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AMUSEMENTS

DE WOLF HOPPER'S CAREER.

This Veteran Actor Has a National Reputation. In the fall of 1885, De Wolf Hopper, whose stage version of Charles Dickens' famous Mr. Pickwick, "that trusty great man," will be the attraction at Walla Walla, Nov. 21, was engaged by the McCaull Opera company, and, at the last moment, was called upon to take the role of Pomeroy in "Desire," which was brought out at the Grand Street Opera house in Philadelphia in October. He made a success of this, and forthwith was established as the main comedian of Colonel McCaull's forces.

During the five years that he was under the McCaull banner, Hopper appeared in all sorts of parts, the principal operas being "The Black Hussar," "The Beggar Student," "Die Fledermaus," "The Lady of the Tiger," "Don Caesar," "Lorraine," "Bellman," "Josephine Sold by Her Sister," "Falk," "Folback," "Bocaccio," "The Crowing Hen," "Clover," "Fatinizza," "The Begum," and "Captain Fracasse." His two most successful characters were the only two worthy of especial commendation in the whole list, were General Ollendorf in "The Beggar Student," with its famous song, "In a Moment of Rapture," and Pausanias in "The Lady of the Tiger."

Mr. Hopper began his starring career in 1890, and the first opera brought out was "Castles in the Air." The following season "Wang" was produced, and this was a great success. Hopper presented this for two seasons, and then came "The Panjandrum," which did very well for a single season. "The Sphinx," which was simply "Hercules' School," set to music, was produced in October, 1895, and did well enough until a successor was brought out in Boston, on April 13, 1896. Then followed "The Charleston" and last and greatest of all, "Mr. Pickwick."

"Dolly Varden" Coming. If Miss Lida Glaser is not very careful she will soon have the title of "Queen of Comedy Opera" conferred upon her by the American theater-going public. Some of her most enthusiastic admirers now do not hesitate to speak of her in these glowing terms. However, this may be, there can be no doubt of the fact that she has scored a most substantial success in "Dolly Varden," a success that is proving a lasting one, as her return visits to the mines in which she has appeared fully demonstrates. Miss Glaser is one of the not altogether uncommon young women in these days who have jumped from the ranks of the chorus to the position of leading lady in a single night. This occurred when she was with

Francis Wilson and her opportunity came when Miss Marie Jansen was taken suddenly ill just before a performance of "The Lion Tamer," and Miss Glaser was called upon to take her place at a moment's notice. She did it so well that the next season she became the comedian's leading lady, a position she held for several years. Manager Fred C. Whitney saw possibilities of making her a star soon after and when her contract expired with Wilson she passed under his management as the star of "Dolly Varden," which that astute manager had had written for her by Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards. Her success since has been phenomenal and she is now without doubt one of the best paying stars in America. It must not be supposed however, that Miss Glaser's sudden rise in her profession came merely by chance and that she had not previously gone through a severe course of voice culture before she entered the chorus. She was a trained singer at that time and only lacked stage experience.

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