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IRISH PLAYS AT GRAND

Kerry Gow Under the Auspices of St. Joseph's Society

(From the Kansas City Times.)
Allen Doone in the title role of Joseph Murphy's old Irish play, "Kerry Gow," made a big hit at the Auditorium theater yesterday. The plot of "Kerry Gow" is the old tale of the grasping landlord who holds

(Gow is Irish for blacksmith), a bright, likeable fellow. There is no bloodshed and there are no heavy situations that leave the audience gasping and weak when the hero thwarts the villain. Mary Fermier as Nora Drew, the girl whom Dan will marry in a few days after the last act ends, was good. The love scenes between Nora and Dan, which were frequent, were never overdone.

A feature of the play is the scene in the blacksmith shop, where Kerry Gow makes a horseshoe at the blazing forge and shoes the villain's horse, which may win the race on which all the hopes of the Drews are staked, "as well as though it were the horse of my best friend." The news of the race is brought to the Drews by carrier pigeons, which fly in and light on the dove-cote.

Mr. Doone won the audience in the

MAYOR RODGERS' MESSAGE

Favors Commission to Revise City Charter

"Gentlemen: I shall not burden you with a lengthy message, but shall try to get down to the meat of what I have to say in a few simple words, feeling sure that they are directed to earnest men who have come to this council with the single purpose of the city's welfare at heart.

"Before proceeding, I want to pay my respects to the outgoing administration. Salem has taken a long stride forward in civic progress under my predecessor. We have accomplished much toward better streets, better bridges, better parks, and are developing some of the characteristics to which our size and importance as a city entitle us.

"You and I, gentlemen, in coming to this council, have assumed public burdens which call for private sacrifice on our part. We surely have not come here for the salary; nor for political advantage, for it is hard to see where any man can count himself fortunate, politically, by getting into a council. We don't come here for private gain, for certainly no honorable man would expect such a thing. Then, gentlemen, if these things are true, there is one thing we must do in order to accomplish the best results for our city and that is to have faith in each other; have faith in each other as the people have shown their faith in us, and in this spirit, gentlemen, let us work together, not as partisans, but as earnest servants of the city, having in mind only that we stand upon the common ground of good citizenship.

"In my relations with the council I shall know no Republican or Democrat. I shall be guided by no dictates of party policy or factional preferences. The man who opposes my views and my policies is just as good as any other man, so long as he is honest in his purposes.

In all we do let us invite the closest scrutiny of the people of Salem. We will make mistakes; all men of firm and upright endeavor do, and therefore let us welcome honest criticism. The voice of the chronic critic will also be heard, but we may take satisfaction in the knowledge that he cannot make mistakes because he rarely ever does anything but criticize. The salvation of the city lies not in the hands of the critic but in the hands of those who, however imperfectly, do the work to be done.

"I want to say first, that I favor the creation of a Charter Board to revise our charter and submit it to a vote of the people at an early date. With due respect to the gentlemen who drew up that instrument, I believe it adheres too much to the original document, and, aside from some ambiguities, does not give us a well balanced government. I will take up a few features of the charter as I approach them under the proper heads, but shall not go into detail.

"The provisions of our city charter limiting the city tax levy to ten mills and road tax to one and one-half mills were made when the custom of assessing property at one-third its value was well established in Marion county, but now, since our assessor has wisely seen fit to comply with the law and place a full valuation on all property, I believe the limit on the city tax levy should be cut down accordingly. Full valuation should mean low levy and the tax payers ought to be guaranteed as much. I believe our charter should be amended reducing the limit for city taxes from ten mills to about 3 1/2 mills and city road tax from 1 1/2 mills to about 6-10 of one mill. If the old limit was right under the old system, the limit I suggest would not be wrong under the new.

"I want to congratulate the administration of my predecessor on its work for permanent pavements in the business district and for better streets generally. This has been a crying need for years, and I think a good share of our property owners have come to realize that good streets are not only a good investment for themselves, but a splendid advertisement for the city as well.

"Our charter seems to have conflicting provisions in reference to the method of taxing costs for permanent street improvement. Section 6, paragraph 14, says the cost shall be at the "expense of adjacent property holders, or at the general expense of

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the mortgage on the farm and will not relent unless the poor but honest father consents to force his daughter to marry the villainous mortgage holder. This melodramatic plot is treated in a refreshing way with the soft pedal on the "melo." The situations are good and Allen Doone makes Dan O'Hara, the Kerry Gow

ELECTION ACCORDING TO PROGRAM

"Mr. Mayor, I move we proceed according to program," said Alderman Gesner, when the election of officers came up before the new council, the first order of business. "The alderman from the sixth ward has the program, and I make this suggestion in order to save time."

"If there is no objection," said Mayor Rodgers, as a ripple of laughter spread over the members and spectators of the council, without cracking a smile himself, however, "we will proceed according to program," and Alderman Greenbaum will please proceed with the reading of the program."

Alderman Greenbaum then picked up his slip of paper and, one after another in the order in which they came, he nominated the different subordinate officers of the city, which had been agreed upon in caucus Thursday evening, and the recorder was instructed to cast the ballot for the election of each separately, as follows:

- New City Officers.**
- Fire Chief—Mark O. Savage.
 - Engineer—E. C. Churchill.
 - Engine Driver—Pete Phillips.
 - Hose Truck Driver—J. Townsend.
 - Street Commissioner—Jas. Martin.
 - Police Officer—L. R. Murphy.
 - Police Officer—J. A. Folland.
 - City Attorney—A. O. Condit.
 - Health Officer—Dr. W. C. Smith.
 - Park Commissioner—Mrs. D. J. Fry.

STANDING COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Mayor Rodgers named the standing committees of the council for the ensuing year as follows:

Ways and Means—Jacobs, Waldo, Churchill.

Ordinances—Greenbaum, Low, Goode.

Accounts and Current Expenses—Churchill, Radcliffe, Bayne.

Streets—Downing, Stockton, Stolz.

Public Buildings—Stockton, Gesner, Stolz.

Sewerage—Stoltz, Jacobs, Low.

Plumbing—Fraser, Downing, Gesner.

Licenses—Waldo, Bayne, Downing.

Fire and Water—Low, Radcliffe, Goode.

Bridges—Gesner, Churchill, Fraser.

Health and Police—Haas, Jacobs, Waldo.

Lights—Goode, Haas, Greenbaum.

Printing—Radcliffe, Haas, Fraser.

Public Parks—Bayne, Greenbaum, Stockton.

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7 1/2c flaxine, now yd6c
10c flaxine, now yd7 1/2c

Oil Cloth
20c standard grade, yd15c

Outing Flannel
12c plain colors, yd 9c
10c grade, figured, yd8 1/2c
9c grade, figured, yd7 1/2c

Shirting
12 1/2c heavy twilled9 1/2c

Muslins
10c grade in mill end remnants, yd6 1/2c

Colored Table Damask
In mill end remnants, 50c grades now 25c yd

Men's Underwear
40c grade, now25c
50c grade, now40c
\$1.25 and \$1.50 odd wool shirts and drawers, now75c

Men's Sox
6 pairs heavy cotton for25c
10c black sox, now7 1/2c

Lace Curtains
\$1.25 grade, 3 yds long, now 85c pr
\$1.50 grade, 3 yds long, now \$1.00 pr
\$2.00 grade, 3yds long, now \$1.25 pr

Bed Spreads
\$1.00 large size, now69c
\$1.25 large size, now90c
\$1.75 large size, now\$1.25

Muslin Underwear
Gowns from35c up
Skirts from40c up
Drawers from30c up

Ladies' Underwear
Heavy cotton, now20c
60c union suits, now40c
\$1.00 union suits, now60c

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