

"THE WOLF" AT THE MEDFORD TONIGHT



When "The Wolf" comes to the Medford tonight the audience will be invited to follow the author and the actors up into the Hudson Bay country. The play is in three acts and deals with the deceiving of a girl and subsequent avenging by her brother, according to the rough, but thoroughly human ethics of that wild country. The girl has disappeared, and the name of her betrayer is unknown, but on his deathbed the father commands the girl's half-brother,

Jules, to seek out the girl and care for her. Jules finds in his search that the girl has met voluntary death in a storm, so he sets out to find the man and locates him in the home of a Scotch fur trader. The plot embraces many other varied incidents, with another more savory love affair, and with the comedy interests well represented, it is said. The end is as it should be, logically and melodramatically just, as most the-

atergoers demand that a play should be, if its sponsors would have it be successful.

The company is headed by Andrew Robson, who will be seen in his much-talked-of characterization of Jules Beaubien, the heroic French-Canadian, a romantic role of the style in which Mr. Robson has won his brightest laurels in the past.

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DEMANDS \$25,000 FOR HER APPENDIX

Young Woman Alleges That Doctor Cut It Out Without Her Consent While She Was Unconscious.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 19.—Demanding \$25,000 to compensate for the loss of her appendix, which she claims was removed without her consent while she was under an anaesthetic, Miss Lillian Robotham appeared in court today to prosecute the suit she filed against Dr. Arthur Stokes, a leading physician of this city.

Miss Robotham declared today that she called upon Dr. Stokes to be treated for varicose veins and that he informed her she had appendicitis. Before she submitted to the anaesthetic, she declared that there was nothing wrong with her internal mechanism and that she did not want it tampered with.

When she regained her senses after the supposed operation upon the troublesome veins, she alleged she discovered that an incision had been made where it was customary to delve for the appendix.

Stokes refused to discuss the charge brought against him, declaring that he would tell everything necessary in court.

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OIL KING AS EVANGELIST COULD HAVE UPLIFTED N. Y.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 19.—Augustus Nash, secretary of the Cleveland Y. M. C. A., today addressing the Ministerial Association, which is preparing for an evangelization of the city, scored the ministry for neglecting to enlist laymen in religious work.

"The man who directs the work of 1000 men every day in the week cannot be expected to come to church on Sunday and make a success of teaching a bible class of six girls under twelve years of age," said Mr. Nash. "Give him something to do in the congregation."

"The church is allowing great minds, too—to go to waste. If Rockefeller had been enlisted by our Baptist friends to consecrate himself toward great work like the evangelization of New York City, the job would have been done."

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MIDNIGHT FIRE DOES BIG DAMAGE

Many Narrow Escapes Made From Flames in San Francisco Fire at Market and Church Streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Two-thirds of a block of buildings in the vicinity of Market and Church streets are smoking ruins today, while scores of families driven from their homes are being cared for by neighbors following a midnight fire which destroyed \$100,000 worth of property. Thrilling escapes from death were frequent, and that no one was injured is regarded as miraculous.

The fire started at 1 o'clock this morning in the furniture store of Wicker & McManus at 2084 Market street. Numbers of sleeping families in apartments overhead or adjacent were aroused by the noise of firemen and apparatus as it responded to four alarms.

Police and firemen rushed into the buildings and dragged forth bewildered men and hysterical women. Quick work cheated the flames of their prey and all occupants were rescued before the structures were consumed.

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YANKEE AND JAP IN FRIENDLY LOVE FEAST

TOKIO, Jan. 19.—American and Japanese naval officers engaged in a love feast today when Admiral Hubbard, in behalf of the officers and men of the American Atlantic fleet presented the Japanese Naval club with a handsome loving cup.

Many Japanese officials of high rank and naval officers, including Admiral Togo, were present at the ceremony. Naval Minister Saito responded to Admiral Hubbard's presentation speech. He said:

"This expression of warm feeling on the part of our visitors from the United States is a proof of the cordial relations existing not only between the navies of both countries, but the people themselves.

"I believe that this incident will strengthen the chain of friendship between Japan and America, the first link of which was forged by Commodore Peary more than half a century ago."

Saito will entertain the American officers at a banquet tonight.

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MRS. STETSON NOW DOWN AND OUT

Mother Church of Boston Is in Absolute Control of First Church of Christian Science in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The last vestige of the Stetson machine, which has controlled the First Church of Christian Science of this city, since its founding, passed early today when the candidates endorsed by Mrs. Augusta Stetson for re-election to the board of directors of the church, were beaten by a vote of 732 to 486.

The announcement of the vote came at 4 o'clock this morning, following a session which lasted from 8 o'clock last evening to 4 o'clock this morning, when the balloting ceased.

The mother church at Boston today is in absolute control. Whether it will remain so is believed to hinge upon the decision of the Stetsonites to take the election matter to the courts. If this is done it will be upon allegations that certain members not entitled to vote were allowed to cast ballots.

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John T. Stever of Salem is in this city.

LA FEAN BILL LIES DORMANT

Measure Fixing Size of Apple Boxes Stands Small Chance of Passing and It Is Believed It Will Be Pigeonholed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Lafean apple-packing bill, intended to drive Oregon and other western apples out of eastern markets, lies dormant in the house committee on agriculture, and thus far there has been no indication that it is to be pressed for consideration. The bill is not a new one. In one form or another it has been introduced in several successive congresses, but never yet has it received consideration at the hands of any committee to which it has been referred. If Mr. Lafean has any intention of urging its consideration this session, he has given no intimation of his purpose to the chairman of the committee on agriculture, and without request from him the committee will take no notice of his bill.

The Lafean bill in its present shape seemingly stands no chance of passage. The radical and revolutionary character of its requirements and the manifest object sought to be attained are sufficient to guarantee a fight against it in committee, and it is doubtful if the bill should be reported to the house, but, should a report be made, it would only be after the bill had been materially amended, so as to remove the more objectionable features. But more than this, it is seriously questioned whether congress will feel disposed to enter upon the regulation of the size and contents of packages in which foodstuffs are shipped in interstate commerce. Such legislation was not attempted under the pure food law, and it is not believed to be the purpose of congress at this late day to set a precedent such as would be established by the passage of the Lafean bill.

Drawn in Interest of East. In a nutshell the Lafean bill is a measure drawn at the behest of certain eastern apple growers who have found their market rapidly falling into the hands of Oregon, Washington and other western competitors. Western apples are today commanding top prices throughout the east, due solely to the superiority of the fruit itself and the attractiveness with which it is shipped to market and placed on sale. The superior methods of western production and shipping have enabled Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado growers to crowd out the eastern growers in their own markets and the Lafean bill is proposed to put an end to, or seriously hamper the westerners in their fight for these markets.

The department of agriculture, which is alive to this situation, has undertaken to arouse eastern growers to the necessity for adopting western methods, but this far has met with little success. It is easier for the eastern growers to raise and sell inferior fruit than to exercise the precaution characteristic of his western competitor, and now the eastern grower seeks, through the Lafean bill, to drive out his competitor by direct legislation. The issue is one that can clearly be established, and once the motive is shown the bill will stand little chance of favorable consideration. But Mr. Lafean, in half a dozen years, has made no move to get his bill out of the committee, and there is no indication that he will put forth any unusual effort this session.

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BIGGEST BUDGET IN ROAD'S HISTORY

Harriman Lines in Oregon Ask for Some \$2,000,000 to Carry Out Plans for 1910.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 19.—Vice President and General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman roads in the northwest, has put in requisition for the greatest line of equipment for 1910 that has been asked for in any former year in the history of these roads. He says that he is not in a position to announce the details at the present time, inasmuch as the budget has not yet been approved, but is in the hands of the eastern officials of the system. At the same time he hopes that the freight, passenger and motive power rolling stock that he has asked for will be allowed.

Some idea of the size of the equipment budget for the Oregon lines may be gathered from the fact that last year the appropriation allowed Mr. O'Brien was in excess of \$2,000,000, which was nearly one-third of the entire appropriation for the whole Harriman system.

At no time in the history of these allied lines has there been the demand for betterment that the officials are now facing. The new Deschutes railway, which will be completed into central Oregon, must be provided with considerable rolling stock. The O. & W., the Puget Sound extension of the Union Pacific is inadequately supplied with coaches, cars and engines. The additions to service on the O. R. & N. main line both for the Oregon and Washington divisions must be looked after. The great struggle between the Northern lines and the Harriman system over mail contracts and class through service from the east cannot be neglected, while the normal growth of freight business for this territory will require an unusually large appropriation.

"I am not able to give out definite information as to just what has been asked for," said Mr. O'Brien, "but our 1910 budget is the largest in the history of the O. R. & N. I took the matter up with the main offices in the east some time ago and am simply waiting to hear some final words from them."

While not in a position to take up the estimates or cost of the new equipment or the time when it would be delivered here, Mr. O'Brien intimated that the highest type of both passenger and freight rolling stock was included in the order.

Mr. O'Brien expects to go to St. Paul within the next few days for a consultation with Northern Pacific officials relative to matters pertaining to the new Camas Prairie railway of which he is the president. This road is the independent operating company from Riparia to Lewiston and from Lewiston to Grangeville, which heretofore had been operated separately.

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