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## H. S. SENIORS PRESENT NOVEL IDEA IN PLAYS

### STUDENTS SHOW ABILITY IN PRODUCTIONS GIVEN LAST NIGHT

### TRAGEDY EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

### Much Credit Belongs to Director—Casts Well Chosen to Fill Parts Assigned Them

Introducing an entirely novel idea into local amateur dramatics, the graduating class of the high school last night presented a series of three short plays, instead of the usual single production, and tonight will repeat the performance.

The popularity of the idea was not entirely manifest before the performance, as "it had never been done" here before, but the packed house which is always the due of local graduates, went home satisfied that they had learned something new, that the idea is worthy, and further, that high school students have histrionic ability within them that waits only the touch and direction of a mind with sufficient vision to foresee that ability and draw it out. That mind belongs to the director and producer of the plays, Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell, and to her goes the credit of producing the first amateur play in Grants Pass with a genuinely professional atmosphere, a truly good production where the praise is merited and not intended merely to please the students and parents.

The play referred to in the above was the second of the series, "Riders to the Sea," by J. M. Synge, a one-act tragedy of life among lowly Irish fisher-folk, the story of which was founded on actual facts. Miss Muriel Meyers, playing the lead, Maurya, an old woman, gave an interpretation which was easily the best, not only in that play, but of the entire evening. Portraying an aged peasant woman who had lost six sons and her husband to the cruel sea, her interpretation of profound grief and uncanny second-sight in foreseeing the death by the same fate of her last manly son would have won the unstinted applause of a critical audience watching a big-circuit performance. Miss Meyers' success depended of course, upon the creation of the proper atmosphere of grief and tragedy by the rest of the cast, and with Misses Marjorie Niles and Carmelita Pool as the daughters, and Sherman Smith as the son, the support was all that could be asked. Miss Niles' brogue and clever interpretation of wondering grief, Miss Pool's show of suppressed and uncomprehending sorrow, and Sherman Smith's quiet and natural acceptance of a dangerous life by one who daily faced death and gave it no heed, cast over the bare, gloomy interior of depressing spirit before the lead ever came on. In the conclusion of the play, depicting the depths of tearless sorrow when the body of the last son is brought back from the waves that took the life, Misses Mary Pollock, Annie Dungey, LaVon Allen, Grace Taylor and Minnie Alberts, and Messrs. Wilbur Bears, Whitney Allyn and Paul Wright, played up to the standard set by the leads and maintained to the drop of their curtain an appreciation of the inexorable cruelties of life that would have left a more appreciative house on the verge of tears, instead of a rude tittering of giggles, as unfortunately was the case, due largely to the presence of uncomprehending child minds.

"The Playgoers," play number three, while not displaying the amount of ginger and lively action demanded by a mere pleasure-seeking audience, was a rather unusual, as well as improbable domestic episode, which nevertheless afforded possibilities of character interpretation which were well developed by the cast. Miss Martha Wilkinson, played the lead with Cedric Fields, and each did well in an exacting

## HEAVY VOTE BEING CAST AT ELECTION

Voting is reported to be fairly heavy in the city and nearby county precincts. The ones further out in the county have not reported how the voters are turning out. It is thought that the vote will be much heavier than in the election two years ago. A few of the polls were slow in opening this morning and a few votes were lost. Everything from local to national officers are being voted upon and numerous measures which were referred to the people. Interest is centering in the presidential election with Hoover, Lowden and Wood men centering their attack on Johnson and throwing as much support to Wood as possible, as he is regarded as the strongest. The local candidates are awaiting the result as calmly as can be expected, in view of the opposition which has developed for most of the offices. Don't neglect voting if you have not yet done your duty. Your vote may be the one that counts.

## STORES DEMAND FALL IN PRICES

### Refusal to Buy Is Made—Prices in Chicago Market Show Big Day's Decrease

New York, May 21.—The price cutting movement here today reached some wholesalers when the managers of prominent department stores announced they would refuse to purchase from jobbers until substantial reductions are made.

Chicago, May 21.—Prices tumbled better skelter today on the board of trade. All grain provisions joined in the drop. Corn and pork underwent extreme breaks, corn dropping 7 1/2 cents a bushel; pork \$2.05 a barrel. July delivery of corn touched \$1.64 1/2, and July pork \$34.75.

### FRENCH LABOR DECIDES TO CALL OFF ALL THEIR STRIKES

Paris, May 21.—The general federation of labor decided today to call off the strikes ordered in support of the railway men's walkout.

role, Miss Wilkinson acting throughout with a natural and easy vivacity. Of the character parts, Miss Evelyn Bradford did especially well as an "aristocratic" parlor maid, Katherine Baker as the colored laundress, and Donald Miller as "odd-man" of all work. The other characters did very well, with little choice between them, as each had an entirely different character to depict, Miss Anna Bramwell, as a cook, Miss Margaret Counts, the kitchen maid, Miss Vera Turner, the house maid, Miss Thelma Robinson, the useful maid and Miss Ruth Gorham and Charilla Tetherow as Peruna and Peroxide, the colored twins.

Play number one, "Dr. Love," although ostensibly a three-act comedy, is a bit of deep satire on human nature, by Moliere, and though the satire was largely lost upon the house, not by its own fault, however, the subtle humor of the situation was appreciated. Miss Lynetta Quinlan, as Lucinde, and Robert Bestul as the father played to their best ability in roles exacting more in the way of sudden and subtle changes of emotion than is observable at a casual glance. Vernetta Quinlan as the maid, and Wilbur Bears as Lucinde's lover, furnished the action which brought the act to an interesting, humorous and surprisingly abrupt end. The rest of the cast gave an able support to the leads and played up to the standard set them. Misses Leona Duncan, Grace Taylor, Annie Dungey and Mary Pollock were neighbors, Carlotta Wiseman and Martha Reed, doctors, Anna Bramwell and Thelma Robinson, musicians, and La Von Allen, a notary. Other male characters were Whitney Allyn and Paul Wright, as doctors.

The high school orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Gunnell furnished excellent music, and deserves special praise for its contribution to the success of the senior class. The entire performance is to be repeated tonight.

## HOUSE PASSES SENATE'S BILL TO GET PEACE

### LARGE MAJORITY GIVEN TO MEASURE BY THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS

### PRESIDENTIAL VETO FEARED

### Not Enough Votes in House to Override Averse Action Which Is Expected

Washington, May 21.—The republican peace resolution was adopted finally by the house today. It now goes to the president for his signature. The house majority accepted the senate substitute for the original house resolution, the democrats vainly opposing it. The vote was 228 to 139 and was taken to indicate that a veto by the president could not be overridden. Twenty democrats joined the republicans in adopting the resolution.

### CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE AT DALLAS, OREGON

Salem, May 21.—Damage estimated at \$2,000 was sustained when a fire, which began by an overheated stove in the basement, completely gutted the First Christian church of Dallas, this morning. Four volunteer firemen were injured by falling glass. The basement of the church was being used as a polling place.

### LIBERTY BONDS RECOVER FROM LOW PRICE LEVEL

New York, May 21.—Heavy buying of Liberty bonds in the first hour of today's trading resulted in many substantial recoveries for those issues from the recent low records.

### Will Sell Tickets—

The ladies who have charge of the ticket sale for the Chautauqua next week, will put a booth up tomorrow across from the First National bank building and will conduct a sale from there. A general canvass of the people of the city will be started Monday and everyone will be given a chance to purchase a season ticket.

### S. P. Superintendent Here—

A. T. Mercier, superintendent of Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, is in the city for the day. His special car has been on the sidetracks all day. He is here conferring with E. J. Corrallo, superintendent of the construction here for the Shattuck company, who have the contract for the irrigation project here. The district will not be allowed to encroach upon the railroad right of way said Mr. Mercier, as it might set a precedent that could not be overlooked.

## VILLA'S TERMS NOT ACCEPTED BY REBEL HEAD

### Calles and Representatives of Bandit Confer But Unable to Agree

### BANDITRY MAY STILL CONTINUE

### Revolutionary General Does Not Accord and Arms May Again Be Taken By Chieftain

Chihuahua City, May 21.—General Calles, minister of war for the new revolutionary government is now on his way to Mexico City after a conference yesterday with envoys of Francisco Villa. The conference, it was understood, did not result in the acceptance of the conditions as laid down by Villa whereby he would retire to private life.

Washington, May 21.—Efforts to bring Villa completely into line with the Mexican revolutionary movement are continuing despite the failure of General Calles and Villa's representative to reach an agreement yesterday, according to representatives of the defactor government here.

Washington, May 21.—George Miller, a British subject being held by Villa for a \$50,000 ransom according to official advices to the state department today from Chihuahua.

### PERSIA APPEALS TO LEAGUE TO HELP AGAINST SLAVS

London, May 21.—Persia has appealed to the league of nations to protect her against bolshevik aggression. The appeal, which follows the landing of bolshevik forces on Persian soil from the Caspian sea, was made through the Persian foreign minister, who is in Paris.

### LOAN OF MILLIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE RAILROADS

Washington, May 21.—The loan of at least \$125,000,000 out of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund to enable the railroads to purchase much needed equipment was approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

### GROCER SLAIN BY WIFE WHEN JEALOUSY AROUSED

Portland, May 21.—August Bjorkland, a grocer, in the downtown district was shot by his wife this morning, who then shot herself. Both will die the physicians say. Police say jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

## OLCOTT MISTAKEN FOR PULLMAN CAR CONDUCTOR

"Say, can I get a lower berth on this car?—you are the Pullman conductor, are you not?" The representative of a Portland bonding house who had boarded the train in Grants Pass rushed up to a man who stood in the aisle of a standard sleeper on train No. 16 Thursday evening just as the train was leaving Glendale. The man in the aisle was in his shirt sleeves preparing for bed, and he held in his hand a sheaf of telegrams, one of which he was reading to a couple of gentlemen in one of the seats. He looked up hastily when addressed as the conductor of the Pullman, then answered that he had only one berth on that identical car and that he was getting ready to occupy that himself. The bonding house representative concluded he had made a mistake and passed on. The man in shirt sleeves tucked the telegrams into his trousers and pocket and crawled into bed. The telegrams were addressed to "Ben W. Olcott, governor of Oregon."

## INVESTIGATION IS TO BEGIN MONDAY

### Pre-convention Expenditures of All Candidates to Be Looked Into Next Week

Washington, May 21.—The investigation of pre-convention campaign expenditures and pledges of both republican and democratic presidential candidates which was ordered by the senate, will begin on Monday. The senate privileges and elections committee ordered the appointment of a subcommittee to do the work quickly and hold open hearings. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, was named chairman of the senate subcommittee to investigate the expenditures.

### Phonograph Is Found—

In yesterday's paper an article appeared about thieves breaking into the house of William Lister at the corner of Ninth and I streets. The phonograph that was taken was found near the house by a number of boys and was brought to the Courier office. It had been dumped in the grass and was in bad condition. The work was evidently done by small children, who are said to have been responsible for the broken windows.

### Had Good Meeting—

The meeting yesterday at the courthouse of the Oregon Growers association was well attended by the local members of the organization, although not nearly all of the members were present. Robert C. Paulsen, sales manager, outlined the sales policy of the association in detail and told how the fruit was marketed in the east. Prof. C. I. Lewis, organization manager, told of the progress in Oregon. There are now 260 members in the state and 26,000 acres signed up in Western Oregon. The eastern part of the state has not yet been organized. In the Medford district there are 5900 acres signed up and two-thirds of the acreage in Josephine is signed.

### John Rains Dead—

John Rains died at the residence of John Murray near Wilder-ille, at 6 a. m. Monday, May 18, cause of death being old age. He was 86 years and 28 days old. Mr. Rains was born in Illinois, April 20, 1834, coming with his family to Josephine county over 40 years ago. His wife Elizabeth Rains, passed away about 26 years ago. He leaves to mourn his death, one son and two daughters, Jack Rains of Sio, Ore.; Mrs. Fannie Eastman of Los Angeles, Cal. and Mrs. Nannie Griffin of Grants Pass. Funeral services will be held at Hall's chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. Interment to be at the Granite Hill cemetery.

### MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN MADRID BECAUSE OF RIOTS

Madrid, May 2.—Martial law has been proclaimed here as a result of the bread disturbances.

## STATE VOTING ON CHOICE FOR MANY OFFICES

### ELECTIONS TODAY FOR FILLING NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL POSITIONS

### MANY SEEK THE PRESIDENCY

### Lowden, Johnson and Wood Left in Republican Ranks as Seekers for the Office

Portland, May 21.—Oregon voters went to the polls today to record their preference for the president of the United States, to elect delegates to the republican and democratic national conventions, and to nominate candidates for United States senator and for state, county and municipal offices and the state legislature.

Seeking Oregon's endorsement for the republican nomination are United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Governor Frank O. Lowden, and Major General Leonard A. Wood. The name of United States Senator Miles Poindexter was withdrawn the first day of this month.

On the republican ballot as candidates for the vice presidential nomination are the names of United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, Elwood Washington of Indiana and William Grant Webster of New York.

Republicans and democrats will elect ten delegates to the national conventions of their respective parties. Four of these are delegates at large and two are to be elected in each of the three congressional districts.

Two republicans are seeking their party nomination for United States senator. Two democratic aspirants for the senatorship, including the incumbent, Senator George E. Chamberlain, also are to be voted upon.

Party candidates for three vacancies in the national house of representatives will be named at this primary. There is no contest, however, for the seat now held by Congressman Hawley, republican, in the first district, as he is unopposed in his own party and there is no democratic candidate.

In addition to these national offices, party candidates are to be chosen for secretary of state, four supreme court justices, a dairy and food commissioner, two members of the state public service commission, several circuit court vacancies and for state senators and representatives. Candidates for district attorney in all counties are to be nominated.

## CHAUTAUQUA WILL BE GOOD SAYS DIRECTOR

Director Youtz of the Chautauqua, arrived in the city Thursday. Mr. Youtz tells of the popularity of this year's program. All along the line the people are voting it the best program ever presented by the Ellison-White system. The lectures are real messages of earnest men, grown out of the life experiences of the men who deliver them, not just professionally built orations.

The musicians will give a real treat. Williams' male quartet, the New York artists' trio, the Philippine sextet are in a very real sense true artists. Tom Corwine, J. Walter Wilson, Evelyn Bargelt are unsurpassed in the entertainment line. The proof of the approval of the audiences and towns lies in the fact that every town visited this year has recontacted with enthusiasm for next year. This will be Grants Pass' big Chautauqua year to date. Get your tickets at the booth, across from the First National bank tomorrow.

## MAIL PLANE BETWEEN PARIS AND COBLENZ



Flying from the American headquarters in Paris to that at Coblenz, with mail will be the task of this American plane. An American crew is to guide it.