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PLAYS AND PLAYERS

HARKINS NEXT WEEK.

Miss Sue Van Duser, who is again the leading lady of the W. S. Harkins company, will wear some beautiful dresses in "The Crisis" that is to be played at the Opera House, Monday evening, Nov. 19th. The action of the play takes place in '61, before and during the late civil war and all the characters are dressed in the style of that period. The Crisis, is a dramatization of Winston Churchill's popular novel and is a highly interesting play with a strong love story throughout. Some beautiful singing will be introduced by Miss Powers and Miss Giffin.

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN MODJESKA FAREWELL

No one who admires the best in drama and who recognizes artistic worth will be absent from the Opera House next Friday evening, Nov. 16th, when Mme. Helena Modjeska, appearing in either "Macbeth," "Much Ado About Nothing," or "Mary Stuart" will play here for the last time. The visits of this renowned actress in the past have been among the brightest and most memorable events of past theatrical years. Her coming has always been looked forward to with unusual anticipation, and never was the waiting in vain. Modjeska's productions always satisfied the most exacting, because they were car-



ried out in accordance with classic ideals, and were directed by the actress' splendid intellect. This year Modjeska's admirers will be no less pleased than in the past because, this being her final tour of America, she has taken especial pains that the impression that she has always created shall be no less favorable than when she had other profitable seasons in prospect. She is surrounded by one of the strongest companies that ever supported her and, from a scenic standpoint, her productions are as complete and handsome as any ever given the great plays of Shakespeare and Schiller. In this city, as in all others where Modjeska is a favorite, there is unconcealed sorrow that she is to retire to private life. In order to show the depth of this regret and the height of the esteem in which she is held, the playgoers will see that this performance is a testimonial of the warmest and most pronounced kind. There is much interest in the selection of the play, that being left to the purchasers of tickets, each one having a vote. Whatever the choice, all may rest assured that they will see Modjeska in one of the roles with which her name is most closely associated.

DENIES TRUST STORY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12,—Al. Hayman, speaking for Klaw & Erlanger today, in reference to the telegrams dated from Chicago and St. Louis, respectively telling of the formation of a fifty million dollar theatrical trust, said:

"There is absolutely no truth in the statement; not even the flimsiest foundation for it."

A FIRST CLASS SHOW.

The Ellis Stock Company presented "Lost Paradise" to a fair audience in the Opera House last night, and of the many performances given before St. John audiences by this company, perhaps the melodrama last evening was the best suited to them.

Henry G. Roscoe was excellent as Mr. Fletcher, while Helen Aubrey, as Margaret Knowlton, was, as usual, a general favorite. Daniel Bagnall was well received as Bob Appleton, and Owen G. Coll as "Billy" Hopkins created much mirth.

The characters as a whole were well looked after by the company, and those who are fond of a powerful melodrama should not fail to see "Lost Paradise."

AN IDEAL PLOT.

The story is told of Daniel Frohman, the artistic impresario, that he once gave the following as his idea of a short play to an inspiring young dramatist who had submitted to him a laborious drama in six acts:

When the curtain goes up, two persons are discovered on a sofa, one a pretty young woman, the other a nice looking young fellow. They embrace; neither of them say a word. Then a door opens at the back and a commercial traveller enters. He wears an overcoat and carries an umbrella. You can tell at once by her manner that he is the husband of the young woman. At least that would be the inference of every intelligent playgoer.

The husband takes off his coat, draws from his pocket a heavy Colt's revolver, and, in the midst of the silent embrace of hero and heroine, fires.

The young woman falls dead.

He fires again, and the young man is similarly disposed of. Then the murderer comes forward, puts on a pair of eyeglasses, and proceeds to contemplate his sanguinary work.

"Great heavens!" he exclaims. "I am on the wrong floor."

HIS VIEW OF OTHELLO.

It was in a Broadway cafe, where such "at liberty" actors as still possess the price of liquid luxuries congregate to grasp at straws to bear them up in the ocean of heat. Fragments of stage talk percolated through the room, centralizing at a table whence boomed the voices of a group of old timers. A man with a string tie, long moustache and slouch hat, who bore in every detail the "South of Mason and Dixon's line" trademark, listened in puzzled awe to the fragments of talk which were as Choctaw to him. At length one of the veterans remarked:

"Yes, we were playing the Jarret and Palmer circuit in Othello, and—"

The southerner's eyes brightened at the familiar word.

"I saw that play once!" he broke in, delightedly. "Down in Nashville, I——"

"What did you think of it?" queried a bystander in the evident hope of starting a conversation whose climax might be a bid to drink. "Pretty good show?"

"Mighty good show," agreed the southerner. "There was a nigger named Salvini in it, and I couldn't see but what the coon acted as good as any of the white folks they had."

MISS ELLISTON WELL AGAIN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Miss Grace Elliston, creator of the role of Shirley Rossmore in "The Lion and the Mouse," has recovered from a severe attack of illness and returned to the cast at the Lyceum Theatre last night.

A BRILLIANT PIANIST.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Last Thursday evening at Mendelssohn Hall Miss Augusta Cottlow appeared in her single New York recital this season. Miss Cottlow is a brilliant pianist, who has been appearing in American cities other than New York for several years.

New York had an opportunity to learn what a loss Miss Cottlow's absence has been. This feeling is the more remarkable when it is remembered that New York has had more pianists than could comfortably be listened to.

The large audience that greeted Miss Cottlow was enthusiastic over her splendid technique, her singing tone and her undoubted musicianly spirit. Her programme ranged from Beethoven to MacDowell. Chopin, Schumann and Liszt were all adequately interpreted by the discriminating young player, and her audience called for encores after each number. This was done with generous enthusiasm and not merely because Miss Cottlow's recital was the first of the season.

MANTELL CELEBRATES.

Recently in Buffalo, Robert Mantell, who is now making a big hit in New York, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of his debut in professional life. Mr. Mantell's company presented the actor with a handsome loving cup. The presentation was made at the close of the third act of Richard III., and the enthusiastic audience at the Star joined heartily in showing its appreciation of the recognition on the part of the donors.

SHIPMAN IS RESTING.

Ernest Shipman, of the firm of Sweely, Shipman & Co., who has been ill for the past two weeks as a result of overwork, has left on a brief tour of inspection, and will visit two of his companies which are now touring in Canada. He will then take a trip to Erie, Pa., to visit his mother, who is now residing there.

Miss Alberta Gallatin, starring under the management of Sweely, Shipman & Co., in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," received an ovation in St. Paul last week. Miss Gallatin is one of the most popular stars on the road and through the west and on the Pacific coast has a large and enthusiastic following, guaranteeing crowded houses everywhere she appears.—The Billboard.

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A TALE OF THE DISTANT PAST

How Recorder Skinner Built a Boy's Sled and Swapped it for a Sheep.

(Fredericton Herald, Friday).

Hon. C. N. Skinner, the popular recorder of St. John, is an eminent lawyer and has occupied considerable prominence as an astute politician, being the only public man in this province to have carried the same constituency twice on diverse political platforms.

It is not, however, as a judge, lawyer or politician that the Herald desires to speak here of Mr. Skinner, but of his achievement in another useful sphere.

The recorder, although a long time citizen of St. John, is not a native of that borough. Like many other eminent men of New Brunswick, he first saw the light in a rural district. To Wickham, in the county of Queens, was given the honor of producing the distinguished lawyer and politician, and Mr. Skinner during his present visit to Fredericton, was given a unique reminder of his early days in that locality.

The recorder's respected father was by occupation a wheelwright and his son "Charlie," as he is still familiarly known by his intimate friends, between going to school and driving the cows, pottered around his father's workshop, and among the other articles he produced by the aid of the parental mechanical outfit, was a boy's sled of excellent design and workmanship.

Now there happened to dwell in the same rural locality with his family, the late Mr. Golding, father of the present respected and efficient city treasurer of Fredericton, and young Golding, seized with a natural boyish desire to possess the sled, so deftly manufactured by the youthful Skinner, consulted with his father and a bargain was arranged for the transfer of the sled to little "Israel," the consideration being one of the best sheep in the Golding flock, of which young Skinner proudly assumed ownership in return for the fruit of his handicraft at his father's bench.

The incident, perhaps forgotten many years by the participants in the deal at Wickham, say some sixty years ago, was recalled in the city clerk's office in Fredericton yesterday by Mr. Skinner, Mr. Golding and J. W. McCready, who on comparing notes found they all added glory to Wickham by being born near the same spot in that fruitful parish.

The gentlemen commenced swapping reminiscences, the city treasurer recalled the sled episode, now hoary with age, and announced that he has still in his possession the identical article for which he exchanged with Mr. Skinner one of his father's best sheep, when they were "boys and girls together" at Wickham.

The recorder was much interested in the recalling of an event in which he figured so many years ago and remembered the circumstances perfectly, while the city clerk, who reached Wickham a few decades or more after the bargain was consummated, was able to recollect the tradition that recounted the clever workmanship of young Skinner and the shrewd bargain which young Golding was able to drive in securing possession of the sled.

The sheep has long since been gathered to its fathers, but the sled, the recorder and the city treasurer seem good for many years more.

ter replied: "On that point I have nothing whatever to say."

Mr. McMaster adds that he is a retired business man having spent a full half century in the world of commerce, both in Canada and thet motherland. Touching briefly on trade relations with England, he expressed regret that greater care was not taken in packing fruit—apples, particularly—for the British market. He declares that the British people are perfectly willing to pay the price, provided that the fruit they are buying is of uniform size throughout the package. Mr. McMaster tells of having seen California fruit come to England in splendid condition, and then, at Rat Portage, he has seen Canadian goods that had to be dumped out as unfit for the market.

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J. S. McMaster of Toronto is Enthusiastic Over St. John and Its Future as a Winter Port, But He Believes the Government Should Help in Providing Steamship Facilities.

J. Short McMaster, of Toronto, who is in the city visiting his son, Rev. W. W. McMaster, pastor of Germain street Baptist church, is enthusiastic over St. John as the winter port of Canada. Its approach, its location, its surroundings; all impress him most favorably. One thing he finds lacking and only one, to form a complete and well equipped outlet for the products of the great west and that is accommodation for steamships.

Talking with a Times reporter Mr. McMaster said: "As a winterport, looking to the future of the Dominion of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I can see a great future in store for the city of St. John, and it appears to me that the Dominion government should give liberal assistance for the development of the shipping trade here, in the way of suitable docks which are absolutely necessary for the future of this great port."

Continuing, Mr. McMaster said: "When one considers the vast west, which must find an outlet for its enormous crops of grain, its cattle, etc., it is surely worthy of the most generous consideration on the part of the government, for it is neither fair nor possible for St. John to meet anywhere near the requirements of this fine port.

"As Canadians, we are all anxious to keep within our own borders, the carrying on of the trade of this great country, and I firmly believe that there is ample shipping trade for both St. John and Halifax.

"I am highly pleased with the situation of the city and its exceedingly fine neighborhood is of a very attractive nature, I can well understand that, even in summer, there can be a large amount of shipping here, bringing travellers to enjoy the fine climate, and bracing air of this splendid country; and, when I go back to Ontario, I shall not cease singing its praises."

Asked why he was so favorably impressed with St. John as the winter port of Canada, Mr. McMaster said: "Why, the easy approach from the Atlantic to the Bay of Fundy from which it is so easily accessible and then again it is well sheltered. All you want now, is suitable docks, to make it a perfect harbor."

Speaking of trade relations, Mr. McMaster said: "I think that very little alteration is required to equalize the tariff for all interested parties. The present arrangement has, I believe, been a very great advantage in allowing free importation of raw materials and such articles as have been found of interest to the development of the manufacture of machinery, etc., enabling us to increase our shipments of such manufactures to other parts of the world, in competition with our southern neighbors."

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LAST NIGHT'S FIRE

An ugly fire broke out last night, about 11.30 o'clock, in the partly finished house, on Paradise Row, owned by John F. Evans. The fire was noticed by W. M. Morrow, who sent in an alarm from box 231.

The blaze is supposed to have started from a fire left in a small stove, to dry the plaster, and it was only after an hour's hard fight that it was finally gotten under control. Foreman John Bond of No. 4 H. & L., was considerably shaken up by a fall.

Mr. Evans had $1,000 in the Quebec Fire Insurance Company, which he thinks will cover the loss.

A NEW COMET SEEN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 12.—A comet, which could be seen through a small telescope, was discovered early Sunday morning by Holger Thiels at Copenhagen, according to a despatch received today at the Harvard College observatory from Professor Kreutz of Kiel, Germany. Two observations were made of the comet, one on Nov. 10, 5 088th G. M. T., in right ascension 9 hours 15 minutes 21.3 seconds, declination 12 degrees 16 minutes 50 seconds; the second on Nov. 10, .6,758 G. M. T. in right ascension, 9 hours 16 minutes 3.3 seconds, declination 12 degrees 28 minutes 31 seconds.

Montreal, Nov 12—Sir William Van Horne has resigned from the directorate of the Dominion Coal Company, presumably as a protest against the attitude that company has taken in the dispute with the steel company. Sir William is also a director of the latter concern.

It is reported that Senator Cox will follow the example of Sir William.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY WILL CELEBRATE

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the St. Andrew's Society to make arrangements for the Scotch night in celebration of St. Andrew's day met last evening. It was agreed to secure the whole of the York Theatre for the occasion. The programme part of the entertainment will be in the auditorium of the theatre and supper will be served downstairs. Six hundred and fifty tickets at $1 each will be issued.

Committees to arrange details were appointed with the following conveners: Programme and printing, J. Roy Campbell; refreshments, B. R. Macaulay; floor, John T. McIntyre, and decoration and reception. President-elect C. K. Cameron is convener of the last two named committees.

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