

TO PRESENT PLAY FOR MASONS

Theatrical Men Books Lodge Drama for Omaha.

TALE OF AN ANCIENT PERIOD

Production Deals with Life and Scenes of Eighteenth Century, with Strict Adherence to Pages of History.

Eugene P. Arnold of the Merry Widow company has made preliminary arrangements for a contract to present a Masonic play in Omaha some time in the 1911-12 season. It is a play written about Masonry, by a Mason, to be played before Masons, and with only Masons in the cast. Mr. Arnold has closed contracts in the larger cities of the west, and he already has assurances of a number of important dates in the east. The Masonic drama is known by the title of "An Eighteenth Century Lodge" and it has attracted wide attention in Europe. The first production is to be given in Detroit in September under the direction of Mr. Arnold.

The play was written by Joseph E. Mercombe, editor of The American Freeman, published at Storm Lake, Ia. The text was written after long and careful search into all the Masonic history available, for the period in which the scenes are laid—about 1728. The first few years following the establishment of the grand lodge of England in 1717, are very obscure, and it was necessary, therefore, to glean closely in a singularly barren field before attempt was made to arrange the materials.

Nor was it Masonic history alone that had to be consulted. It was necessary to know what manner of life the Masons lived, what topics they discussed, their humors and matters of concern.

Of Dramatic Merit. Mercombe is said to have produced a strong work—having coherence, constant interest and dramatic unity. All that had occurred in a lodge of that time is made use of and handled to the best advantage. The quaint and strongly contrasting characters introduced give opportunity for excellent dialogue and interesting situations. In the first scene, where the brothers gather, there is gossip, whispering of secret conspiracies in the political world without, the recital of portents and wonders, while over the broad humor of the period has showing. The second act is occupied by the lodge meeting proper, and here the serious purpose of the play has its development. In the third scene, or division, "From Labor to Refreshment," the convivial features of old-time Masonry have amusing illustration. The toasts and songs and table talk combine in easy but accurate reproduction of this once important function of the lodge.

The play is intensely human, say its critics. The author has made of his characters living men, not mere figures used to convey a desired lesson. Sir Roger's devil-may-care spirit, his quips and sallies, the slow-moving humor of Thickshank, Chapman's reiterated complaints, "as an old Mason," at the badness of the ale and the falling away of the craft; Quickly's signs and wonders, and all the oddities and eccentricities of this company at the Thatched House Tavern—these serve to show what manner of men were our Masonic ancestors, and to desire that the piece has been tried out and given several presentations by "The Craftsmen" of the University of Michigan.

Worldwide interest has been aroused in the play and several English Masonic publications have expressed a desire that the drama be produced in the British Isles.

INJUNCTION AGAINST CEMETERY IS DENIED

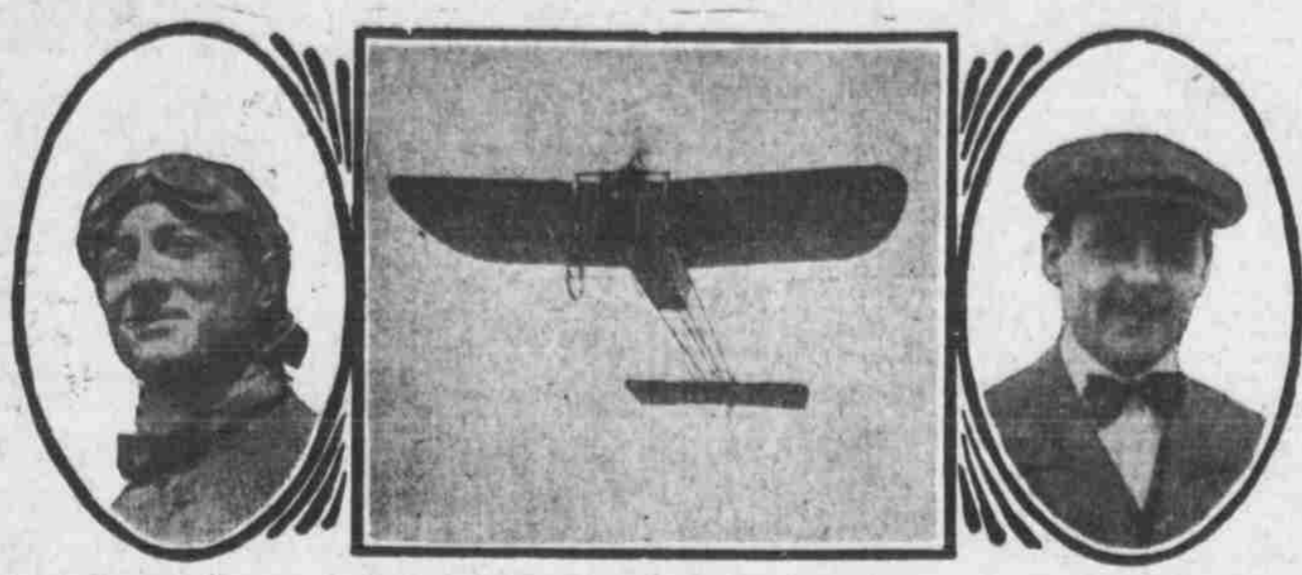
Judge Kennedy Refuses the Request of Citizens Living in the Neighborhood. After a hard-fought suit in which much testimony was taken, several residents of South Omaha living near the proposed Graceland Park cemetery at Fortieth and B streets, were denied an injunction against the cemetery company and the suit dismissed at their costs Tuesday morning in Judge Kennedy's court.

MRS. WILLIS CROSBY BURIED

Services Held at Residence Tuesday Afternoon—Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. Willis C. Crosby, who died Saturday night from the effects of carbonic acid taken by mistake, was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence of the deceased, 2824 Charles street.

Rev. H. J. Kirschstein, pastor of the North Side Christian church, presided at the services, assisted by Rev. E. H. Curry. A quartet, composed of Mrs. F. E. Sealey, Miss Edith Lowman, James Knight and Walter Cady, rendered "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Abide with Me." The pallbearers were William Beck, John Cauer, Howard Shinook, John Ahmsen, Charles Davis and Roy Smith. The burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Bird-Men Now Soaring Over Omaha



RENE SIMON. BARRIER CLIMBING FOR ALTITUDE. RENE BARRIER.

Doctors and County Board Disagree Over Office at the Hospital

Advisory Board of Physicians Displeased When Commissioners Ignore Advice. The Board of County Commissioners and the advisory board and medical staff connected with the county hospital had a stormy session Monday night over the appointment of a house physician at the county hospital.

Spinal Meningitis Becomes Epidemic

Mysterious Disease Attacks Many Victims—Physicians Making a Combined Fight. An epidemic of spinal meningitis is raging over Omaha. The Board of Health is constantly receiving reports of new cases and the medical profession of the city has united to center all scientific power against the spread of the disease.

Doctor's Chauffeur Fined for Racing Against the Stork

Paul Giles' Plea of Professional Necessity is of No Avail in Police Court. Racing against the stork caused the arrest and conviction of Paul Giles, chauffeur, fined \$25 and costs for exceeding the speed limit.

Works for Two Years Without a Cent of Pay

Now Chris Tchouban Sues for His Wages He Claims He Has Earned. Alleging that John Politis, Dan Boylages and James Krigas, the proprietors of a combined pool hall, barber shop and restaurant at 1401 Jackson street, had not paid him a cent since he started to work for them on June 3, 1908, and up until April 27 of this year, Chris Tchouban brought suit against his employers in district court Tuesday for \$2,067 in back pay.

Trees to Help Make Prisoners Happier

Park Board to Beautify City Jail on the Request of Captain Henry Dunn. Upon a request from Captain Henry Dunn of the police department, William R. Adams, superintendent of parks, has been ordered to plant trees in front of the city jail at Eleventh and Dodge streets.

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Work Makes Thirst

Hot office—nervous strain—parched throat. A real, genuine office thirst does n't yield to water. Back and forth to the water cooler is unsatisfactory--too much ice water is bad for you. Slip out and get a glass of



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Coca-Cola advertisement featuring the iconic script logo and the slogan 'The change will rest you--the beverage will delight you--your thirst will be really quenched--you'll feel cooler, brisker, better.' It also includes the text 'Delicious --- Refreshing --- Wholesome' and '5c Everywhere'.

HAS OMAHA 159,982 PEOPLE?

South Omaha Has 33,302, Making a Total of 193,284.

FIGURES FROM NEW DIRECTORY

Directory Contains 71,103 Names, Which is Multiplied by Two and One-Quarter for Women and Children.

The population of Omaha, according to the latest city directory just out is 159,982, as against the official enumeration of 124,064.

Between the two the average Omahian is more willing to accept the directory figures, since they are more carefully and systematically compiled than those submitted by the official enumerators, who are untrained in this line of work and who find it too easy to skip isolated statistics.

The manager of the Omaha City Directory company explains his enumeration as follows: After a careful count of the names of individuals in this directory, excluding firms, corporations and the like, the total number is found to be 71,103. The actual population, including women and children whose names do not appear in the directory, used to be 2 1/4 times the number of names represented.

These figures exceed the number announced by the United States census, and properly so. The directory canvass is made under a duplicate system, which reduces to a minimum the chance of omissions.

The South Omaha directory contains 14,301 names, which indicates a population of 33,302, making a combined population of 193,284 for the two cities, which for all business purposes is one city.

The Omaha directory contains 1,031 pages. Of these 1,031 pages are devoted to the alphabetical list of names, forty-eight to the miscellaneous portion, 175 to the classified business directory and 262 to South Omaha.

The features which have given such eminent satisfaction in the past are given as full and complete as heretofore and to the patrons and the thousands of others in this section who will have occasion to refer to its pages.

Foley Kidney Pills take hold of your system and help you to rid yourself of your dragging backache, dull headache, nervousness, impaired eyesight, and of all the ills resulting from the impaired action of your kidneys and bladder.

BLIND COMING TO CONCERT

Students in Music Department of Nebraska State School for Blind Hayden Bros. Guests.

Indications point to a large attendance from outlying towns and cities to the Mendelssohn choir and Thomas orchestra concerts to be given at the Auditorium May 15 and 16.



Lincoln and Fremont will send especially large delegations, while there is hardly a town, large or small, in the immediate vicinity of Omaha, in Nebraska and Iowa, but what will be well represented.

The music department of the Nebraska School for the Blind, Nebraska City, which will attend the matinee Tuesday, May 16, in a body, will be guests of Hayden Bros. of this city.

Enjoy the Joy of Eating TIP-TOP BREAD

That really delicious, palatable loaf.

Test its taste just once, and you'll then and there join the army of "Tip-Toppers."

Purity and quality to the highest degree and as clean as if made in your own kitchen.

All grocers sell it—5 cents buys it.

Courtney & Co. OMAHA'S PURE FOOD CENTER

Special Sale of "Califo" Canned Goods

Town & House, State and "Califo" Brands

Peaches Pears Cherries Plums

Apricots YOUR CHOICE, Per Can, 20c

All Packed for the Coast Products Company. Courtney & Co.

Ladies! Your "Home Cleaning" of White Dresses WON'T Do!

Stop and think of what you LAKE before you try to clean a delicate white dress AT HOME. You haven't the experience—neither the facilities—nor the time.

Better let US do you a guaranteed job—costs only \$1.75 and up, per dress.

Chances are that we can give you better satisfaction on white washes, too—at 50c up.

Tailored dresses cleaned at \$1.75 and up, and those long jackets made short at \$1.00 and upward.

You'll lose MONEY doing these things yourself—even if you CAN do them. We pay express one way on incoming shipments of \$3.00 or over. Phone Tyler 1300 or Auto A-2225.

Dresher Bros Dry Cleaners 2211-13 Farnam St.

Park Board President Who Has Hobby for Park Beauty

Rome Miller, newly elected chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, has been in the service of the city as a park commissioner since 1907, when he was appointed to succeed J. T. Craig. He was reappointed at the expiration of that term to serve for five years. He has been vice president of the board for the last two years and will now succeed Ed P. Berryman as chairman. He has been chairman of the committee on employment and supplies.



ROME MILLER.