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A REAL MOD-ERN CINDERELLA

Miss Alice Dovey, Whose Home is in Plattsmouth, Tells a Chicago Record-Herald Reporter all About the Little Fairy.

Sunday's Chicago Record-Herald has a write-up of Miss Sallie Fisher, the prima donna of "A Stubborn Cinderella" now running at the Princess Theatre at Chicago, in which one of Plattsmouth's charming contributions to the stage figures. The following extracts from the article show that part devoted to Miss Alice Dovey so well and popularly known in this city:

A very pretty girl arrayed in her third-act clothes passed us, and the Bureau of Publicity had an inspiration.

"That is Miss Alice Dovey," said the genial press agent. "You know she plays the part of Lois in the piece. Miss Fisher and she are chums and very devoted to each other. I'll bet you that if Miss Fisher has a fairy godmother snooping anywhere around here that Miss Dovey knows it and will tell us. Attention!"

We arose and came to a parade rest and the press agent called Miss Dovey back and presented us to her.

"Miss Dovey," we said, "is Miss Fisher herself a Cinderella, not a stubborn Cinderella, but a very nice Cinderella, and does she number a fairy godmother in her list of relations?"

Miss Dovey sat down on a property trunk and laughed until the tears rolled down her cheeks.

"Oh, please don't," she sobbed, "I'm spoiling my makeup."

Then she laughed again.

We felt very much confused and distressed. The genial press agent looked as if nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to give a savage growl and bite himself.

"Well," said Miss Dovey finally, when she managed to stop laughing, "I can tell you all about Miss Fisher, if that is what you want to know. But please don't make me laugh any more."

"Now," I said, "isn't Miss Fisher a modern Cinderella herself. Didn't she live away off in a lonely place and didn't she cry a great deal and wasn't she unhappy just like Cinderella, and she didn't have fine clothes or go to

parties or have any other little girls to play with and—"

"Who is telling this story, please?" said Miss Dovey with quiet dignity.

"You must let me tell it my own way because I've got to go on the stage very soon. Miss Fisher was born on a ranch in Wyoming in a lonely far-off place just like Cinderella, although I really don't remember whether the other Cinderella was born in Wyoming or not, do you?"

The Artist to the Rescue.

We shook our heads. The artist said he thought the Cinderella that the talented Mr. Grimm talked about was born in Indiana, but he wasn't sure.

"Anyhow," said Miss Dovey, "she spent her early life there, and when still a child her people took her to Salt Lake City to live. Some people there discovered her voice."

"Isn't that where the fairy godmother comes in?" asked the artist.

"Please," said Miss Dovey. "And she sang in the amateur opera that the Mormon young people give every year. Then she came to Chicago and studied and went on the stage as a chorus girl in 'The Chaperons,' and with 'The Billionaire,' and then with the Frank Daniels company. They finally discovered that she not only had a voice of great range and power, but with a wonderfully sympathetic quality, and so they gave her the song 'Dearie' to sing and her career was made."

"Fairy godmother," said the artist.

"I've got to go on stage now," said Miss Dovey. "If you stay here I will see you now and then between the acts and tell you more. Good-by."

And before we left the theater and while the prima donna was still on the stage the little Alice Dovey took us back into the prima donna's dressing-room and dug down into a trunk and produced a strange looking object with a red skirt and a silk handkerchief waist and rope hair. It was none other than the fairy godmother, Arabella Margaret Clorinda Lucie Bootjack.

Forming Drainage District.

For a long time, particularly in the past years, the land owners along the Weeping Water bottoms have suffered considerable loss by damage to crops, caused by overflowing of Weeping Water creek and lack of proper drainage during the wet season. Part of this difficulty results from the very crooked creek bed which impedes the flow of the water in the creek. Heretofore the land owners have been unable to get together upon plans to remedy the conditions, but they now realize that something must be done to preserve their land and stop the annual losses.

A meeting was held in Woodman hall last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of taking action in the matter, and a large number of land owners south and east of here were present. Engineer Munn of Nebraska City explained the plans of organizing and the character of work necessary, emphasizing the fact that the expense must be prorated in accordance with benefits actually received. All seemed in favor of forming a drainage district and incorporating under the state law, and for that purpose A. E. Taylor, H. G. Todd and George Everett were appointed to proceed with the legal requirements. It was thought that about 3,000 acres of land will be effected by the ditching and drainage work.—Union Ledger.

Death of an Old Resident.

Died—Mason, Benj. F., at Plattsmouth, Neb., aged 66 years 9 months and 26 days, of paralysis. Funeral October 5, at 2 p. m.

Death on Sunday claimed Benj. F. Mason, for forty years past a resident of Plattsmouth and vicinity, after a lingering illness of paralysis. It came as a welcome release to long years of suffering. Deceased was born in Pennsylvania on December 7, 1841, and in company with his brother, came to Nebraska in the fall of 1866, landing on a steamboat at Bellevue on September 15, of that year. Two years later the brothers moved from Bellevue to this city, where they have resided ever since. Deceased's wife died several years since, and his condition made it necessary for his relatives to make arrangements to have him looked after at the county infirmary. He left surviving him, five children, of whom, a daughter, Mrs. E. L. Court, lives at Omaha, and a small daughter, Grace, also lives at the same place. Another daughter, Miss Belle Mason, resides at Murray, Neb. He also left two sons, Fred and Daniel, whose whereabouts are unknown save that they are some where in the state of Iowa. The funeral of the deceased will be held tomorrow afternoon from the county infirmary. Rev. J. H. Salisbury will conduct the services.

A Clever Scheme

A clever scheme is being worked on the farmers in certain sections of the state by a firm selling pianos in Chicago. A farmer is notified that a piano has been shipped by mistake in the town where he trades and in order to avoid the expense of re-shipping it the company is willing to sell it to him at a great sacrifice. If the sale is made the piano proves to be a stenciled instrument and the purchaser has been stung for a big profit. There is probably no business in which deception is practiced so generally as in the sale of pianos by irresponsible dealers and about the only safe way to avoid being taken in is to give the foreign piano grafter a wide berth.

Have Removed.

Kunzman & Range, the upper Main street butchers, have moved into their new quarters in the Pepperberg block, one door west of their old location. The new quarters have been fixed up in the most approved style, there being a new cooling room added to their equipment, fine metal meat racks and everything made new and modern and up-to-date. The building has been recently enlarged by the addition of an extension of some twenty feet which is of modern construction having a fine concrete floor and the construction of the very best. The new quarters are clean and attractive and will repay a visit.

Had a Good Time.

Rea Patterson who has been absent for a number of days taking in the sessions of the American Bankers Association at Denver, Col. returned Monday morning on No. 6. Mr. Patterson had a delightful time during his trip and heard many able and valuable discussions of the association. The people of Denver took every precaution to see that the members of the association and the many visitors to the city, had an enjoyable time. There was an abundance of entertainments and amusements provided and a general fine time time had.

In District Court.

In district court Monday a. m. little was done save to call the jury and listen to the various excuses presented why several good men should not be called upon to serve their country as jurymen. All the jury reported save Jas. Stander who had previously been excused by the court so that he might attend the Ferguson funeral at Louisville and Rea Patterson who was also excused for two days. No action was taken on several applications for excuse.

In the case of Herold vs. Coats, a suit for false arrest, a motion by the plaintiff to have the defendant produce all the letters, invoices, books &c concerning the business matters in dispute between the parties was argued and submitted to the Court.

In the afternoon the case of State vs. Speck is set down for trial. This is an appeal case from police court in the city.

In district court Tuesday a jury composed of Jos. Armstrong, Charles Brannan, Dan Creamer, Carl Day, John Gonzales, F. H. Nichols, Ray Pollard, W. C. Timblin, E. H. Wescott, Luke Wiles, and E. C. Giberson heard the evidence in the case of the State vs. Walter Speck. This is the case where Speck and John Miller are accused of doing battle to the undoing of the latter. It was tried in police court and Speck was fined one hundred dollars and costs from which he appealed. The case did not go to the jury until this morning when the instructions of the court were given.

Immediately following this case came that of the State vs. Smith. This is the case wherein Jim Smith, a negro, is charged with the breaking and entering of the house of Mrs. W. H. Schildknecht, the night of the flood last June.

The jury in the Speck case after being out several hours returned a verdict of guilty. Speck will be sentenced later. Attorney W. C. Ramsey prosecuted the case as it was an appeal from police court, while A. N. Sullivan defended Speck.

Testimony was taken in the afternoon in the Smith case and it probably will not go to the jury before late tonight or Wednesday morning. The jury hearing the case is composed of T. S. C. Dabb, Rea Patterson, Arthur Sullivan, J. Schlanke, Sr., W. D. Wheeler, Chas. Heebner, John Campbell, Jas. Stander, Albert Wetenkamp, Walter Cummings, Chas. Miller and David A. Eaton.

FAVORS LIBERAL PENSIONS

Mr. Bryan Never Made a Speech or Wrote an Editorial Criticizing Any Appropriation.

In an interview given out Monday, at his home in Lincoln by William J. Bryan, he denies, as has been alleged, that he ever made a speech or wrote an editorial against the granting of pensions to soldiers. On the contrary, he declares that all of his platforms have indorsed pensions and that he favors a liberal pension policy. He said:

"My attention has been called to a clipping from a republican paper, which purports to be an extract from a speech on the subject of pensions, delivered by me in congress, and the date of the speech is fixed at November 18, 1892. In the purported speech, I am accused of criticising the appropriations for pensions, and an charged with using language unfriendly to the pensioner. I desire to say that I never used the language attributed to me, either in congress or any where else. On the contrary, my record shows that I favored liberal pensions to the surviving soldiers and to their dependents.

"Congress was not in session on November 18, 1892, as anyone can ascertain by examining the records. The first session of congress adjourned in the summer of 1892, and the second session did not assemble until December of that year.

"I think that the language quoted is the same that has been used at other times, when it was charged that I had used the language in an editorial in a paper of which I was at one time editor. It was claimed that the editorial appeared in 1892. This was nearly two years before I became connected with the paper. I do not know whether the editorial ever appeared in that paper, but I know that I was not connected with the paper until long after the date on which the editorial is said to have appeared, and I know that I never wrote an editorial for that paper or any other paper, or even said in a speech or otherwise, anything unfriendly to the soldier and his pension. As this misrepresentation has been brought to my attention, I take this means of answering it. All of my platforms have indorsed pensions, and I favor a liberal pensions policy."

A NOBLE CITIZEN LAID AT REST

The Funeral of John D. Ferguson, at Louisville, Monday, Attended By a Large Number of Sympathetic Friends.

The funeral of the late John D. Ferguson took place last Sunday at his late residence in Lincoln, the services being conducted by Rev. Rogers of the Plymouth Congregational church. Among those who were present at the services were County Treasurer Frank E. Schlater and wife, and Ed Fitzgerald and daughter, Marie, of this city. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors whose acquaintance the noble man had formed during his short residence in Lincoln. The body laid at the residence until yesterday morning when it was brought to Louisville where additional services were held.

The body accompanied by the sorrowing relatives and friends was conveyed to Ashland on No. 4, and there transferred to the Schuyler train for Louisville. Through the arrangement and courtesy of the Burlington road a special car had been provided for those who were to accompany the remains, the car being transferred from the one train to the other.

At Louisville the body was met by a large gathering of those citizens who had known Mr. Ferguson so well in his lifetime and that too, although the rain was descending heavily when the train arrived. The services were held at the Methodist church, the Rev. G. M. Jones officiating, one feature of the services being a special prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Mayfield. Rev. Jones in his sermon touching upon the beautiful and noble qualities which had distinguished Mr. Ferguson during his life time, paid him a magnificent tribute upon the spotlessness and purity of his life, and its unblemished record.

There could be no question as to the great effect such a life had had upon those who had been permitted to come in contact with it.

At the conclusion of the services, the cortege moved to the Lutheran cemetery south of the town, there being some fifty to sixty carriages in the procession despite the pouring rain. The active pall bearers accompanying the remains to the grave were Aug. Panska, Chris Mockenhaupt, Wm. Erhart, Wm. Wendt, Chas. J. Gaebel and Chas. Lau, all of whom were old time friends and neighbors of Mr. Ferguson. The honorary pall bearers were S. L. Thomas, W. D. Hill, T. J. Fountain, G. W. Mayfield, John Tighe, C. Vosburg, Fred Panska, Chas. Gaebel, Sr., Peter Vogler, Thomas Keckler, Aug. Schleifert, and C. M. Andrus.

Those of Mr. Ferguson's family who were present at the interment were Wm. Ferguson, of Denver, Col.; Mr. and Mrs. Ivers, son-in-law and daughter, of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, son-in-law and daughter, of Peru, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Gerbing, son-in-law and daughter, near Sioux City, Ia.; Misses Alice and Fern Ferguson, daughters of Lincoln, Neb.; Geo. Berger and wife, son-in-law and daughter of Elmwood, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Pettis, the latter a niece of Lincoln, Neb.; Albert Bauer and wife, son-in-law and daughter, of Wabash, Neb., and the widow Mrs. Ferguson.

Others who were present at the funeral were Mr. Fountain who was for years a friend and was a groomsmen at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, now residing at South Bend, Neb., and Geo. Mattison of South Bend.

Fireman Seriously Injured.

J. A. Bryan, fireman on freight train No. 154, had a close call for his life at the coal chutes just below the depot at 8:45 Monday evening. Bryan's engine was taking coal and Bryan was on the tender and Will Garrens running the derrick that lifts the large boxes of coal. The rope holding the huge "boom pole" broke, and the pole fell, striking Bryan a glancing blow on the head and knocking him quite a distance to the ground.

The injured man was picked up by Will Garrens and a brakeman and carried into the depot, where a physician was called, and it was found that the man's head was cut quite seriously and he was bruised about the shoulder and body. His wounds were dressed and he was sent on the midnight train to his home in Atchison.—Union Ledger.

FALLS FROM HAY LOFT

Fred Kunsman Sustains Serious Injuries in Consequence.

Fred Kunsman who is employed by J. E. McDaniels, sustained a severe injury Monday while engaged in looking after some business for his employer.

Mr. McDaniel who is a dog fancier, recently secured a fine bull dog from Kansas City, Mo., and had the animal in the hay loft at Sam Smith's stable, on Sixth street. Yesterday he sent Mr. Kunsman after the animal and it being in the hay loft, he went up after it. In moving about he somehow overlooked a door in the floor which was used to pass hay through into the feeding racks and stepped in the opening, falling through and striking upon his hip and side on the racks. At the time the injury did not seem so severe although very painful, and later the pain increased to such a degree that medical aid was summoned, and it was discovered he had broken his hip. The injury is quite serious and will keep him confined to his bed for at least a month of six weeks. He was conveyed to his home where he is now resting as comfortable as his injury will permit. Mr. Smith who is proprietor of The Market Place on North Sixth street, was much pained by the accident as he has taken all needful precaution to prevent such occurrences.

SOUTH BEND FERRY OPEN

T. W. Fountain, Veteran Ferryman, Secures License to Operate

T. W. Fountain, one of the pioneers of Cass county, was in the city Tuesday looking after securing a license to operate a ferry across the Platte river at South Bend. This has been the veteran's business for many years, and he now returns to it, having been granted the necessary license. This makes a handy and convenient crossing between Cass and Sarpy counties parties traveling to Omaha from counties south can find the service to their liking. Mr. Fountain is very well known in Eastern Nebraska, having come here when this land was the frontier of the states and with his wide acquaintance he is sure to find the business a good one. He has a great many friends in the city who were glad to shake him by the hand and wish him and his enterprise all possible success. He was a passenger on the mail train for Papillion to look after the details on the Sarpy county side. The absence of the bridge at Louisville assures him of small competition in that line.

William C. Ramsey.

W. C. Ramsey, the democratic candidate for county attorney, is a Cass county production. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, are pioneer residents and grew up with the country. Billy was born and reared in the county, educated in the High school of Plattsmouth, and graduated from the law department of the state university with highest of honors. For honesty, integrity, morality, and every other quality that goes to make up a model young man, is embodied in Billy Ramsey. As a lawyer he will rank with the ablest young men in the state. When you vote for him on the third day of November, you can do so with a clear conscience that you have voted for one who will fill the office of county attorney with credit to himself, to his friends and the people of Cass county generally.—Plattsmouth Journal. The Herald knows Mr. Ramsey sufficiently well to be able to fully endorse all that the Journal says of him. The voters of Cass county should "give the young man a chance," being assured in advance that their interests will be properly guarded.—Lincoln Herald.