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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

This year bids fair to see more progress made in China than has been made in the last thousand years. Taft has succeeded in roasting the Pittsburg millionaires without once mentioning chorus girls.

NO LONGER FEARS ON HALLOWE'EN

Grandma Williams of Central Point is surprised by her friends who play prank by connecting her home with sewer and water mains. "Grandma" Williams, a pioneer resident of Central Point, no longer fears the approach of Halloween.

RICH STRIKE ON RED CHIEF CLAIM

W. M. Swartzager, who has held on to the claim for thirteen years, believes it to be rich, has his faith justified. After maintaining for thirteen years that he had a mining claim which would some day be worth while.

JUD PERNOLL IS HOME FOR WINTER

Henry Pernoll, the great "south-paw," familiarly known as "Jud" has returned from Oakland. Mr. Pernoll was accompanied by his wife and they left Tuesday for his home at Applegate, where they will spend the winter.

THE REFERENDUM IN COURT.

THE following are the closing paragraphs of the brief of Jackson H. Ralston, Frederick L. Siddons and William E. Richardson, of counsel for the state of Oregon, in behalf of the initiative and referendum in the Oregon case now before the supreme court of the United States.

"The application now being made to this court is extraordinary to the last degree. A private corporation, deeming itself aggrieved, asks this court in effect to overturn the legislative systems of eight states of the Union; to declare that these states, while apparently equal members of the Union with the other states, have in fact excluded themselves and are living under systems of laws antagonistic in spirit to those which should prevail in the American states.

"It asks a decision, the effect of which would be, so far as this court is concerned, to nullify perhaps two score of important laws acquiesced in by millions of people.

"It asks that this court may set a precedent which will justify the disregard of a number of constitutional amendments which have received the sanction of thousands of our voters.

"It asks that the supreme court of the United States shall travel far beyond the judicial limits set to it by the constitution, by our traditions of government, by the practice of more than a hundred and twenty years, and assume to pass adversely to the expressed views of the executive and congress, given upon purely political questions.

"It has asked, for the logic of its position can be no less, that this court shall say that the people may not act directly upon any law, even though their power so to act be reserved by their constitution.

"It has called upon this body to defeat the natural and peaceful evolution of republican institutions, and to inaugurate a reactionary revolution. Instead of permitting the forward movement of the people, under our constitution, allowing freedom to grow with the growth of public intelligence, it would make of their constitutions something greater than the people creating them, bands stronger than iron, preventing national progress.

"It asks that, although two co-ordinate branches of the government, and although two successive presidents, have recognized the initiative and referendum as appropriate under a republican form of government, nevertheless, this court shall declare the contrary, and say in effect that in its opinion not only Oregon but seven other states of the Union are not such members of the American commonwealth of states, as are contemplated by the constitution; that their senators and representatives are wrongfully seated at the capitol; that when a president certifies to the official character of the officers of Oregon and seven other states of the Union, the utmost he is doing is to recognize them as de facto and not de jure officers.

"The fact is not to be overlooked that utterances of this court are simply statements of the law as between the parties thereto, and that even though this court could be induced in this case to hold that the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution of Oregon was contrary to the federal constitution, the amendment itself would still remain, and similar provisions would likewise remain in a number of other states. Whether operative or inoperative in the courts, the constitutions, until the people have acted, would remain in the judgment of the appellant unrepugnant, and the senators and representatives of the states in question still not entitled to retain or receive seats in congress, and presidential certifications of the acts of civil officers continue to be certifications to the acts of those who were representing an unrepugnant state. The most vivid imagination will hardly suffice to picture the political and legal ills to follow upon the granting of the correctness of the appellant's position.

"BRIGHT EYES."

DIFFERENCES in opinion are said to be responsible for horse races. They must also be held accountable for some theatrical entertainments—at least to nothing else can such a show as "Bright Eyes" be attributed.

"Bright Eyes" is labeled a "musical comedy." There is mighty little music and less comedy. Its melodies, if any of the refrains can be thus labeled, are unoriginal and reminiscent. There is no political or social satire, no parodies of literature or travesties of philosophies, no literary composition, and only the faint flavor of a borrowed plot.

Without actors or actresses, without soloists or singers worthy of the name, "Bright Eyes" is simply an aggregation of show girls, more or less gorgeously arrayed, a collection of clothes and legs, with a few good specialties, such as can be seen at any vaudeville show, thrown in as a redeeming feature.

Of noise, both instrumental and vocal, there is no dearth, but noise, frequently discordant and blatant, is not music any more than a romping frolic chorus is comedy. Some of the troupe, among them one who takes

the place designed in real shows for the star, had evidently called in the assistance of Bacchus for the local performance, to make her eyes really and truly bright—as called for in the title. And Bacchus also made her simpering silly.

Of course many of those who saw "Bright Eyes" say it was a fine show. That is why the writer does not write dramatic criticisms. He recognizes the superiority of the taste that prefers a big paste-glass blazer to that which chooses the insignificant diamond.



Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Medford opera house Henry R. Harris will present Edgar Selwyn's successful American comedy, "The Country Boy," which comes here direct from five months at the Liberty theatre, New York, and two months at "Powers" theatre, Chicago. The piece is in four acts and the action is of the present. The story concerns a young fellow from the country who goes to the city to make his name and fortune, but, like many others who had preceded him, he finds that desirable positions are not so plentiful. After several disappointments he becomes discouraged to the point where he is about to take his own life when he is brought to the realization that life in the small country town is the more preferable after all.

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