

WOMAN ON CHINESE STAGE.

AND MORE THAN THAT MRS. WONG PLAYS THE PART OF A MAN.

She Needed the Money and the Doyers Street Theater Needed a Novelty...

The Chinese Theater in Doyers street sprang an empire shaking innovation last night...

Wah Mai Ng, or Mrs. Wong, as she is known in private life, is the woman who has done this...

The gods saved it up for him until last summer, when he got entertaining and took a Chinese village to the world's fair...

The idea of springing the new thriller struck Mrs. Wong at once, but she hesitated about doing such a thing at home...

Just then the new Chinese theater was having its troubles. Gambling closed down...

Mrs. Wong's offer came like a gift from the gods. An acceptance was wired to her...

It worked beyond the fondest dream of the management. Even at half past 8, when it still costs 50 cents to get in...

At 9:30 sharp Mrs. Wong, in a long yellow robe and a six foot beard of pheasant feathers...

Before the audience came Mrs. Wong with a white paint on her face, and a white mask of white paint on her face...

"How much cost?" asked Mrs. Wong, swinging one silk trousered leg over the other.

"How did you happen to go on the stage?" asked THE SUN reporter.

"Oh, lead-lead, alle time. Bime-by talk-talk. Bime-by remember."

"How old are you?" he asked.

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OLD SOLDIER A BIGAMIST.

Deported First Wife Here 36 Years Ago - Now Charged With Perjury Over Pension.

Pittsboro, May 3.-Mrs. Magdalena Smith of 26 Goerck street, New York, to-day came face to face in the United States District Court with her husband, George Smith...

Smith married again at McKeesport and has another large family by his second wife. He was charged with having given false testimony regarding pension papers.

When he saw wife No. 1 walk into the court room accompanied by the Rev. William Koepchen, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New York, Smith intimated that he would plead guilty to perjury.

Smith's case was a soldier who was pardoned in the civil war by President Lincoln, after having been sentenced to death for sleeping at his post.

Mr. Koepchen came with Mrs. Smith, bearing a certified copy of the record of her marriage to Smith in New York more than forty years ago.

Mrs. Smith said they lived happily for many years after their marriage and then one day he came running into the house, told her he had done something wrong...

About a year ago she came to the conclusion that he was dead and made application for a widow's pension.

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HE MADE THE RAIN TO FALL.

HATFIELD CONTRACTED TO DO IT AND GETS REWARD.

Guaranteed 18 Inches in Southern California for 4-12 Months and Beat It - Extraordinary Fall Near His Rain-making Plant - Sheets Gases into Air.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 3.-Merchants of this city have just paid over a large part of the \$1,000 reward offered last December to Charles Hatfield, a professional rainmaker...

The time was up yesterday and Hatfield received part of his money, as the required amount of rainfall was exceeded by nearly one inch.

The fall of rain in Los Angeles for the season ending May 1 has been 18.96 inches, which far exceeds the normal annual precipitation for this section.

Hatfield established his "rainmaking" plant at Altadena, in the foothills, some twenty miles from Los Angeles, Dec. 15, and the rainfall from that date in the immediate vicinity of his plant has been 26.49 inches.

In the plant gases were generated and then discharged into the atmosphere from a chimney. The result, he asserts, of attracting the clouds of nature which compel moisture to form and be precipitated in rain.

Hatfield has been conducting rainmaking tests in southern California for three years and they have been uniformly successful, he asserts, although this is only the second time that he has worked under a contract.

Hatfield is 29 years old. He was brought up on a farm in San Diego and had only a grammar and high school training. Ten years ago he became absorbed in the study of meteorology and began to experiment on producing rain.

His apparatus consists of a fifty foot tower, built of wood and sheathed outside with tarpaper. Inside are 104 galvanized iron evaporation pans which contain chemicals and some water.

These pans are arranged to facilitate the absorption of the contents by the atmosphere. The air currents then convey the evaporated substances to the vicinity of moisture laden atmosphere, which it attracts.

On several occasions on clear days little beads of moisture have been noted on the surface pans; thus substantiating the assertion that the chemicals attract the humidity in the air.

Hatfield's success this season looks to the skeptical very much like "bull luck." For the first time in twenty years southern California this season had more rainfall than most of northern California, whereas usually it receives not more than half as much moisture.

The average rainfall for Los Angeles and neighboring counties is from seven to ten inches, while San Diego frequently gets not more than five or six inches. On the fringe of the Mojave and Colorado deserts one or two inches is the usual rainfall.

This season December and January were very rainy months, one storm alone furnishing more rain than usually falls in the entire season. So great was the precipitation that railroads suffered heavy washouts.

Even along the edge of the desert the rainfall was from eight to ten inches. Of course, under these circumstances, the skeptics say Hatfield's assertion that he caused the heavy rainfall is open to doubt.

On several occasions he has influenced weather over 100 miles away. He made experiments for two or three years in succession, they say.

SEARCHERS FOR FALS ALIAS - Oakley S. Barker's Widow Arrives.

Aboard the White Star liner Oceanic, in last night from Liverpool and Queenstown, was the widow of Oakley S. Barker who died at Stamford of heart disease on April 15.

Mrs. Barker was traveling in Europe when she received news of her husband's death, and took passage by the Oceanic. She was met at the pier by Mrs. Bacon.

Other passengers by the ship were Mrs. Cass Canfield, George S. Bowdoin, M. P. Grace, John Hyslop, Allan Seymour, C. T. Stephens and Martin Van Buren.

Voyagers by the White Star liner Teutonic, which sailed yesterday for Queenstown and Liverpool, are:

William S. Champ, who is to head a Ziegler Polar expedition to Antarctica, and Dr. Oliver L. Fassig, who will go north by way of Greenland with the same object.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chesney, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gooch, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Macomber, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kellam, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jayson, Col. Lambie, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Simpson, and Mrs. D. B. Tooney.

Passengers by the Holland-American steamship Statendam, which sailed yesterday for Boulogne and Rotterdam:

Mr. and Mrs. Helen E. Ames, Mrs. D. B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Durban, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nichols, Mrs. Thomas H. Norton and Doctor and Mrs. L. E. Toste.

TARBELL PRESIDES AT DINNER. Tells Cortland County Folks That It's Good to Know How to Work.

Gage E. Tarbell of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is president of the Cortland County Society of New York city, and he presided at the annual dinner of the society, which was given in the Hotel Astor last evening.

Mr. Tarbell's opening address was largely devoted to the advantages of work, and he attributed the success of Cortland county people to the fact that they learned how to work.

Other speakers of the evening were the Rev. Henry M. Sanders, D. D.; and Nathan L. Miller, Justice of the Supreme Court of the Appellate Division. The secretary of the society, Charles Oliver Dewey, read letters of regret from Andrew D. White, Daniel E. Lamont and a number of others.

Bankers Dine and Go to Theater. The State Bankers' Association held its annual dinner in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf last night.

George E. Wilson presided. Instead of speaking after the dinner, the bank managers took carriage and went to the Knickerbocker Theater for the rest of the evening.

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PREFERRED DEATH TO WORK.

Woman Found Strangled in Her Room - Had Said Her Money Was Going Out.

Miss Mamie Van Ranst, 44 years old, the daughter of C. W. Van Ranst, a publisher, who died last August, was found dead yesterday afternoon in her apartments on the ground floor at 143 St. Nicholas avenue with a shoestring tied tightly around her throat.

The body was found by the janitress, Mrs. Lynch, and Mary E. Holmes, a negro. It was lying on the floor of the front room surrounded with a lot of books and papers and pieces of furniture.

The police at first thought that there was some mystery about the case, but Capt. McGlynn of the West 125th street station found a letter addressed to the Holmes woman which showed that Miss Van Ranst had killed herself.

In the letter she said that she was tired of living because of her father's death. She said a bank book could be found among some papers in her apartments and what was left should be used to bury her in Greenwood Cemetery beside her father and mother.

The letter gave instructions as to how the woman had lived in the house long and her sole companion was a bull pup. The negro woman had known her for some years and worked for her at times.

She called at the flat last Friday and got no answer to repeated knocks. The janitor, however, says he saw Miss Van Ranst at the front window last Saturday.

The janitress told the police that the dead woman was an inveterate cigarette smoker and had repeatedly threatened to kill herself because her money was going out and she did not want to work.

NAME H. GASSABAY'S BROTHER. Democrats Pick Out for Congress Another Davis Over the Older Limit.

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 3.-The Democrats of the Second West Virginia district, in convention at Keyser to-day, nominated Col. Thomas D. Davis, 77 years old, for Congress.

Col. Davis is the only brother of Henry G. Davis, late Democratic Vice-presidential nominee from the Chesapeake and horseman.

The Republicans declare the Democrats have no hope of electing Davis, but nominating him in the hope that he will open his barrel. Davis is very vigorous and when State Senator Campbell put him in nomination he said his subject disapproved the Oiler theory.

UP THE SAVOY'S ASH HOIST. Boyle Says He Went With a Policeman to Pay a Social Call.

John Boyle, who said he used to be coachman for H. B. Frothingham, was found in the corridor on the sixth floor of the Hotel Savoy at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

He could not tell how he had got there, but knew it wasn't by the front door of the hotel, because when he tried to get in that way one of the marble pillars jumped at him and raised a lump on his forehead.

So thinking he must have come up the ash hoist, his object was to pay a social call on the Degans, who don't live in the hotel. In the Yorkville club he added an explanation or two.

"I went in with a policeman," he said at one time. "The policeman told me he always came in through the ash chute when he called on the girls. We came up and he thought I was going to cut him out with the girls and got angry. We put on the gloves and had three rounds. The policeman had enough and went out."

Magistrate Pool said he didn't know whether the man's conduct was due to drink or something else and decided to hold him for a few days to find out.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. Meeting of the Trustees—Financial Condition Better Than Was Supposed.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-The trustees of the Catholic University held an important meeting here to-day. The success of the institution and the future investment of moneys received was discussed at length. Cardinal Gibbons, being chancellor of the university, presided.

The financial condition was found to be much more encouraging than had been hoped, more than \$200,000 having been recovered from securities held by Thomas E. Watson and about half that amount from other investments. This fund has since been invested in railroad bonds by J. Pierpont Morgan, whose services were used to and accepted by Cardinal Gibbons last autumn.

It was decided not to petition the court about the money obtained from the sale of the Washington art collection. This would add about \$150,000 to the sum already recovered, but it was not thought advisable to press for a settlement at this time.

MRS. ALICE LEISEN ARRANGED. Mrs. Slater, She Was Accused of Robbing, Asks to Have the Case Dropped.

WASHINGTON, May 3.-Mrs. Alice Leisen, whose husband claims to be Baron De Vitz of Austria, and who was arrested in New York on Saturday on the charge of stealing valuables worth \$150 from Mrs. William Slater of this city, was arraigned in the police court to-day. Mrs. Elizabeth Bull, Mrs. Slater's housekeeper, asked in behalf of Mrs. Slater that the case be dropped.

She said that all the property taken had been recovered except \$50. The prosecuting attorney declined, however, to enter a nolle proes and the court granted him until Friday to consider Mrs. Bull's request.

The police claim to have discovered that the valuables taken from Mrs. Slater were worth \$15,000 and the action of the prosecuting attorney in asking a postponement was mainly to secure time to ascertain the extent of the robbery.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish Receives One Thousand Guests. WASHINGTON, May 3.-Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish was hostess this afternoon at the second large entertainment which she has given in Washington. One thousand guests were invited to an afternoon reception to meet some of the delegates to the railway congress.

These \$17 Suits are Worth \$20 & \$22

The price of woollens in the open market today makes these \$17 suits worth \$20 & \$22. Woollens have steadily ascended in prices. But we, unlike most clothiers, contracted for thousands of yards of woollens at the old prices. Therefore these suits are only \$17, whereas others must ask \$20 & \$22.



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IGNORE INTERNATIONAL ORDER. Official Vote of Bricklayers to Stand by Trade Agreement.

A victory was scored yesterday for the Mason Builders' Association when the Bricklayers' Union of Greater New York voted to stand by their trade agreement with the mason builders and to reject the preproving resolution of the Bricklayers' and Masons International Union.

This action betters the outlook for a peaceful building season in Manhattan and The Bronx.

The vote of nineteen unions in the city was officially recorded yesterday and was overwhelmingly in favor of standing by the trade agreement.

The trade agreement provides that the mason builders cannot submit the installation of the preproving brick to any contractor for its installation themselves. This clause has been a feature of the trade agreement for many years.

Under the agreement the bricklayers' wages are to cost an hour. Union bricklayers must work under the same conditions for all independent contractors.

The preproving resolution of the international union provides that the installation of fireproofing can be sublet and orders the bricklayers to work at installing it for any one who pays union wages and observes union conditions. If the international union expels the New York locals they will form an independent body.

DECLARE FOR OPEN SHOP. First Association of Cloak and Suit Manufacturers Since Big Strike of '04.

The first cloak and suit manufacturers' association organized in this city since 1894, when there was a general strike and lockout, has been formed on the open shop basis. The announcement was made yesterday by its organizer, Edwin Potosky of A. Friedlander & Co., cloak and suit manufacturers at Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue. Its official name is the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association of New York.

Mr. Potosky said last evening: "The association is formed for industrial protection, industrial peace and the arbitration of any strike between the unions and have no fight with them. There are fifty-eight manufacturers in the new association, representing a capital of \$200,000 and eventually we expect to make recruits enough to bring up the aggregate capital to \$500,000."

Standard Oil Boys Strike. About sixty boys employed in the canning department of the Standard Oil Company at the foot of Eighth street, Long Island City, went on strike yesterday morning because the company refused to take back four boys who were discharged.

The strikers range in ages from 16 to 20 years.

CORTELYOU AT HIS OLD SCHOOL. Delivers the Address at Sesquicentennial of Nazareth Hall.

NAZARETH, Pa., May 3.-At the sesquicentennial celebration to-day of the laying of the cornerstone of Nazareth Hall, one of the oldest institutions for boys in the country, the school's most prominent former student, Postmaster-General George Bruce Cortelyou, '73, made the address.

The distinguished visitor entered so much into the spirit of the occasion that Dr. Bum, the school's mascot, found him after the exhibition drill at twilight addressing the cadets at the drill master's special request.

FLOOD RUSHING ON TOWN. Wall of Water From a Broken Dam Nears Holbrook, Ariz.

HOLBROOK, Ariz., May 3.-The great dam at St. Johns, seventy miles southeast of this town, broke yesterday and a wall of water is rushing down the valley toward Holbrook. It is expected to reach Holbrook to-night.

Goods from stores and furniture from houses in the lower part of town are being removed to high ground. Another dam at Woodruff, between St. Johns and Holbrook, is sure to be swept away.

DANCED A JIG; SHOT HIMSELF. Zahn's Brother Ended His Life in Same Room Three Months Ago.

Grief over the death of a brother caused John Zahn, a bookkeeper, of 143 Broadway, Brooklyn, to commit suicide yesterday by shooting himself. Three months ago an older brother committed suicide by shooting in the same room where John ended his life. Before John shot himself yesterday he was in a delicate state, and adjoining his father's cigar shop, where he danced a jig and declared he never felt so happy in his life.

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Advertisement for The Oppenheimer Treatment For Alcoholism, including contact information for the Oppenheimer Institute.