

The City

Local Audience Is Held Spellbound by Audacity of Scheme and With Working Out of the Problem by Clyde Fitch in His Posthumous Work.

Clyde Fitch's posthumous work, "The City," the heaviest and most intense of that author's plays, was seen at the Medford theater last night before an audience that sat spellbound at the audacity of the scheme and fascinated with the serious working out of a problem of unusual dramatic strength.

Even with an ambition to do something out of the ordinary rut, Fitch allows instances of his capacity to analyze the mind-workings of a woman to creep into his play, and these touches of a familiar hand are the few departures from a serious intent. He introduces them at unexpected moments and even the harrowing scene of the last act is embellished with confessions of Mrs. Rand of her social failure in New York that would pass for comedy if they were not associated with the tragedy that just preceded them.

Then there are other moments when Fitch's delicacy of diction and knowledge of feminine imagination are given brief rein, to again revert to the heavy theme that makes "The City" unusual. The scene of reconciliation between Van Vranken and his wife will stand as one of Fitch's most effective passages.

It Is the Lure of the Unknown.
With the smoke of the town, the black pall of tragedy hangs over the dwellers of this hopeless environment. The elements that stand out for the biggest interests are ambition and blackmail. The first interpreted by a man who has chafed at the limitations of a provincial town, where his expansion was hampered by the restraints imposed by a father of conservative business and social thoughts; and the other by a bastard half-brother, a victim of the morphine habit, whose identity is not disclosed by the father of both until the time of his death.

This death made possible the seeking of a larger field of operation by the legitimate brother and an extended opportunity for blackmail by the other, the latter being in ignorance of the fact of their relationship.

Time moves on for the legitimate one and his appearance in politics and the possibility of his nomination for the place of governor gives the other his chances for a levying of tribute for silence. Politics demands that the dope field be cast off, and as the candidate tells of this necessity Hancock, the morphine fiend, laughs at the possibility, telling his half-brother, Rand, that he (Hancock) had just married Rand's sister.

Situation of Intense Interest.
Rand is compelled to tell Hancock of the relationship, and in a burst of blasphemous unbelief the fiend denies that it is so—that he has married his sister. It is also necessary for Rand to tell his sister of the dilemma and in a scene that was never devised for weak-hearted men or women, Hancock shoots his sister-wife dead and turns the gun upon himself. Rand struggles for possession of the weapon and then the drug-crazed Hancock pleads that he be allowed to save the situation by self-destruction. Hancock threatens to tell all, and Rand leaves the gun within his reach. Then he repents and throws the revolver out of the window, determined to be the man and take his medicine. Hancock is hurried away.

Geoffrey Stein is a revelation of debauched and degenerate manhood, a crushed and beaten thing, with the craft that comes of famished nerves rejuvenated by the use of heavy stimulants; the character about whom all of the tragedies revolve. Mr. Stein accomplished a triumph. Norman Hackett's Rand, Jr., was the consistently good performance that might have been expected from this qualified actor.

NEVER-CUSS CLUB IS ORGANIZED

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 27.—The "Never Cuss club" is the name of one of the latest organizations to be formed in Oregon City. The purpose of the club is indicated in the name. The idea is popular and the membership is said to be on the increase.

The club plans to impress upon the minds of its members the futility of cuss words and to cure them of the habit of using them. Also when they are snapped out by angry cussers, effective means are taken to remind the offender of his fracture of the club rules. Instead of a fine, the unruly member must submit to the indignity of being kicked by every one belonging to the club within reach. A few kickings are said to work wonders in effecting the reformation of the cussers.

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Butte Falls Items

Dr. Gale of Jacksonville and Will Warner of Medford are in the hills intent upon bagging some of the big game. They tried their hand at fishing on Saturday but did not string any.

Dr. Stewart has returned from Portland and other points and has had some additional furniture brought in for his home.

Colonel Medynski, accompanied by two gentlemen friends, passed through town on Saturday on their way to Mr. Medynski's homestead, where they will enjoy a hunt.

All of our merchants are shipping their freight over the P. & E. railway to Cameron and from thence wagoning it to the Falls.

Dr. Emerson, who has been visiting his family in Central Point, has returned and is now up on his homestead.

W. W. Parker has the lumber hauled and on the ground for the new house which he intends to build upon the lots lately purchased in Butte Falls.

Sheriff Jones was in town on Friday serving injunction papers upon the local officers of the telephone company. It seems as if someone in the valley is seeking to enforce payment of a claim against the company and tied up the local receipts.

Dode Marcy has returned from a business trip to Medford.

The approaching election does not seem to awaken much interest hereabouts, as there is little local political discussion and it is doubtful if a full vote will be cast.

EX-GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA IS DEAD

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 26.—Former Governor Allan Daniel Candler, 76, one of the wealthiest and most widely known men in the south, died here early today. Candler had been prominent in Georgia educational and political circles for more than 50 years. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served as a private from 1861 to 1865.

Candler was president of several colleges from 1865 to 1871, when he became a legislator. He served in the legislature until 1880, when he was elected to congress. He was governor for two terms.

ASSAULT CASE AGAINST JACK JOHNSON FAILS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The assault case against Champion Jack Johnson, brought last summer by Norman Pindar, a negro, who claimed that the colored fighter had struck him with a chair, was dismissed today. The case was dropped on recommendation of the district attorney, who informed the court that Pindar had disappeared. He had not been able to find any trace of the missing complaining witness, he said.

Johnson was arrested following an alleged assault on Pindar in a restaurant. Pindar said Jack was insulted because he offered to buy beer and not champagne.

The many friends of Mrs. Merley will be pained to learn of her very serious illness and the improbability of her recovery. It has not been more than a year since Mr. Merley died and now his wife appears to be likely to follow him. Such is the uncertainty of life. Just when we get ready to live comfortably we are called away.

Owing to the probable absence of Judge Pentz from the Falls for some time upon important business he will not allow his name to be presented for any office in the coming election and he takes this opportunity of expressing his thanks to his many friends for their kindness and loyalty.

Emerson Wheeler is in Medford talking in the lectures, vaudeville and many other attractions of the Queen City.

It is quite amusing to read your social columns and see the elevating, purifying and intellectual uplift of the social pastimes in which the local society is indulging and we cannot but commiserate them upon the insipidity and barrenness of their amusements and their efforts to kill time.

J. I. Patton took Mr. Gerig and Mr. Mills out along the line of the railway on Friday to inspect some important work and arrange for the early incoming of trains.

The Iowa people are making preparations to ship out a large quantity of lumber, slabs, etc., from their grounds near the track and are daily hauling loads of lumber alongside the track.

TACOMA COMMITTEE IS NOW IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The committee from Tacoma, Wash., which is seeking a re-enumeration of the census of that city, on the ground that the census bureau "libeled" that city by alleging census padding, arrived today and, escorted by Director Durand, conferred with Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel.

Both Nagel and Durand told the committeemen that they were willing for a recount, provided Tacoma could show that the extra expense would be justifiable. Durand at that time said he believed the revised total was correct.

DOC ROLLER DOES NOT SHOW GOOD FORM

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 27.—The general opinion among wrestling fans today is that Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle is not good enough to succeed to the championship title relinquished by Frank Gotch. Roller failed last night to throw three second-raters within an hour.

Dooin Resigns.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 26.—Garry Herrmann, president of the national baseball commission, was notified unofficially today that Chas. Dooin had resigned the managership of the Philadelphia National league team.

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