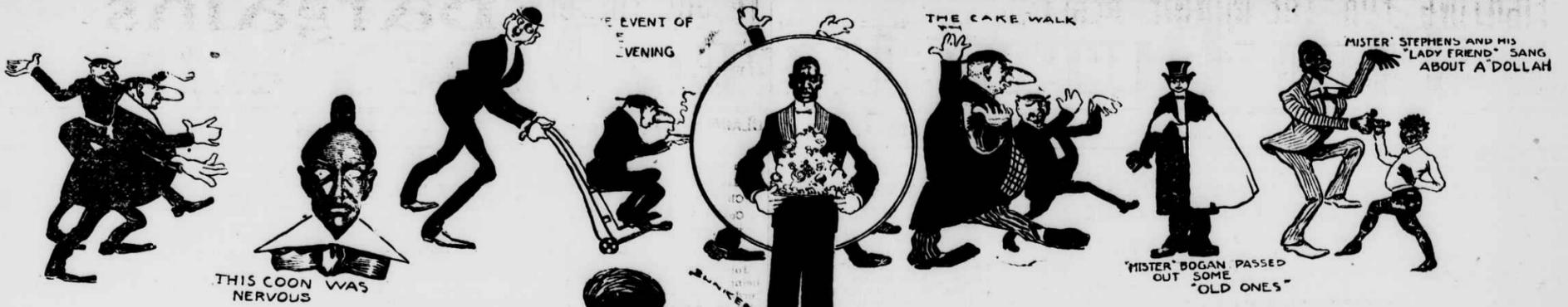


SOCIETY FOLKS DO THE "OVERLAND MINSTRELS" AND HAVE A BANG UP TIME--THE BOYS SPRING SOME GOOD GAGS AND A FEW THAT ORIGINATED IN THE ARK.



The Grand Opera house last night resembled an animated beehive for over an hour before the curtain rose for nearly everyone in the audience knew some one of the Overland Minstrels, then about to make their debut, and wanted to discuss his respective possibilities in the con line. People generally seemed to think they were going to get their money's worth, and they did, in fine voices, good ensemble work, catchy choruses and up to date end men.

When the curtain rose the company, all but the end men, were "discovered" seated in tiers with a big cone forming the top of the pyramid. The costumes were regulation full dress with yellow lapels, collars and cuffs, and black ties. The opening chorus "Here Come The Coons" was well received and then Charlie Lane, he of the sedate school board in his role of interlocutor, introduced the end men. Bones--T. B. Stephens (Bert Stephens disguised with initials) D'Gay Stivers and Bogan, the endiest end men, were garbed in danger red suits; Rafferty and Stivers wore pure white and Freund and Lee that disconcerting shade of blue negro affect. Their hose were fearfully and wonderfully made, Stivers must have had his painted; no loom could turn out anything like it.

While all the end men were resplendent with diamonds, Stivers resembled a Kimberly clean-up and he spent his spare time dusting them with a handkerchief. Every man on the stage wore a gorgeous rose. And white gloves, save the end men who wore black gloves to give a better background for their diamond rings. Stivers had his hair gathered into an artistic knot on top of his head, a la Bridget. The interlocutor was distinguished from the others, not by his kingly bearing alone, but by red trimmings instead of yellow. And while the others were seated in common chairs he was throned on a gilt willow affair.

As an interlocutor, Mr. Lane was immense and created much of the fun. And how delighted the many teachers present were as they beheld him singing and dancing. He can never wear his dignified clothes with them again.

That First Solo.

The first solo was by Harry Doering assisted by a picked quartette. His selection, "Asleep in the deep," gave him an opportunity to show that he is a real basso profundo. For an encore he repeated one verse of the song. It seemed as if none of the singers were prepared for encores as one and all stayed with their original selection.

I. D. Bogan was easily the star performer. If he has never been a professional it is simply wonderful his ease and grace. He resembles in all his mannerisms George Primrose only he can sing and Primrose can't. Bert Stephens was close second as end man.

Jack Thomas has the sweetest tenor voice in Butte and his singing of "Wait" and "Sweetheart do you remember" brought down the house. He is a popular favorite and never yet has disappointed an audience. Howard Jones has a good baritone voice and for the most part handled it well although he got off the key enough to make him flat once or twice.

The quartette "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" was omitted. Then Bert Stephens did his little act. He sang "If I only had a dollar of my own" and he did a regulation minstrel dance walk around. On the chorus he was assisted by a miniature minstrel, Miss Bernice Bacher. This was encored most vigorously.

"Darkies in the Park."

The finale was out of sight "Darkies in the Park." The company sang a verse and the six end men marched on bearing small flags and they marched and countermarched singing and in line with Lane whistling the refrain. The curtain had to go up for a repetition.

R. H. Ballard opened the second half with one of his perfect cello solos. Vernon E. Matlack accompanying. Then came something never seen on a Butte stage if anywhere, a Jew cakewalk. It was irresistibly funny. The walkers were: Washington Boginsky, Hiney esbesker, Izzy Dinkelbinkel, Moses Handmedown, Ikey Goodforhell, Abe Carmencita, Cleveland Dredrop, Louis Ausgehoben, Aaron Threeballs, Count Arrahgowanoff, Solomon Fish and Jakey Simons.

Charlie Lane was the star of that performance. Guy Reed and his club swinging did not materialize. D. Bogan came on and out-Wilsoned George Wilson in his clever monologue. He narrated the experience of himself and a German friend, the latter winding up in a cannibal camp. When the chief told his followers to stick a knife in his heart and drink his blood, he objected being stuck for the drinks. He was brought back again and again. He finally, by request of my friends who are not here because of the price" sang a ditty entitled "It's only a little hot air." The way he applied it to Clark and Heinze was very funny.

The wind up showed the office of the Montana Theatrical Trust company, with Richard Sutton Rafferty in charge.

On the walls were advertisements similar to: "Yeast Lynne, The Rising Young Actress, Fannie Herring." "Uncle Dick's Cabin. Four real bull frogs. Real ice by his nob's the ice man. Stupendous electric effects. A full moon by Boozie. Lewis Dinkle Binkle in his latest creation--Vere it is."

Some Noted Theater Men.

Enter Daniel Frohman Lane wearing his glad rags and a genuine electric light pin. He had a bunch of favorites he wanted to have show their paces to Manager Richard Sutton Rafferty. Louis Howard came first, in a magnificent cornet solo which evoked hearty applause and for an encore "Annie Laurie." Jack Curran, if he is an amateur can offer inducements to all comers for the amateur buck and wing championship. Then came one of the gems of the evening, the quartette of all nations. Jack Thomas was a Chinaman, I. D. Bogan negro, Harry Doering, German, R. R. Wedekind, Irish. Their singing was perfect and encore after encore was demanded. They sang a coon melody and a coon song and then "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder."

The windup was the boxing match by "two Unknowns." Assistant Attorney Mackel who is six foot and Dr. Schwartz who was a pimby beside him. The set to

was on regular lines. Both men were in the pink of condition and Mackel was so muscular knots cropped out all over him. The audience fairly shrieked with laughter at their appearance and when they left their corners and shook hands the fun was on. Their feints, leads and ducks were amusing. Mackel was nearly knocked out and to administer the knockout blow, Schwartz got a ladder and bracing it against Mackel climbed up and gave him the coupe de grace. And the curtain went down in the midst of the wildest enthusiasm.

While they got off some clever jokes there were some quite molly and could be cut with good effect. The local gags were all good. Bogan said he was in Helena and wanted to get back the worst way, so he took the Great Northern. He talked of a brakeman in a bird store and explained that he broke the crackers for the parrot. Stivers said he could get dollars at Hennessy's for 45 and 55 cents. Asked how, said anyone would give a dollar for 45 and 55 cents. Ray Freund got off the ark joke of the jackass, the flood and the bale of hay. In an upper box there was a struggle and one man tried to hold another who yelled out that his great grandfather had told that joke to his grandfather. Then they went back of the stage.

One on Heinze.

Stevens said he heard F. A. Heinze was going to be married. When questioned he said: "Well he's very fond of Minnie Healey. So are some other fellows and it's hard to tell which will win his suit." He was told he must mean Senator Clark. He said he guessed he could tell Clark and Heinze apart. They got off a joke on Abe Legget. Said he fell in a well, but the doctor got no sympathy. He ought to have been attending to the sick instead of looking after a well. Rafferty said that "Irish Swede Kelley," of the Inter Mountain editorial chair has an article in about a Mr. Day marrying a Miss Weeks. Said he hated to see a week lost in a day but soon there'd be enough little Days to make a whole Week. Lee said he was worried about business af-

airs. Said he saw a list of people that day who would never trade at Hennessy's again. Asked where he saw it: "List of Deaths in Standard." And these are only a few samples of the Overland brand.

Those Who Were There.

The affair was in every sense a success. It was a social affair as well as an artistic triumph. Nearly every woman was attired in light, handsome gowns and full dress suits and Tudors were plentiful. Among those noticed were, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. Sewall Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. George L. King, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Holbrook, Dr. and Mrs. McCrimmon, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shively, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKee, Mrs. Ed. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. John Forbis, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Forbis, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cotter, Professor and Mrs. Towers, Bert Towers, Miss Minnie Molly, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Trant, Captain and Mrs. Justin Danton, Mr. and Miss Meiklejohn, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Long, Jove V. Long, John MacGinniss, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Heslet, Dr. Hall, Miss Kooser, the Misses Horgan, MMs. Lulu Largey, Miss Bartlett, Miss Dorothy Superant, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, Dr. Murray, Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Freund, Mrs. A. H. Whitchee, Miss Hattie Young, Miss Jennie Losee, Miss Adah Roberts, Miss Mabel Foster, W. A. Clark Jr., Dr. Dr. Renick, Mr. Templeman, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sisley, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lord, Mr. and Mrs. G. Oral McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Reuger, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hennessy, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. Upton, Miss LaBeau, Miss Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. and Mrs. G. L. Knowlton, Miss Sim, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Norvell, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Passmore, Miss Strasburger, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. KKelley.

TEXAS WELCOME

LONE STAR STATE RECEIVES THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

ROADBEDS OF GAY FLOWERS

Military Honors at Houston--Cowboy Rangers and Jefferson Davis Guards--Armies of Horsemen Come in From Every Direction to Join in the Great Presidential Parade.

Houston, Texas, May 3.--The presidential special was skimming over the flat broad plains of Texas when the president and his party awoke this morning. Houston was reached at 8:15 and the party was welcomed by Governor Sayers who had come from the state capital at Austin for that purpose.

The arrival of the train was heralded with a salute of a volley from a battery on the banks of the Buffalo Bayou. All business had been suspended in Houston and the surrounding country seemed to have itself into the city. An elaborate programme was crowded into less than two hours. The Houston light guard, which acted as guard of honor for Jefferson Davis on his visit in 1867 and a company of cowboy rangers escorted the party in carriages through the decorated city. For several blocks the parade moved between lines of school children who waved flags and strewed the president's path with flowers. Before a big, enthusiastic audience at the auditorium, Mr. McKinley was formally welcomed by the governor and made a happy speech. Members of the cabinet spoke briefly.

At the conclusion of the speeches a touching incident occurred. A feeble old lady came forward and presented Mr. McKinley with a small silk flag of the Lone Star state. She was the widow of Anson Jones, the last president of the republic of Texas. The word of the staff was from the old capital building at Columbia.

While at Houston the president shook hands with an old army comrade, J. U. Fellows, who was a sergeant in the Third Ohio when the president was a private in the same regiment. Mr. Fellows was exceedingly proud of the fact that he had at one time outranked the chief magistrate.

Treasury Takes in More Bonds.

Washington, May 3.--Secretary Gage bought \$60,000 short term 4s at \$112.6122. The secretary also bought \$50,000 short 4s at \$112.6150, deliverable tomorrow.

Annie Made a Bad Break.

Annie Scott, a siren from below the dead line, was arraigned before Judge Sullivan at the matinee performance in the city police court yesterday afternoon and made a sensational charge against an officer of the city force. She said she had asked her to divide the proceeds of a robbery and she refused to do so and she was arrested and taken to jail. The court and spectators disbelieved the woman's story and the attempt to create an impression fell flat. The woman lives at 25 East Galena street.

JACKSONVILLE IS IN RUINS

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.--A terrible fire has been raging here for two hours. At 2 o'clock several blocks of buildings in the business portion of the town had been destroyed and the flames have spread to the residence portion of the city.

Over 100 houses are believed to have been burned and citizens are tearing down buildings wherever possible to prevent the spread of flames. All neighboring towns have been wired to send help.

The wind is blowing almost a gale and at 3 o'clock the fire is beyond control. The flames already cover an area of nearly eleven blocks.

At 3:15 p. m. the fire was rapidly eating its way toward the heart of the downtown business district. The Windsor hotel, one of the largest in the city, is in imminent danger. Among the manufacturing plants destroyed is that of the Cleveland Fibre company.

YOUTHFUL LAW VIOLATORS

Policeman Gilmore marched into the city prison this afternoon, bringing a kindergarten with him. His captives were Mortie Rowe, aged ten years, and Abe Blaustein, aged eight years. The charge against them is malicious mischief, preferred by a man named James, who alleges that the two boys and another named Edwin Leyden, broke a window in a building owned by him at No. 65 West Aluminum street. The boys were found by Mr. Gilmore at the Colorado street school. They took their arrest as coolly as veterans.

DEATH OF A BUTTE PIONEER

P. C. Curran, a Butte pioneer, known to almost every mining man in the state died at Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday morning of pulmonary consumption. The deceased lived in Butte for many than twenty years. He had been foreman at the Moonlight mine and shift boss at the High Ore and Speculator.

Warrant for Mulligan.

This afternoon Inspector Bell before his departure from Butte procured a warrant for John Mulligan, who is being held as a witness against William Dougherty. Dougherty was yesterday bound over in the sum of \$2,000 on a charge of passing counterfeit money. Mulligan was arrested on the same charge but released. The inspector decided to hold Mulligan until some suspicious circumstances have been satisfactorily explained.

THE COPPER MINING SHARES

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Boston, Mass., May 3.--The copper mining shares closed today as follows:

Amalgamated	120.00
Anaconda	49.75
Parrot	54.50
Boston & Montana	435.00
Butte & Boston	114.75
Calumet & Hecla	835.00
Tamarack	343.00
Oscuela	90.00
Utah Con	32.75

MONTANA TOUR

EX-SENATOR CARTER LAYS OUT THE PRESIDENT'S ROUTE.

SCHEDULE FOR THE PARK TRIP

Three Days in Wonderland--Cabinet Meetings on the Train--No Room for Glad Hand Committees to Ride on the Special Train--Dillon Will Be Favored With a Visit.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, May 3.--Former Senator Carter arrived from the east last night and gave particulars of the president's programme for his trip through Montana as follows:

"The president's train will come east over the Northern Pacific from Spokane to Helena, arriving here at 5 a. m., May 28. They will be switched directly to the Great Northern tracks and proceed to Great Falls, which city they will reach at 8:45 a. m. The party will breakfast on the train and be ready to take carriages or otherwise conform to the local arrangements.

"The train will leave Great Falls between 12 and 1 o'clock, reaching Helena at 4 o'clock or shortly after. The party will remain here until 10 p. m., when the start will be made for Yellowstone Park. They will reach Gibbon May 29, at 9 a. m., running slowly so as to arrive there after breakfast.

"In the park the party will visit Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris, Geyser Basin and the Grand Canyon. They will leave the park on the evening of May 31, arriving at Anaconda at 4 a. m., June 1. I understand the visitors are to breakfast at the hotel there.

"Leaving Anaconda, the party will arrive at Butte at 10 a. m., and remain until 3 p. m. It is probable a short stop will be made at Dillon, en route south the evening of June 1. During the runs between cities, the president and his cabinet will attend to official business, and as all the space on the train will be fully occupied, it is not expected that the local reception committees will be asked to go forward to meet the president."

Mr. Carter requested that the programme for the entertainment of the president and his party at the different towns be sent to him as early as possible, as he has been requested to forward them all to the party en route.

TOPEKA CO-OPERATIVE MINING COMPANY, BUTTE, MONT.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors held on the 6th day of March, 1891, an assessment of three and 25-100 (\$3.25) dollars per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable prior to April 7, 1901, to LeRoy Currier, Butte, Montana, or H. D. Cornish, Topeka, Kansas. Any stock on which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 7th day of April will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 1st day of May, 1901, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with all costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

H. D. CORNISH, Secretary.
Topeka, Kansas.

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<p>Men's Suits</p> <p>Three and four button sack suits--either square or round cut--your choice from an excellent assortment of blue serges--the price .. \$10.00</p> <p>Men's Suits</p> <p>Of fancy chevrots built to fit right around the collar, and shaped correctly over the shoulders--hardly a limit to the assortment, including military effect, and also three and four button, round or square cut sack coats--\$20.00, \$18.00, \$15.00 and .. \$12.00</p>	<p>Men's Suits</p> <p>The very latest men's suits of finished or unfinished worsteds and chevrots in diagonal or fancy striped effects, silk or serge lined, \$25.00, \$20.00 and .. \$15.00</p> <p>Men's Suits</p> <p>An unexcelled assortment of electric blue and navy blue serges in the new military cut coat, also three and four button square or round cut sack suits--with or without silk lining--\$25.00, \$20.00 and .. \$15.00</p>
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