

SPORTING NEWS.

John L. Sullivan, as Simon Legree, is Amusing The Old Pugilist "Doing a Turn" Nightly Now.

USES WHIP FIERCELY Weighs Three Hundred Pounds in Stage Uniform.

Eliza and the Bloodhounds Cow-er Before Him.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 9.—A local critic says Mr. Sullivan is holding down the center of the stage here in that quite well known play, "Uncle Tom's Cabin"...

Simon Legree, the slave owner and all-around villain, is now in the hands of the renowned world-beater, and "Sully" is the heaviest of heavy villains, for he weighs today just 300 pounds.

Visions of Eliza escaping on the river, the deadly bloodhounds on her track, and the big fellow making cracked legs of everything he touches on outside of the scene painters' trust, the seconds in poor old Uncle Tom's corner throwing up the sponge and quitting, Eliza escaping through the files and the prompter and stage manager directing the performances from the boxes in front—all these visions fit before the audience as they blow in at the box office, buy pasteboards and wait for the curtain.

But let us pass into the dressing room and meet in a six-foot space the man who held all 20-foot ring records for a decade.

The bloodhounds have been fed and the coast is clear. Mr. Simon Sullivan Legree is making up for his turn—that is, he is getting into the hated slave driver.

John L. uses no powder or paste or eyes in his interpretation of Legree. He does the last act, but that he admits is compulsory. He simply dons a slouch hat, which is listed over the left eye, just the same as he would do with any old hat, and the makeup is complete, and he is ready for the bell—Time!

Mr. Legree rushes out and confronts the glaring footlights and the eager audience—the latter bursts into a voluminous medley of sounds.

"Bully boy, Sully!" "Hooley for John L." "Yer all right, John," and many others, too numerous to mention, all of which the distinguished actor washes off with his well known courtesy and composure remark that he "remains yours truly, John L." The latter postscript has a soothing effect on the spectators and the seething ovation is lulled into unconsciousness.

The auction of the slaves is on, and Legree is there with a roll of stage money to buy up some of the bargains. "I'll bid a thousand for that gal," is hissed between his clenched teeth, in a deep bass.

Emeline was knocked down and out at this figure. Uncle Tom gets a \$1,200 uppercut, and retreats to the Legree corner.

Mr. Sullivan spins poor old Uncle Tom around like a top with a slight twist of his burly arms and a "now, now, now" in a brutal voice; then, catching both of his newly purchased slaves by the wrists, drags them into the wings as the curtain is lowered, amid hisses and applause.

All through the familiar play he grows out his orders in a low, hoarse power basso and whips his slave driver's whip in the true villain's style. His right hand swings for the jugular of Uncle Tom, would crush the neck of the cease drawing salary if it landed in the place where the audience thought it did when the slave drops to the floor.

Many of the slaves are followed by white as he howls out his curses on them, possibly from a combination of stage fright, Sullivan's fright and excited perspiration.

His famous fall when he is finally killed has never been equalled on any stage. Benches have dropped, for big money and remained dead till the curtain was rung down, but when John L. drops with his 300 weight on the stage the Pawtucket morning papers inform their subscribers that earthquake had visited the town the night before.

"Do I hurt myself? Now! Many's the drop I've given, but never one that jarred 'em more than that. They (the audience) think I'm a regular brutal villain when they see me on the stage, poking old Tom round and around and smothering him with the lash—but I don't hurt 'em—it's all bluff. Why, when I make that swing at the old coon the blow goes over his shoulder—see, when I swing the octoroon around, that's my, but it looks fearful round from the front."

"Bab! I'm too gentle to hurt a fly—that big fist of mine has the touch of velvet. I ain't no Booth, or a Salvini, or a Barron, or an O'Neil—I'm just natural—just John L.—just act natural when I see the gill of the footlights. I'm honest all the way through, and everybody knows it. I'm the part that brings out the hiss from the crowd."

"Stage fright? Who ever heard of John L. having stage fright? I used to leave that to the other fallers and to them win in a punch. "The show's closed for the night; let's get out of here," and his fellow having donned his street garb, we left the theater, away from the cracked ice track of Eliza, the naughty Topsy, the beseeching looks of old Tom, the temporary funeral of little Eva, the strenuous villainies of S. Legree and the mysteries of the box office—to find the "champ" himself again in the open air.

TWELVE PLAYERS SIGNED. Manager Shettline Tries to Strengthen the Phillies.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Twelve men have already signed with the Philadelphia National League club, and Manager Shettline is getting a move on to get together as strong a team as possible. Of the old men who have not yet signed "Shrimp" Douglas, Jennings and Barry to return. Manager Douglas sign he will be placed on first base until June, as Jennings will be unable to report before that time. Manager Shettline also expects the contract of a good second baseman almost any day.

"There are plenty of players to be had," said Shettline, "and the only thing that puzzles me is to select the proper men. I have received over 100 letters since the season closed from young players who want to be given a trial. Roy Thomas has three or four men he wants me to try, and if they are half as good as he says they should prove valuable finds.

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Mr. Ashton also told me that a well known business man had a policy for \$2,000 in the company which I since found out he has not.

Among others it was said that along with Miss Waldele, Miss Anna Detweiler, who is Judge Hook's stenographer; Miss Dolphin, superintendent of schools; Miss Anna Shire, Miss Behen and Miss Baker also subscribed their names and gave either money or notes to the association.

In the case of Miss Baker, it is said, that not having the ready money Mr. Ashton induced her to sell some shares of building stock at a price of \$100 less than its value to O. B. Taylor, who in turn sold it to the building association at its par value.

TO ARRANGE FAIR DATES. Arkansas Valley Circuit to Hold Meeting Jan. 15.

Hutchinson, Kas., Jan. 9.—A meeting will be held in Hutchinson on January 15 by the representatives of the Arkansas valley circuit to arrange the dates of the fair circuit for the coming season. It is expected that several towns may be taken into the circuit this year. Winfield, Dodge City and Kinsley will have representatives here at the meeting. Stock show owners in order to take out an investment policy in the Iowa company. This stock is in a market for coal and iron, less than its value to O. B. Taylor, who in turn sold it to the building association at its par value.

The Central Kansas Fair association is now ready to announce that it will have the greatest cattle show the state has ever had. The prize money amounting to \$2,000 will be offered on fine cattle. On Herefords, Shorthorns and Angus breeds alone there will be \$1,400 in prizes.

JUDGE DICKSON DEAD. Emporia Pioneer Lawyer and Soldier Is at Rest.

Emporia, Kas., Jan. 9.—Judge Henry D. Dickson died here Wednesday. Judge Dickson was a soldier in the civil war and belonged to company I, Eighteenth United States Infantry. After the war he was in business and for several years was a successful editor. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar at Neosho, Mo., and came to Emporia, Kan., where he was in partnership with C. J. Graves and I. E. Lambert. In 1886 he was elected county attorney here, and held the office for several terms. He was 53 years old. He was born in Indiana.

DO NOT MOURN BROWNE. Socialist Colony Can Exist Without Oxy's Son-in-Law.

Fort Scott, Jan. 9.—The Monitor has received a letter from Carl Brown, secretary of the Labor Exchange colony in Bourbon county, denying that Carl Browne was a founder of the colony. In part Mr. Cotton says: "As a resident of the colony and one of its organizers I desire to state that the Labor Exchange colony near Fulton, Mo., was founded by the late Carl Browne and never was. He was not even a member of the association. He was only a transient member who came among us and commenced making payments on some lots after we were already established. He lived here a short time and gave us some men tried on him yesterday.

Mr. Woodfill, a prominent farmer and stockman living near here, was in town today and told of a gold brick scheme some men tried on him yesterday.

Last Saturday a seedy looking individual presented himself at the Woodfill home and told a story about an old Indian who had three gold bricks in a camp near Olathe. By strategy Mr. Woodfill was induced to go to the Indian camp, where it was learned that the Indian wanted to sell. The "government" would buy the bricks for \$25,000, while the least issued during the year was seven, and was granted in July.

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