

### LOCAL TALENT SCORES SUCCESS IN THE MIKADO

The performance of "Mikado" last night given by local talent was in every way a splendid success. Local talent in Medford means very much more than in any other town in the state of Oregon, for it when it comes to producing opera, Medford has a real opera company, and people who attend these entertainments given by local talent need not feel that they are giving anything to charity when they buy their tickets. While the receipts of these entertainments go to make a happy Christmas for some who are not financially able to do for the little ones what they would like to, and while this cause within itself would be worthy of patronage, it should be remembered that the performance itself is in a class with the few first-class operatic performances that Medford has the good fortune to see.

The "Mikado" of last night is in a class with the "Chocolate Soldier" and "The Merry Widow" and neither of these operas had a better comedian in their cast than Art Burgess. The writer of this article has played the leading comedy part in the "Mikado" more than twelve hundred times, and yet, the opera of last night contained a freshness and spontaneity of wit that made it enjoyable as any entertainment that he has witnessed in years.

\* Frank Burgess is a splendid Pooh Bah. He is suited to the part both in voice and appearance and has a keen conception of the dignified man of all offices.

Judge Withington has rubbed against the grease paint so long that he can hardly be classed with amateurs. His performance of Mikado was fully up to the best professional rendition of that part.

Bob Burgess made a fine looking Nanki Poo and acted the part with grace and dignity.

Quisenberry is good anywhere you put him, from a cigar counter to a second comedian in comic opera.

Beveridge made an active Neeban. It is a big thinking part and Beveridge thought so hard in the role that the veins stood out all over his forehead.

The three little Maids were splendid. Mrs. Andrews sang and acted the part of Yum Yum in a thoroughly artistic manner. Peep Bo and Pitti Sing were played by Mrs. Edna Isaacs and Mrs. Enid Creely and they are just as pretty and charming as they used to be when we knew them as Edna Elfert and Enid Hamilton.

Mrs. Art Burgess was very good as Katisha. She is a lady of experience and showed it in last night's performance.

One more word for Kobo, for he was the big laugh. Art Burgess really possesses a keen sense of humor and it is worth anybody's dollar to see him in the part of Kobo.

The orchestra was directed by George Andrews, a role somewhat new to him, although he did his work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

The chorus was unusually good. The girls are all pretty and all of them possess voices. The whole ensemble made a very pretty picture. The orchestra was also fully up to the requirements of the score.

Come out tonight and help the good cause along and have a laugh that will make the recent fogs look to you like a clear sky.

The costumes and scenery were furnished by George T. Wilson.

The cast:

Koko.....A. C. Burgess  
Pooh Bah.....F. O. Burgess  
Fish Tush.....W. F. Quisenberry  
Panki Poo.....R. O. Burgess  
The Mikado.....Holbrook Withington  
Neeban.....W. T. Beveridge  
Yum Yum.....Mrs. E. M. Andrews  
Peep Bo.....Mrs. Edna Isaacs  
Pitti Sing.....Mrs. Enid Creely  
Katisha.....Mrs. A. C. Burgess  
Japanese School Maids: Misses Leta Burgess, Olah Chaffee, Anna Coffin, Inez Coffin, Ivy Coffin, Marie Elfert, Hazel Enyart, Lois Estes, Ione Flynn, Katherine Murphy, Orbie Natwick, Stella Quisenberry, Maude Ragdale, Blanche Wood, Clara Wood.

Japanese Noblemen: Ralph Burgess, Con H. Cady, Grover Corum, C. W. Glasgow, Lawrence Gregory, Albert Lawrence, Wilson Waite.

ED ANDREWS.

### TAYLOR MUCH OBLIGED FOR ESCAPING NOOSE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—"How did John Taylor act when he learned that his sentence was commuted?" This, in effect, is the question that everybody asked today throughout the length and breadth of Oregon. Taylor acted as if he had expected life. He was not greatly moved. His response to the information concerning his fate was characteristic.

Superintendent Lawson was greeted with a questioning smile when he entered Taylor's cell. The tall, lean woodsman rose, braced his narrow shoulders. His arms hung at his sides. If there was a tear in his heart he did not show it in his face. "John," said Lawson, and his tone was as commonplace as though he were commenting on the weather. "The governor has commuted your sentence."

Taylor raised one gnarled hand, as brown and withered as an autumn leaf, and the fingers caressed the stubble on his chin. "Why," he drawled and his voice showed no emotion more violent than pleased surprise. "Why, is that so? I'm much obliged 'ye, Mister. It was right kind of ye' to come and tell me."

He was to live, perhaps to regain his freedom to range the wild and he was "much obliged." Later he was asked how he could take the news so calmly.

"Well," he said, "I've been a rover pretty much all my life. I've been a cowman, and a miner and a well-driller. I've lived rough. I've seen men die. 'Taint so bad if you go quick."

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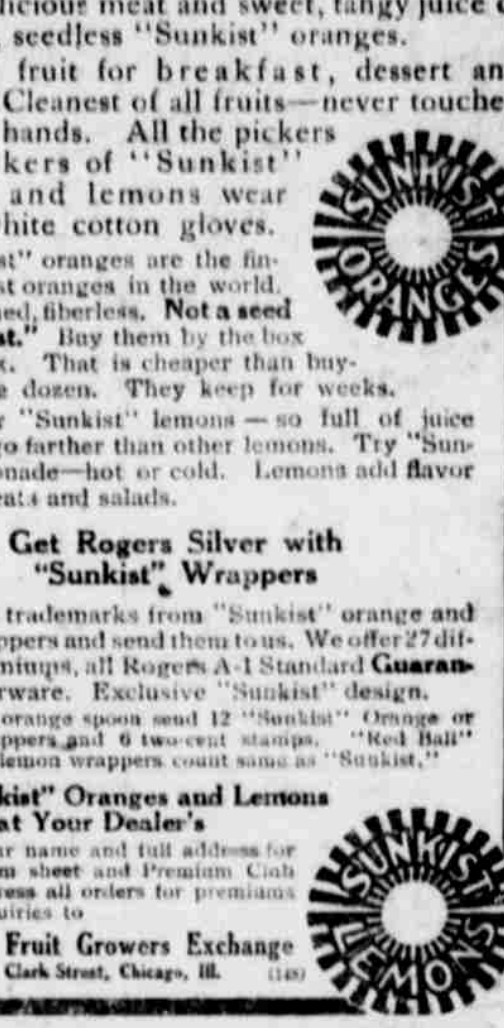
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(By A. C. Howlett.)

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