

SEE "OWN" SHOW

Topeka Stock Company Will Open Here May 17.

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EQUIPMENT MADE IN THE CITY

Big Tent Theater Built by Topeka Tent & Awning Co.

Ralph Moody Stage Manager—Hazel McOwen Leading Lady.

After opening in Topeka on May 17 for a week's stay in this city, a new Topeka stock company will leave here for a twenty-one week season in Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota under the direction of R. J. Mack, manager; Hugo J. Miller, assistant manager; and Ralph R. Moody, general director.



Miss Hazel McOwen.

It is to be a regular stock company composed of more than twenty-five persons, including a band, orchestra and an Hawaiian quartet. The organization will carry its own "theater," as it is to be a tent show.

"Topeka Made" Tent Theater.

The theater tent was built in Topeka by the Topeka Tent & Awning company. It was designed and planned by F. A. Anton and Fred Ackerman, of the tent company, and Mack. Its dimensions are 60x120 feet and it will seat 1,000 persons. It will be almost as well equipped as a theater building. The staging is constructed of 2-inch matched flooring set on twenty-eight jacks and is as solid and substantial as any floor. There is a scene loft above the stage and at either wing are scene docks where scenery and props may be stored and brought onto the stage as needed. The border lights are arranged in three colors. The front of the stage is well equipped with footlights. A complete electrical outfit including spot lights, flood lights and strip lights, will be



Ralph R. Moody.

The new company will open May 17 on Jackson street between Seventh and Eighth streets, with the bill, "Little Peggy O'More." On Wednesday and Thursday they will offer "Be a Good Fellow," Moody's musical farce comedy, and on Friday and Saturday the youngsters of Topeka will revel in "Six Hopkins."

The producers are buying everything needed in Topeka. They will leave here in their own special car with a baggage car for equipment. The tent theater is built as nearly as possible to make one. It is impossible to buy one like it any place in the country, Mack says.

Rights to "Abraham Lincoln" Mack announced today that the company had obtained tent show rights to "Abraham Lincoln." Drinkwater's great play, that treated such a tremendous sensation in the east during the winter season, and is playing now at the Cort theater, New York. Arrangements have been made for the show to come in to Topeka at the close of each summer season. Plans are made ahead for five years. During the winter here, R. J. Mack will resume his position as assistant manager of the Novelty. Hugo Miller expects to go east to another stock company at the close of the summer months.

Trace Meet Called Off—Wet Courts. Lawrence, Kan., May 8.—The Kansas-Oklahoma track meet scheduled for today was called off by Mr. Forrester C. Allen here, on the grounds of the next Kansas track meet will be with the Kansas Aggies at Lawrence May 21.

DR. C. S. WOLFE SPECIALIST 809 Kansas Ave. Topeka, Kan.

REMEMBER your health is the very first thing to be considered at all times.

If your physical condition is normal your mental faculties are sure to be greater than if some dreaded disease, such as piles, was sapping your very life.

Do not think for one moment that a derangement of this kind will become better without a treatment.

My treatment is painless and I have never failed to cure piles that have reached the worst stages.

Write for my free booklet on rectal diseases.

The Farm Mortgage Trust Company 301 Jackson St. Topeka J. P. SLAUGHTER, President. J. H. COLLINGWOOD, Vice Pres. CLAY HAMILTON, Trust Officer.

carried. Special attention has been paid to obtaining comfortable seats. "I was greatly surprised to learn that a Topeka company could build my tent," said Mack. "For years I have had to send away to have them made, but this year the firm I had been dealing with did not have the equipment for the job. By chance I found out the Topeka Tent & Awning company could build a tent of the required size or even larger."

A large part of the scenery and props are being prepared at the Topeka Tent and Awning company. It is the first time that theatrical equipment of this kind has been prepared thru a Topeka firm.

Management of Show. Mack, manager of the stock company, has been with the Crawford here for the last five years as assistant manager of the Novelty and at one time of the Grand theater. He is known to hundreds of the theater-going public in Topeka.

The active company will be under the personal direction of Ralph R. Moody. Moody became well known in Topeka when he was here as leading man with the Topeka Tent and Awning company. He came to Topeka from the Pershing theater, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he led a company of his own.

Moody is the author of "Be a Good Fellow," a three act farce comedy, with nine musical numbers. No chorus is used in the production, which is on the order of "Alma, Where Do You Live?" Moody wrote the words and music, and lines of this production. It will be well equipped with special artistic scenery and produced by the stock show.

Hugo Miller has lived in Topeka, except when on the road, for the last twenty-five years. He entered the show business in 1901 with the North Brothers stock company in Topeka as scenic artist. Since that time he has been scenic artist with some of the best stock companies in the United States that play from coast to coast.

Leading Lady Mack's Daughter. Miss Hazel McOwen will be leading lady in the new company. Her rise in the theatrical profession, however, has been of such success that Mack, who has hundreds of friends and acquaintances in Topeka, "sorta" wants the home folks to know it.

For the last three years Miss McOwen has been leading a company of her own playing in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh. Several years ago she played ingenue parts with the North Brothers.

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Rawlins county was organized in 1881. It is said there were only six farmers in the county in April, 1879. In March, 1880, only one house was erected in Atwood. The county seat in August of the same year twenty-five were built. Your correspondent remembers his first visit to the town several years ahead of the railroad. United States Senator John J. Ingalls was touring northwest Kansas in the interest of selecting a site for a government land office. A town named Beaverton had started up in July, 1880, and the promoters believed they could pull the county seat and land office to their town. They also imagined they could hear the Central Branch Missouri Pacific engine whistling for Beaverton. Several towns were after the land office. Atwood and Beaverton, Rawlins county; Wano, Cheyenne county; Oberlin, Decatur county, and three other aspirants. Iness, Kelso and Kenneth, Sheridan county. Oberlin was selected for the location. In August, 1880, there was published in Atwood, the Pioneer, by A. S. Thomas, who also carried on a general store. Your itemizer found the following lines of business in Atwood: Anderson & Gresson published the Republican; Charles J. Mathes, general stock, also groceries; Nelson Bros. and G. W. Gault, grocers; Wm. Leally, hardware and furniture; S. D. Warren, flour

and feed, also harness; W. H. Wilson, druggist; J. R. Murray, blacksmith; W. D. Lee, wagon maker; G. H. Tinsley, baker and restaurant; Miss Laura E. Miller, millinery, and D. Swift, hotel. It took only two lawyers in the pioneer days to do the work. C. S. Winslow and W. E. Hopper. Only one of the above mentioned is now living in Atwood. From pioneer times to the present your correspondent has seen the building of three court houses, besides watching the town grow in population. The town also went out in one of the fiercest county seat struggles known in northwest Kansas. It was the home of Cyrus Anderson, former secretary of the board of railroad commissioners, and Fred Robertson, who is serving his second term as United States district attorney. For the last four years Rawlins county has been in the center of a raising wheat. Many of her pioneer citizens have got to their journey's end, including J. M. Matheny, James Gresson, and D. Hacker, Cyrus Anderson, Albert Hemming, Dorwin Higley, John M. Burton, G. Leeper, J. H. and Charles M. Burton, Dr. E. N. Mellinger and other names forgotten, all of whom your correspondent has known well. The town has kept pushing ahead, and refuses to take a back seat for any other in northwest Kansas.

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Local News Events of the Past Week As Depicted By Bolmar

Illustrations for the week: SUNDAY: A sermon at the Episcopal church. MONDAY: A boxing bout at the athletic association. TUESDAY: A scene at the Hotel De Boile Plate. WEDNESDAY: A scene at the Grand Opera House. THURSDAY: A school convention. FRIDAY: A scene at the Topeka Press club. SATURDAY: A scene at Washburn, Baker, Ottawa and Emporia colleges. FORECAST: A scene at the Gaylor Herald.

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FISH SEASON HERE MAKE HUGE BOOKS

City Enthusiasts Looking Longingly at Rod and Reel. One Side Contains Ad—The Other History of Town.

Plenty of Enticing Holes To Be Found Around Topeka. Many To Be Set on Roads Leading From Topeka.

KAW A STREAM OF MYSTERY WILL COVER EASTERN KANSAS Twenty-Five Men Busy Arranging Signs for Shipment.

Not to insinuate that all men are liars—but the fishing season has begun. Already the habitually ardent anglers are beginning to relate fish tales that arouse tremendous enthusiasm and high resolves in the breasts of their hearers and incidentally increase business for the sporting goods stores.

Of course, the early bird has the option on the worm and most of the followers of the rod and reel who have braved the chilly weather this spring to make a cast in some babbling brook have been rewarded—handsomely or otherwise. Most of the streams within easy access of Topeka seem to get "fished out" along in the summer, so that he who hesitates loses some opportunities to tell trap fish yarns the next day.

The good old Kaw—the most accurate and beloved of all muddy, treacherous streams, is of course, a perennial source of supply for those who know how to fish in it. The man with the pole and line and the rod and reel seldom has any luck in the Kaw—it takes a trot line to land 'em there. But patience is rewarded, for the catch is usually worth while.

Pilgrims to the Cottonwood and the Grasshopper, the Big Blue and the Verdigris are made by those with properly equipped traveling facilities and an excess of time to spare. They always return with unburned noses and a handsome addition to the world's library of fish yarns. Those who go to Colorado to take in the east and north cannot, of course, be classed with the ordinary victims who must spend their vacations fishing in Kansas.

Then comes the question of bait. Some use artificial attractions to land the suckers in the same fashion as the women occasionally do, while others cling to the good old-fashioned angle worms unscarred behind the barn. Dough balls, minnows and pork retain the affections of some, while occasionally may be found those stout-hearted individuals who slay a chicken for their lunch on the creek bank and use its abdominal equipment to entice the catfish from their hiding places.

Fish Not Mentally Acute. Like everything else, fishing tackle is a bit higher this year than last, but it is rumored that fish are not so mentally acute as of a yore, and rods and reels no doubt have an advantage over the old fashioned cane and willow poles, but it frequently happens that the fisherman who takes the best catch. This can, in great measure, be checked up to the ignorance of many persons concerning the manipulation of a rod and reel. With a reel, one can reach many places that cannot be approached with the ordinary pole and line, and that is an advantage.

But for pure enjoyment and delicious misery, the all-night fishing trip has no equal. The man who goes to drive, the search for a good fishing hole, the persistent attentions of the mosquitoes, the insatiable curiosity of divers varieties of insects, the lost bait and the jubilant stimulation of the bacon and coffee next morning—that's life! How strange that more city dwellers do not participate.

TO TRIM SOLDIER REWARD. House Ways and Means Committee Plans Revision of Its Bill. Washington, May 8.—Efforts to revise the soldier bonus bill was made today with the return of Representative Fordney, Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee. Soldier bonus advocates tentatively have decided that the total expenditure under any soldier relief program must be reduced to \$1,000,000,000 in stead of \$1,800,000,000 as previously planned.

SCRIPTURE. Psalms 34:1-8. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them from all perils.

TO INFORM THE MIND AND AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCE. Grace Cathedral. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

Man Exists on Bread He Lives by the Word of God. Dean Kaye will preach Sunday on "LIFE OR EXISTENCE."

Sunday Services 7:30 and 11:00 A. M. HEALING MISSION Wednesday, May 12, at 10:30 A. M.

25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA. From the Columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL. May 8, 1905. The Santa Fe Hospital association has just issued its yearly list of officers and employees in pamphlet form. All the members of the executive staff live in Topeka. George W. Hogeboom is chief surgeon; J. R. Egan is superintendent of hospitals and dispensaries; G. A. Wall, diseases of the eye and ear; C. H. Galtbor, diseases of the nose, throat and lungs; R. E. Peiton, diseases of the nerves and spine. There are 120 local surgeons along the line. The company has four hospitals in active operation, one at Fort Madison, one at Ottawa, one at La Jerra and one at the Vicks. The Topeka hospital will be the main one. There are four dispensaries, two at Topeka, one at Chicago and one at Elston.

Central Congregational Church. Hutton and Buchanan. MORNING SERVICE—11 O'CLOCK "THE HIGH CALLING OF A MOTHER" Topic for Evening, "EINSTEINISM" By the Pastor JOHN WELLS RAHILL Church School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m. YOU ARE WELCOME.

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