

A Feature Supreme

WILLIAM FOX

presents

Betty Nansen, the Royal Actress

and

Edward Jose

in

"A Woman's Resurrection"

Adapted from Tolstoy's Resurrection



BETTY NANSEN

Hundreds of people in the cast. Magnificent Stage Settings. See Russian Convicts on way to Siberia. Terrible outrages committed in Russian Prisons.

Grand Theater, Friday, December 24th 15c & 5c

Coming--Next Sunday--Marguerite Clark in "The Pretty Sister of Jose"



Recorder
Ruminations

Here's to the Bandon debaters! The list has been selected and the orators are going into training. Here's wishing them success.

Now that the Oregon avenue injunction has been made permanent instead of spending money to carry the case higher up, why not take the sum this would cost and apply it to incidentals in running the street down the old trail?

Christmas in the trenches. Somehow the phrase does not have a very attractive sound.

It would be a considerably more attractive thing to Bandonians if paying the tax would insure their being occupied in their occupation.

Parcels post and Christmas packages—but no, we won't say anything about it. Lets forget it.

About as fine a specimen of scenery as we have seen for a long time was the new rock work and the sand dunes on the other side of the river serving as a back ground yesterday morning to the Grace Dollar combing in on her own power. And judging from expressions dropped a great many people in Bandon are willing to agree.

In the general hustle for prepared-

ness for war, preparedness for prosperity appears to have been overlooked. Three of the big railroad companies have already placed an embargo on freight because of the impossibility of getting cars to carry it.

It really looks as if the good times prevalent elsewhere were about to dawn in Bandon. Now in the glow of approaching light would be a good time to resolve to give the tin horn a vacation, cork up the excess of hot air and braggadocio, prick the bubble of a few inflated speculative values and build Bandon as some of her latest buildings have been built—of honest material, on solid foundations.

What better time than this glad Christmas time to express our congratulations to the gentleman in the White house and extend our felicitations to the new first lady of the land.

Charity is a beautiful thing for the donor on Christmas day or any other day and not a few Bandon diners will taste better to the attendants around the board in the knowledge that deserving hungry were fed the day before.

But, somehow or other, the idea of Christmas is not associated with charity. It is the honoring of those whom we love and respect. It is pretty largely a home circle affair where the ties of fellowship are strongest. The very idea of the birth of Christ does not harmonize with charity. It is recognized as the sacrifice of a Father to his children. There is a generous overflow of the Christmas spirit that reaches out to the wretched and unfortunate but the fountain head of Christmas is in the home.

"Wormwood" by Marie Corelli as presented at the Grand last Friday night was a tragedy with a capital T. Six persons who were the main characters therein, shuffled off the distasteful coil of an irksome existence during a short interval of time and the story halted as if perforce it could go no longer, the cast of characters having been exhausted. All, save possibly one, died abnormal deaths. Two committed suicide, one was murdered and another died in a frenzied delirium being haunted by a leopard gnawing at a bone, that dogged his footsteps. The most curious part of it was that the spectator saw the summary and drastic disposition of the of the people of the story with resignation, if not to say with relief. It was as if any end that might be devised for the quicquid of the moving spirits of the plot other than the one employed would have lacked appropriateness. It made one positively blood thirsty to look upon them. The spectator could get some inkling of the attitude of audiences to the gladiatorial sport of ancient Rome and had the test been applied to Miss Corelli's master piece the reply would have been "thumbs down" every time.

An abominable fiend as presented by Miss Corelli is certainly about as repulsive as a human being can be.

A supposed panther has for some time had its lair near Cox's mill and last week Cash Coonse and Bess Wilcox succeeded in bagging the animal. It was not a panther but the people who caught glimpses of it in the woods were justified in thinking so. When the animal was displayed on First street last Wednesday night a large crowd gathered around it and a heated argument was held in regard to the species. Some claimed it was a very large bob cat while others called it a lynx. We only know that it was a good specimen, one or the other. The animal, from the head to foot was about five feet long. It had large feet, a large mouth and while it had short ears, the hair on the ears stuck up like small plumes.

Joe Coach has purchased \$2,000 stock in B. L. Tracy & Co, Brick and Tile plant at Arago which will operate on a larger scale.

The Recorder's Forum

Where our readers may talk on topics of mutual and general interest.

Mail Orders and Taxes Topic of Timely Talk

MR. EDITOR

I noticed in the Christmas number of the Western World in the editorial page an article entitled "Bandon's Loss" to which I will have to take some exceptions, and must state that I am a good deal like the stung preacher mentioned excepting that I ordinarily don't patronize the destructive mail order business; but I can't see where it makes much, if any, difference whether the people send their money to mail order houses or the merchant sends his money out to buy his merchandise from the wholesalers as far as keeping the money in the town is concerned.

If the people do not send their money out to buy their necessities, the merchant will and does. The money goes out just the same whether it is thru one channel or another, consequently I can not see where it makes any difference as far as draining the town or community of money.

I want to ask the editor of the

Western World if he is going to patronize home industry if he can save from 25 per cent to 50 per cent by purchasing elsewhere? He will evidently trade where he can get what he needs the cheapest, and believe that is what the majority of the people are doing that have the cash or wherewith to do it.

As to the merchants in Bandon (and it is applicable to many other places) I have this much to say that they charge the cash customer as much for cash as where credit is extended, and it would seem that in order to encourage cash being paid, they would make a distinction between the cash customer and the credit customer by allowing a discount for cash, they would stimulate the cash business and consequently encourage cash being paid as it would mean cheaper prices, but from observation would judge from prices asked, they expect a cash customer to help pay for those that do not pay their bills. It is evident that if a merchant encourages credit instead of cash, it is only a question of time that failures will ensue and the merchant that persists in such methods of doing business, has only himself to blame. If he believes that he is going to make the public pay his losses, he will evidently find that the public, (cash customers) will be like him and buy where the merchandise or necessities can be bought the cheapest. I do not blame them, do you?

If one establishes business methods that in time will mean failure, can any one else be blamed but the merchant himself?

I have heard so much about the merchants howling against the mail order houses and keep your money at home and patronize home industry. Are the merchants doing this? When a farmer comes to town with his produce, do the merchants patronize home industry? One would not think so by noticing the farm products that come in on the steamers from San Francisco. It would not be so bad if this was done out of season; but such is not the case. The home merchant ordinarily sets the price on what he will pay you providing he buys your farm produce, and also set the price he is going to charge you. The result is that he compels the customer to send where he can get merchandise the cheapest. Any proposition that will not work both ways is a poor one indeed.

The public is willing to stand for a business to make a reasonable profit but does not want to be held up under

the excuse of legitimate business.

Universal and indiscriminate credit will put any business on the rocks, and if a merchant does not think so, just persist long enough and he will soon find out.

If the merchants want to keep the trade at home and get the cash instead of the mail order houses getting it, the sooner they put their business on a cash basis and cheaper prices, the sooner they will realize this fact. Do not charge the customer that pays his bills for a sum large enough to cover losses as the merchant makes the losses thru poor judgment and not the customer, consequently it should not be charged up to him. The mail order houses get the cash and take no chance, and why should any other business firm. The U. S. government will credit no one and if it did, it is evident that it would soon go bankrupt.

I want to say something about the money stringency which my editor friend has evidently overlooked. The sending away of our money for actual necessities will continue whether we have good or bad times and conditions. The fault lies in the fact that we do not have enough produce of one kind or another shipped to bring back money. If there were more industries operating such as sawmills and others that would get back money for lumber or other produce shipped out, then we would get it not as much money coming back to offset the money that is continually being sent out. As we are buying more than we ship consequently we create a money stringency.

As for an ideal place for newcomers wish to state that if Oregon's taxes keep up at the rate they have the past few years, I am afraid we will have to catch them on the run as they will look where living conditions are cheaper. I read an article recently that Oregon is rated as the fourth highest state in taxation, and for every household of goods being hauled into the state, seven are leaving. THIS MEANS SOMETHING and it is about time to find out what is wrong and stop whitewashing. We might make ourselves believe that everything is all right but when you dig into an empty pocket and find it empty, it is no delusion but a fact.

As to the occupation tax, wish to state I am hit with my proportion the same as well as all the others, and in order to maintain and keep up the town's credit, probably should not kick, but as I am a resident of the town and considered in the same position as a stockholder in a corporation

have a right to offer my opinions.

As to the tax, I will gladly pay same with others but I would like to know where it is going to end. We voted, I believe, bonds to take up \$19,000 outstanding warrants on the general fund, and now the city is busy writing more warrants, and later on will evidently ask at some future date to vote bonds to take up these, and in time, unless something is done, the city will be so far in debt that it cannot pay and never will be able to pay and it might be well to see how Oregon City had to handle this matter.

Your city charter does not allow a tax over a certain millage and you think that you have a great protection but dear property owners and taxpayers you failed to put a limit on the amount of warrants that can be issued on the general fund. You forgot to plug up the big hole but you will probably know it soon when you have to help foot bills for expenditures and mismanagement providing, of course, you haven't seen it before this. You must not forget that every time a bond is given that your property and mine are mortgaged to pay it at some future time. Do we want any more mortgages put on it than what is absolutely necessary? I for one certainly do not want any more mortgages than I can help.

We want expenses curtailed but is this being done? When times and conditions get stringent, taxes invariably go up. Is not this ordinarily the case? What is the city doing towards cutting down expenses?

Ordinarily a business concern runs its business in accordance with conditions and I would think that a municipality would or at least should do likewise.

This is all that I will say at this time and later on expect to say some more for the reason at this time, believe my articles is about as long as the editor will stand, and hope that some of the good tax payers will only get their eyes open.

At the last caucus that I attended of the East Ward, there were only about 8 or 10 persons present which showed how much interest is taken in your city affairs which concern you as much as your own private affairs, and as you have to help pay the expenses, should at least, concern yourself in seeing what is being done, as any concern whether a corporation, firm or individual is no better than the interest shown.

Respectfully submitted
JOHN NIELSON

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