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HOME TALENT PLAY PLEASES AUDIENCE

"NIRVANA" PRESENTED BY CAPABLE CAST TO APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE AT THEATRE.

Devils Lake people were pleasantly entertained upon the occasion of the Thespians' production Wednesday evening of "Nirvana," a farce comedy that has made its round from coast to coast, that has played in every town in the United States, lost none of its charm and its laugh provoking in the hands of the O'Callighans.

The play itself is what is termed in theatrical parlance "a scenery" play. Its situations, its lines, its movements allow a wide range of action, and the talented cast lost none of them in the presentation.

Avery L. Johnson, in the role of Erastus Underholt, interpreted a character that has often bested some of the best in the profession. He was natural, yet in his voice, his gestures and his stage action he carried out to perfection the characteristics of the old Kansas City packer. The O'Callighans are to be congratulated on having in their cast a man with the ability possessed by Mr. Johnson.

The role of A. Keene Shaver who is "My Friend from India" and the possessor of "Nirvana" was ably presented by Edward F. Flynn, the "old man" of the cast and under whose able direction the plays have been presented. Mr. Flynn has a senseof comedy that made out of his character a continuous scream.

E. Earl Mann caried the difficult part of the son in an excellent manner. Possessed of a splendid physique Mr. Mann presents a splendid stage presence and his maner is easy and graceful.

The supporting male parts were ably filled by Messrs. Graham and Holmes.

Miss Gertrude Riordan in her interpretation of Marion Hayste maintained a decidedly happy medium between the two extremes of both professional and ametuer acting. In her scenes requiring the display of emotion she was excellent, yet at no time did she become "ranty," while in her petty byplay with the other members of the cast she showed a charming stage presence. Her musical numbers were heartily encored.

Miss Lillian Wineman as the character woman was excellent. With but few lines she injected so much of the individuality of her part into the play that her every appearance was greeted by a tense expectation on the part of the audience who realized that in her next sentence there would be a laugh. Her mirror scene with Shaver was well carried out.

The daughters, which parts were filled by Misses Keller and Scrumgard, were capably handled. So natural was their acting that to the audience it seemed as if the parts had been especially written for them, though to the critic the difficulties they must have encountered were many and varied.

Miss Conmy in the difficult character role of Tilly, did splendid work and deserves no little credit for maintaining the comedy in the play.

From the audience present at Wednesday nights performance it is apparent that Devils Lake people do not appreciate the talent they have in their city and it is to be hoped that the future productions will be more generously patronized.

LEFT FOR WASHINGTON

INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM FORT TOTTEN TO SEE THE "WHITE CHIEFS."

Ignatius Court, Solomon Fox and John Matoho, representatives of the Indians at Fort Toten, left Thursday night on No. 2 for Washington where they will confer with the President regarding the possibility of a raise in the annuity for this year and the advancement of the money coming to the children.

The Indians believe that this action is necessary on account of the hard winter and the lack of sufficient seed grain.

Mr. Court and the other members of the committee have all visited the National Capitol before and are well acquainted with the customs and habits of the White City.

They have the hearty backing of the local business and professional men who have signed a petition which they will present.

We Guess Not Sheriff.

The Grand Forks Herald gives among the visitors in Bismarck "Sheriff Art Reade" Well, we guess not sheriff.

THE ANTLERED TRIBE STORMS SATANIC CITY

Festive with purple and white decorations, Devils Lake today is playing host to hundreds of Elks from all parts of the Northwest. Practically every store carries in its window some color or sign symbolic of the great order being entertained. Nothing has been left undone that might lend to give the guests the time of their lives. The executive committee appointed by the local Elks consisting of Art Reade, Pat McClory, Jack Desmond, and Tom Turney and Thas. Henley have been tireless in their efforts and every detail has been carefully carried out.

Many Elks arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and evening. Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Addison Leech, of Fargo, accompanied by Deputy Grand Secretary Sam Crabbe arrived yesterday morning and last night the local Elks met in executive session to complete the plans.

The Elks special train from Grand Forks carrying the special cars from Fargo and the delegations from Crookston, Bemidji and Fergus Falls, will arrive at 1:30. The train will be met at the station by a delegation of Elks, the Devils Lake band and the Fort Totten Indian band. The guests will march to the opera house, where they will be entertained until the hour of 6, when a lunch will be served them from the [illegible]

At 8 o'clock the new lodge will proceed to institute with Deputy Leech in the chair. This will be followed by the election of officers and their installation.

A recess will be taken until eight o'clock this evening when the class of sixty fawns will be given the preliminary initiatioon and will then be turned over to Deputy Grand Esquire Kent, who will with the assistance of the Grand Forks team lead the candidates into the mysteries of Elkdom. Great preparations have been made for this part of the work and the expectations of the visitors are high.

Following the work, a social session will be held with vaudeville stunts, three cock fights, music by the Crookston German Band and the candidates will be called upon to display their Thespian prowess. The evening will close with a banquet to be served in the skating rink for which six hundred plates have been prepared.

The local Elks have been painstaking in their efforts to make the institution of Lodge No. 1216 the banner event of Elkdom in North Dakota. The Opera House was tastily decorated in the colors of the order and hanging beneath the proscenium arch was a huge clock with the hands pointing to the hour of eleven, a tender and significant reference of the ritualistic work of the lodge.

The Commercial club has kindly donated the use of their rooms today and there Secretary Crabbe has established his offices, while the general lounging rooms will be the pasture of the [illegible]. The basement has been given up for the buffet lunch and the big banquet.

Each guest as he registers at the [illegible] will be presented with a handsome [illegible] bearing in a medallion the antlers of the Elk with a cross bar on which are the words "Our Guest." The members of the local lodge will wear a similar badge. In addition each visitor will be presented with a tasty program noting the hours of the work and recalling to their minds thirty-five songs which should be used during the social sessions.

At the banquet each visitor will be presented with a useful and attractive souvenir.

Devils Lake has exerted its utmost endeavors to present its best side to the visitors. Elks, and those who have not joined the order, have worked hand in hand in getting the arrangements through. No call of the committee has gone unheeded and no request has been to trivial to demand instant attention

LITTLE ANTLERS.

Among the delegates from Fargo are:

[illegible] McKellar, [illegible] Joseph, Jack Nelson, [illegible] Wilson, I. F. Mero, J. T. [illegible], W. A. Donnelly, L. Henzing, [illegible] Pfaff, C. G. Kurtzman, Lee P. Muckenfuss, T. A. McAllister, S Birch, Otto Wellan, Thos. Lukyn, Fred Schlipf, C. E. Poritt, O. J. Burns, Gil Stout, Bill Diemert, H. Donaldsen, Thos. Murphy, J. L. Graves, W. A. M. Smith, E. R Orchard. J. H Degnan, M. Camitsch, Frank McKone, Herb Holmes, R. T Baker, W. J. Price, W. H. Gareen, W H. Stern, J. L. Schruth, W. E. Hunt, H A. Mason, M. A. Baldwin, J M. Bathrick, Hector G. Barnes, F. A. Irish, M L. Lasson, H. O. Mott, Harry Nolen, H. B. Ashelman, Oscar Ballenberg, H. F. Strehlow, John Sanderson, N. D. Wassem, C. L Allen, Frank Ulm, Chas. Otto.

A few of those who are scheduled to arrive from Valley City are: Frank S. Henry, John D. Gray, John Sanderson, Frank Ulm, Chas. K. Otto, Chas. K. Hills and Chas. Sorenson.

Fergus Falls will send among others: [illegible] Webber, R. J. Angus, Walt [illegible]unkberg, Jack Hagen, [illegible] Kaddacz [illegible]

Jamestown will arrive with about forty and among them will be Andrew Blewett, C. A. Klaus, Geo Neiring, G. Tellner, Chas Buck, Allison Wells and Morris Beal. Mr. Henderson, who is one of the proprietors of a local store showed Tuesday lots of enthusiasm at the coming meeting.

Fred [illegible] social session will be a pippin. His minstrelettes are already in training and the special trains will bring as many more.

A pretty feature of the day will be the Elks' song with the accompaniment played by the local band.

The local stores were more than generous in their decorations. It would be impossible to detail all of them but especial attention should be called to those in White & Henderson's, R. J. Ness, Ramsey Drug and the decorations on the fountain in the Devils Lake Drug company.

The high dive by Chas. Henley promises to be one of the star attractions.

If Jack McLain imports in the [illegible] slated for him to [illegible] it will be worth all the money.

Billy Belford has one stunt to do. The Elks are watching for it.

It looks like the first of the month with so many "Bills."

The old Elks of the district met last evening at the Sevilla hotel in an emergency lodge with Addison Leech as Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and Gus Lieber of Jamestown as Deputy Secretary. The applications were passed upon. Later the lodge adjourned to meet No. 4, upon which arrived Deputy Grand Esquire Kent and Secretary Crabbe, with others from Fargo and Grand Forks.

Another from Nat Baker: Never enter or leave the lodge on a meeting night without shaking the hand of every brother present.

COWAN CLEARED BY LEGISLATURE

Special to The World.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 24.—At a night session held at 7:30 this evening the House put the clincher on the adoption of the majority report of the committee by a vote of 54 to 43, six absent and not voting. Though no reference was made in the report of the committee to the sensational reports that had been sent out to three state papers by others than the accredited correspondents of the regular papers, Chairman Jordahl on the floor bitterly scored the men who had resorted to any and all means to blacken the character of the eminent jurist. Local newspaper correspondents are bitter against Brennan, Welle and Fitzgerald of Devils Lake, who are held responsible for the reports which have been sent out and which have violated every known rule of newspaper ethics. The vote this evening closes the incident so far as the Legislature is concerned.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 24.—The committee appointed to investigate the charges made against Judge John F. Cowan of the Second Judicial District returned their report this afternoon, six members being in favor of the dismissal of the charges and one in favor of impeachment. The House accepted the majority report by a vote of 53 to 45. A motion for reconsideration brought on a wordy argument and the matter was laid over until seven-thirty this evening.

PRESENTED EMBLEM

CHAIRMAN ART READE OF LOCAL COMMITTE PRESENTED WITH ELEGANT CHARM.

As a token of their appreciation of the splendid work he has done in arranging for the big celebration for the Elks, the members of the executive committee and a few of the old Elks who have been working with him, presented Art Reade Wednesday evening with a handsome Elk's charm. Wm. Heinze made the presentation speech, thanking Mr. Reade for his splendid work and telling him of the appreciation felt by the founders of the lodge. Mrs. Reade, who has been as active as her son in preparing for the Elks, was presented with an Elk's brooch.

The donors were Thos. Page, Jack Desmond, Chas. Henley, P. J. McClory, Jack Dois, Bill Henzie, J. F. Cowan, C. W. Greene, Chas. Doyon and H. Z. Mitchell.

WASHINGTON REPORT

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON PREDICTS CLOSE OF DEVILS LAKE LAND OFFICE.

The following report was received from Washington this week:

In another ten years all landoffices may be closed in North Dakota, according to Robert Farrar, private secretary to Senator McCumber. If not all then all but one will have to go by the boards. The state has little or no public domain remaining that is saitable for homestead purposes.

The next office to close, it is said, will be the Devils Lake office, but those in a position to know express the belief that it would be cheaper in the long run to continue that office two years longer than to transfer its records to the Minot office.

If he is a good Elk he is a good citizen.

COUNTY FARMERS TO BE IN ATTENDANCE

FARMER'S INSTITUTE STARTING NEXT MONTH TO BE BIGGEST EVER HELD.

Little or no doubt is entertained in the minds of the committee on arrangements as to the success of the Farmers' Institute which starts in this city on March 1st and continues for two days. The Commercial club committee consisting of Pres. Horton, Ole Scrumgard, John Van Lieu, F. W. Mann, John Haslem and Avery Johnson have been on the job every moment and the visitors will be given a royal reception.

Excellent speakers have been secured so that the meeting will benefit the farmers goes without saying. Pres. Horton has sent out a large number of personal letters asking the farmers to come and in each of the three weeklies a full page advertisement donated by the management appeared this week.

The women are especially welcome at the meeting and special arrangements have been made for their entertainment.

The full program is given on another page of this issue.

It mkes a heap of difference whose banana peel one slips on.

EITHER GLAD RAGS OR BISCUIT MAKER

THIS KANSAS CITY GIRL AT HOME IN EITHER ROLE AND "WILLIN" TO GET MARRIED.

Postmaster Dacley yesterday received a letter from a young woman in Kansas City, Mo., who is seeking a good man with matrimonial intentions. The letter is written in a fine legible hand and bears every evidence that the writer is a girl of education and refinement. Omitting the name and address of the young lady at her request, the letter is as follows:

KansasCity,Mo.,Feb.15.

"To the Postmaster:

"Dear Sir:—Is there any nice young man in your part of the country who would care to become acquainted with an equally nice girl? Here in Kansas City there are fifty girls to every man, and a girl has no chance at all.

"I am a bronze brown haired blonde with the blueist of eyes, not bad looking, height five feet four inches and weigh 140 pounds. I am 21 years of age. I like a tall dark complected man, well built and tender hearted. Here they are all nuts and spend their money on poker and think that they are generous if they take a girl to a 25 cent show.

"I can put on my glad rags and swell out at a dance or I can go into a kitchen and bake the best biscuits anyone ever ate.

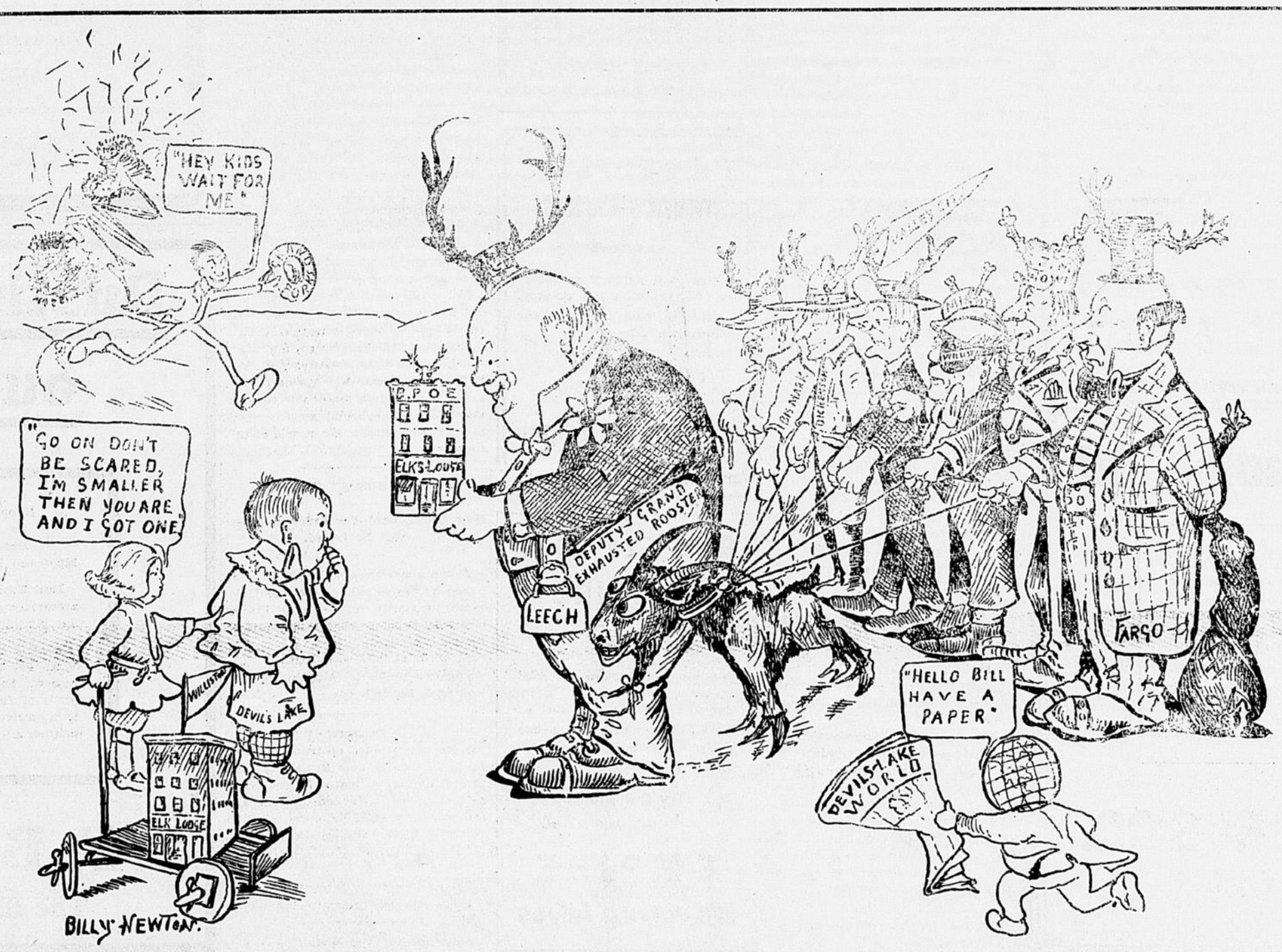
"I am not crazy to get married in a hurry, but would like to get acquainted with some fine, well-to-do young man. Have you any out there?"

If you lay down with a dog that has fleas you may expect to catch a few at least.

STOLE A FUR COAT

YOUNG BOY ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON COMPLAINT OF CLUB MEMBER.

Arthur Brown, a nineteen year old lad giving his home as Minneapolis and claiming to have been in the city only for the past few days, was arrested Wednesday night, charged with grand larceny. Brown was seen coming out of the Commercial club rooms and later Tom Turney missed his valuable fur lined overcoat valued at $65. The boy was apprehended but would not tell his story until this morning when he was confronted with the ocat which was found in an old trunk in the old Wickert shop on Kelly Ave. Brown was bound over to the district court.

Remember this—Be it ever so homely, there's no face like your own.

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