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Stuart in "Strongheart" Heads Fine Cast in a Play With a Purpose

"The Alaskan" Meets with Favor and Is Most Enthusiastically Applauded

Zelie de Lussan's Voice and Art Capture Audience at Vaudeville

By Walter Anthony

If such be good to it, the play "Strongheart," by William de Mille, has my hearty approval, Ralph Stuart my admiration and the cast at the Van Ness the assurance of my genuine esteem. It is pleasant to witness such a performance as was given last night, though it were easier to write about it if there were more the masterpiece which it is.

The author has put, for us, a new type upon the stage, or at least an old type in new environment, and he has courageously followed the logic of his characters and his story to a tearful ending, which another might easily have turned into a happy one, as Kipling did "The Light That Failed."

"Strongheart" is an Indian, the son of a great chief. His people in their singular have sent the boy to college to learn the white man's wisdom. "Strongheart" learns that and learns to love. Through four spirited college scenes—Columbia is the university—the love of the Indian is storied and woven into a campus scandal which involves the honor of the pariah, who holds in his hands, and for a moment is tempted to use, evidence that would shame his rival in love. The girl who would act and win the girl whose love he has sought. She is in his arms when there glides into the room Black Eagle, a messenger from his tribe. The picture the three make up, with hands outstretched, the story of the hopelessness of their loves. He is the real Indian, robbed of romance, ragged, filthy, withered, unclean. She must go with such a guide, for Strongheart's chief is now is and whose welfare must be his care. She pleads to go with him, but warned by the messenger that the white man's woman cannot be his princess, the climax is reached. "I am the spirit of my father," says the chief, "I need thy help, for I am on a great desert—alone."

It is real melodrama, not of physical contest, but of psychology, of struggle against race.

Stuart, as the Indian, is the character, whether rightly or not, is the Indian of tradition. Significantly, his speech, which is not, true to his friends, faithful to his word, a type which we are pleased to indicate in the word "American." The author has not been of great assistance to Stuart in his lines, which in his speech, which is not, true to his friends, faithful to his word, a type which we are pleased to indicate in the word "American." The author has not been of great assistance to Stuart in his lines, which in his speech, which is not, true to his friends, faithful to his word, a type which we are pleased to indicate in the word "American."

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Harry Girard (upper portrait), who sings a leading role in "The Alaskan," at the American, and Ralph Stuart, who appeared in the title role of "Strongheart" at the Van Ness.



SAY PASTOR'S FIANCEE IS TOO DOMINEERING

Members of San Rafael Congregation May Bring Charges

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 8.—Trouble is about to break over the reported indiscretions of Rev. William Eldridge, pastor of the First Congregational church of San Rafael, and the intrusion and domination of Eldridge's fiancée, Mrs. Anna W. Trescott, into church affairs, according to E. Q. Smith, clerk of the congregation. The little church has within a year been sadly decimated by accessions to the ranks of the Christian church, and severely racked by choir tribulations, and now it is facing a crisis which may leave its pews even thinner. His plight is the talk of San Rafael.

Smith said yesterday that a church committee probably would be called soon to pass upon Eldridge's fitness to act as pastor. The ill feeling toward Mrs. Trescott was engendered over a churchwoman's dispute, the vital topic being whether she should be permitted a fair booth in the church's Christmas fair should be turned over to the ladies' aid society, or put in the pastor's salary fund.

Court's investigation. Eldridge says that he has been the victim of disgruntled members of the congregation and declares that he not only courts an investigation, but will demand a church trial. Mrs. Trescott, who was seen at the church this afternoon, was earnest in asserting that she had been interested and active solely for the good of the church, and she attributed the gossip against the pastor to be inspired by motives of blackmail.

The board of missions gave \$250 toward the expenses of this church recently, that should indicate what his credentials are satisfactory, said Eldridge.

Trouble in choir. Eldridge was appointed to the pastorate about three months ago. He rapidly built up the church, took a prominent part in San Rafael life, organizing a men's club with a membership that included the best known educators and public men in town. The choir of the church was improved, and with Mrs. Isabelle Marks as soloist drew many auditors to the Sunday evening services. Discussions arose in the choir and Mrs. Marks and Mr. Jacobson, another singer, withdrew. Trouble began to brew for Eldridge soon.

The Ladies' Aid society of the church gave a fair and Mrs. Trescott presided over a booth at which the workers were a society of little children. Twenty dollars was taken in at this booth and of this sum \$6 the surplus above expense, was voted to go to the pastor's salary fund. The ladies of the aid society were greatly disturbed over this appropriation, and a few dollars which they desired for their own treasury, the disgruntled members joined forces and there was talk in the town against Eldridge's pastorate.

Alleged domineering. "There has been discussions in the church and they will probably lead to an investigation," said Smith. "Eldridge has been indiscreet in his actions. Mrs. Trescott has come into our church and has tried to domineer over the ladies who have long been members. The church would not stand that even from a minister's wife, let alone his fiancée."

The reports being circulated about me are entirely without sense, said Eldridge. "I will demand a church trial and find out how these reports have originated."

Mrs. Trescott denied that she has been intrusive. "I simply came over to San Rafael," said she, "because Mr. Eldridge needs my help."

No Christmas table complete without a bottle of Angostura Bitters, world-renowned appetizer and invigorator.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN WILL ORDER SUBJECTS TO PATRONIZE CHAIRS

Habit of Squatting on Heels to Be Tabooed by Imperial Edict

LEADS TO DISEASE Found to Be One of Chief Causes of the Dread Beri Beri

Chairs will be a national institution in Japan soon through an imperial order making their use everywhere compulsory. Bishop McKim, one of the two American heads of Episcopal missionary work in the empire, believes that the edict will be issued before he returns to Tokyo, and he is in San Francisco now preparing to depart tomorrow on the steamer Kona.

The product of Sakinaw and Grand Rapids is in the nature of a prescription formulated by the medical officers of the Japanese government, who have discovered at last that cramping the legs is one of the chief causes of beri beri, the destructive tropical disease which has long puzzled the oriental physicians, because it attacked only those Mongolian races addicted to rice and to resting on their heels. Floor mats, therefore, will be forever proscribed as appendages of rest, except for sleeping, and even for this purpose they are being supplanted rapidly by the mattress and iron frame arrangement favored in the western world.

But Saginaw and Grand Rapids had better be careful for with their customary care as to detail the officers of the mikado, the bishop says, are likely to send inspectors over to see that no green pine or cypress is used to tie the chairs in knots more tangled than the legs of the squatters who are to be saved by their aid from the ravages of beri beri.

Bishop McKim arrived at the Fairmont yesterday from Richmond, Va., where he attended the triennial convention of the Anglican church in America. He will take back with him a recruit for his missionary band and two clergymen, who, like him, have been at home several months "taking the kinks out" after following for years the custom almost general in Japan of sitting down like a tailor.

"Every time I went calling," said the bishop yesterday, "I had to do as my hosts did—sit on my heels. When they came to me they would pat my back and curl their legs up on my chairs. They said it made their legs numb to sit as we do, just as it benumbed mine to sit as they did."

This was mostly among the elder Japanese, but they added that chairs are in use in the government schools, and, of course, in those conducted by the various Christian churches. The banks, large stores and government offices have them, but in the homes the mats still are supreme, and it is to protect the next generation of men and women that the emperor will issue his edict.

Surgeons of the Japanese army who investigated the origin of beri beri found that the disease swells the limbs of its victims first, then extends upward and paralyzes their hearts. It is not entirely a result of squatting on the floor, however. The Japanese scientists found rice partly to blame, and that is the reason why barley is now a part of the regular army ration, and the scruples of Buddhists regarding the consumption of flesh are ruthlessly overridden by the strict order to let soldiers eat so much meat per day.

Bishop McKim says that as a result of the government's campaign against beri beri meat eating is increasing by leaps throughout the empire, while vegetarianism is correspondingly declining. "Those who are accompanying him to Japan are Deaconess M. L. Radford of Richmond, who will enter the school service of the church, and Rev. James Chapman and Rev. J. C. Ambler, both returning from furlough.

Sullivan & Sullivan and Theo. J. Roche, attorneys at law, have removed their offices to Humboldt Bank building, 11th floor.

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS VOWS ON TYPEWRITER AT WEDDING OF MUTES

Deaf and Dumb Bridegroom Says Ceremony Was Very Quiet

COURTSHIP "LEGIBLE" Love Making on Paper Made Easier by the Plain Machine Letters

Carl Anderson of San Diego, who is at the Dorchester on his honeymoon, courted his bride on the typewriter. His bride said "yes" in the same fashion and when they were married last week in Minneapolis there was not a word spoken. The justice also used the typewriter and the questions: "Do you take this man?" "Do you take this woman?" with their answers and the rest of the short legal ceremony of marriage appeared in type, because the lovers are deaf mutes.

Anderson's home once was in Minnesota, and he was back there visiting his mother, when he met Miss Viola Lambke and fell in love. The prospect of marriage came close to view then, and Anderson, who is a fruit grower, left his orchards to attend to themselves while he laid siege to her heart.

Miss Lambke was an expert typist in the office of her brother, who is one of the big lawyers of the Minnesota city, and she taught her lover to operate the machine. That made the courtship more "legible," her husband wrote on a pad as he laughed soundlessly yesterday afternoon.

"When the marriage day came," his pencil scribbled on, "we went to a justice. We were too much in earnest to see it, but it was funny. The justice wrote me the questions, 'Do you take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife?' Then I sat down and wrote 'yes.' Then he sat down and said, 'That won't do, say 'I will.' Then he sat down and wrote. Then he sat down and wrote. We were jumping jacks for 10 minutes. So was my wife. We both were tired out getting up and down at the typewriter before the knot was tied. It was a very quiet wedding," he ended, smilingly broad as his bride, deeply interested in the handmade conversation, caught his joke and laughed delightedly.

WORK DONE BY SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Interesting Reports of Charitable Acts in Parishes Read at the Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of St. Peter's school, Twenty-fourth and Alabama streets. Father J. J. Freudenberger, St. Mary's, opened the session with prayer, after which the reports of the various conferences of the different parishes were read. Charitable work has been carried on in some of these parishes on a large scale, but all the secretarial reports showed a gratifying balance in the treasury. In connection with the work of the society a bureau has been formed which takes care of needy applicants on a business basis and takes charge of all the details of the work performed.

About 50 members of the society were present, and reports from the following conferences were passed upon: Sacred Heart, St. James, St. Peter's, St. Charles, St. Dominic's, St. Rose's, St. Patrick's, St. Agnes, Holy Cross and Star of the Sea. The next quarterly meeting will be held at the cathedral in Van Ness avenue.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ENTERTAIN

The entertainment and dance given by California lodge No. 1 of the Knights of Pythias in Golden Gate commandery hall last night were well attended. After the address of welcome by E. McCarthy there were vocal selections by Mrs. H. Burt, Frank Booth, W. E. Whigham and H. J. Anderson, instrumental music by W. H. Hebling and the Graeber mandolin club and a recitation by Mrs. W. Stuart. Dancing followed. J. J. Neuberger was the floor manager and C. A. Wilson his assistant.

EDUCATOR ADVOCATES GREATER CITY PROJECT

The address given by Prof. H. Morse Stephens before an audience at the California club yesterday had the effect of interesting his hearers even beyond his usual measure. He was introduced by Mrs. Orr, who spoke a few graceful words, and the speaker plunged into his subject, "Greater San Francisco," with a vim and energy which left no doubt that he meant what he said.

Professor Stephens drew an analogy between San Francisco and other cities, saying that consolidation was inevitable and must come, and that this city would be following the example of larger cities, notably London, where a central government and a borough government went hand in hand. He alluded to the United States as being the greatest example of federation that the world had ever seen and urged the necessity of the same federation in civic affairs.

The speaker expressed himself as heart and soul for the consolidation project and convulsed his audience with the witty and pertinent remarks with which his lecture was illustrated. Professor Stephens was rather depreciatory of the prominence given him in this connection and said that his standing was merely that of a professor of history interested solely for the good it might bring to the people. His remarks were vigorously applauded.

HEMORRHOIDS SORES AND ECZEMA

Accompanied by Terrible Itching—A Complicated and Most Distressing Case—Well-known Remedies Failed to Cure—Doctor Thought an Operation Necessary—Then

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