

DELIGHTFULLY DIFFERENT, "FLORA BELLA" IS BIG HIT

By Far Best Musical Comedy Which Has Appeared Here This Season—Florence Webber Has Wonderful Personality.

Delightfully different and distinctive among the many other musical comedies which have appeared in Charlotte this season, was the performance of "Flora Bella," at the Academy of Music, matinee and night, Saturday. Miss Florence Webber, late star in "Naughty Marietta," completely captivated her audiences and succeeded in making the show the best which has come South this year.

Possessing a beautiful voice and a personality, which fairly seemed to create her part, Miss Webber displayed talent where dramatic acting was called for and fully measured up to the standards set for her by advance notices.

John R. Phillips, co-star with Miss Webber, failed to approach the pace set by other members of the company, but doubtless that fact was due to the unusual brilliancy of his opposite.

Mildred Shelley, as LaRene, dancer at the Golden Calf Restaurant, was a wonder. Robert Buchanan, Miss Shelley's dancing partner was also good, but the grace and vivacity of Miss Shelley brought rounds of applause from the audience and they were forced to respond to encore after encore.

The comedy role was ably and humorously handled by John L. Kearney, who took the part of Count Sergley Weronzeff. Mr. Kearney succeeded in more than supplying the necessary amount of fun to make "Flora Bella" a success.

Russell Lendon, as Baron Tigo Oblonsky; Rhoda Nichols, as Countess Olga Drubestkey, and Daniel

Young, as Kosonoff were all good and took care of their parts in such a manner that it would have been almost impossible for them to be improved upon.

The play begins in the country home of Prince Nicholas Demidoff. The prince has grown tired of his domestic, pious little wife and longs for excitement and things away from the hum drum, everyday existence of married life.

He finally decides to leave home for several weeks and seek a dancer who had become noted throughout Russia through her performance in a certain restaurant known as the "Sign of the Golden Calf."

Before leaving home, Manja Demidoff (Florence Webber) who is Princess Demidoff, but formerly was Flora Bella, is sought out by her old manager and begged to return him to a place in the world, lost through her disappearance 12 months prior to that time.

The Princess decided to return to the old life for one night only and gives Kosonoff, the manager, her consent to appear at the "Sign of the Golden Calf" the next night.

When Kosonoff leaves he forgets to take with him a picture of Flora Bella, in tights.

Prince Demidoff comes into the room, and finds the picture, sees that it is his wife and begin to reproach her, when her father, John L. Kearney, in the role of Count Sergley Weronzeff, comes to the rescue and explains that the picture is of Manja's twin sister, a disgraceful woman, who is a famous dancer.

The prince sets out to find the dancer and his wife slips away at the same time to assume the role, which she once played in the restaurant.

They meet, but through her unusual vivacity and daring, so unlike Princess Demidoff, she succeeds in fooling the prince and makes him

believe that she is the twin sister.

The prince grows tired of the gay life and returns to his country home, resolved, however, to tell his wife farewell and to take her sister in her place.

By just being a plain, true, woman, and showing him that she loved him better than anything else in the world, Manja revives the love for her in Demidoff's heart and he casts aside all fascination which the dancer had for him.

The curtain rings down on the final scene as Manja sings one of Flora Bella's love songs, and the prince wakes to the realization that Flora Bella and his wife are one and the same persons, and that his wife is not the cold, uninteresting domestic that he thought her.—W. L. R., in The Charlotte, (N. C.) Observer of Sunday, Jan. 28, 1917.

RALLY IS CALLED IN CAPITAL CITY

Columbia, Jan. 27.—Citizens from various sections of the state who are interested in the enactment of an "ironclad" prohibition law will hold a conference in Columbia Tuesday night, at a place to be later designated. The call for the meeting was issued by the Prohibition Enforcement league of Richland county, at the suggestion of correspondents in Newberry, Spartanburg, Greenwood and other county seats.

"Prohibitionists in all the counties are urged to hold citizens' meetings," said the secretary of the league, the Rev. James M. Mitchell, last night. Mr. Mitchell said he was informed the farmers of Newberry county were especially anxious to see prohibition made absolute. Marlboro has already named a delegation. Asher P. Browne is president of the Richland league.

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat if Kidneys Feel Like Lead or Bladder Bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts, from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, neys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

If you want a purebred bull and do not feel able to invest a sufficient amount to buy a good one, write to the Extension Division, Clemson College, S. C., and get information relative to the organization of Bull Association.

Pay all accounts by check and save the vouchers for receipts.

MAKING WATCHES OF JUNK.

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LONG CANE

Long Cane, Jan. 29.—The roads in this community are in the worst condition they have been in in some time.

Mrs. L. F. Finley and children, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beauford.

Mrs. W. D. Beauford and daughter, Miss Linnie, spent Friday in the city with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Hunt were shopping in the city Thursday. Misses Alie and Viola and Ione Beauford spent the week-end with Miss Eva Finley.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Willie Stevenson is sick with measles at this writing. We hope for him an early recovery.

Miss Nina Beauford was a visitor to the city Saturday and dined with her brother, Mr. W. H. Beauford.

Mr. Joe Wright of near Lowndesville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cochran spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. King attended the funeral services of Mr. Jim Strawhorn. The bereaved family have the sympathy of this entire community.

On account of the weather being so bad, there hasn't been very much visiting in this community this week.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST BELL

No sound has ever rung out from the world's largest bell. The big bell was caught in a fire in 1737, shortly after it had been cast, and broken before it was ever rung. It is called by the Russians, "The Czar of Bells." The broken old bell rests in the Kremlin, an old fort at Moscow. It measures 19 feet high and 65 feet in circumference and weighs nearly 200 tons.—American Boy.

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