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The Theaters

BY SHILLEY OLYMPIC
"GEORGE WASHINGTON, JR." is the best offering Ferris Hartman has made the public of Los Angeles in many a long day. It is well staged, well costumed and well acted. Barring a few minor deficiencies of a first night, the performance given last night at the Grand opera house was with whole in every respect. Long waits between acts are the principal faults. Some of the choruses should be given a few lessons in sartorial art. The chorus girls need little or nothing in the way of training, for they are pretty nearly the hit of the whole piece. They dance, sing and act with vigor and vim and make the whole play go, from first to last.

Musical numbers with plenty of lilt and swing, bright, clean comedy, lines which sparkle and scintillate with epigrammatic vividness, a pretty story and situations which make one's patriotism take the form of huzzas, characterize "George Washington, Jr." George M. Cohan, who is responsible for the play, never wrote anything better.

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In Hotel Corridors

CORRALLED
There's a hot old bunch that strut and strut every day. And they try to make a cleanup every day. But they'll find 'em up and brand 'em. These mavericks hand 'em. The members of the H. M. B. A.

From the New Last Angels designs, With tilted skirts and fancy rignins. They descended on this calm and peaceful jump. We have sent our squaws to bed. And we'll paint this old town red. We'll pump 'em out of the Van Nuys.

We have scraggers here tonight That are always on the debit; We are jerry to the rough stuff in the H. M. B. A. So will you get a little song. Just to help the game along. And cheer you up your pleasant homeward way.

So whoop 'er up, boys; Don't forget to make a noise; In the effete east it never was like this. If it's slow it's the wink we want to blink. And we'll do anything on earth to cause you bliss.

The foregoing is the supreme effort of the staff poet of the "Evening Prayer," a newspaper (79 published in "Frisco," April 19, in honor of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit association. The criminal who wrote it himself editor, also reporter, compositor, printer, proof reader and solicitor of the "Evening Prayer." He probably was all of that until the first copy of his paper came out on the streets, but it's just possible that he now signs himself "No 13, San Quentin-on-the-isle."

Anyhow, he has infused some rattling good sense into his first effort. The hotel men from the east are ridiculed, called names, jollied and joshed in its columns, and the editor seems to have enough of that hot stuff to hand them all a little. For instance, this is what Kirk Harris of the Grand hotel received: "Dear Ones—The beloved relief, Maud Harris, companion of your regrets. Objections will be held this p. m. Relatives please attend."

That isn't all, or even the best of the "Evening Prayer." The Herald has to go through the mail and the "Evening Prayer" was delivered by hand. Hence we will omit the rest.

This was the program of the H. M. B. A.'s banquet at the St. Francis April 19. It speaks for itself. Pearl Richards, "The Dance of the Seven Veils." James Dervin, storieller and mimic. Billy Walsh, entertainer. Guy Solgen, Great City, comic. Gus Hart, Hebrew comedian. Gertrude Allan, Salome. Frank Moore, four rounds at 115 pounds.

Even at that, with that bunch of attractions, it looks as if the Alexandria's Days of '49 smoker was still at the top of the pile.

Why doesn't somebody build a hotel at Monrovia? Monrovia, firm, and wants to build. It is the golden opportunity for some kind-hearted sport with plenty of shipplaters to gratify the little town's desire.

In fact so badly does the "Queen of the Pool" want a first class hostelry that the board of trade has raised \$10,000 which will be paid as a cash bonus to any individual, firm, corporation or trust, who will put up a hotel not to cost less than \$100,000, land and furnishing included. Interested parties would better see the Monrovia board of trade at once.

A funny thing happened in the Westminster yesterday. What looked like a first glance, prize fight, turned into a love feast the like of which has not been witnessed in Los Angeles since the Democratic conference.

A party, including a nice looking woman, well as forty summers, and wintery, registered at the Westminster yesterday morning. This party, a man and a woman, was in a tunic of white net covered with crystal bugles and beads and made over bluish pink.

Miss George in her new play will be seen at the Mason opera house the week of April 25.

The program at Levy's Cafe Chantant is attracting much attention. One of the leading endeavors of the participants, La Estrella, the Spanish whirlwind dancer, still continues to add to her admirers with her sinuous and beyond compare. The new prima donna, who also comes from Spain, is the possessor of a well trained voice and sings the songs of her native land exquisitely.

Oliver Morosco has secured the five latest George M. Cohan musical comedies, and they will be given at the Burbank from time to time this summer. "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Talk of New York," "Little Johnny Jones" and "The Governor of New York" to get these plays upon accidentally hearing Miss Marjorie Rambeau sing in the wings at the Burbank. "The Lion and the Mouse." This versatile young woman has a big soprano voice, and her work in the Cohan plays promises to be something of a sensation.

"The Rich Mr. Hogenheimer" will be continued by Kolb and Dill at the Majestic one more week. This has been necessitated by the tremendous business which the piece has been doing in the second week, but as the engagement of the Teutons here is limited, the next bill will be a triple one, consisting of "The Mustard King," "The College Widower," a burlesque on George Ade's famous comedy, and a burlesque on "The Music Master."

Improvement body busy
A just assessment for the proposed storm drains, more street lights, fire hydrants and an engine house are some of the things the West Tenth street improvement association is working for, and at the meeting May 3 Judge Lusk, president of the council, will be present to hear the association's views. The last meeting a committee was instructed to seek a suitable site for a playground. J. C. Edwards, T. C. Vaughn, H. Fortner, W. C. Wheat and A. C. Vaughn were appointed delegates to the Federation of Improvement clubs.

FINK SUES FORMER SALESMAN
Albert Fink, the wholesale jeweler who figured in the disappearing trunk case, in which a suit case was substituted for a trunk of jewelry valued at \$30,000, while in transit from Los Angeles to San Francisco yesterday brought suit in Justice Ling's court to recover \$72,500 from his former salesman, Harry Adams, claiming that he has advanced him that sum during the past two years, aside from his salary and expense account.

WILL LECTURE ON COMET
Prof. B. R. Baumgardt will deliver an illustrated lecture on Halley's comet, with stereoscopic slides and lantern slides, at the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A., 231 South Hill street, next Tuesday at 8 p. m. This lecture will enable everyone to know when and where to look for the comet, and to learn something about its history and mysterious nature. Small admission, but will be charged to defray expenses of the lecture.

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COUSIN OF DEAD MAN SHEDS LIGHT ON MYSTERY
Relative Tells of Shively's Relations with Alleged Slayers

A. C. Shively of North Manchester, Ind., cousin of Morgan Shively, the Pacific Electric conductor who was found dead by the roadside early in the morning of January 2 near the house of George E. Stone and his wife, Clara, with whom he lived in San Gabriel, called at the office of the Los Angeles police yesterday to inquire into the progress of the case.

In spite of the fact that the Stones are now awaiting trial in the superior court charged with the murder of Shively, the case is still shrouded in mystery, and the cousin was able to give Detective Brown much information and also the addresses of persons acquainted with the Stones and the dead man, who had lived together for many years, which may lead to further light on the case.

Shively, who stopped off here on his way to Seattle, where he once lived, says that the Stones and his cousin lived there at the time he did. Stone had a high salaried position, with Shively working under him. The trio, who lived together as they did at San Gabriel, spent their money freely and lived a life of ease.

One of the theories accounting for Shively's death has been that he inflicted fatal injuries on himself while walking in his sleep, but his cousin said yesterday that he had never heard that Shively walked in his sleep.

TO ADDRESS CITY CLUB
Prof. J. H. Francis, principal of the polytechnic high school, will address the City club Saturday at the Westminster on "Good Citizenship." Schools should be for Good Citizenship.

ALEXANDRA WOLFF, an American girl who went to Mexico not long ago to help in the Red Cross work of meeting broken Spanish soldiers, attracted the attention of the duke of Tamames, holder of a very illustrious title, and therefore with an attention very hard to catch, by the devotedness of her service. The duke had a "diner intime," which must be very fine, for Miss Wolff at his beautiful house in Madrid. There were a number of noted personalities at the "diner intime" with long names and pretentious titles. Among them was King Alfonso's personal aid-de-camp, General Echague.

The king himself is soon to receive the young lady, and it is stated that his majesty will confer a distinguished Spanish order on her in recognition of her services to the Spanish army, and as a compliment to the American nation in the person of Miss Wolff. The king may be sure that the recognition of the American girl and of his compliment to the American nation.

Mrs. Alice Longworth seems really to have settled down to old-fashioned housekeeping. Of course she is not occupied with pans and the like, but she has settled down to having become serious in her ambitions. Indeed, it may not be said that she ever did anything to create publicity, nor that she ever married and traveling are not counted as very serious things and if the leading lady is a president's daughter, she cannot but be a social success. The former president's brilliant daughter, it must be confessed, did not long in the presence of a graver art, things and persons, literary and philanthropic were neglected by Miss Roosevelt for the pleasures of youth.

Now Mrs. Longworth is giving much time to study and she is showing much interest in the things which might be classed as abstruse. Her home, modest in comparison with those of her acquaintances at which the conversation is of far higher order than that of Boston, and she has been known to say the smart set is accustomed. That is why it is said that she is going to settle down to housekeeping. Her serious side, however, is quite as charming as her girlish buoyancy was formerly. She is still the likable Alice, in spite of the fact that she is now a knitting her brows over an occasional book grim and dusty and heavy with wisdom.

The necessity of arresting the increase of national armaments is a large subject for a little woman to discuss in any circle, but Miss Longworth, who recently delivered a lecture with such a topic before the German Peace society in Hamburg without a quiver of her eyelids, is more than equal to the task. She is a peace society that she proposes to collect 200,000 signatures of subjects of the United States to a petition to Congress to constitute a peace commission to settle international disputes, abolish war and substitute pacific means to settle international difficulties. When she gets this done it is not unlikely that she will do it in a more effective way than herself with the distinction of being the world's greatest autograph accumulator.

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WAITER IS CHARGED WITH MISTREATING YOUNG GIRL
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The girl has been employed as a waitress at restaurants, and at police headquarters she declared her parents insisted she should go to work at the age of 12.

Although evidence was obtained showing that Miss Johnson is but 15 years old, she would readily pass for a girl 20 years of age.

She had been in and out of the police office for some time, and investigation by detectives who made the arrests showed that Hammer and the girl had been registered at the East Sixth rooming house, since that date.

ACCUSED BY GIRL'S PARENTS
Charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Richard Buchanan was arrested last night by Detectives Hoelck and Zeigler. The parents of Hazel Eblon, a prettily 17 year girl, made the complaint, that resulted in Buchanan's arrest, according to the police.

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Some Men

IT has escaped that Sir Arthur Wing Pinero is of Portuguese ancestry, descended from a Sephardic family. "Escaped," not because Sir Arthur has been trying to keep it a family secret, but just because some one found it out or Sir Arthur's press agent, if Sir Arthur indulges in a press agent, has let it out. At any rate, it is out and therefore "escaped." The correct spelling of the name is "Pineros," which would be good reason for anyone pretending that his ancestors hark to the deluge were English, if one had to sign one's name to checks or plays.

Sir Arthur Wing Pinero began his career as a general utility man in Edward Saker's stock company at the Alexander theater, Liverpool. For this work he received \$10 a week. This was in 1875. Since that time he has done quite a number of good things, both on the stage and behind the stage—that is, as an actor and in the chair of playwright.

His first play brought him a reward of a set of first studs, and it is safe to say that he wore out many shirts before his pride would allow him to dispose of the studs. Twenty-five dollars was all that he received for his second effort. Sir Henry Irving bought the third production of the dramatist for \$250. Pinero had acted in the company of the old manager for a considerable time.

Coney Island and Capt. "Mike" Galvin, its new police head, are making eyes at each other. They are not of the same eyes that are usually "made," but they are nevertheless eyes. The captain is sizing up Coney Island and Coney is sizing up the captain. The island is a wide, flat, open space, and is allowed to do and the captain is wondering what capers of the island he will grace with his "O. K." Galvin has not been at Coney yet, but he makes the rounds faithfully. He is going to do his job as far as he had done nothing to shock the islanders. Coney saw him coming, as it were, and put on his Sunday clothes. It had heard of him as the man who had locked up New York's Chinatown and thrown away the key.

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