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## "MYSELF--BETTINA."

Maxine Elliott Does Salome Dance in New Play.

## "THE AMERICAN IDEA" A HIT.

New Musical Comedy by George M. Cohan is a Lively Success That is Jammed With Rapid Fire Action. Scenes Laid in Paris.

[From Our New York Dramatic Correspondent.]

Maxine Elliott is the latest Salome. Now it may be said that the craze for the dancing daughter of Herod has attained its zenith, for Miss Elliott is probably the most beautiful of all the portrayals of the role that have preceded her.

"It is in 'Myself--Bettina' that Miss Elliott is seen as Salome, and she is at Daly's theater. Miss Rachel Crothers, author of 'The Three of Us' and other plays, is the author. 'Myself--Bettina' as a play is not overmeritorious, but Miss Elliott as herself and as incidentally Salome is highly pleasing to look on.

Miss Crothers once more introduces our old friend, the crying girl, who is more sinned against than sinner. Mamie Dean is the sister of Bettina, the heroine, played by Miss Elliott. Mamie is a member of a stratified New England household. Bettina has been four years in Paris nursing her voice with a dream of grand opera, and she returns to shake up the family and to put it in line with progress of the outside world.

Lennox Marshall is the young scamp who has wronged Mamie, and he flatters himself he is in love with Bettina. Of course this leads to the inevitable revelation of the whole sorry story.

John Marshall, a preacher, also is in the house, and affection is strong between him and the budding grand opera star. But John finds it hard to approve of Bettina's unconventional life, which to him seems a crime against the whole structure of society. His training has been along narrow lines, and he puts his foot down when Bettina plans for the village performance of 'Salome' with herself as the girl dancing for the Baptist's head.

That scene really was the most diverting in the play. It went as a rehearsal, and Grant Mitchell aroused



MAXINE ELLIOTT.

general merriment as Herod. Mitchell played a 'village you' ridiculous in his seriousness, and the audience enjoyed his picture of Herod as king with a poker for a scepter and a dolly for a headpiece. Bettina took only a few turns across the stage. Salome before the preacher broke into the room to stand shocked and angry and to end the dance.

The way was quickly cleared for the 'big' scene when Mamie's sorrow was confessed and Lennox Marshall was shown to be a cad of the most despicable order. Bettina takes the situation to mean that it is not necessary to go to Paris to fall into evil, and the whole development goes to convince the preacher that he has been blinded by prejudice and that he would cut off his right hand before he would have Bettina less unconventional. He holds wide his arms, and Bettina runs to them. Mamie begins to smile when Lennox Marshall thinks that, after all, she loves her and that he should marry her.

The industrious George M. Cohan added another catchy musical comedy to his credit at the New York theater when he produced 'The American Idea.' Although the author-comedian does not appear in the cast, he is well represented in his latest musical 'frivolity,' as the programme designates it. 'The American Idea' is a typical Cohan production. There are the rapid songs, speeding chorus girls and a plot that keeps up with the terrific pace when there is not a song or a dance to offer.

## The Hoag Gold Mines

### Development Work Shows Big Value and Big Ore Bodies

#### Lake County Gold Mines Will Make Good

#### THE N. C. O. R'Y REPORTED SOLD

The N. C. O. Ry. is surely having a hard time of it. First it was sold to the Hill 'system,' then to the Gould 'system,' and now it is reported sold to the Harriman 'system.' The management deny such allegations and defy the allegator. And there ye are! We do not care who owns it so long as it strings its rails to Lakeview, and that soon. The new map of the Harriman system are out, and show nothing of the much talked of Des Chutes line and there is nothing to indicate that Lakeview is under consideration at all. The line from Alturas to Klamath Falls has a prominent place. It begins to look as though if Lakeview is to have railroad communication we will have to build an electric line either to Alturas or Klamath Falls. The Oregonian says there is money here to do it, and so there is. The Lord helps those who help themselves.

#### AGED VOTER'S LONG TRIP.

Simon Harris, Centenarian, Came From Jerusalem to Cast His Ballot.

One hundred and five years old, but in good health, 'Old Man' Simon Harris, as he is familiarly known on the east side of New York, comes all the way from Jerusalem to vote at every presidential election, and he was one of the first to register the other day in the Twentieth election district of the Second assembly district at 447 Grand street. A chorus of congratulations greeted his appearance there, and he shook hands with many friends of long standing.

Mr. Harris answered the inspectors' questions in a steady tone and remarked that his papers were wearing out and he would have to obtain duplicates because he expects to vote at several more presidential contests.

He wrote his name in a good round hand and then chatted with a group about the great changes that have come over New York since he first went there fifty years ago and lived on a little farm at Mott and Bayard streets.

He is living with Mrs. Levine at 242 Division street and will stay there until after the election, when he will return to his home in Jerusalem, whither he went to live many years ago. He says he is a good friend of the American consul in the ancient city and spends much of his time with him. Mr. Harris was naturalized in California and walked from there to New York after the gold excitement of 1849.

#### CAUSE OF BULGARIA'S BREAK.

Turkey's Slight to Her Diplomat, Says Consul General Ozmun.

Edward Ozmun, United States consul general at Constantinople, who recently arrived at New York, accompanied by his family, on leave for six months, told the following story of how Bulgaria came to declare her absolute independence:

"The break between Turkey and Bulgaria came as a result of Tewfik Pasha, minister of the interior, failing to invite Mr. Guerschoff, Bulgaria's diplomatic representative at Constantinople, to a diplomatic dinner. The result that followed may very easily have been unexpected by Turkey. When the minister left Guerschoff out in the cold it was expected that that would serve to show the position of Bulgaria as being that of a dependency instead of a separate country. It so happened that matters were then ripe for Bulgaria to take decisive action, and she very quickly took up the matter."

A road supervisor over near Roseburg says the roads there are so bad that a horse with only a saddle blanket would mire during six months in a year and during the other six months it is dumber poor walking. He is a booster, for sure! But what are the means of locomotion over in the Willamette-bonks, or flying machines?

While in town the past week, C. E. McCreary, of the mining firm of McCreary & Shauers, of New Pine Creek, called on the Examiner. He is very enthusiastic over results of development in Hoag district, and says if those gold mines were only over the border in Nevada that there would be the biggest kind of a stampede from all over the state. However, development is showing those most interested that they have a good thing, and enough has been done to show the richness and permanency of the camp.

W. R. Halp, of the Bidwell consolidated Mines Co. is now in San Francisco negotiating for a stamp mill to place upon their property. And arrangements have been made with Mr. Jensen to provide electric power, which he proposes to have ready as soon as the mill and machinery are ready for the same. The Mt. View claim of that company is looking fine. Sinking on a winze from the tunnel level shows from 3 to 5 feet of ore, which is of so good a quality that they are sinking two grades of it.

The same company are also driving a tunnel on the Sugar Pine claim. The are now in 100 feet and are breaking ore all the way the width of the tunnel that is worth, on the most conservative estimate, \$10 a ton in free milling gold.

The Son Shlone people have three sets of leases on their ground. Shauers and Badler have struck a cross lead running north and south, and are now drifting on it. The ore is of high value. It is believed to be the vein from which came much rich float found on the surface, and because of that they expect soon to strike a shute of extremely high grade ore.

#### Something About Fruit Tree Selection

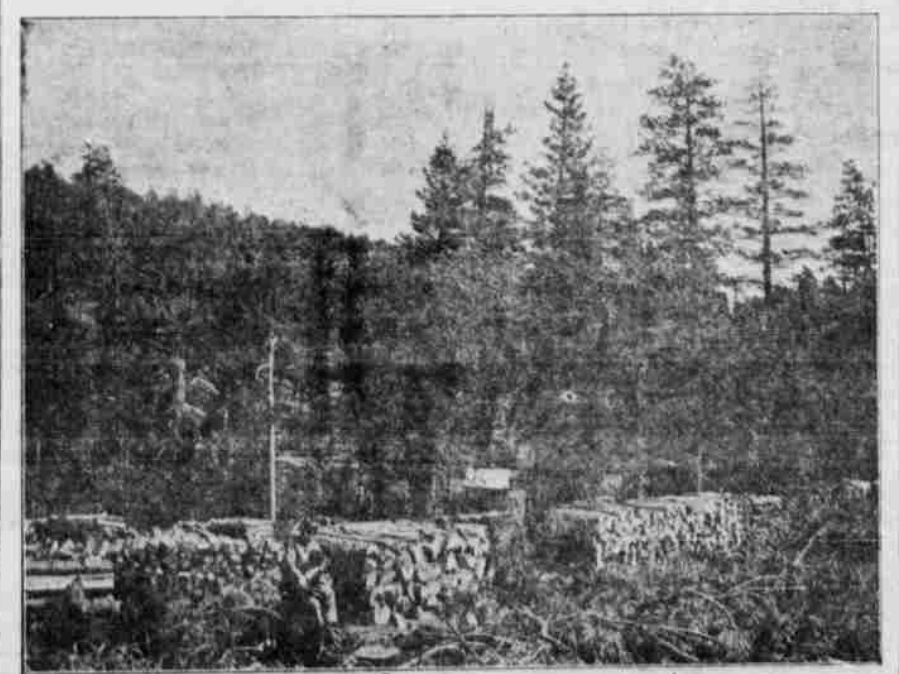
Now that the time is approaching for setting out fruit trees it behooves all orchardists to look well to the trees they are planting, as the law is very strict, and inspectors do their duty.

The inspector at Medford has already burned 5,000 trees that were recently shipped to a chardist in Rogue River valley, and will have to destroy some thousands of other shipments.

Few, if any, of these diseased infected trees were found in Oregon, and have been once inspected, but, from evidence at hand, they were not properly inspected.

Crown gall and eggs of the brown-tailed moth have been found on the imported trees. Crown gall is a fungus growth which appears near the graft on small trees and will in time

#### FOREST SCENE IN LAKE COUNTY



spread to other parts of the tree. The growth will become as large as one's two fists if allowed to grow. When once it gets started in an orchard the only way of eradicating it is to destroy the orchard and even then it has been known to lie for years in the ground, seemingly lying in wait for the next planting. This disease is found on both apple and pear trees. The eggs of the brown-tailed moth are found on seedling pear trees.

Apropos of the above The Examiner has received the following communication from Dick Kingley, who has had considerable experience here and at the Rogue River which will have special interest at this time, and he

state, and ask him to give you a list of the varieties of the different trees and small fruits adapted to your locality. Then get what you need from the nearest reliable nurseryman. If there is a fruit specialist or a nurseryman any where near you, go and see him. Usually he is the man with whom to deal.

Don't be fooled by wonderful new varieties. Make up your mind that all of these worth anything are old varieties renamed.

If you buy from an agent make sure that he is accredited by a responsible firm and insist that the firm guarantee the stuff you buy to be true to the name. Above all things, do not enter in to any contract with an agent to set out a certain number of acres and take part of his pay in the crop when the trees come into bearing. The part you pay in cash on such contracts is more than a fair price for the trees, and that is all the agent is after.

#### TURKEY'S ARMY.

Composition and Quality of the Sultan's Troops.

In view of the condition of affairs in the near east the Turkish army is a subject of present interest. At the age of twenty-one the Turkish conscript, if taken for the colors, serves for three years in the nizam, or active army, then for six years in the lhitat, or reserve of the active army, after which he passes for nine years into the redif, or reserve army, and, finally, for five years into the mustafiz, or landsturm. In case of emergency he may be taken to serve in the mustafiz for two years before reaching the age for nizam service. In Asia, however, mustafiz service is only for two years at the end of the soldier's redif service. Deducting exemptions and those medically unfit, about 100,000 young Moslems come up for conscription every year, and of this number about 70,000 are taken for the colors, while the balance of 30,000 pass straight away into the second class redif after a few months' drill.

German officers have compiled some numerical tables of strength which may be taken as a basis for estimates. The number of available fighting men under the present system of service may be given as follows: Nizam troops, 200,000; lhitat, 120,000; first class redif, 270,000; second class redif, 360,000; mustafiz, 90,000; total, 1,100,000. Of these the second class redif men may be ignored for practical fighting purposes, as only a small proportion are even partially trained. The other men are, or ought to be, fully trained soldiers. The force available for instant service in Europe is probably about 150,000 men, which in the course of a few weeks could be increased to 375,000 men.

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#### STREET CAR DISEASE.

St. Louis Conductor Reports a Peculiar Malady.

A United Railways conductor in St. Louis has a new disease, and he told a reporter the other night that a majority of the other conductors on the pay-as-you-enter cars are similarly afflicted. The symptoms are much like those of salivation.

"It is caused by that brass handle on the exit door," said 1151. "No passenger can leave the car by way of the rear platform until the conductor has grasped the handle and opened the door.

"Nearly all conductors have the habit of wetting their thumbs with their tongues in handling transfers or paper money. The poison of the brass handle is on their hands, and they thus carry it to their mouths.

"You ought to see some of the boys. Their lips are raw. If we wore gloves we would be unable to give out transfers or make change quickly enough."

#### Big Coffee Crop.

The Mexican coffee crop is expected to reach over 92,000,000 pounds against 83,000,000 pounds last year.

"The Oregon State Normal school 'Courier,' now at Monmouth is at hand. It contains portraits of the graduating class, six young ladies for February. Among them is Miss Ora Williams, of Burns, who is the beauty of the flock--which is as it should be, as Southeastern Oregon, the Great Inland Empire, is hard to eclipse in any way or line.

Frank Rogers, the sheep owner, of Plush, was in town last week several days.

## NORTH POLE HIS GOAL

Anthony Fiala Believes Dr. Frederick Cook May Reach It.

### WAS SPLENDIDLY EQUIPPED.

Intrepid Arctic Explorer, With Few Eskimos, Started on Last 560 Mile Dash in March--Plan Was Hastily Formed at the End of a Hunting Trip.

Ere this the long sought north pole may have been discovered. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, may be the finder. Anthony Fiala believes Dr. Cook is close to the pole if not actually there.

Dr. Cook's wife and two children live in Brooklyn. The last heard of him was March 17 last, when he was on the polar ice north of Cape Thomas Hubbard, 560 miles from the pole. He was on the eve of making a dash for it, accompanied by a few Eskimos, with dogs, sleds and supplies. Mrs. Cook is confident her husband will overcome all obstacles and return safe. It will be impossible to hear from him again before next summer.

When Dr. Cook started a year ago last spring for a polar hunting trip with John R. Bradley, a wealthy New Yorker, he had no intention of trying to grab the north pole. They went in a 110 ton Gloucester fishing schooner, renamed the John R. Bradley, with Dr. Cook in command.

When the hunting trip ended in August, 1907, it was expected that Dr. Cook would come back on the schooner, but at Annortok, on the northwestern coast of Greenland, he decided to remain and make a dash for the pole, says the New York Evening World. Rudolph Franke, a member of the crew, volunteered to stay at Annortok and watch the supplies. He recently returned to New York with a letter from Dr. Cook, dated March 17, 1908, a polar sea, north of Cape Hubbard. It Dr. Cook said: "I am taking straight course for the pole. I hope succeed. At any rate, I will make a desperate attempt."

Franke, speaking of their experiences in the far north, said in part:

"On the night of Aug. 26, 1907, the John R. Bradley discharged the stores and provisions, also the outfit, at Annortok, and the schooner left us on Aug. 27 at noon, bound for New York.

"Early in September our winter quarters were in first class condition, and we began to lay in a stock of meat for the winter.

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Members of the Peary club and the Explorers' club have for some weeks been discussing the advisability of fitting out an expedition to hunt for Dr. Cook. No relief measures can be taken, however, before next spring.

Mrs. John Mikel entertained Master Virgil Hauks on the 22nd. It being her 61st anniversary and his 11th. A very pleasant time is reported.