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BURLESQUE COMEDIAN PLAYED SHAKESPEARE

Edmond Hayes Received Early Training in Classic Drama.

Edmond Hayes, "The Wise Guy" and "Plane Mover," in Barney Gerard's "Some Show," this week's attraction at the Gayety, does not like to be interviewed. He says he is only an ordinary fellow and that any one who will put forth the same effort will be just as successful.



EDMOND HAYES—GAYETY.

Mr. Hayes said he had spent several years playing leading roles with some of the larger Shakespearean companies. "I liked these plays very much," he said, "but like many others I learned that they did not pay and so I quit. I then went into stock at the California Theater in San Francisco and was leading man for four years.

"When I was attending college at Chicago I was greatly interested in athletics. I made the baseball team, played football and did lots of 'gym' work. When I graduated I went to work with my father who was in the contracting business. This was hard work and dad sure believed in letting me do all I could, but it gave me powerful muscles.

"Muldoon's troupe of wrestlers came to Chicago. Muldoon was offering \$50 to any one who could stay with one of his men fifteen minutes. One of the men I was working with urged me to make a try. Well, I stayed and took away the fifty. Muldoon wanted to sign me up with his troupe, but my father would not think of letting me go on the stage, and so I dropped wrestling for the time.

"A little later I went back to it and that is how Robert Downing happened to find me. Because of my size and strength he signed me up for the leading role in the 'Gladiator.' This was my first real piece of acting."

GUARD RELIEF WORKERS OBTAIN HEADQUARTERS

The civilian relief committee of the District of Columbia Red Cross to aid the families of soldiers called out for service has secured through the generosity of Robert C. Wilkins a location at 1201 Connecticut avenue, store "P."

John Dolph, chairman of the committee on distribution, will have charge of the giving out of relief to soldiers' families. Mr. Dolph was in charge last summer of the work done for the Guardsmen's families, undertaken by the Rotary Club. There is a need for volunteer workers—first, for volunteers office workers, and second, for volunteer workers to investigate the needs of different families.

There will be a finance committee appointed by the Red Cross immediately. The work will have to be carried on by contributions to be secured by the new finance committee.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

Will Attend Labor Meeting at Baltimore in June.

P. J. Ryan, Daniel Hassett, and J. H. Watt have been elected delegates from Plate Printers' Local No. 2, to the convention of the Maryland and District of Columbia Federation of Labor, to be held at Cumberland, Md., in June. Mr. Ryan is editor of the Plate Printer, and is the oldest delegate to the federation in point of service.

Elmer S. Jordan has been elected delegate from the union to the Central Labor Union, succeeding James F. Early. Louis Nichols and Mr. Early have been nominated for vice president of the union to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. H. Mills. The election of officers will occur next month.

Increased Foodstuffs Urged By Gov. Cox as War Move

Columbus, Ohio, March 27.—Gov. Cox today issued a proclamation urging all citizens to prepare for immediately impending war between Germany and the United States by increasing the production of foodstuffs to the greatest possible maximum through intensive cultivation of vacant lots and gardens in cities and all waste lands in the rural districts.

Woman's Party Workers Start Capitol Lobbying

The legislative committee of the National Woman's Party redoubled its membership yesterday morning and began work on the Sixty-fifth Congress. All day women made their way to Capitol Hill, under direction of Miss Anne Martin, of Nevada, and Miss Maud Younger, of California, to meet and talk with the newly arrived eighty-nine new members who are to be seen before Thursday night.

All Democrats known to have been favorable to the Federal suffrage amendment will be met preceding the noon caucus tomorrow, and urged to place the amendment in their legislative program and among the special measures for defense. The same demand will be made before the caucus of the Republicans tomorrow night.

PACIFISTS BACK WILSON.

The "Advocate of Peace," the official organ of the American Peace Society, in its April issue, which appears tomorrow, declares in a leading editorial that, while advocating strongly peaceful means of settling international disputes, the society will stand faithfully behind the President and the government in whatever they in their superior wisdom decide to be the proper course for this nation to take in its relations with Germany.

"We are opposed to war as a means of settling international disputes," writes the editor, Arthur Deerin, who is also secretary of the society.

OYSTERS DENATURED.

Pies, Liver, Peas and Strawberries Also Destroyed by Health Officials. Inspectors of the Health Department during the past week examined, condemned and denatured forty gallons of oysters, thirty-two quarts of strawberries, two baskets of peas, four pounds of liver, three pies, one-half barrel of salt fish, 100 grapefruit, five pounds of spears, twelve pounds of cracker dust, five pounds of green sausage, one-quarter peck of turnips, ten pounds of pork and eleven chickens. The chemical laboratory examined 170 specimens of milk and cream. Six farms in the District were inspected, four in Pennsylvania, twenty-four in Virginia, and fifty-six in Maryland, and on these farms 1,285 cattle underwent rigid inspection for traces of disease.

COL. HARPER HONORED.

Chairman of Inaugural Committee Given Watch and Punch Bowl.

Members of the inaugural committee expressed the gratitude of the city of Washington to Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the committee, at a final meeting in the red room of the Willard Hotel yesterday morning. Commissioner Louis Brownlow, who made the presentation of the watch and the punch bowl to Col. Harper, called the attention of the assemblage to the untiring devotion which the chairman had displayed and the success which had attended his efforts.

DRAMA LEAGUE PLAYS ON APRIL 17 AND 19

One-Act Shows to Be Presented at Wilson Normal School.

Dates for the presentation of the four one-act plays, written by Washington authors, to be given by the players' group, Drama League, yesterday were announced as April 17 and 19. The plays will be given in the assembly hall of the James Ormond Wilson Normal School.

Several changes have been made in the casts. As they now stand the players in each follow: "Trains," by Miss von Emig, Laura Wessella, Elton B. Taylor and Dorothy Pasch; "The Brink of Silence," by Miss Galbraith, C. A. Lyon, Frederic B. Wright, Ralph A. Hayes and Edwin F. Ludwig; "Coranda's Woolly," by Miss Kirkup, Finley S. Hayes, Maurice Jarvis, Milton Bryan, Charles Shuterly, R. Mason Wilhelm, Bennet L. Mead, Alfred Harding, Dorothy Wood, Ada Howell and Julian Chase; "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum," by Mr. Bloch, Frederic B. Wright, Detlow Marthinson, Henry Dolan, John B. Tuttle, Louis M. Howe, William Kemper, Maud, Howell Smith, Elsie Agnes Lancaster, Mary Minix, Sue White and Kathryn Hitchcock.

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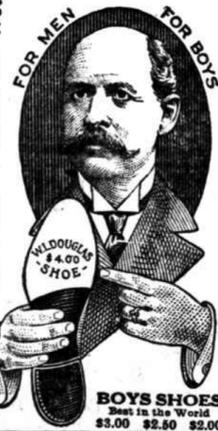
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