

SEMBRICH DELIGHTS THE AUDIENCE, LIMITED ONLY BY POLICE REGULATION, WILDLY ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PROGRAM

Those who were fortunate enough to wedge their way into the Garrick theater yesterday afternoon before the police stopped further sale of standing room will never forget the historic recital that Madame Sembrich sang at her farewell appearance.

By WALTER ANTHONY. Novelty and surprise mingled nicely in this week's program at the Orpheum. There is a great deal of the former, much of the latter and great variety throughout. It is in this respect a splendid sample of vaudeville.

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Contrasting with these girls from Japan are the Dougherty sisters in a performance of American dancing, and chatter and fun. The larger of the pair made a hit with her "waltzes, waltzes" costume and her song to match. Jean Clermont's "burlesque circus" started in as if it was to be all burlesque, but ended with an interesting animal act.

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Some modern songs finished the afternoon, though there was no chance for the singer to get away without giving additional songs with which she did gracefully. Two of the final groups of songs merit special notice, as they are compositions from the pen of Frank La Forge, the artistic accompanist with this group of classical German songs followed, and the best was hard to select.

Finally the last number was reached. But the audience wouldn't go home. The "Travlers" aria had to be sung, and then came the pretty song of Chopin's, "The Maiden's Wish," which Madame Sembrich interprets seated at the piano playing her own accompaniment. Only then would the audience go, and many, lingering to get a closer look into the artist's face, crowded about her automobile and cheered her as she slipped into it and was hurriedly driven away.

BICENTENARY OF DR. JOHNSON, THE AUTHOR

English Love to Honor Memory of Brilliant Writer

The foreign observer of English life is always struck by the intense reverence for a consciousness of tradition by which the average Englishman is animated, remarks the London Globe.

This proud country finds natural expression in anniversary celebrations, and it would be strange indeed if the bicentenary of the birth of Doctor Johnson were to pass unnoticed. For Johnson was a man of the people, and his life was a study in the Englishman. More than one recent writer and speaker has compared him to John Bull himself.

He wrote a vast deal about every subject, but it was not his writings that won him the fame of a great man. It was the things he made other people write. He had an extraordinary degree of the English faculty of setting the example by which other people do good work.

He had, too, the typically English conviction that the only way of escape from the slough of metaphysical despond was work and plenty of it. He was tremendously alive to the splendors of this world just because he knew that this world came to so little after all.

It is just three centuries ago that the first waistcoat made its appearance in France. Approximate the genesis of a fashion, a Paris paper relates an amusing story, says the London Globe.

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EXCELLENT VARIETY FULL OF NOVELTY AND HEAD BILL

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It was a great afternoon and is likely to remain a historic musical event for many seasons.

WORLD'S OLDEST COPPER MINE NEAR GIBRALTAR

American Steam Shovels Work Where Phoenicians Dug

The most ancient copper mine in the world is the Rio Tinto, in Spain. Three thousand years ago the Phoenicians found just beyond Gibraltar extensive deposits of copper ore, says the New York Times.

During the French invasion the mine was abandoned, to be reopened by the crown—the rich ore were all extracted in 1873. English bankers offered a good round price and the Spanish government turned the property over to them; a public company was formed and the shareholders, investors. The yearly output was enormously increased and since the English took possession some \$30,000,000 worth of copper has been mined.

Princess Persuaded to Give Up Aviation

Heads Wife's Warning and Abandons Dangerous Sport

The journals of Berlin relate a pretty story of the home life of the crown prince. The crown prince, as is known, has a love for aviation and has made several ascents. The crown princess recently called his attention to an article in a newspaper which read at court, says the London Globe.

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Stage stars Attract Big Crowds to Theaters

Footlight favorites who are appearing at local theaters.



McCREDIE GIVES OUT PORTLAND LINEUP

Secures Four Cleveland Players and Announces Club's Twenty-eight Men

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—On receipt of a letter from the Cleveland American league team, in which he is notified officially that Gus Fisher, Billy Speas, "Red" Wright and "Pretzel" Netzel have been turned over to Portland.

Twelve pitchers—Jesse Garrett, Howard Gwyn and Tom Seaton of last year's team, William Rapps of the Western association, and Turk of the Tri-City league.

Outfield—Walter McCredie, Billy Speas and John "Buddy" Ryan.

In announcing his claim to Shinn, Manager McCredie says his uncle, Congressman McCredie, sold Shinn and Charles Graham of Sacramento a tract of land for \$1,000, but Graham not producing the money the Portland manager will refuse to part with Shinn on any terms.

The players are to be notified to report at Santa Barbara by February 2, and tardiness will be punishable by fines.

TALLEYRAND'S WIFE WAS IGNORANT WOMAN

Book Tells Funny Story of the Princess

There has just been published in Paris a little book entitled "L'Esprit de Talleyrand." This excellent cartoon, but very indifferent bishop, as De Quin-

One day when rising from lunch prince de Talleyrand said to his wife, "You will have at your side at dinner tonight a very remarkable man; he has written his travels. For heaven's sake do talk to him sensibly. As you pass through the library ask for the book and glance at through, and bring the conversation to this subject. Do not forget to ask for M. Denon's work."

"Give me," said the princess, addressing the librarian, "the adventures of this traveler in Russia and in Egypt, a name which ends in 'on.'" "I know," said the librarian, smiling, and he handed her "Robinson Crusoe." Mme. de Talleyrand read the book, was enchanted with the story, and more so when she saw that she was to dine with the author. At night she found herself next to M. Denon at table. She was not long in turning the conversation into the line directed by the prince, as she said to her neighbor, "Your travels have interested me deeply, monsieur. What joy you must have experienced in your lonely island when you found 'Friday.'"

The M. Denon referred to above was Baron Dominique Vivant Denon, who was born at Chalons-sur-Saone in 1747. He was a man of great parts—artist, archaeologist, diplomatist and administrator. Included in his writings are "Voyage dans la Russie et la Haute Egypte," published in 1802, and "Monuments des Arts du Dessin," published four years after his death, which occurred in Paris in 1825.

FORMER PRESIDENT JOINS A LION HUNT

Seventy Spearman Chase King of Wilderness and Dance Over Carcass

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Dec. 11, 1909.—A long stream of porters came winding across the veldt toward the station at Nairobi, looking for all the world like a string of ants.

Colonel Roosevelt arrived shortly afterward on the back of his favorite horse, Tranquillity. It was the end of his last trip in the British East Africa, Protectorate.

The safari, which was the fourth to be made out of Nairobi, gave Colonel Roosevelt and his party an opportunity to witness an exciting hunt at A. E. Hoy's farm at Saroligi, in the Gusuu district, immediately the spearing of a lion by Nandi warriors.

Seventy spearman had been asked to take part in the drive and they assented readily, for when a warrior spears a lion he becomes a leader of the fighting section of the tribe, may wear a headress formed of the lion's mane and may walk at the head of the file of Nandi warriors when on the march.

The horsemen then approached, and it was seen that the lion at bay was a full grown black man one of the spearman began their task of surrounding the quarry. Every man went to his allotted position and the circle slowly closed in on the snarling beast, which switched his tail and kept up a continual roaring.

The warriors drew to within some 20 yards of him, and the horsemen closed up to see the kill. Three times the lion made a savage charge at the new stationary warriors, but stopped short each time, roaring in impotent rage.

The attacking party advanced to within 10 yards of their victim. One last desperate effort, and he drove directly at the line, only to fall with 10 spears quivering in his body. But in that brief moment he managed to drag down one of the natives, his claws sinking into the man's flesh.

EL CERRITO TO BE INCORPORATED

Joins With Highland Park to Avoid Being Gobbled and Crocker May Be Mayor

El Cerrito and Highland Park and the able inheritors of wealth who live in those parts are not to jeopardize their independence by being gobbled up by San Mateo town. They are going to incorporate themselves and then can laugh at the efforts of the larger community to play hob with them.

Today the residents of those two adjacent settlements will petition the board of supervisors of San Mateo county for a charter as a town. Among those who will join in the petition are the Parrotts, Charles Clark, Templeton and Miss Jennie Crocker, the Howards, Eugene de Salla, the Howles, the Tobins, the McAllisters, Mrs. O'Connor, the Hookers, the Shreves and other families.

San Mateo nearly caught up El Cerrito and Highland Park recently. An election was held and by a narrow margin the two fashionable quarters kept out of the fold. But they feared that they might not be so fortunate next time. The people of lesser wealth who live in the environment of the capitalists would rather like to enjoy municipal communion with San Mateo and the struggle has been between those classes.

But the fiercer folk of El Cerrito prefer to preserve the august independence of their own parks, and tomorrow the town of El Cerrito will be incorporated. Templeton Crocker has been seriously considered as mayor of the new town. As his time is not taken up with polo and golf, as are the hours of his neighbors, it is thought he would have time to perform the duties of the office.

Milk is now sterilized by exposing it to the ultra violet rays of a mercury vapor lamp. The chemical composition of the milk is unchanged by the treatment.

The United States annually exports more cottonseed oil than all the other countries of the world combined, 42,000,000 out of 52,000,000 gallons.

Shasta Water for health.

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THREE SUFFOCATED BY POWDER FUMES

Meet Death in Gunnison Tunnel When the Blasts Reverse Air Currents

MONTEROSE, Colo., Jan. 16.—Three men were suffocated by powder smoke and nitro fumes in the Gunnison tunnel today and 30 others barely escaped with their lives. Air currents of the tunnel were reversed by the concussion of heavy blasts, and the smoke and gases were blown back upon the miners before they could reach the portal.

THE DEAD A. S. Haynes, Parker, Patten, N. Martin.

The men were working two miles from the river portal and all prepared to fire their holes at the same time. The air currents were from the north to south and the miners retired 200 feet to the north of the blast when it was fired. The air currents reversed immediately and the three men were overcome before they could grope their way to the outer air.

The Gunnison tunnel is the government reclamation project opened last year by President Taft on his western trip. It will provide water to irrigate 150,000 acres of the Uncompahgre valley.

NEW NATIVE SCHOOL OPENED IN ALASKA

Is the Eighty-fifth of Its Kind Established

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Advices have been received at the local office of the Alaska division of the department of education that the native school at Tatalik, on Prince William sound, has been opened, making the eighty-fifth native school established in Alaska by the bureau.

Providing the appropriation of the next fiscal year is sufficient many additional schools will be established, according to H. C. Sinclair, supply agent for the Alaska division of the bureau.

Important to Merchants Mercantile Collections and Adjustments Collected by D. A. Curtin, Monarch Bldg. Established 1895.

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HERE IS OUR PROPOSITION. To immediately reduce the great surplus stock of pianos we now have on hand, we are offering a most liberal price reduction; in fact, we have literally "torn the life" out of prices and, while we are willing to sacrifice all of the profit on these fine pianos, we are going to secure some definite and valuable information. Advertising is of the utmost importance in the piano business, and new buyers must be found daily, so as to determine definitely and positively what method of advertising brings the greatest results, whether newspapers, circular announcements, personal letters, or weekly publications we print elsewhere in this paper an advertising test coupon, that will be accepted by us as \$30 cash as first payment on any new piano. As a still further inducement we print at the end of this advertisement, a special cash premium offer of \$2 for \$1, making in all the most startling and unprecedented offer known in the annals of piano selling.

THE BEST PIANOS ARE HERE. No matter what prices are offered, it really signifies but little. Some Pianos would really be expensive at \$139, others cheap at \$450; but when we offer such standard and famous makes as the Chickering, America's most costly and oldest established make; the ever-famous Kimball, America's second oldest Piano; the Hallett & Davis, the most artistic of all New York makes of Pianos; the Sohmer, Philadelphia's leading Piano; the Lester; the ever-popular Hobart M. Cable and many other equally well-known makes, at reductions far below the price usually asked for instruments of no reputation and unheard of make, it is not to be wondered that such a record for Piano selling should be made as that achieved by us during the past week.

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TO BURN SCHOOL

Lad Starts Blaze in Hamilton Grammar Which Is Put Out by Teacher

Probably figuring that the destruction of the school house would insure a prolonged vacation, an unknown boy about 16 years old set fire to the Hamilton grammar school, Geary and Scott streets, yesterday afternoon. Through the timely intervention of G. O. Mitchell of 1557 Pine street, a teacher in the Girls' high school, the flames were extinguished, but the youthful incendiary escaped.

Mitchell was passing the Hamilton school about 1:30 p. m., when he noticed a boy coming out. Something in the actions of the youth led him to believe that all was not right. His inquiry as to why he had been in the building was met with the ready explanation that he was after his baseball. A boy threw it through the window, said the lad.

The explanation did not satisfy Mitchell, who, bidding the boy wait, went into the school to make an examination. He found that the boy had set fire to a pile of papers in the corner of a room on the ground floor. The flames had spread to the walls and blackboards and Mitchell had a hard fight to put them out. While he was fighting the fire the boy made good his escape.

The matter was reported by Mitchell to the police. Detectives were detailed on the case, but at a late hour the boy had not been found.

MACCABEES INSTALL OFFICERS OF TENT NO. 18

Ceremony Is Followed by Stag Party and Smoker

The officers elect of San Francisco tent No. 18 of the Knights of the Macabees were installed Friday night in the Red Men's building by Great Commander S. W. Hall in the presence of a large number of sir knights of the order.

The ceremony of installation was followed by a stag party and smoker. The new officers are: McKeane, past commander; Philip N. Gafney, commander; Harry S. McAlpine, lieutenant commander; Daniel B. Richards, secretary; W. H. Hall, treasurer; J. E. Leveaux, chaplain; Dr. L. C. Welbach, sergeant; George W. Murr, master at arms; David Scully, first guard; Dr. E. N. Greenwood, sentinel; Roland Kelly, musician; I. V. McKeaney, armorer; W. B. Greenberg, picket; Major H. L. Tickner, trustee.

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