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Dance Spectacle Is One of Beauty and Artistic Worth

Few dance spectacles have ever been seen in Tacoma that rival "Brides of the Desert," the big act produced under personal direction of Alexander Pantages, and presenting Princess Athena and Verna Marsereaux, which headlines this week's bill at the Pantages.

It is an artistic offering in which eight men and women assist the two noted stars in the intricate Oriental dances. The staging is elaborate.

Tudor Cameron as a stage roustabout and Johnny O'Connor as a singer have a decided breezy comedy offering.

Ed Blondell and Gertrud Perry have a rural comedy skit "The Lost Boy," that provokes much whole-hearted laughter.

Harrison Green and Katherine The Models de Luxe are a group of well-built men and shapely women who pose as famous works of sculpture.

The "Iron Claw" serial nears its close with a sensationally exciting 18th chapter.

Police Believe Fire Work of Incendiary

Police and fire officials began a searching investigation Wednesday of an incendiary fire in the store of M. C. Tibbetts, Inc., 1201 A street, at midnight Tuesday night, which threatened to wipe out an entire half block of business houses.

No doubt is expressed that a deliberate attempt was made to burn down the brick building in which the Tibbetts store has been located. The building is partially vacant at present, because the firm is moving its stock to a new location on Pacific avenue.

Plans Well Laid.

Kerosene from a 50-gallon tank in the basement of the store was poured on 20 or more empty grain sacks. These were laid in lines through the basement, up a flight of stairs to the main floor of the store building, and strewn under the counters.

The counters were lifted on edge, with wooden blocks wedged under them, so that a better draft could be obtained.

Passers-by noticed the fire almost immediately after it had started, and called the fire department.

Firemen found the blaze eating its way upstairs by means of the fuse-like string of oil-soaked bags.

Making Close Probe.

The arsonist had broken into the Tibbetts store by means of a window in a store-room of the N. P. Fuller Co., next door. This room was filled with paints and oils. A partition in the basement between the two rooms was partially knocked away.

"I have no idea why any person should attempt to set fire to this building," said M. C. Tibbetts today. "The firm had no enemies so far as I know."

Fire Marshal Harry Chantler, together with City Detective P. D. McKay and Bertillon Officer H. M. Smith are making a close investigation.

Had the fire gained five minutes' more headway, it would have wrecked a hot block of buildings on A street, the police believe.

VETERAN OPPOSES FILM, HISSED BY CLUB WOMEN

Hissing former Chief of Police R. G. Hoge, a Civil war veteran who attempted to argue against the exhibition in Tacoma of "The Birth of a Nation," one hundred or more clubwomen who attended Wednesday's session of the city council made things lively for the commission by demanding that the film be permitted to come here.

Hoge sought to argue that the film would revive the sectional feelings that existed prior to the Civil war, and declared that there was no excuse for its exhibition here.

A chorus of hisses from the packed audience chamber forced him to retire to his seat.

The clubwomen, some of whom were accompanied by husbands, understood that the city council was intending to repeal that section of the movie censorship ordinance which was passed last year to prevent "The Birth of a Nation" from showing here. They attended the council session to help the commissioners in their work.

When they learned that the council had no intention of repealing the censorship law, the women demanded that Pettit explain why he had threatened to prosecute the film owners if the picture were exhibited in Tacoma.

Pettit replied that he would be forced to refuse to permit the picture to exhibit here if it was a violation of the censoring law. He told the women that he had no personal sentiments.

Commissioner Atkins told the women that he believed "the picture would be shown in Tacoma, regardless of the ordinance."

After an hour's debate, in which Mrs. Blanche Funk Miller, R. G. Hoge, Mrs. J. W. Brokaw and others took part, the women noisily left the council room, dissatisfied with the council's refusal to repeal its ordinance.

WOMAN GOVERNS STATE FOR A DAY

This young woman ruled North Carolina one day while Gov. Craig was isolated at Asheville, on account of floods which put railroads out of commission. While in the executive chair Miss Jones announced appointment of 100 delegates to represent North Carolina at coming conferences; issued extradition papers for an alleged bigamist, and performed routine business.

LOSES A DIAMOND IN HUGHES CROWD

Samuel Knight, 704 Yakima avenue, reported to the police Wednesday that he had lost a \$300 diamond from his shirt front while attending the Hughes reception Tuesday. The loss either occurred at the Tacoma hotel or Stadium, he said.

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HIPS ARE TO BE GIVEN THE GRAND RAZOO--THEY'VE BEEN MOVED UP AND DOWN SO MUCH DURING THE LAST CENTURY THERES NO NEW PLACE LEFT FOR THEM.

BUT THOSE NEW-OLD SLEEVES WILL SURE GET THE MERRY GIGGLE.

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BY BETTY BROWN'S BROTHER

Say, girls, I've been opening Betty's mail!

A letter with a French stamp on it came while Betty was in the country for a week-end, and I thought there might be something in it I ought to slip to The Times quick for you to see.

And gosh! there was!

It'll be sad news to the fellows at the cigar store!

And—tell me, girls, will it be sad news to you?

SKIRTS ARE GOING TO BE LONGER!

Not very much longer, just a wee bit longer, according to Martial & Armand, which is a big Paris costume house I have heard Betty tell of. So I know this is straight goods.

"Big hips are to be eliminated," Betty's letter says, "and skirts are to be less full. Tendency to enlarge sleeves near shoulder is marked, but not so pronounced as old leg-of-mutton style."

That last reads to me as if they had got Betty mixed up with the livestock reporter, but maybe you can figure out what it means.

But cheer up, you fellows that hang around the cigar store—

Also, perhaps, you girls that pass the cigar store eight or ten times every afternoon!

The last sentence in Betty's letter says:

"CHANGES NOT TO TAKE EFFECT TILL WINTER."

So for the rest of the summer and fall, fellows, and maybe girls, the cigar store corner will be as popular as ever.

Take Burglar Suspect Back to Portland

With nearly \$1,500 worth of loot, all stolen from the home of Dr. A. E. McKay, 801 Marshall street, Portland, in his grip, Detective Hellyer of Portland, left at noon today for the Portland jail, taking with him A. S. Hoffman, captured by the Tacoma police.

Hoffman was arrested Monday night, while trying to sell part of the loot. He confessed to the police Tuesday that he had broken into the home of the wealthy Portland physician.

The stolen goods include valuable jewels, a collection of old coins, several pair of elk's teeth, and a various assortment of jewelry. Practically everything taken from the Portland home was found on Hoffman's person.

Hoffman is suspected of other crimes, both in Tacoma and Portland.

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