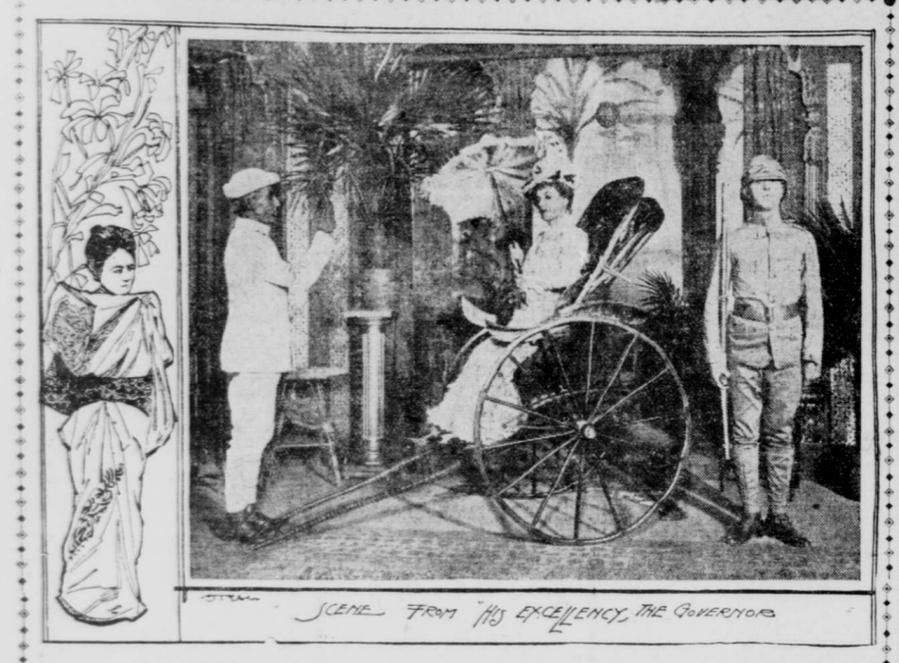


THE EXCELLENCY TO THE GOVERNOR HIS A RARE PECE OF CELEBRITY

Miller Company Presents an Enjoyable Play at the Columbia "The Country Girl" at the Alcazar Scores a Hit



THE fifth week of the Henry Miller season at the Columbia Theatre opened most auspiciously last evening with the Excellency, the Governor, a sparkling farce, in three acts, by R. Marshall.

The plot is of the slightest. The unexpected visit of an English government official, with his sister and charming daughter, to the bachelor quarters of his Excellency the Governor in a lone island of her Majesty in the Indian Ocean forms the basis of the play.

The flowers of the aloes is responsible for the most of the plot. The yellow pollen that is flying in clouds with every breeze is said by the poet to possess the power of seduction.

Mr. Marshall has succeeded in giving us a piece of most rare and excellent foot-lights, a comedy of the first order of English humor at its best. The situations are deliciously absurd, delightfully unexpected and original.

Wrinkles are the diary of a woman-in-charge. The property is a certain we all peer behind. It is a thoroughly pleasing rendering by E. J. Morgan, Charles Walton was an excellent comedian, and the scene under the influence of aloes. William Courtenay's Captain Carew was well given, his love-making being distinctly good.

Worthily the talented comedian, deady literal, absolutely unhumorous, Englishman. His John Vesterstock, a beautifully absurd conception, absolutely hangs together every time. The dialogue of the masculine roles were all well taken, indeed by Earl Brown, E. Y. Backus, E. J. Morgan, Charles Walton, etc.

Of the ladies of the cast Miss Martin, Mrs. Thomas Whiffen and Miss Grace E. J. Morgan did all that was to be expected. Miss Martin's unbecomingly good, but the bright, perfectly good, but the bright, perfectly good, but the bright, perfectly good.

California. "Rush City," presented by Dunne & Co. The lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in San Francisco and vicinity have completed arrangements for their annual picnic and regatta, to be held at Los Gatos Park to-morrow.

Swallowed Laudanum. Elva Pelzer, a girl 19 years of age living at 914 1/2 Harrison street, quarreled with her mother yesterday morning and in a fit of anger swallowed a quantity of laudanum. She was taken to the Receiving Hospital and it was several hours before she was pronounced out of danger.

Fresno Rate Case Postponed. When Judge Bahrs called the Southern Pacific Railroad contempt case yesterday morning he was officially informed by Attorney General Ford that a writ of prohibition had been granted by the Supreme Court on Saturday. Judge Bahrs ordered without delay and before the matter could be again taken up final judgment by the Supreme Court must be entered.

Whisky in Stockings. "The liquor habit is decreasing among the men, but it is increasing among the women," said Mrs. Leonora M. Lake in a lecture on temperance delivered recently in San Francisco. Lake spoke for over an hour, her subject being "Why I Am a Total Abstinence."

Peculiar Effects of an Earthquake. Accounts of the great earthquake in Alaska a few months ago, which extended over an area of four thousand miles in diameter, show that it was a most peculiar phenomenon. Well known islands have been swallowed up and others have risen to take their place. All the glaciers of the Alaskan coast, including the great Muir Glacier, have been mutilated and disintegrated. Mountains were shaken to bases, huge rocks were dislodged from their sides and forests were leveled to the ground. Tremendous shocks had been felt some time before the earthquake actually occurred. The Muir Glacier runs into the country for about forty miles, and has a sea front of something like 200 to 300 miles, forming a wall of ice 200 to 300 feet high, and 750 feet below water. From this wall of ice 45,000 tons of ice used to drop into the sea every minute, and more than forty feet. The whole front for a mile back has, it is said, been cast into the sea by the earthquake.

A Mammoth Watch. A feature of the St. Louis Fair in 1903 will be a mammoth watch. It will lie on its back, will have a polished metal case, and will be made of brass. It will be so large and roomy that people will be able to walk around in it among the moving wheels. It will be nearly seventy-five feet in diameter and more than forty feet high, with a neat little steeple running all about in it, and all the wheels properly protected by a double row of iron bars. It will weigh a ton, and what is called the "hair spring" in a watch will be as thick as a man's wrist. It will take out two minutes for the balance wheel to swing around and back again. It will be pivoted on two enormous sapphire blocks, and will be made of brass. One of the greatest difficulties will be in getting the balance spring to have the strength that can stand the strain and keep its elasticity. The mainspring, of course, will be an enormous affair, somewhat more than 300 feet in length.

Large Output of Mites. One firm in Austria uses ten tons of phosphorus a year, and turns out 20,000,000 matches. Another company, an English one, uses 100,000 pounds of sulphur a year, and produces 100,000,000 matches, and 150 tons of strawboard for boxes in the same time.

Millions of Passengers. The tramways, omnibuses and underground railways in and around London, within a radius of five miles, carry each year about 53,000,000 passengers.

GRAND BY INDICTS THE INQUISITORS RETURN TRUE BILLS AGAINST CHRETIEN, HANSTED AND LATNER.

Rogers Escapes Temporarily, but His Refusal to Answer Questions Will Be Considered To-Day by Judge Bahrs.

THE Grand Jury filed three indictments with Judge Bahrs yesterday—one for Chretien, one for Latner and one for Hansted. Rogers was not mentioned except in the secret deliberations of the grand jury, but his case has not been dropped.

In addition to the indictments filed the District Attorney reported to the court that Rogers had declined to answer questions put to him, and he asked the court to take cognizance of the matter. Judge Bahrs declined to look upon the questions asked as an attempt on the part of the jury to compel Rogers to testify against himself, but the District Attorney declared that the jurors wanted information from Rogers about the other persons mixed up in the case, but that he declined to furnish even what information he had about persons other than himself. In fact, he would tell the jury nothing at all.

Judge Bahrs finally decided he would look into the matter, and to-day he will confer with the District Attorney and the grand jury. In the meantime Rogers will have a respite before the jury.

An indictment filed against Chretien charges him with obtaining money under false pretenses, the charge being part of the grand jury's indictment against Rogers. Hansted is charged with the same offense. Rogers has taken the debt of \$150 and his \$150 out of the \$800 check. The grand jury also indicted Rogers with Chretien and at its session next Friday it is probable that at least one more indictment will be filed against him, the charge being to wit, "felony."

Charles Latner was indicted for "felony" to wit, "felony" by a grand jury yesterday afternoon and in an assumed personating another and in an assumed character. The charge is based upon the fact that Latner received \$750 from Rogers on the transfer of the estate, while at the same time he knew the money was supposed to be delivered to the true heir of Joseph Sullivan.

From Hansted, "Dutchy" is charged with a fictitious instrument in writing for payment, amounting to \$1000, which is based upon the fact that Hansted signed the receipt and assignment of the estate to Rogers. There was no money in the estate, and it was explained by the District Attorney, it was not necessary that it should be proved that either man actually received any money or uttered the fraudulent instruments; it is only necessary that it be shown they were all principals in the crime. Each one could have been indicted on one of half a dozen different charges, but it was deemed most advisable to indict them first on separate charges, and then if the evidence brought out at the trials warrant it they can be indicted on others.

Bench warrants were issued upon each of the three indictments, and the bail in each case was set at \$1000. When the indictments had been filed and the warrants issued they were turned over to the police to be served. There was trouble in serving Chretien, for he is already in jail. The United States District Attorney will be appealed to to extradite the man, who is now in the custody of the police. Captain Seymour says, his whereabouts is not known at present, but Seymour says he can find him in a few days.

The Grand Jury also took up the matter of the hiring of a private detective by Chief of Police Sullivan. He employed them to watch his patrolmen and paid them from the police funds. The Grand Jury will make a thorough investigation of the whole affair.

with a valise he had bought on his new master's credit. He stayed in his room during the day to prevent suspicion and slept there that night until 4 o'clock in the morning. He then went to the boat and crossed the water to catch the boat at an upper landing above the scene of the crime. He was there when the grand jury was thinking about the loss of his newly body servant he could not say.

Another grim reminder of that wonderful far-off age when the mastodon, the ichthyosaurus, the psycloctyle, and various other prehistoric animals roamed the unpeopled solitudes of this earth, has been brought to light on the coast of California. A seaport of Chile, on August 28, 1899, lying in a sunken rock, where it had probably been covered by the sea for untold centuries. The animal seems to have been a cross between a lizard and an alligator. It is believed to weigh about 2000 lbs. and is 25 feet 11 inches long. The head alone is nine feet long. Across the back it measures 9 feet 9 inches. The tail is well preserved and is fossil and its structure can be clearly traced. It was boxed up and removed to Valparaiso, where it is now on exhibition. —Leslie's Weekly.

Wanted No Congratulations. The late Duke of Westminster once returned when at Strack in Westchester, a telegram from a friend expressing a hope that the Duke's horse would win a race, and the Duke had 20 shillings to pay for the carriage of the telegram from the nearest office. He immediately wrote a reply to the effect that the Duke had 20 shillings more, and he would give him the 20 shillings more, and he would give him the 20 shillings more, and he would give him the 20 shillings more.

None Like Them Here or Abroad. Three extraordinary idols of brass have just arrived in Liverpool from India. The weight of each figure is about 1000 pounds, and they are most wonderfully and brilliantly made. One of the figures stands nine feet high, another six feet and one is in a reclining position, with the head resting on the hand. This last is the largest of the three, measuring nearly ten feet. They are said to be the work of some man of menagerie fame, who claims that no similar relics are possessed by any museum or by any private individuals in Europe or America. —London Echo.

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