

THE HARP CAME BACK FOR CHURCH UNION

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Incident In the Career of an Old Time Opera Manager.

A SURPRISE FOR MAREZKEK.

It Came at a Time When Max Was Broke and the Sheriff Had Levied Upon All His Stage Properties—Mme. Marezkek's Thanks to the Carpenter.

In the old days in New York city, before there was a Metropolitan or a Manhattan Opera House and when the center of the theatrical world was around Fourteenth street, Max Marezkek and Strakosch were prominent at the old Academy of Music. There was a keen rivalry between them. Strakosch had Nilsson, and Marezkek was exploiting Di Murska.

By some error of dates both were booked for New York at the same time. Strakosch was at the Academy and Marezkek, having closed a poor season elsewhere, had halted in New York before going to Philadelphia and secured a week at the Lyceum theater on Fourteenth street. There were strong bills at both places. Each manager had his friends, and the bill-posters had a busy time of it. A round of bills for one company was no sooner posted than the rival billposter covered up the poster with the rival company's sheets.

At last, for the matinee on Saturday, bills at both houses were suddenly changed, every vacant fence place plastered over quickly, and with a pelting storm in the morning the managers began to put out "paper" to fill the houses. Alfred Joel was the business man for Marezkek and an adept at "papering" when necessary. With a house packed from parquet to gallery Joel had counted the boxes, found only \$100 in the house and announced it to Max when the curtain fell between the acts.

This was serious to Max. The ever ready money lender who had "put up for him" had a lien on the box office, a sheriff's officer was in waiting on the stage, and it was a question of reprieve before the properties and costumes could be liberated to follow the company to Philadelphia early next morning.

"Well, Alfred," quietly said Max, "I guess I'm used to trouble. But there is a good, big house anyway!" Then, turning to his wife, who was the harpist of the orchestra, he clasped both her hands, kissed her and remarked: "Let your fingers do their best. I want to hear you play. It does my heart good, you know, even when there's trouble."

There was hustling after the performance. Legal talent was at a premium, creditors were obdurate, everything that was supposed to be Marezkek's was temporarily in "lock," and Mme. Marezkek in tears, with longing looks at the harp she valued.

The scene of negotiations was transferred to the greenroom just as the officers making the levy were searching for more, and when their backs were turned the old stage carpenter hurried Mme. Marezkek away, then called her back again five minutes after and pointed to the orchestra.

The harp had disappeared. Clearing out everything on Sunday morning, while the boxes of properties were being taken away, Max and his wife stood in the center of the darkened stage. Both were crying. The instrument they valued most had been taken from them. Other things had been liberated, but no harp, and with a scene of grief that no others than themselves could have appreciated they were silent.

Then Old Man Guernsey stood between them and waved his hand above them into space. There were a creaking of pulley wheels, an injunction from the carpenter to "look out for your heads," and, lowered from above, came Mme. Marezkek's harp, landing on the stage between them.

"Now you've got it again, got it away quick!" said Guernsey. "Stop crying and be thankful. That's all."

He moved off without waiting for thanks, and a pathetic scene with Max and his wife closed the incident. To them the harp was as a part of themselves. To lose it was more than a misfortune, and in a broken voice the lady called the carpenter back to her.

"Please let the harp thank you," said she, "and listen. It will speak with my hands on this Sunday morning." She placed herself beside it, seated on a box, and, with a smile that chased away tears, gave for a moment or two, as only she could give it, the air of the doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."—New York Times.

Trouble Ahead.

A north country coroner is said to be waiting the suicide of a local poet who wrote about clasping "the two tremendous hands" of his ladylove, but which the printer made to read "the two tremendous hands."—London Mail.

A Queer Question.

Small Harold (at the zoo)—What is that funny looking bird, papa? Papa—That is a bald eagle, Harold. Small Harold—How long does an eagle have to be married before he gets bald, papa?—Chicago News.

Usually Has To.

"Say, paw, what is a genius?" "A genius is a man who can do his own washing, sewing and cooking, my boy."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Weak men never yield at the proper time.—Latin.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: that F. S. Le Grow, administrator of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of said estate with the clerk of the above entitled court, and that the county Judge, by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 21st day of February A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the County Court house at Pendleton in said County and State, as the place, where any and all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made. This notice will appear in the Athena Press from Friday the 21st day of January A. D. 1910, until Friday the 18th day of February A. D. 1910, once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1910. F. S. Le Grow, Administrator.

Peterson & Wilson, Att'ys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Robert J. Boddy, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Jackson Nelson has qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Robert J. Boddy, deceased; and that all persons having claims against his estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as reason by law, to said executor at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson at Athena or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this 7th day of January, A. D. 1910.

Jackson Nelson, Executor.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

Dora C. Hahnert, Plaintiff,

vs.

William F. Hahnert, defendant.

To William F. Hahnert, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons in the Athena Press, a newspaper published weekly at Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, viz: For an absolute decree of divorce from you; for plaintiff's name to be changed to Dora C. Adams, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. H. J. Bean, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 29th day of December A. D. 1909, and the first publication thereof is made on Friday the 31st day of December A. D. 1909, and the same will be published for six consecutive weeks, the last publication to appear on Friday the 11th day of February A. D. 1910.

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