.

Members of Holbrook lodge are very enthusiastic about the manner in which the visitors conferred the degree.

Tuesday evening at the same hall there was another big celebration, the occasion being a flag dedication by the Masons and Stars, the members of Holbrook lodge being the guests of Forest Chapter No. 42, O. E. S.

At the appointed time, Mrs. A. E. Scott, conductress, and Mrs. Elizabeth Todd, associate conductress, of Forest chapter, and C. O. Roe, marshal of Holbrook lodge, entered the room with a handsome flag, which was presented to the two orders through Worthy Matron Mrs. Williams and Worshipful Master L. M. Graham. Mr. Graham made an extended speech of acceptance, acknowledging the worth and appropriateness of the gift and pledging, for the lodge, that the emblem of freedom should ever remain unstained while in his official keeping. The salute to the flag, led by Mrs. Jessie Bump, past matron, and followed by all the members, was then made, after which the members of the two lodges spent several hours in a social way, with plenty of music to enliven the occasion.

Received Sad News

Mrs. Catherine Wallace of the Cottage Hotel Tuesday received word that her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Gage, aged 36 years, had passed away at her home at Marseilles, Ill. Deceased is survived by a husband, three children, two sisters and one brother.

Three years ago this morning "Dad" Ott and his old speckled horse began hauling mail between the postoffice and depot and they have never missed a train in that time.