

SHOW WAS GREAT

THE DODGE CITY LADIES ARE CERTAINLY A BRILLIANT SUCCESS AS ENTERTAINERS

TWO PERFORMANCES GIVEN

To Crowded Houses—Will Add Another Nice Sum to the Library Fund.

The Belles of Honolulu, given by the ladies of Dodge City at the Gluck opera house on Thursday and Saturday nights, deserved and received the best reception ever given to any performance in this town. There was not one weak feature in the entire performance, which is a most unusual thing in an amateur, or even in a professional company.

Everybody was at ease upon the stage and all filled their places gracefully and with ability.

The writer doesn't know yet the entire list of ladies who contributed to the splendid performance, because they were all in the gayest of "cultured" make ups, and positive identification was very difficult. However, a guess will be made upon some of the principal characters.

The show opened with a regular ministerial first part, and when the curtain went up on the opening chorus a very pretty stage setting was displayed. Everybody on the stage entered into the spirit of the occasion like veteran players and the audience gave way to the great applause that the scene merited. From that moment the audience was confident of being highly entertained. The "end men" were Mrs. H. F. Millikan, Mrs. W. E. Davis and Mrs. Judge Whitelaw at one side of the stage, Miss Nan McKinley, Mrs. Judge Madison and Mrs. I. F. Dawson at the other side, and Mrs. George Grobety acted as interlocutor. It was a first class combination and with the assistance of the interlocutor the ladies at the ends of the circle handed out local jokes to the great amusement and enjoyment of everybody but the victims.

The opening overture by the "dummy" orchestra which decorated the elevation back of the circle, made a great hit, while the director, Mrs. McCall displayed a positive genius which is rarely if ever equaled in any baroque act by amateurs. The first ballad, "Can't You See I'm Lonely," was sung by Miss Mae Sturm with splendid effect. Mrs. Millikan sang the first "coon song," "What Will You Do When the Boat Comes Round," and made one of the greatest hits of the entire performance. A ballad, "Will You Love Me to December as You Do in May," was sung by Mrs. Will Gardner in a way which proved that another star of the company had been well selected. "I'll Be Your Rain Beau" was sung by Miss Nan McKinley, who figured on the program as Miss "Skimmerhorn." Miss "Skimmerhorn" was one of the strong drawing cards for the second performance. Miss Stone sang "When the Whip-poor-Will Sings Marguerite," and her excellent voice revealed to the audience the identity of one of Dodge City's favorite singers, who up to that time had been known by the printed program as "Hannah Steak Blowhard." "Nothing From Nothing Leaves You" by Mrs. Judge Whitelaw scored another hit, and was followed by a ballad "Kisses" sung by Miss Eleanor Milton, who besides having an exceptionally

good voice had triumphed over all in singing the most pronounced and given a frock from the burnt cork used in her facial make up.

The second part opened with a cake walk drill by ten Honolulu belles; Mrs. U. A. Judd and Mrs. Geo. Pond Mrs. Whitelaw and Miss Jessie Kelley, Miss Nora Carson and Miss Mae Sturm, Mrs. Will Gardner and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Mrs. McCall and Mrs. W. E. Davis. This was one of the best features of the evening's performance.

"Tammany" sang by Miss Clara Skillington, assisted by the "Big Chief," Little Miss Marguerite Madison was very popular with the audience, as was also the negro character song by Miss Violet Watson.

Mrs. Judd's "stamp speech" was a succession of local hits—many of them good hard "raps." It took with the audience and was one of the big applause getters of the evening.

The dancing concert was too good for the price of admission charged. Everybody who saw the dancing felt like they had whiffled the door keeper. The contest was between the "Snowball Sisters," Misses Clara Skillington and Mildred Watson, and the "Overboard Sisters," Miss Nan McKinley and Mrs. James Whitelaw. As to who won the contest, Dodge City will never be able to decide, because it is the general opinion that neither side could have done better.

The Darktown picnic closed the performance, and was participated in by the entire company.

The ladies were greatly aided in their rehearsals and in the public performance by their pianist, Mrs. Dr. Hellwarth, and by the Beeson orchestra whose contributive services have already earned several shelves of books for the Dodge City library.

The performance able from being a grand success as an entertainment, cleared over \$230 for the library fund.

NEW STATION NUMBERS

Santa Fe's New Order Went Into Effect March 1.

The Santa Fe has renumbered all its stations, the new system of numbers having gone into use March 1. Dodge City's number, which was formerly 353, is under the new order No. 790. Formerly the main line began at Atchison, which was numbered 0, and from there on the several stations were numbered according to the number of miles they are distant. For example, Topeka was fifty-one, being fifty-one miles from Atchison, and so on. Kansas City was 40, Lawrence 40, Topeka 40, and so on by way of Holiday, Ottawa, Emporia, Hutchinson, and Kansas in Kansas and on to San Francisco. That is to say, the main line takes all the short cuts to the coast. Atchison is now numbered 3,531, and that part of the system between Emporia and Atchison is the branch.

The Railroad Bulletin says in regard to the new order: "Each station upon the system is numbered so that the trainmen can understand how to mark cars for their destination and to assist the freight offices in billing cars to the different points. It also enables the car accountant to keep a record of the station reports of the cars on hand that are loading, unloading or empty. The lists and numbers that have been used for the last eighteen years will be entirely changed under the new order. The trainmen are complaining about getting the new numbers confused with the old, but after a short time will become accustomed to the new numbering. There have been so many changes in the branches and lines of the Santa Fe since the old numbering was made that there was a liability of getting the stations mixed."

Review of Weather.

For week ending Wednesday, March 14, 1906, as furnished by T. J. Conditine of the local Weather Bureau.

As a whole, the temperature during the week, was noticeably below the average, the deficiency of this element averaging over eleven degrees per day. During the first part of the week there was an entire absence of precipitation, but beginning in the early morning of the 10th, a light snow has been continuous; the amount of precipitation resulting therefrom has not, however, exceeded ten hundredths of an inch. The continued cloudiness has been beneficial in retarding evaporation, so that nearly all of the precipitation that fell was absorbed by the ground. The past week's temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of 1905, shows a much lower average temperature during 1906 and about the same amount of precipitation, which, however was much better distributed in 1906. The maximum temperature during the week was 67 degrees on the 8th, and the minimum temperature 8 degrees on the 13th.

Lots For Sale.

A few choice lots in Boyds addition to Dodge City. Address, E. D. COMSTOCK, Branchport, N. Y.

GREAT BEND CONVENTION

One of the Substantial Counties Which Have Backed Judge Madison.

The Republicans of Barton county held their county convention last Saturday. The Barton county Republicans from the start have been outspoken for Judge Madison and in their convention they passed a strong resolution endorsing his candidacy, and instructing the delegation to the Hutchinson convention to cast Barton's ten votes for him.

The delegations selected to the congressional and state conventions are composed of Representative men from different parts of the county.

Delegates to congressional convention at Hutchinson March 15, are: W. M. Chatter, Ira Clark, J. Deegan, J. W. A. Cooke, N. P. Nelson, Ed Keenan, Boyd Ivers, W. H. Russell, Henry Oiler and Ed Chapman.

To the State convention at Topeka May 2: D. A. Santa, E. C. Cole, W. F. Bonnen, M. C. Elmore, G. N. Bicknell, Leo Beckmohle, Louis Hagen, C. H. Ochs, S. J. Williams and C. L. Archer.

Senator Long and Congressman Murdoch are very popular with the Barton county Republicans and were strongly endorsed by the delegates in Saturday's convention.

The people of Barton county have done wonders in the last few years. They have shown their county to be one of the most fertile districts in Kansas, have captured the record for greatest yield of wheat of any county in the state, and have changed the politics of the county from a big democratic majority to a safe place in the Republican column.

Great Bend is a prosperous town of over 4000 people and it is in a good growing condition, and will always be a town of importance in central Kansas. There is a lot of the best people in the world located in Barton county, and they are there to stay, because they know they can not find a better country on the face of the globe.

CYCLONE CAVES USEFUL

If this Man Proves to be Right in his Predictions

Garrett P. Service, the scientist, gives the following explanation of his unusual winter, and ventures a hint that it will be well to be prepared to dodge cyclones.

"As far as can now be told the mildness of the past winter has been due to a change in the amount of intensity of the sun's radiation. A few years ago, there was a falling off in that radiation, resulting in one of two extraordinary cold summers. Now, an increase of solar action has brought about the persistence of a higher temperature on the earth.

"On the land this increase of temperature has simply produced mild climatic conditions, soft, springlike winds and a comparative absence of snow and ice. On the sea the result has been different, because there are icebergs and ice fields, released from their wintry chains in the Arctic regions, have floated down into middle latitudes in extraordinary numbers and the consequent chilling of the water and the air has brought about violent winds, causing the North Atlantic along the ordinary paths of commerce to become a region of fierce storms, perilous blasts and dangerous seas.

"It may be safely predicted that more violent tornadoes will be experienced in the Southwest and Middle West, and it is not improbable that we shall hear of other hurricanes affecting exposed island groups and the coasts toward which cyclones advance in their career across the level expanse of the oceans."

STEPPED TO FIRST PLACE

Young Horse Owned by Sam Stubbs Develops Great Speed.

"Mike Sutton" a two year old owned by Sam Stubbs, and the colt mentioned last week as being second in a race at Hot Springs, won first place and lowered the track record at Hot Springs a few days ago. The young horse promises to be one of the great racers of the year, and is looked upon by Mr. Stubbs as one of the best horses he has ever owned.

Mr. Stubbs has been at Hot Springs for the past three weeks and had the pleasure of witnessing the great race run by "Mike Sutton."

NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Plans are Ready for New Santa Fe Building at Dodge City.

The plans for a new Santa Fe office building in Dodge City have been completed and sent here. The building, it is understood, will be located east of the depot and Harvey House. The plans will be sent to headquarters for final approval, and while no definite announcement has yet been made regarding the matter, it seems pretty certain that the building will be put up this summer.

GRAND OPERA SINGERS

A Good Attraction at the Gluck Opera House Tuesday Night.

The singers who appeared at Gluck's opera house Tuesday night, in selections from the Grand opera gave a fairly satisfactory performance, probably up to the expectations of those who attended.

"Miss Antoinette Cantarile" the soprano who draws the most pay and appeared not so often on the program as the others is, apparently, a French woman, whom one would take to be a singer of some note.

J. F. Kuchae, the Bass, while very good, is only an ordinary singer.

The lady who appeared on the program as Duchess Dudley, and who, judging from the applause, made a very good impression upon the audience, has a clear flexible voice which is not strong enough for great effects perhaps, but which is pleasing to hear.

George W. Jenkins who appeared first in scenes from Parsifal, has a tenor voice of much power, and can, no doubt command a good salary as a singer. His dramatic ability, however, is not in the same class with his voice.

"Miss Rose Stewart," the violinist, gave the audience the worth of their money. While the writer suspects that she, in reality, is Miss Jones of some good old state in this country, she may be readily forgiven for appearing on the program under any name which her manager thinks will be the best drawing card.

She is an exceedingly clever violinist, a finished one, and would make good whether playing here on the plains or in New York. She could no doubt make the violin laugh or sob, could show more power of tone, or again more pathos, if she cared to do so. At Dodge City the crowd was small, and she showed that she was not much interested in doing the best work.

Louis Duimenberg the pianist and accompanist, is the genuine article, and it is unfortunate on his account as on many other musicians who appear as accompanists that as a class they must wait until they get to the next world to receive their reward of applause.

"Lara Mae Hammer," the third soprano to appear, has a charming personality. In spite of the way she spells her middle name, and aside from singing bravely, she looked so pretty, and easy, and so good, when she stepped up to the front, that a young man of Dodge City, who was engaged last week, forgot for the time being all about the girl at his side.

YOUNG JAPANESE

Gives Some Good Pointers on Manners and Customs of his Country.

The visit to Dodge City of the Japanese young man and student, Mr. Yamamoto, drew a large interest with all who were of heart to his addresses. He spoke at the Sunday morning service at the Presbyterian church, on Christianity in Japan. On Sunday evening at the same church he delivered his lecture on Japan, religion, customs and manners, the causes and results of the war with Russia, and the future of the empire.

Mr. Yamamoto's lucidity of the evening's good audience was present and manifested a large measure of appreciation and enjoyment of the address. On Monday evening he gave his lecture at the Soldiers' home, which was announced as received with equal interest. Mr. Yamamoto is in his early twenties in years, but has graduated in high school and college and spent two years in University work in Japan, and has been nearly two years in this country pursuing college studies, expecting to put in ten years more study here, and in Mexico and South America.

His father is a member of the Japanese cabinet, in the interior department, and Yamamoto is equipping himself to enter the consular service. He is a remarkably bright and intelligent young man, for one of his years, and will undoubtedly make his mark and be heard from in time to come. He says the seeming contact going on between the Chinese and student foreigners is but the natural consequence of the development of new lines and improved conditions provoking the resistance of the ignorant and non-subversive classes, and not serious or dangerous, so far as peace with other nations is concerned. He ridicules the idea of Japan forming an alliance with China against other nations, pronouncing it the wildest dream of uninformed newspaper writers, or theorists. Japan has a great stake for peace in the Orient, and some improvement and development in all directions.

Torture By Savages.

"The making of the torture to which the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the Japanese suffering I endured for years in Paris from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Channing, Mo. "Nothing helped me until I took Eucalypti Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Rheumatism, and restores the weak and convalescent to robust health. Guaranteed by Dr. J. C. Lehmann, Druggist. Price 50c.

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