PLAYS AND PLAYERS

NEW YORK MILLIONAIRES GIVE SHUBERTS $2,000,000

A recent analysis of the theatrical situation in this country brings to light the interesting information that a vast sum of money, said to be $2,000,000, has been placed at the disposal of the Shubert boys in their fight on Klaw & Erlanger. This accounts for the big sums of money that the Shuberts are enabled to spend in railroading, for the numerous and lavish productions they are making, for the unheard of salaries, which have enabled them to coax so many famous stars away from their old time managers, salaries' which in some cases run as high as $2000 per week, besides a share in the box office proceeds.

The source of this $2,000,000 fight fund is equally interesting. The money is said to come entirely from the multimillionaire backers of the New Theater in New York. Klaw & Erlanger and their official organ, the Morning Telegraph, have been carrying on a characteristic fight against the New Theater because its management is largely in Lee Shubert's hands. This syndicate attitude is what has moved the New Theater crowd to retaliate by putting up the two millions to aid the Shuberts in their general fight to make their opposition circuit a go. The loss of two millions to the men behind the New Theater means nothing at all. Doubtless when that sum is gone, there will be plenty more from the same source.

The possession of such powerful backing has enabled the Shuberts to acquire [illegible] playhouses and stars, al[illegible] will. They have not been [illegible]ered by the necessity of a[illegible] to ordinary business meth[illegible] any department of their oper[illegible]. Some of the apparently [illegible]mely foolish moves that Jim [illegible]er, their booking manager, [illegible] made are easily explained if [illegible]er is serene in the knowledge [illegible] a barrel without any botto[illegible] close at hand. The local inter[illegible] in this condition lies in the fac[illegible] when the Shuberts move "Th[illegible]dnight Sons," Frank Daniels a[illegible]am Bernard, out of New York [illegible]eek on two hence, it will be ju[illegible] feasible for them to jump the[illegible] attractions across the contin[illegible] to the Alhambra in Seattle as [illegible]lay them in the Lyric in Philade[illegible].

WASHINGTON—Nord, the Diving Beauty, is still bringing out the crowds at the Washington with her clever diving and artistic posing. Her act is far above the ordinary swimming act and is well appreciated by the Washington patrons. Bessie Valdars and her six charming bicycle girlies also furnish an act that is one of decided merit and is well received. Alfred Jackson, with his original drawings and cartoons, is making a hit at each performance.

ORPHEUM—Benjamin Chapin & Co., in "Lincoln at the White House," an original conception, will be the headliner at the Orpheum next week. The act deals with the civil war period and is a new insight into the life of the great president. This week's bill proves to be one of the most popular in weeks, judging from the attendance. With big acts such as the Eight Geisha Girls, Vilmos Westony, and Claude and Fannie Usher the success of the bill is not to be wondered at.

PANTAGES—The Four Daltons, an acrobatic strong act of merit on the bills at the Pantages this week, is one of the hits of a good all-around bill. They do a great many new feats of strength that are very neatly presented. Halli-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER ARRIVES

W. D. Stem, the Kansas Sunday school organizer, arrived in the city this morning and is planning to launch an adult bible class campaign. Mr. Stem will be entertained at 6 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. by the executive committee of the association, and at 7 o'clock he will meet the delegates of the city at the club parlors.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock he will deliver a lecture on Ashland, Ohio, at the Central Christian church, and in the evening he will speak on "The Organized Class" at the First Methodist church at Hillyard.

JOLT ON THE HEAD RESTORES SIGHT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 1.—While at work some time ago a piece of steel pierced the eyeball of Karl Page and neary destroyed the sight.

When at a roller rink on Christmas night he fell and struck his head violently on the floor and his sight was restored. A growth had been forming over the eyeball that was broken by the jar and brought the sight back to him.

PLAN TO MUZZLE ALL DENVER DOGS

DENVER, Jan. 1.—Plans to muzzle all dogs in Denver are being considered today as a result of a warning, issued by Dr. B. F. Kaupp, that there is grave danger of an epidemic of rabies here. The doctor has examined the heads of four dogs killed here and found that three of them had hydrophobia. Three persons were bitten by these dogs, and two of these victims, he says, have taken no steps to prevent the disease.

DRUGGIST CAUGHT IN ANTI-SALOON TRAP

BOWLING GREEN, Jan. 1.—The Anti-Saloon league scored a victory in probate court when George Roberts of the drug firm of Roberts Bros. was convicted of the illegal sale of intoxicants to F. N. Brooker, a detective, on Oct. 28, 1909. Brooker was accused by Attorney James of perjury.

CO-ED COLLEGE PREXY EXPLAINS THE "SEXLESS COMPANIONSHIP" WHICH CAUSED HIS RESIGNATION

NAPERVILLE, Ill., Jan. 1.—Although Bishop Bowman and the trustees of the Evangelical church have accepted the resignation of elderly President H. J. Kiekhoefer of Northwestern college here, discussion of his strange theories on "sexless intellectual companionship" will not down.

President Kiekhoefer is a benign-appearing man. His face, from which hangs a bushy beard, lighted up as he sat in his study here and expounded his remarkable views on his companionship with women which resulted in his resignation.

Three hundred students were passing to their studies on the college campus within earshot of where he sat, and as he heard them he referred to them as his "dear girls."

He declares that gossip and charges hurled at him are based on the foolishness of the townswomen of Naperville, who do not understand how he feels toward the co-eds and women teachers of the faculty.

"Nearly 30 years ago," he began, "I aided in the founding of this college as an institution where the children of the members of the Evangelical conferences of America might get proper religious training together with practical education. For all these years I have watched its growth.

"I have grown to love its rooms, its spirit, its walls, every brick in them, and above all to feel the deepest fondness for its noble instructors. Most of these instructors are women, the finest, noblest women created.

"I have seen their minds and characters ennoble day by day, and have watched them surrender their lives to the betterment of the students, until I have felt a growing admiration and tenderness for them that is reverential.

"No wonder then that my voice betrays fondness, that my impulsive gestures are those of affection, that I regard them as worthy of the highest gratitude and esteem.

No wonder then that I have touched their hands fondly, that I have spoken to them with all the wealth of affection in my nature. No marvel that I have sought their companionship at times that the world might regard as unconventional, and have not been retarded by society in my actions toward them.

"I have seen these women transform rude, elementary minds of youth into the matured sweetness of high intellectuality. I have admired their labors as one might the magic work of the creation.

"I have noted their sacrifices and patience. A thousand times has my heart been spontaneously impelled toward these women, and at times there may have been physical manifestations of the impulse in the touch of a hand or the caress of a voice. In yielding to this impulse I have violated convention.

"I have three young daughters. I love them, and I hold the same regard for these teachers.

"All sorts of charges have been hurled at me. I realized that misrepresentation might cause a sensational church trial in which would be brought out all the innuendo that scandal might need for color. Rather than harm this college, which is as dear to me as a child, and scandalize the women comprising its faculty, I have resigned. I leave the matter to the judgment of the world that is ever ready to believe the worst, conscious that injustice will be done everybody concerned."

Weeks ago the students charged that President Kiekhoefer caressed a handsome young woman organist as she sat at her place in the chapel; that he placed his arm about the waist of another teacher repeatedly; that he bestowed caresses on pretty co-eds in the presence of Mrs. Kiekhoefer; that he openly exhibited affection for other young women in the faculty; that he kissed the hair, foreheads and cheeks of these young women.

To this talk he replied: "Lies! All lies! They come from undeveloped minds that cannot understand the philosophy of sexless companionship. I feel that I am the father, the protector and irresproachable companion of these noble creatures that happen to be of another sex."

When the aged educator advised the trustees to receive his resignation for the good of the college, they accepted the resignation "as a matter of policy."

Dr. Kiekhoefer will devote the balance of his life to rest and travel.

DR. H. J. KIEKHOEFER.

Facts About Sponsor of Sexless Companionship

Dr. H. J. Kiekhofer has had a long and distinguished career in educational and ministerial work. He has been president of Northwestern college since 1890, and prior to that time was professor and head of the department of systematic and exegetical theology at the Union Biblical institute, where students are trained for the ministry of the Evangelical church.

He was born in Germany August 10, 1849. He came to the United States in 1863 and was graduated from Galesville university. Later he received the degree of doctor of philosophy, granted for work in theology, from Northwestern college.

He married Miss Sarah S. Scholtz of Racine, Wis., April 11, 1878. He was professor of ancient languages at Galesville university 1874-1878, and also served as a member of the Wisconsin conference of the Evangelical association.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

County commissioners from over the state will attend a meeting of the good roads movement to be held in Aberdeen January 20 and 21. From 200 to 500 delegates are expected to be present to discuss the expenditure of the $1,500,000 state appropriation, and to formulate general plans for the permanent development of trunk lines.

Samuel Hill is expected back from Europe in time to participate, while talks of great value will be given by City Engineer R. H. Thomson of Seattle, who will illustrate with the stereopticon practical methods to be employed; S. C. Lancaster, the government good roads expert, and Colonel Harvey Scott, the veteran editor of the Oregonian.

CLAIM SUFFRAGE LESSENS DIVORCES

Governor M. E. Hay's appointment of Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe, president of the Washington Equal Suffrage association, as a delegate to the national divorce congress, called by President Taft to meet at Washington, D. C., January 14 to 17 to formulate legislation on the question, is a graceful tribute to the part voting women have played in remedying the divorce evil.

Since women were granted the ballot in New Zealand, it was pointed out to the governor, divorces have been reduced 77 per cent, while Wyoming, which has had equal suffrage longer than any other state, has the smallest percentage of divorces of any state in the union.

GENERAL COXEY NOW EATS EGGS AT $1 APIECE.

MASSILLON, Ohio, Jan. 1.—General Coxey, once leader of "Coxey's army," now living the simple life with his wife in a cabin near Massillon, has regularly for breakfast eggs worth $1 each.

He is keeping a hennery, stocked with blooded Plymouth Rocks, for which he has paid as high as $100 apiece. He sells their eggs for $12 a setting, but even at that price prefers to eat them to "store eggs."

LETTERS OF LOVE AND MATRIMONY

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Editor Press: I have read the letter of No. 17, True Blue, and will say that I am a widower and want a good wife, and if No. 17 wants to get married she had better get acquainted with me. W. W. G.

FRUIT TREE MEN NEED LICENSES

Nurserymen of the state of Washington who fail to comply with the horticultural law providing for the licensing of all engaged in the business, are to be prosecuted. F. A. Huntley, state commissioner of horticulture, is now touring the state in an effort to ascertain the identity of persons who are doing business in violation of the statute.

Besides the owners of nurseries, their agents must be licensed. The nurseryman must pay his agent's license fee. This acts as a surety bond for the agent. No man can sell trees for a concern until he is regularly appointed and licensed.

NORTHWESTERN ROAD ON MOVE

The Chicago & Northwestern, which is reported in recent press dispatches as planning a coast extension, is expected to obtain terminal facilities in the various coast cities by agreements with the Union Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound roads. The line between Spokane and Lander, Wyo., the present terminus of the Chicago & Northwestern, has been located and an issue of bonds to pay for the extension has been authorized.

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NORTH COAST TO PUSH WESTWARD

NORTH YAKIMA, Jan. 1.—Right of way agents of the North Coast railroad, the mysterious railroad, as it is now quite generally designated, will begin work early in January securing land west of North Yakima.

Hitherto all activity of the new road has been between North Yakima, Walla Walla and Spokane. Now that the line is definitely located between these cities and work in progress at numerous points, the North Coast, which is to have terminals at Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Bellingham and Vancouver, is ready to prepare to cross the Cascades.

The route marked out years ago up the Rattlesnake river to Cowlitz pass and down the Cowlitz river to Olequa will be followed.

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