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est of Costumes Make This the  
Play of the Season.

The scores of pretty little girls  
who take part in the chorus of Fred-  
eric Ranken and A. Baldwin Sloan  
notable musical comedy, "The Ginge-  
rbread Man," which Nixon & Zim-  
merman offer at the Grand Op-  
era house tonight were selected  
from over 200 applicants. Their  
great charm is their beauty and  
naturalness. Every character of  
this musical fantasy is taken from  
the story-books of our childhood.  
The original company of 82 players  
which was seen at the Liberty The-  
atre, New York, during the long run  
of "The Gingerbread Man," will be  
present here.

**The Scenery Senators.**  
A recent magazine article on the  
United States Senate describes the  
occupants of the front seats as  
"scenery." The word was well chosen  
as to most of those so designat-  
ed, but it did not include all the  
"scenery" there is in the senate. The  
state of New York is represented by  
nothing more than "scenery." Its  
two senators, Tom Platt and Chauncey  
Depew, are as inactive as any men  
in the entire congress, and quite as  
useless.  
They do nothing; they say nothing;  
they have no influence on legisla-  
tion. In the appointment of im-  
portant state officials they are not  
even consulted. Each has a limited  
amount of "scrub" patronage in  
Washington, and these few positions  
they guard zealously, but beyond  
filling these few offices Depew and  
Platt are as dead as the settings on  
any theatrical stage.

There is being built in the City  
of Mexico the largest bell ring in the  
world. When completed it will seat  
22,000 people. The framework is  
of steel, and the cost will be \$700,000.

**Run Down**  
If your doctor says take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, then take it. If he has any-  
thing better, then take that.

## REDWOOD CANYON A GIFT

Washington, Jan. 29.—One of the  
most public spirited gifts ever made  
to the government has come from  
William Kent, of Chicago, who has  
just deeded to the United States 295  
acres of primeval redwood forest on  
the southern slope of Mount Tamal-  
pais, about six miles from the City  
of San Francisco. The land was  
deeded to the government with the  
approval of Forester Gifford Pin-  
chot, chief of the United States For-  
est Service. The papers have now  
gone to the secretary of the interior  
and a proclamation declaring the  
canyon a national monument will  
be signed at an early date.

This means that more of Califor-  
nia's redwood giants will be saved  
for the scientific study and pleasure  
of the whole country; in fact, the  
whole world; for the great sequoias  
are only found in the Golden  
State. This grove given to the gov-  
ernment by Mr. Kent is one of the  
only tracts of redwood forests to be  
found in its natural state in Califor-  
nia today. The land is said to have  
cost Mr. Kent \$47,000 some years  
ago, but its stand of redwood tim-  
ber alone is now valued at more than  
\$150,000 on the market.

The canyons of Tamalpais which  
drain into San Francisco bay were  
cut seven years ago and the redwood  
obtained from them went into the  
construction of the old San Fran-  
cisco. The giants on the tract to be  
known as Muir Woods escaped the

the vary door of hundreds of thou-  
sands of people.

So long as the land remains in private  
ownership there is always danger  
that the trees will be attacked,  
and Mr. Kent feared this but as a  
National Monument they will be safe  
for all times. They are, of course,  
many finer stands of redwood in  
California, but there are no typical  
groves owned by the United States  
nor are there any which might be  
acquired by the government except  
at great expense.

Originally this land was part of  
the old Spanish grant "Rancho Sau-  
salito." Mr. Kent purchased the land  
some years ago for a sum said to be  
about \$47,000. To insure the pres-  
ervation of the redwoods for the in-  
struction and enjoyment of all the  
people for the years to come, he has  
now deeded the tract to the United  
States as a gift. The largest red-  
woods are 18 feet in diameter at  
the butt and will approach 300 feet  
in height, rising with perfectly  
straight and clean stems. As none  
of the big trees have been cut, their  
age is of course somewhat problemat-  
ical, but it is safe to say that the  
veterans have stood from 1000 to  
1500 years.

The total stand of redwood, rough-  
ly estimated, is about 30,000,000  
feet, with some 5,000,000 feet of fir,  
and a very considerable amount of  
tan bark oak. The redwood alone,  
at a fair valuation has a market value  
of \$150,000 as it stands. Except for  
a narrow strip of brush along the  
east border and a fringe along the  
southwest line, the whole canyon is  
covered with a dense forest growth.  
The stand is heaviest along the creek  
and on the lower slopes, becoming  
poorer above. Redwood is the dom-  
inating tree, towering high above  
everything else and forming fully



Ross Snow, as "King Bunn," in "The Gingerbread Man."

ax, however, chiefly because the out-  
let is on the ocean side instead of  
the bay side, and also because the  
various owners of the land have  
for sentimental reasons jealously  
guarded the timber from harm or  
destruction. Modern methods of  
logging would make short work of  
the timber, and would, besides, put  
a handsome profit in the hands of the  
owners.

It is the intention to name the  
national monument "Muir Woods,"  
after the noted naturalist. The  
giants of redwood canyon will now  
be given permanent protection by  
virtue of the act of June 8, 1906,  
which provides that objects of sci-  
entific interest may be declared  
national monuments if such action is  
deemed necessary for their preserva-  
tion and protection. This 295 acre  
tract will be a pleasure ground as  
well as a place for scientific study  
for the people practically of the  
whole of California, for within a ra-  
dius of 52 miles of the canyon two-  
thirds of the population of the en-  
tire state are centered.

The chief reason for the perma-  
nent protection of the land by the  
government is that there is no other  
redwood grove in the whole world  
more accessible to so many people.  
The canyon is in absolutely primeval  
condition, not so much as scratched  
by the hands of man. It lies within  
an hour's ride of San Francisco, at

three-fourths of the whole forest.  
Douglas fir is next in importance,  
and scattered over the entire tract  
are all the various hardwoods com-  
mon to the region, chief among which  
are the numerous oaks, madrone,  
slder, maple and mountain laurel,  
all of which form a kind of dwarf  
underwood to the lofty redwood and  
fir. The redwood occurs both in big  
and small groups and by single trees,  
while the other species are sprinkled  
throughout.

The destruction of redwood by  
lumbering has been so rapid in the  
last decade that it is now only a  
question of years when the original  
growth will have wholly disappear-  
ed. Its extraordinary scientific and  
educational value, along with the  
fact that it is a pleasure ground for  
all of the people who live or visit  
this part of California, makes the  
wood an ideal national monument.

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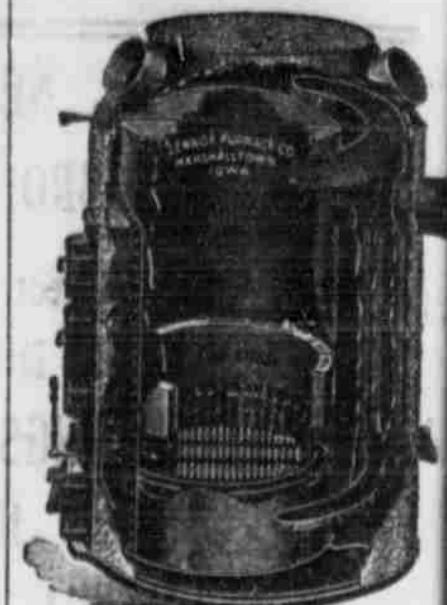
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