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## "NIGHT O' LAUGHS" PLEASES AUDIENCE

Home Talent Directed by Harry Ennis Present Fine Performance.

## MUSICAL NUMBERS GO BIG

Program Abounds in Comedy of High Order and Another Capacity House Expected Tonight.

Sometimes a smile, Sometimes a frown, Sometimes a tear or two, Sometimes a soul is aching, Sometimes a heart is breaking, Sometimes it's joy, For a girl and boy, Then blue as the skies up above; Sometimes you're sad, Sometimes you're glad, When you play in the Game of Love.

So last night a bunch of Springfield's bravest and fairest played at the game of love in song and story at the initial presentation of Harry Ennis' production, "Night o' Lafts."

In real life we all have our share of heartaches and tears, and it does us good to go to a place where the lid is clamped down hard on such emotions as vex the souls of humanity and makes us forget for a few short hours as we relax in the realms of laughter and joy.

So we're glad that gloom-chaser Harry Ennis came to our town and separated us from everyday tribulations. We trust he will live long to

scatter large gobs of sunshine in the dark places wherever he may be.

From all appearances everybody that helped to crowd the diminutive Bell Theatre to its capacity, came away last night more than satisfied with all that they saw and heard. Those that did not go, still have a chance to secure the joy that's coming to them tonight.

It would be hard to say which of the many musical numbers that featured the performance was the best. They were all excellently rendered and choice would be a matter of personal taste.

The cabaret minstrels, as the first part, was replete with local gags and hits that "went" big. Doc Richmond, Harry Stewart and Mark Peery as the "gag" waiters of the cabaret certainly have it "on" a lot of so-called professionals that we have seen in end-man stuff in times gone by.

The "Isle of Spice," as the second part, carried the bulk of the musical numbers. Some clever bits of comedy were furnished in this part by Harry Ennis as Mickey Dooley and John Ketels as the cannibal chief. Miss Ruby Senseny and Mrs. Norwood Cox also pulled some good stuff in this part.

Mrs. J. R. Richmond's lovely soprano was never heard to better advantage than in the rendering of the beautiful ballad, "The Game of Love."

Miss Madelene Logan sang her role with a sweetness and charm that was captivating, and it would be hard to say which of opposed types of song Ruby Senseny excels in—a pretty ballad in the first part and the "Boo-Gie-Go-Gie" number in part two were both so well rendered.

The choruses teemed with haunting melody that was extremely well sung, and the dance steps were gracefully performed.

Ye editor will appear as usual tonight in his green mosquito bar skirt. Better come and get a "slant" at it.

### Part I—The Cabaret Minstrel.

The "Gag" Waiters—Mark Peery, Doc Richmond and Harry Stewart.  
Overture—Down Home in Alabama—Miss Ruby Senseny  
"All the World Will Be Jealous of Me"—Harry Fandrem  
"I'm Sorry I Made You Cry"—Dr. J. E. Richmond  
"Beans! Beans!"—Miss Vivian Senseny  
"K-K-K-Katy"—Joe Clark  
"Hindustani"—Lorraine Mahoney  
"Everything He Does Just Pleases Me"

### Part II—"The Isle o' Spice."

Bompoka, 69th King of the Isle—Robert A. Brodie  
Lieut. Katchall—A Hero—Bert Lee  
Kashan—An Unfortunate Court Treasurer—Dr. J. E. Richmond  
Mickey Dooley—A Deserter—Harry Ennis  
Moo Moo Yoo—A Cannibal Chief—John Ketels  
Teresa—The King's Ward—Miss Madelene Logan  
Kimorta—Whose Lease is Almost Expired—Mrs. J. E. Richmond  
Ashena—The Queen to be—Mrs. Harry Brummett  
Trinket—In League With Kashan—Miss Ruba Senseny  
Iza—Whose Dream is of the Stage—Mrs. Norwood Cox  
Court Ladies—Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Sam Richmond, Mrs. Fred Walker.

### Musical Numbers—Part II.

Nicobar—Opening Chorus  
Chorus—Avis Thompson, Grace Bidwell, France Travis, Alice Koster, Gladys Lopley, Gertrude Williams.  
"Goo Goo"—Teresa and Chorus  
"Girls! Girls! Girls!"—Miss Jane Lindsey, Soloist  
"No Place Like the U. S. A."—Mickey Dooley  
"Maggie Dooley"—Mickey Dooley and Chorus  
"Sporting King of Nicobar"—Bompoka and Chorus  
"Because You're You"—Duet—Bompoka and Kimorta  
"Uncle Sam's Marines"—Lieut. Katchall and Marines  
"When We Play in the Game of Love"—Kimorta  
"Moonlight in Jungle Land"—Miss Lorraine Mahoney and Indian Maids  
"Boo-Gie-Go-Gie"—Trinket and Chorus  
Finale—"Game of Love"

From Overseas.  
The following letter from Norris O. Nettleton, to his mother in Springfield, gives interesting sidelights of personal experiences:

Dear Mother:  
Arrived safely in France. Had a very pleasant trip over—wasn't seasick at all. I saw my first flying fish. Norton Pengra came over on the same ship with me, but I haven't seen him since we landed.

We are located about four miles from the main part of a French city of probably 75,000, but we are unable to secure passes.

The houses here are practically all stone, and the French bills look like soap wrappers or tobacco coupons. The fences here are earthen banks with shrubbery on them.

I saw some fish yesterday that were shaped like an arrow head with a flat body. Some were eighteen inches across. They were the oddest things I have ever seen. Things here are mighty expensive—a bar of fig candy costs 15 cents and two apples 15 cents. A wrapper of cookies that cost 6 cents at Camp Euclid they charge you 20 cents for here. So you see if we have any luxuries in France we pay for them. The fig bars are the only kind of candy the French dealers have. I saw my first German prisoners of war since landing here. Their uniforms are a bright green. They look like a bunch of Oregon college freshmen with their caps.  
How is everything in old Spring-

field? Love to all. Tell Grandma Lopley hello. ORLO.  
Had to cut it short as I am writing by candle light.

Shoe Styles Are Fixed.  
Recommendations for 1919 styles in women's footwear which would "meet hie" requirements of women's apparel, as well as bringing the industry back to normal conditions, were announced in New York on the evening of the 11th of this month by the Council of National Service of the Shoe and Leather Industry. Colors suggested included three shades of brown and two of gray, bronze, white and black. The height of lace boots should not exceed 8 1/2 inches, it was said, while the manufacturer of button boots, as well as needle-toed lasts, should be discouraged.

Masnes Piano.  
Wilbur Lloyd, an employee at the Booth-Kelly mill, had the misfortune to catch his right hand between the carrier and a log Thursday morning. The third and fourth fingers were badly mashed and the little finger was crushed so that it was necessary to amputate it at the first joint.

Will Hold Banquet.  
Robert Burns Lodge No. 78, A. M. F., will conduct their installation of officers at their hall on Friday evening, December 20th. After the installation ceremonies, a banquet will be served to the members and their invited guests.

## FARM CROP VALUES HUGE

Most of 1918 Crops Larger Than Average of Past Five Years.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With a total value of 312,272,412,000 the nation's principal farm crops this year were worth more, based on prices paid to farmers December 1, than ever before. December crop estimates of the Department of Agriculture today showed this year's total exceeds that of the former record year, 1917, by \$614,380,000. There also was a marked increase in acreage, the 355,895,722 total exceeding that of last year by 10,700,000 acres.

These crop figures were looked upon with satisfaction by officials as showing the Nation will be in better position to fulfill its pledge of 20,000,000 tons of foodstuffs to Europe next year than had been expected.

Most of the crops are larger than the five years' average and some established records, particularly Spring wheat, barley, rye and tobacco. Corn, however, fell below the five-year average. Today's estimates placed the crop at 166,354,000 bushels less than forecast in November, with a total of 2,582,314,000 bushels. That is almost half a billion bushels less than last year's record crop. The wheat crop is larger than the five years' average and almost 300,000,000 bushels larger than last year's crop, but more than 100,000,000 bushels smaller than the record crop of 1915.

Almost all of the crops were worth more this year than ever before, because of the high prices paid producers. Corn's value was more than three and one-half billion dollars, wheat almost two billions, hay and cotton more than a billion and one-half and oats more than a billion.

### Council Meeting.

A meeting of the city council was held Monday evening at the city hall. It was decided to pay special attention to the collection of delinquent assessments on property. The city will be gone over a street at a time until all the taxes are collected. The grading of Second street from Mill to Main has begun. The rock is being furnished by G. D. Linn, who operates the rock crusher here.

### Art Crumble Passes Away.

Mrs. Percy Tyson received a telegram Wednesday morning stating that her sister's husband, Mr. Art Crumble, had died at Eagle, Nebraska. The telegram also stated that Mrs. Crumble was also very low with influenza. Mrs. Crumble is the daughter of Chas. Rivett, a former resident of Springfield. Mrs. Tyson also has a brother in Eagle, Nebraska.

## WOODEN SHIP INDUSTRY

Joint Almost Death Blow by Government Cancellation of Contracts.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Cancellation of all outstanding contracts for construction of wooden ships where builders have not spent more than \$200,000 on a ship has been determined upon by the shipping board.

This applies to yards on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts. Contracts for 160 ships of this type were suspended recently, and many of these are affected by the decision though officials of the board would not attempt today to estimate the number.

The contract cost of wooden vessels averages about \$700,000, and it is understood that the board's experts decided that where not more than \$200,000 worth of work had been done it would be economy for the government to cancel the contract with the provision against loss to the builder.

Although the board approved the wooden ship for emergency purposes, it has been made clear that its policy will be to add as few wooden craft as possible to the permanent merchant marine. Arrangements already are under way for selling a number of wooden as well as some small steel vessels.



### "Flu" Rages in Colorado.

According to letters received from Greeley and Fort Collins, Colorado, the influenza is in full sway there. The death rate is terrific, and almost every one has suffered from the epidemic. On December 6th there were eighty-three new cases in Fort Collins, while on December 2 there were thirty-one bodies in the undertaking parlors at Greeley awaiting burial. In that city the death rate is twelve a day. Casakots can not be secured to supply the demand, so rough lumber covered with black cloth is utilized.

## Dear Reader, You're Wanted on the Phone

## RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS MONDAY

Whirlwind Campaign for Members Will Be Slogan of Committee.

## NO QUOTAS—JUST A DOLLAR

A Button in Coat Lapel Will Indicate Your Identity With Greatest Philanthropic Organization on Earth.

Everything is in readiness for the Red Cross membership drive, which begins December 16 and ends December 23. Oregon is preparing once more to go over the top and the State machinery built up by State Manager H. E. Witham, assisted in every county by the local chapters of the Red Cross, will be set in motion next Monday morning.

There will be no future drives of the Red Cross for war funds. The coming drive is for membership and it is the desire of the organization to have every man and woman in the Nation hold a membership in the great society which will go down into history as an unparalleled humanitarian institution. Throughout the Nation it is the wish to enroll 50,000,000 members in the coming drive. This is more than double the number listed in the Christmas roll call of 1918 (22,200,000), and it means that all who became members last year should renew their membership, and those overlooked at that time should join now.

The official preliminary will be Red Cross Sunday, December 15, when every pulpit in Oregon will deliver the message. This department has been arranged by Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, State Secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association, which is cooperating with the Red Cross.

With the signing of the armistice, the work of the Red Cross has not ended. The Red Cross will continue its work abroad until the last of the American troops are returned home, and the society already has a big peace program to carry out, a program which will be as vital to the Nation and its people as that conducted on the battlefields of Europe. In money alone the help given by the Red Cross assumes a total of \$6,000,000. The relief work of the Red Cross at home has been more

widespread than the general public has any idea of. For instance, more than 200,000 families of American soldiers and sailors have been relieved of money troubles, legal difficulties and worries of all sorts by the protecting arm of the Red Cross. The expenditures for fighters' families is now attaining a rate of \$1,000,000 a month. Twenty or more rush inquiries after the welfare of soldiers' families are cabled from France every day by the Red Cross, and at least 100 more are sent daily by mail.

The Red Cross does not give charity, but supplies that helpful neighborliness which is due every fighter from the entire American people.

Another work undertaken by the Red Cross for the transition from war to peace is the re-education of mutilated soldiers and non-combatants in trades, which will enable them to be self-supporting.

The dollar membership does not seem much, but every dollar, merged with the dollars of other members makes the aggregate which enables the Red Cross to carry on its mission of sympathy and assistance. The sum is so small that no one can withhold it.

H. E. Witham, State Manager for the Christmas roll call, announces that the State has never been better organized for a campaign than at present, and the cause, having the backing of the American people, should make the success of the campaign a foregone conclusion. The only handicap which the drive is confronted with, according to Wilbur E. Coman, State Chairman, is the task of the workers meeting every individual. It means a personal campaign, for it is generally agreed that people who are interviewed will respond quickly and cheerfully.

A heart and a dollar are all that is necessary in the membership drive of the coming week.

### Campaign in Springfield.

Plans are completed for the local drive and the following committee will serve:

- Second Street—Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. Hannah Hill.
- Third Street—Mrs. Chas. Myers, Mrs. W. L. Arnold.
- Fourth Street—Mrs. Bertie Walker, Mrs. Dan Crites.
- Fifth Street—Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Mrs. Harry Whitney.
- Sixth Street—Mrs. Anna Knox, Mrs. Wm. Long.
- Seventh Street—Mrs. Carl Gerard, Mrs. Thomas Halsey.
- Eighth Street—Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Miss Edna Swarts.
- Ninth Street—Mrs. Alex McKenzie, Mrs. O. B. Kessey.
- Mill Street—Mrs. Fred Hinson, Mrs. Georgia Nettleton.
- Main Street—Mrs. A. B. Van Valsah, Mrs. Clark Wheaton.
- Emerald Heights—Mrs. Carl Fischer, Mrs. Marvin Drury.
- Mt. Vernon and Douglas Gardens—Mrs. Marion Clearwater.
- Willamette Heights—Mrs. Carl Olsen, Mrs. Chas. Dority.
- Hayden Bridge—Mrs. Frank Bartholomew, Mrs. Melvin Fenwick.

### OPENS BALDWIN AGENCY

Famous Makers of Pianos Establish Headquarters in Springfield.

W. L. Berry, representing the Baldwin Piano Co., with factories at Chicago and Cincinnati, has opened a store in Springfield to handle that company's famous line of pianos and player-pianos. Mr. Berry will carry a large stock of instruments here, and will ship direct from the factory in carload lots, eliminating the jobber from the situation. The company also furnishes Mr. Berry with a modern delivery system, a big Republic truck being especially equipped to convey instruments without damage. Mr. Berry is accompanied by his wife and they will make their home in Springfield.

The Red Cross is sending 1,500,000 packages of chewing gum a month to France for American soldiers.