

LION AND MOUSE TOPS ALL OTHERS

Strongest Play Witnessed This Season in Medford—Miss Elberts Is Especially Pleasing in Role of Miss Rossmore.

The Lion and the Mouse is perhaps the strongest play that a Medford audience has witnessed during the present theatrical season. We were previously disposed in favor of this play before it appeared, as the name of Charles Klein, the author, is a trade mark which guarantees a high class play.

Mr. Klein wrote the Music Master, the strongest play of its kind that has been written for a half century. The Lion and the Mouse deals with the social problem of the present day, which makes it of interest to all who are familiar with the social and political conditions.

There are three strong characters in the Lion and the Mouse, namely Shirley Rossmore, Jefferson Ryder and Mr. John Burkett Ryder. Miss Carolyn Elberts as Shirley Rossmore is an exceptionally strong actress. She is pretty and intelligent, and has the happy faculty of holding her reserve force back for a climax. She has none of the stage affectation. She is simple and sweet in manner, and when it comes to a climax she has power, strength and magnetism.

Mr. Walter Edwards made a very strong character of John Burkett Ryder. Mr. Edwards comprehends his part, and at no time overacts, which could be easily done in a blustering part like that of Mr. Ryder.

Mr. Pitt, as the son, played his part well in spite of the unfavorable impression he creates on his first appearance. Physically he is not all that might be desired, and his voice is not particularly musical, but he has mentality, which makes up for a world of defects. In fact, mentality in the actor is like charity, it covers a multitude of sins, and an actor may have all the attributes, physique, beauty, musical voice, and if he has not intelligence, all these virtues are but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

Miss Elberts said in a little interview that she thought we had the prettiest valley that she had ever seen in her travels, and she spoke of with the earnestness that she would tell the story of her love. What a Medford booster the little lady would make!

JAMES PLAYS SHAKESPEARE ON SNOWBOUND TRAIN

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Feb. 24.—Louis James and company reached Ellensburg this morning, gloating over a new theatrical record.

Last night at the Stamped tunnel way up in the Cascades, with the snow banked high around car windows and the train hopelessly blocked, Mr. James gave the first presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" in a baggage car in all theatrical annals.

His audience was highly appreciative. They were compelled to be by force of circumstances. They had their choice between watching an end less bank of snow or Mr. James, and chose the latter. A vote was taken among the passengers and "Shylock" won in a walk. The baggage cars were cleared of trunks, and the troubles of the famous Jew were re-told to an audience which packed the car to the doors.

Two rotary snow plows and a gang of 100 shovelers released the train at daylight this morning. Mr. James finished an engagement at Seattle Tuesday evening and was to have played here last night.

POLICE SEARCH FOR MAN WHO STOLE FROM AUNT

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24.—The police are looking for Joseph Corn today, who is alleged to have stolen \$1700 from the husband of his aunt, and came very near covering up the theft completely.

Joseph Lombard, a contractor, put the money, consisting of three \$500 and \$200 in smaller bills, in a trunk yesterday afternoon. He intended to pay off his men with it today.

Last night about 9 o'clock he noticed the odor of smoke and rushed to the telephone and reported the fire. The firemen arrived so promptly that the fire, which was in the trunk, was extinguished before the box had been burned. The money was gone, but the compartment where it had been placed was untouched by the flames. Corn, a nephew of his wife, was also gone.

WILL HEAR CLAIM MOTIONS SOON

Judge Calkins Disposes of Much Work in Few Days—Railroad Case Will Come Up on March First.

March 22 has been set by Circuit Judge Calkins on which to hear the motions to pay claims in the case of Edgar Hafer vs. the Medford & Crater Lake railroad. Several large claims are in against the road.

Judge Calkins has been grinding out work at a rapid pace of late.

William Hartman vs. Anna Walters—March 21 set for trial day.

F. S. Armstrong vs. R. W. Gray, to recover money—Judgment by default.

W. H. Huuntzinger vs. City of Ashland—Set for trial March 30.

John Peninger vs. I. J. Hansen—February 25 set for hearing demurrer.

Almira Whetstone vs. Alice G. Murphy—Demurrer to complaint submitted and taken under advisement.

Rose E. Loar vs. Charles P. Loar, divorce—Decree by default.

H. F. Brown vs. Frank Schermböck, suit to quiet title—Decree by default.

John Grieve vs. Rose Haymond—Same.

State ex rel. Alzira M. Clay vs. W. S. Clay, contempt of court—Taken under advisement.

Marie H. Vance vs. F. J. Blakeley et al.—Demurrer withdrawn and defendant, T. N. Barnsdall given until Monday, February 28, to file answer.

S. J. Majors vs. Jos. T. Gagnon—Demurrer argued and submitted.

Belle Nickell vs. W. T. Lewis, to quiet title—Decree by default.

H. H. Helms vs. James Helms, to recover money—Dismissed.

R. H. Thompson vs. Crystal Thompson, divorce—Decree by default.

Leona O'Donnell vs. Maxwell O'Donnell, same—Decree granted.

E. F. Winkler vs. C. M. Osburn—Settled out of court.

Effie M. Terrill vs. W. B. Jackson—Additional testimony taken and case reset until later date.

Adjourned to Friday, February 25.

TRAFFIC DEMORALIZED BY BAD TUNNEL CAVE-IN

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Feb. 24.—Passenger and freight traffic today on the Southern Pacific coast line is suspended due to the caved in tunnel near this city. All trains are being diverted over the San Joaquin valley tracks and it is probable that these conditions will last a week before the tunnel is cleared and the tracks through it safeguarded from danger.

Fifty feet of tunnel number 10 on the Cuesta grade collapsed shortly after midnight and buried the track beneath tons of earth and stone. Workmen were rushed to the scene, but owing to conditions there the repair work must proceed slowly.

The cause of the cave-in is attributed to a weakening of the tunnel supports during the process of replacing wooden pillars and jolts with concrete and steel construction work.

MALBOEUF NOT AFTER ANY POLITICAL OFFICE

Charles A. Malboeuf, formerly connected with the Harriman lines in Oregon, but now with the Medford Land & Orchard company, is not a candidate for railroad commissioner to succeed Oswald West, who has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. It was reported that Mr. Malboeuf was a candidate for that position.

"I am not a candidate for railroad commissioner or any other position, political or otherwise, and even were I favored with the offer of it with a certainty of election I would not consider the same under any circumstances," states Mr. Malboeuf, who is in Medford on a short business trip.

HONGKONG HANGMAN AND HIS ROPE REACH VICTORIA

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 24.—The steamer Suveric arrived from the coast after a rough passage brings Elms, Hongkong's official hangman, and his wife, the only passengers on the first cabin.

Elms hanged four white men and two Chinese during his term of office, getting only \$12.50 for each man. His baggage included the rope used in his last execution, the victim of which was an American, hanged for the murder of a woman from Manila whose body he hid in a trunk and placed aboard a steamer.

SAYS TARIFF NOT HIGH COST CAUSE

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts Urges All G. O. P. Leaders to Stand Pat in the Coming Elections.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who is known as a "conservative insurgent," today urged all republicans to stand by the protective tariff principle in the coming elections and even if defeated not to heed the cry of "high prices."

Gardner undertook to prove to the house that the tariff had nothing to do with the high cost of living.

He accused the democrats of inconsistency, saying that in 1896 they charged the hard times to low prices and now they blame high prices and the tariff for the present difficulties.

Gardner showed charts of prices in America and England and declared that the fluctuations in price have been the same in both countries.

He quoted the prices of meats in this country and in Canada, declaring that the cost is greater in Montreal than in Washington.

As one of his strongest points Gardner gave the prices of 16 articles of food used by the training ship Massachusetts on a trip around the world. He showed that 12 of the 16 articles were obtained at a lower price in Boston than at any other port visited in the circumnavigation of the globe.

INCORPORATION ACT WAS A TRYING ORDEAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—"The federal incorporation bill is two-thirds drunk and one-third dizzy," said a seasick senator this afternoon.

The make-up man at the government printing office turned out one of the prettiest jumbles ever put over on the senate. A clever blend was made of the incorporation bill, the Gallinger excise law regulating the sale of liquors in this city and the Bennett bill, providing another plan for controlling the liquor trade here.

The wording of the incorporation bill would run smoothly for a few pages and then, without warning, branch off into a declaration that no intoxicants shall be sold at the Union station. A few more pages, and then came the formula which druggists must follow in selling liquor on prescriptions—and are whipped into one cover and labeled the Incorporation Bill.

BURGLARS BURGLED, THEN SET FIRE TO HOUSE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24.—The police today are looking for two nervous burglars who last night ransacked the home of J. B. Dulin, a locomotive engineer, enjoyed a lunch at Dulin's expense and then set fire to the house. The thieves got nothing but a hat and coat, after overturning everything in the house. They consumed a box of bonbons, sampled a bottle of beer and then ignited a bundle of papers in a linen closet upstairs. Dulin returned home about ten minutes later and called the fire department in time to stop the blaze before it did heavy damage.

FRIAR LAND ILLEGALLY SOLD TO SUGAR TRUST?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representative Martin of Colorado today introduced a resolution declaring the recent sale of 55,000 acres of friar lands in the Philippines, which he alleges to have been made to "a representative of the Havemeyer sugar interests," to be in violation of law, denouncing the department of justice for upholding it, and demanding an investigation.

Upholding the sale will permit of the "unlawful monopolization of all friar lands amounting to more than 400,000 acres of the richest and most desirable lands in the Philippines," Mr. Martin says, "thereby reducing the Filipinos to a state of penance for the sole benefit of the sugar trust."

35 PER CENT OF TIMBER SALES TO GO TO STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senator Warren has secured the consent of the agricultural committee to the amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, by which the states will receive 35 per cent of the sales of timber and grazing rentals collected on forest reserves, instead of 25 per cent, as at present.

QUEEN ANNE IS COMING INTO ITS OWN

The names of the host of buyers in that addition during the past two weeks spell exclusive homes. Don't let someone else get the lot you want.

The Famous **BURRELL** Orchard

is sub-divided in tracts from 30 to 100 acres. This is some of the finest land in the Rogue River Valley, within two miles of the city of Medford. The trees are of the best varieties of apples and pears, all in bearing at the present time. The age of the trees run from six to twenty years. We are able to supply people with whatever they may desire in the best bearing orchards in the valley, near the city of Medford

For full particulars call on

John D. Olwell

EXHIBIT BUILDING MEDFORD

BUZZARD GROUP USES MORE MEN

Miners and Provisions Leave Medford Thursday for Elk Creek Mines—To Be Exploited on Large Scale.

Mark Applegate was in from the Buzzard mine, on Elk creek, this week, and left Thursday afternoon with a crew of men and a considerable amount of provisions for the scene of operations.

The Buzzard group has been prospecting for nearly 15 years and the development work has reached a stage where the owners are satisfied that they have a mine.

Outside capital has been interested and the coming season is expected to result in the opening of one of the greatest of the many low-grade propositions in Southern Oregon.

CHLOROFORMED PIGS THEN SNEAKED 'EM OUT

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 24.—"The trouble about picking up a pig is that he squeals, and we figured the best way to do it was to chloroform him first," said Frank Raymer, who is under arrest today with Frank Baxter, charged with hog stealing.

"I caught the pigs and while Baxter held them I put the chloroform in their snouts. The rest was easy," declared Raymer, when presented in court.

Earl and Archie Rankle and Frank Lichter also were arrested on the same charge. It is alleged that the men went about the farming country chloroforming hogs. The officers say they threw the unconscious porkers into wagons and quietly hauled them away to market.

The "chloroform system," it was pointed out by the constable who gathered the evidence, eliminates almost all the danger of the pursuit of hog stealing if the raids are conducted during the dark of the moon.

Queen Anne is coming into its own. The names of the host of buyers in that addition during the past two weeks spell exclusive homes. Don't let someone else get the lot you want.

ASK REMOVAL OF RECEIVER

Petition Filed Asking That Sanders Be Removed From Receivership and That Work on Arment Dam Be Stopped.

A petition, signed by 44 stockholders of the Golden Drift Mining company, has been filed asking that the present receiver of the company, George Sanders, be removed. At the same time a motion was offered asking that the receiver be reinstated from further expenditure of money on the Golden Drift dam, and that all expenditures hereafter be submitted to the court before they are expended.

Also that all men who are now working on the dam are to be dismissed. Mr. Sanders has received word from Chicago that a new committee of stockholders has been appointed in that city and that seven of them are designated as wanting to appear as plaintiffs in the case. Also that they sanction all the work that has been done so far, and that they wish him retained as receiver and to further conduct the case. They also have raised funds for fighting the case to a finish.

It is now thought that this last move will place the case on such a basis that the work on the repair of the dam can be done very soon, as it is thought that Judge Calkins will put the case in such shape that the people can have the water for irrigating. The settlement of this case one way or the other means much to Grants Pass and there are many waiting for a conclusive order.

GOOD ROADS MEMORIAL TO LATE E. H. HARRIMAN

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A memorial to E. H. Harriman, in recognition of his services in the interest of good roads and the breeding of high-class horses, will be erected at Arden this summer by the Orange County Road Improvement association, of which Mr. Harriman was president. The money for the memorial is being raised by private subscription.

PRESIDENT DOESN'T LIKE CRITICISM

In Speech at Newark He Says It Is Hard to Overcome Feeling of Failure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—There is considerable speculation here today regarding the portent of President Taft's criticism of the newspapers in an impromptu statement delivered in connection with his set speech at Newark last night. In part the president said:

"I had not intended to say anything on the subject of my first year in the White House, but after what Governor Murphy has so graciously said I cannot refrain from a personal word or two."

"It is true I told him I wanted to make good a year ago. I am not certain of doing it now. He said something about the newspapers. When the newspapers are prone to criticism and sometimes unite to hammer our administration, treating sometimes with contemptuous disdain

and sometimes with patronizing friendliness it is hard to overcome the feeling that perhaps you ought to begin all over again.

"In view of all that, to have received the welcome which I did here today little hope that perhaps the newspapers don't carry in their pockets all of public opinion and that, perhaps, the American people are able to see through something of hypercriticism, something of history and something of hypocrisy and to have a real sympathy with the man who under considerable responsibility is doing the best he can.

"They say sometimes demonstrations are misleading, but I am going to believe, as I have said, that your reception today and tonight is sincere and I am going to take that flattering unctious to my soul as I go back to Washington and avoid the newspapers."

Bride of Three Weeks Dead.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Bert Mills, a bride of three weeks, is dead at Summit, Chehalis, today, and in the story of her death lies a romance.

Some years ago Maud J. Jones and Bert Mills first began walking to school together and their childish romance grew into real love. They planned to wed when of age.

Elk's Peerless Minstrels



This is the Elks' Quartet, which will sing "Evening Bells" and "A Good Little Bad Little Boy" next Monday evening, February 28. Each member of the B. P. O. E. has tickets to sell and those who hold exchange tickets may reserve them Friday morning, February 23d. General seat sale opens Saturday morning, February 26th. If you wish a good seat, buy of some Elk and reserve early, as the season seat reservation will not apply to the minstrel performances.

Prices 75c, \$1.00 & \$1.50