

Abraham Plays Plaster on a Rival

BEHOLD, how great a matter a little seed might do... It is only certain that the West held back when the East called for help, and the unspearable Turk established himself in the seat where for over a thousand years only Christian rule had sat...

When Emperor Constantine I, whose name is further exalted by the additional title of "The Great," moved his capital and seat of government from the banks of the Tiber to the shores of the Bosphorus, and on the Golden Horn erected Constantinople...

Deprived of temporal dominion, the Roman patriot turned to spiritual, not at once, but with a vigor that has made it as if it had been aimed at the start. The spread of the Christian religion and the growth of the church brought about the necessity for uniformity in practice.

For more than four centuries another great religion had been spreading over a large portion of the world, embracing among its followers some of the hardest of races and bravest of fighting men. Late in the sixth century it commenced its conquests and by the time the great schism had divided the Christians into two irreconcilable bodies...

It was but a little time until the mistake was apparent to Europe, and the effects of the blunder were felt sooner than had been thought. Venice was the mighty port of the world, but in the hands of the east and west flowed through it. Its ruggedness brought from the head of the Mediterranean those goods that caravans had freighted across Asia...

Europe must find a new way to reach the East. Geography took on a new life. Ptolemy's theories began to take new root, and the possibility of circumnavigating the globe was again broached. One after another the Portuguese navigators pushed their voyages farther to the south, till the Cape of Good Hope had been rounded...

and where every man knows he is expected to meet some of them. Why, the whole atmosphere of society is one of idle pleasure and excitement. The crowd is the great attraction...

At the Royal Theater, beginning with a matinee on Sunday, afternoon, Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, "The Royal Chef" will be the offering. This musical concoction has been seen here before, and has proved very popular.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at the Boyd theater will be devoted to Tex Rickard's show of the Gans-Nelson fight pictures. These are the authentic record of the great battle at Omaha...

Music and Musical Notes

THE tremendous impression produced by the Russian pianist, Josef Lhevinne, at his recent local week is but a repetition of the artistic triumphs he has been reaping since his first appearance in his country. His brilliant execution, combined with musicianly phrasing...

At the concert of the Philadelphia orchestra last week, on which occasion, Lhevinne was the piano soloist, Mrs. Roosevelt, who was present, was so delighted with his playing that she expressed a desire to meet the artist. Next day Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt called on the artist by appointment and were presented to the president and Mrs. Roosevelt...

The following extract from the Washington Times of January 29 will be of much immediate interest: Over in New York the other night there was held a benefit for the Metropolitan Opera...

The operatic war is still raging in New York, but the tide of victory has turned to Mr. Hammerstein, with whom circumstance has been at every turn. Single handed, spite of opposition on every hand, ridicule and derision, he has succeeded in creating a second opera in New York. At first the spectators were largely resident Frenchmen and Italians...

Then, too, while Mr. Corried has sat back and bemoaned the fact that there was no possibility of attaining an efficient operatic ensemble under existing circumstances in a New York, Mr. Hammerstein has achieved a really human, fresh voiced, well drilled chorus. His excursions into new fields for his soloists have been remarkably successful.

Mme. Clemens, whose husband, a count by title, has done splendid work as a war correspondent, is another American whom this indefatigable impresario induced to come to the Manhattan from Covent Garden. She was born in New York and lived there till she went to Germany to study. Here we have exponents of both German and French methods of teaching, both making brilliant successes.

Mrs. Corried, who has had the misfortune to spend most of the season confined to her own apartments, has to depend on the old standbys for his soloists, his new excursions into the land of soloists not proving profitable. Geraldine Farrar, of whom so much was expected, has for some reason failed to move her audiences. Her voice, too, lacks power. Cavalletti has barely attained the success of beauty. Burrian is too strong-limbed and steel-tongued. Rousseau...

as his comedy is brilliant. Miss Mary Hill will have the leading role, that of Blanche Sterling. Mr. Hartford will play Ned Warden, with Mr. Hartford cast for Dick Sterling. The cast is a long one and will call for the full strength of the company, as well as a number of extra people. Mr. Hartford has prepared an unusually sumptuous setting for the play, as he expects to give the editors of the state a treat on Tuesday night, when they attend the theater party. "The Climbers" will run all week, with matinees on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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Miss Rose Melville, in "Sis Hopkins," the most charming and delightful of the rural type plays will begin an engagement this evening at the Krug theater on Thursday, February 21. This is the eighth season Miss Melville has been playing the part of this delightfully quaint and refreshing country girl of Posey county, Indiana, for whom the play is named, and interest in the stage story of the play shows no signs of waning.

Appeal from the Editor "My friend, help the editor in his wide-eyed search for news," exclaims the Texino (Okla.) Times. "When your friends come to see you if you are not ashamed of it tell him; when your wife gives a tea party if you have recovered from the effects of the gossip, drop in with the news; when a baby arrives fall your pockets with cigars and call; if you go to a party and some of the good things and leave 'em with the item in our sanctum. If your wife licks you come in and let us see your scars and tender sympathy through the end of your mother-in-law has died don't be bashful about it; give in all the commonplace news. In short, whatever makes you feel proud, sad, lonesome or glad submit it to our twenty-four-hour wisdom and see our matted locks part and stand on end with gratitude, which will pour from every pore like moisture from the dew-sprinkled earth."

Pointed Paragraphs A lady man is a dead loss to himself. A tight man and a loose dog are equally dangerous. Graft often goes about disguised as a business opportunity. Experience teaches us how to make other kinds of mistakes. Nature never made a mistake—only when man was created. When man was created he never gets quite enough. Our idea of a selfish person is one who is unable to remember a favor. Sometimes a woman's face overdoes it in the matter of telling her age. It isn't always the people who jolly you up that are your best friends. Some men make it their business to interfere with the business of others. It sometimes happens that when an actor finds things coming his way he tries to dodge them. A man's idea of good luck is an old kind that leaves him a few dollars ahead of the other fellow's game. No, Alphonso, you can't always tell how much a girl wants you to kiss her by the strenuous objection as she puts up. When women are sick they take a good deal of pride in thinking of the miserable life her husband would lead if she were dead—Chicago News.

Haystack Prayer Meeting (Continued from Page One) vastly instrumental in turning from a land of utter heathen darkness to one through whose fragments the sunlight of the gospel filters now in radiant beams. One man who will be prominent as a delegate to the convention will be Dr. Lowell M. McAfee, president of Park college, Parkville, Mo. Seventy-three of these college founded in 1876 are now clerical or medical missionaries in foreign lands and thirty-five are missionaries in the home land. Because of his important relation to the work as president of this institution Dr. McAfee will occupy no insignificant position. The "preacher" preacher of Omaha, Rev. Newman Hall Burdick, has had a vast deal to do with getting this big proposition on its feet. With the other local Presbyterians ministers, he is on the general local committee and in addition has had active charge of all publicity which entails an endless volume of work. This is a character of work which generally falls to Dr. Burdick under such circumstances. His experience in newspaper work makes him invaluable in this capacity.

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