

"THE HAVOC" SCORES A HIT

Henry Miller Opens Theatrical Season Before Crowded House With One of Strongest Plays Seen Here in Years.

(By Ed Andrews.)

The theatrical season opened Friday night with Henry Miller in "The Havoc," a problem play written by H. B. Sheldon. The audience was a representative one, fully up to the subtle interpretation of the play by the star.

In a way, the plot is the old, old story—the husband the wife and the villain; or, as in some cases, the villain becomes the hero, protecting the abused wife from a drunken husband. This trinity, however, has been the foundation for many plays, but it was left to Mr. Sheldon to invert these matrimonial perplexities out of their hackneyed course and, instead of the husband being the enraged and infuriated party, avenging his own wrongs with a six-shooter, Mr. Craig, the husband of this play, treats the situation in a philosophical manner and gives the new-found "affinity" and his wife an opportunity to put their philosophy to a practical test. The idea is cleverly worked out in a three-act play.

"The Havoc," from a playwright's standpoint, is really a marvel. We cannot remember of ever having seen so strange a play, enacted by but three characters (the fourth member of the cast being a servant of no dramatic consequence to the play whatever), and these characters coming and going in so realistic and natural a manner as to never make one feel that the scenes are dragged out too long, or that there is need of additional characters to give completeness to the play. In fact, the little episode is worked out on the quiet, between the three, and the members of the audience feel that they are but accidental eavesdroppers, inadvertently present at a domestic scene not intended to be made public.

Mr. Sheldon's creation of the character of Paul Hensert seems to have been begotten in doubt as to the acceptance of such a character by the public as a living possibility. He has, in consequence, made him something more of a cad than was necessary. It cannot be that Mr. Sheldon was familiar with the episodes in the lives of Richard Wagner, Ruskin and others whom we might mention. The daughter of Franz Liszt married Von Buelow, at that time the recognized musical leader of Germany. When Wagner and his new school of music were struggling for public recognition Franz Liszt, Von Buelow and his wife, were the first advocates and fast friends of Wagner; in fact, it was due to these people that Wagner gained a first foothold in the musical world of Europe. But as the friendship ripened, Madame von Buelow and Wagner awoke to the fact that they entertained a mutual and unusual love, as in the case of Ruskin, the three—Von Buelow and the others—sat down and talked the matter over, Von Buelow acknowledged that his great friendship for the father, Franz Liszt, had thrown him in the society of the daughter, and that the marriage was rather a consequence of this friendship than a deep affection between himself and the lady; and while their married life had been entirely smooth, yet he realized that the love of two great souls, like his wife and Richard Wagner, should take precedence over a bond founded upon the empty formality of a marriage ceremony. So, as in the case of our author's character, he was magnanimous enough to give up the wife, and still remain the friend to both. There the likeness ends, for in Von Buelow's case he was a real friend to his successor and his former wife. So also in the case of Ruskin.

Sheldon seems to have had some doubt as to public credulity, and to some little extent has marred his play by making the character of Hensert a man whom we wonder any woman should fall in love with, and even Craig, we feel, did not act in good faith. We are not really touched to the heart until the mother pleads for her child, then we feel that the intent and sentiment is genuine.

The play, however, has awakened unusual interest among Medford theatergoers, and we think Manager McCullum made a very fortunate selection in his opening bill. As to the actors, they were artists. Mr. Miller is a star of unusual ability, and we are sure there is a general wish for his return.

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MISS WHISLER IS SENT TO ASYLUM

Suffers From Ideas of Grandeur—John Doran Is Also Committed by the County Judge—Have Been Taken to Salem.

Miss Clara Whisler, a sister of C. E. Whisler of this city, has been committed to the state asylum for the insane. Miss Whisler has long been suffering from a species of insanity which led her to have great ideas of grandeur. For instance, she recently contracted for a million-dollar piece of property in Chicago and wired her brother to forward her \$500,000 at once. Recently she has become much worse, which led to her commitment.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Art Catoe, who has been yard man in the lumber yard here for the past two years, left for his home in Corvallis Saturday morning to remain permanently.

Miss Edith Caley, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. E. Marsh for the past few weeks, left for her home in Yoncalla Saturday.

W. F. Stidham spent Saturday in Woodville.

Mrs. E. E. Emerson and daughters, Misses Edythe Ceyle, have returned to Butte Falls to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Downingame, Mrs. J. E. Boswell and sons, left the week-end for their new California home.

Mr. and Mrs. Florence Moore and children have returned from Sisson, Cal., where they spent the summer.

George B. Roos and family and Miss Pearl Pankey have returned from a delightful two weeks' vacation at Huckleberry mountain and Crater Lake.

Mrs. Leva Fribish of Tacoma, Wash., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Sanderson in this city.

Claid Clark of Portland is making an extended visit to George Neale and family and their relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston and their guest, Mrs. Mason, of southern California, left for Crater Lake Sunday morning on a ten days' outing.

Mrs. Scott Poole and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinetti spent Sunday in Gold Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. March enjoyed a visit in Phoenix Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson had the pleasure of spending Sunday in Ashland.

Dr. Soule has returned from California and will open an office in the Cowley building soon.

Mrs. D. E. Jones left the latter part of the week for a short visit with Ashland friends.

Miss Bertha Peninger has returned from a lengthy visit in Portland and other northern cities.

Miss Marguerite Holmes left Sunday evening to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools of Woodville for the coming year.

Mrs. Steelhammer, Miss Etta Williams, Mrs. Eugene Childers, J. D. Williams and family spent a few hours Sunday at Gold Ray.

Rev. Lucas of Medford delivered a splendid address to the Y. M. C. A. here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. White of Woodville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farrar for a few days.

Among the many Central Pointers who spent Sunday in Medford were George A. Cline, Esther and Pearl Pankey, Grace Raymond, H. Holmes and son, Master Raymond H. Holmes, Archie Quisenberry, Herman Simpkins, Mull and Paul Norcross, Clarence Pankey, Frank Hatfield, Henry Freeman, Melville Kindle, Floyd Ross, Donald Bass and Lawrence Nichols.

Mrs. J. G. McDowell and daughters were Tuesday passengers to Grants Pass.

John E. Ross, George L. Ford and Roy Wilkinson have returned from a several days' hunting trip up Evans Creek.

J. E. Boswell left in his Ford auto car for his new home in Corning, Cal. Friday morning.

Mrs. Cora Coffman, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. March, for the last few days, left for her home on Applegate Friday.

Mrs. Leland and daughter of Portland, who have been visiting Mrs. Leland's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gay left Friday for an indefinite visit in Ashland with relatives and friends.

John J. Brown and sons have returned from a very delightful mountain outing.

H. S. Brown made a business trip to Jacksonville the latter part of the week.

H. J. Gardner and son Clifford are

HOP PICKING STARTS MONDAY

Flanagan and Cornell Ranch Will Yield 1000 Pounds to the Acre—Hops Have Been Supplanted for Most Part by Fruit.

The 100 acres of hops owned by Dr. W. H. Flanagan and T. B. Cornell of Grants Pass will be invaded Monday by about 200 pickers, as the harvest season for hops is at hand. The crop this year on this ranch will average about 1000 pounds per acre, stated Dr. Flanagan, and a good price is expected this season, as the hop yields elsewhere over the northwest will be light.

The total acreage in hops in Josephine and Jackson counties, outside of the Flanagan and Cornell ranch, has been reduced to not more than 100 acres, orchards having taken places of the hop yards. The 100 acres in addition to the Flanagan and Cornell ranch, are small yards, scattered over the two counties.

The DeArmond yard, near the Flanagan and Cornell ranch, was discontinued only last year, when the land was bought by a syndicate of Grants Pass men.

The Flanagan and Cornell ranch presents a beautiful scene, as the vines are trellised.

CALIFORNIA SHIPPING FIRST FALL PEARS

The Sacramento Fruit Distributors' market letter of Sept. 2 states: Pears, 150 cars. A decline of over 100 cars from last week is noted here. Bartlett's are coming almost entirely from the mountain sections. A few fall pears are going forward from the Santa Clara and San Lorenzo districts. Winter Nellis are reported to be of fine quality and a fairly good crop. Conice are generally reported a short crop.

the guests of Mr. Gardner's daughter, Mrs. Fred Terry this week.

Mrs. Steelhammer of Silverton, Ore., is visiting her friends, Miss Etta Williams and Miss Pearl Ross this week. Mrs. Steelhammer was a former resident of Central Point.

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PIONEER DAY AT STATE FAIR

September 11 to Be General Holiday at Salem—Special Program of Entertainment Prepared—Good Time Guaranteed.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 4.—Pioneer's day is to blaze the way at the Oregon state fair this year and the business men of the Cherry City are working hard to make it a tribute to those who braved almost any hardship to locate in the Oregon country. The Salem board of trade has appointed a general committee and special auxiliary committee to work out the details of entertaining the pioneers who will attend the fair. The members of the special committee are R. P. Boise, H. D. Patton, H. A. Johnson, G. J. Pearce, R. D. Gilbert, G. G. Brown and Clail Hayden.

The business interests of Salem have agreed to close their stores and factories at noon Monday, September 11, Pioneer's day, as a tribute to the cause. The pioneers will meet at the fair grounds at 10 o'clock in the morning and hold a reunion until 11:30 o'clock when they will be taken on a motor tour of the city. Returning at 12:30 they will take luncheon and be ready for the opening race at 1 o'clock.

The campers under Albert Tozier will build a big camp fire at 8 o'clock and an hour later the big Willson fireworks spectacle will begin for the special entertainment of the pioneers.

WEST'S HONOR MEN DIG FAIR GROUNDS WELL

STATE FAIR GROUNDS, SALEM, Ore., Sept. 4.—Sixteen of Governor West's "honor" men have done a mighty good job at the Oregon state fair grounds where they have just completed a new well which is forty feet deep and an even dozen feet in diameter. These men, over whom there has been on guard, worked from 7 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the evening with an hour for lunch. They slept in a small building on the fair grounds, cooked their own meals and worked entirely without guard.

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TALENT CONSIDERS SUNDAY CLOSING

The little city of Talent is much wrought up at present over the proposition of closing business houses on Sunday. A petition is being circulated asking the city council to pass an ordinance in conformity with the state law. The petition is being signed by the people in Talent and vicinity and is being circulated by the four churches. A majority of the city council seems to favor the proposition and believe that a small town like Talent, lying between the two larger cities of Medford and Ashland, should close business houses on Sunday, as the larger towns are doing.

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