

English Musical Comedy Americanized for American Spectators at American Theater



MEMBERS OF THE "MAM'ELLE 'AWKINS" COMPANY OF PLAYERS, AS SKETCHED BY A STAFF ARTIST OF THE CALL DURING THE PERFORMANCE AT THE AMERICAN THEATRE YESTERDAY.

By James Crawford

If an English comedy as to play and sing "Mam'elle 'Awkins" were it originally constructed an English audience might be able to find in it something suggestive of a coherent story.

All the narrative the most perspicacious of us could obtain from the stage proceedings was that a laundress had suddenly acquired great wealth, and that the male characters, benedicts as well as machos, were divided for her hand and purse.

Most of the principals made comedy love indiscriminately, and most of their speeches that were not interpolated smacked of the cowardly double entendre so beloved by the patrons of London music halls.

Indeed, so long as the original book was adhered to the players were upon thin ice, and for that reason they were kept away from the author's lines and business so frequently as to muddle the plot was commendable.

One of the funniest things in the performance was the futile endeavor of Kathryn Miley, in the title part, to cling to a cockney dialect.

Comedian Sidman made much of his semi-Scottish costume, with hooped skirt and incongruous German tunic.

The bright spot in the production was Elizabeth Spencer's vocalism. This woman has a pure soprano of even quality throughout the register.

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The Orpheum offers several new attractions in addition to the hooovers, among them the new hippies, the Parisian dancers, Rose and Jeanette, who displayed a great deal of tinsel and, semi-incidentally, a great deal of anatomy.

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press Mystery," a sensational melodrama which closed yesterday afternoon. Herschel Mayall was cast for the leading part and was supported by the full strength of Ernest Howell's players.

LETTER CARRIERS ENJOY A DAY AT SHELL MOUND

Large Gathering Present at Annual Picnic of the San Francisco Association

The San Francisco letter carriers' mutual aid association gave its annual picnic at Shell Mound park yesterday.

Twice around track, open to all—M. J. Mc Donough first, J. Fairbanks second.

Young ladies—Miss Conroy first, Miss Holland second.

Letter carriers—C. F. Nell first, Schoelch second.

Married ladies—Mrs. Holland first, Mrs. Redmond second.

Committee of arrangements—Charles F. Nell, chairman; John Kelly, secretary.

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LABOR COUNCIL CLASSES

NEW UNFAIR

Sides With Strikers Against International Body of Electricians

BREACH IS WIDENED

Charter Issued by Vice President Sullivan Not Recognized

Action taken last night by the San Francisco labor council rated the operating and electrical departments of the Pacific telephone and telegraph company as nonunion and opened a breach between the local labor council and the international body of the electrical workers which may bring some interesting developments.

A resolution to the effect that the action of the vice president of the international, Michael J. Sullivan, in organizing a new union to take the place of local electricians No. 151 when that union refused to rescind its strike vote and go back to work for the telephone company, was detrimental to the best interests of the local labor world, was adopted and the action of No. 151 in declaring a sympathetic strike with the telephone operators was sustained.

The resolution adopted by the labor council last night makes these men locally "unfair," although internationally they are in good standing.

Brick makers in the east are busy. The Pittsburgh-Buffalo company last week completed an order for 3,000,000 brick for the Carnegie steel works and since June 1 received orders from Greenher, Meadville, Oakmount, Clarion and Canonsburg amounting in the aggregate to 4,250,000 brick.

Following is the prevailing rate of wages in the lumber camps of the province of British Columbia, Can., as compared with rates paid for the principal employment several months ago:

Table with 4 columns: Class, Present rate, Former rate, Per cent. Includes Skidroad men, Fellers, Buckers, Hook tenders, Logging silvicult, Swappers, Engineers per month, with board.

The Warner glass company of McDonald, Pa., has just closed the banner run in its history and finds itself with so many orders ahead that it will enlarge its plant.

The international convention of the machinists is to be held in St. Louis in September.

The officials of the amalgamated association of iron, steel and tin workers say that they are not alarmed over the suit entered against them by the Silgo iron and steel company of Connellsville.

The plant was operated until two months ago. A new superintendent was appointed who, it is said, considered that the plant could be placed on a paying basis.

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Out of 212,000 women in Australia qualified to vote, 174 exercised the right of franchise.

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CEMENT WORKERS HOLD DISTRICT CONVENTION

New Constitution and By-laws Are Adopted After Long Discussion

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SANTA ROSA, July 7.—The semi-annual district convention of the American brotherhood of cement workers for San Francisco district was held in this city today.

The delegates were served a banquet in the hall, after which the business was resumed and continued until 4 o'clock.

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FOREST FIRE IS RAGING NEAR TEHACHAPI PASS

Large Force of Men Striving to Save Valuable Timber Land

BAKERSFIELD, July 7.—This afternoon a force of 60 men from the Kern County land company headquarters was called out to fight serious mountain fires near the Tehachapi pass in what is known as the Tollhouse ranch.

The flames were discovered last night and after a hard fight the fire was checked. Six sections were burned over. Today, however, the fire broke out anew at the edge of the Southern Pacific tracks and is now eating its way north through dense scrub oak and feed grass.

STRAINER SHOTS WHEN HE IS ASKED FOR MATCH

Louis Clements Receives Two Bullets in Leg in Altercation With Chance Acquaintance

OAKLAND, July 7.—Louis A. Clements, a salesman, living at 1541 Adeline street, was shot in the leg twice tonight by a man whose identity he claims not to know.

AGED MAN KILLED BY CAR

OAKLAND, July 7.—An unidentified man about 60 years old was struck and killed by an Eighth street electric car at Eighth and Franklin streets at 7 o'clock tonight.

OBSERVATIONS OF MARS

BERKELEY, July 7.—No attempt is to be made at this time to study Mars by astronomers at the university observatory, according to Professor A. O. Leuschner.

YOUNG BURGLARS CAUGHT

OAKLAND, July 7.—Peter Joseph, 10 years old, living at 1557 Fifth street, and Charles Frois, aged 11, of 1522 Third street, were caught while breaking into F. B. Rodolph's printing place in Tenth street, near Clay, this afternoon.

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