

# THEATER BILLS FOR NEXT WEEK PROMISE WELL

*Florence Webber, Hoosier Songbird, Appears in 'Naughty Marietta'*

Some of the player folk who will entertain San Francisco theatergoers next week.

Young Prima Donna Ran  
Away From Home to  
Start Career on  
Stage

ARREST FOLLOWED  
IN TERRE HAUTE

Taken Home by Parents She  
Is Allowed to Study for  
Work and Wins  
Success

Florence Webber, a phenomenally successful young American prima donna, now appearing as the star of "Naughty Marietta," which comes to the Cort next Sunday night, can recite a tale of adventure and misfortune which befell her at the commencement of her theatrical career.

The singer was born and raised in Indianapolis and at an early age displayed a remarkably beautiful voice. When she was 14, which was exactly eight years ago, she ran away from her home and joined "The Prince of Pilsen" company and, to hide her youth, bought a long skirt and woman's hat.

Her departure from home was necessarily hurried, and her meager savings quickly disappeared. She obtained her first engagement in Terre Haute, and just in time, too, for she was almost "stranded."

After the first and only rehearsal she secured sufficient courage to request a salary advance from her manager. Her splendid voice made her a desirable acquisition to the company, so \$5 was advanced to her, and that night she made her first appearance in public. The next morning she was arrested by an Indianapolis policeman at the behest of her father and she was dragged back to her parental roof.

Then she was scolded by her folks and laughed at by her friends, but her spirit was unbroken. She decided to study for the stage.

The combination of the art of David Warfield and that of the Belasco has been remarkably successful in the production of "The Return of Peter Grimm" at the Columbia theater.

It is a performance of rare charm, and although the theme is most daring the audiences find it interesting and compelling. The story is told with directness and force by a fine company of players.

The second and final week of the engagement begins next Monday night. There will be no Sunday performances during the Warfield engagement.

A. H. Woods' elaborate production of "The Love of the Gods," which will be seen at the Columbia theater following the Warfield engagement. The large company is headed by Phyllis Partington, a San Francisco girl, who has won high recognition.

"Mrs. Langtry (Lady de Bathe)" is scoring a tremendous hit this week at the Orpheum. The theater is crowded to the doors at every performance. Next week will be her last and she will present a new sketch, "Mrs. Justice Drake," the plot of which is laid in 1920.

James H. Cullen, "The Man From the West," and one of the best re-creations in vaudeville, will present an entirely new and amusing act. George W. Barry and Maude Wolford will introduce their singing comedietta, "At the Song Booth."

The Hiss Sisters, dancers, will introduce representative dances of all nations. Ethel May Barker, sixteen years old, an acknowledged violin virtuoso, will play classical and popular selections.

Musical comedy will have another outing at the Alcazar theater next week, when George Cohan's "The Talk of New York" will be presented for the first time in San Francisco, with Evelyn Vaughan, Bert Lytell, the full strength of the regular company, a score of specially engaged players, a large, well drilled chorus of "show girls" and "broilers" and an augmented orchestra.

"Algeria," continues to attract large and well pleased audiences to the Savoy theater. "Algeria" could easily run another month, but as "Mutt and Jeff" is booked, next week will be the last of the Victor Herbert opera.

Robert Babkirk, a San Francisco boy, is doing a splendid bit of acting this week at the National, supporting Raymond Whitaker in the intense drama "Sherlock Holmes in a Scarlet Study." Raymond Whitaker, another Californian who first won fame in the east, demonstrated the fact that he belongs to the first leading men of the country. Miss Cleo Madison, the leading woman, is seen to good advantage.

The road show at the Pantages is playing to excellent business and is proving one of the best drawing cards that the local vaudeville house has ever had. The feature with the show is the English pony ballet, with Harry K. Hill, monologist, running close for top position. Walter Montague's tragedy of San Francisco life, entitled "Twenty Minutes in Chinatown," will be the feature act on the new bill, opening Sunday afternoon.

Fred Karns' London comedy company of 15 English comedians and Charles Chaplin, the noted portrayer of "Inebriate" roles are creating merriment and breaking box office records at the Empress theater this week in "The Wow Wows," a typical and ludicrous English music hall farce.

An entertaining program will be seen at the Empress next Sunday afternoon with "Nick's Roller Skating Girls" as the leading attraction.

Lola Stantone Paulsch of San Francisco, will hide her way into the hearts of Empress patrons.

At the Cort theater tomorrow afternoon the last of the series of 10 symphony concerts, included in the regular season of 1912-13, will be given by the San Francisco symphony orchestra. On account of the general enthusiasm of local music lovers for Bachmannoff's Symphony No. 2 in E minor, op. 27, and the many requests for its repetition, Conductor Hadley will open the concert with this number. It will be followed by Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre" and Wagner's "Procession of the Gods" and introduction to act III from "Die Meistersinger," will close the program.

Sunday afternoon the tenth popular concert, and the last concert of the regular season of 1912-13, will be heard at the Cort theater. Two choral works, with soloists, full symphony orchestra,



## INSTITUTES GREET BISHOP HANNA

More Than 1,200 Members of  
Catholic Orders Welcome  
New Churchman

More than 1,200 members and friends of the local councils of the Young Men's Institute and the Young Ladies' Institute gathered in the ballroom of the Fairmont hotel last night to welcome formally Right Rev. Edward J. Hanna, bishop auxiliary of San Francisco, to the city.

In behalf of the Young Ladies' Institute Mrs. Margaret Peacock, grand president, delivered an address of welcome. Colonel Benjamin McKinley of the League of the Cross extended the welcome of the Young Men's Institute. Frank J. Kierce, past supreme grand president of the Young Men's Institute, presided.

Bishop Hanna in his address highly complimented the two organizations for their full membership and activity. He told the value of these organizations to the Catholic church, and of his appreciation of their work. "The day of the old priest is passing away," he said. "Priests were formerly the moving spirits in the church, they were the directors. But now they can not accomplish the work alone. They need your assistance and co-operation. Your work is a great work. This is a wonderful reception and it gladdens my heart. It is not only a reception to me; this enthusiasm I do not accept as for myself, but I accept it as a great token of appreciation for that grand old man who has been with you for 30 years."

Among the numbers on the program were solos by Miss Irene Buckley, contralto; Charles Bullitt, tenor, and J. Emmery, basso.

The reception committee included Mrs. Margaret Peacock, Miss Josephine Molloy, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Sweeney, Charles Wiley, Arthur Sullivan, J. E. Denchy and Edward R. Thomas.

## CADETS' BALL TOMORROW

Trophy Won in Exposition Parade to Be Presented to Band

The League of the Cross Cadets' annual ball will be held tomorrow night at Knights of Columbus hall, Golden Gate avenue near Jones. A feature of the evening will be the presentation by Phil Clay of the trophy won by the cadets' band in the exposition parade for that grand old man who has been with you for 30 years.

The following committee has active charge of arrangements: Colonel Benjamin McKinley, chairman, Lieutenant F. McKelvey, Captain Milo Kent, Captain James Smith, Captain William O'Dea, Captain John Canty, Captain George Grimley, Captain J. R. Sprague, Captain Hugh Leonard, Captain Phil Powers and Rev. Richard Collins.

and a chorus of 250 voices will be given.

Tonight's opera at the Valencia theater will be "La Tosca," by Giacomo Puccini, first produced in Rome in 1900 and founded on the powerful story of Victorien Sardou of the same name. The orchestra will be under the direction of Arturo Bovatta.

Two of America's finest singers are Corinne Rider-Kelsey, soprano, and Claude Cunningham, baritone. Those who have heard one of their song recitals know what a treat is in store for music lovers here when they give their concert at Scottish Rite auditorium next Sunday afternoon and next Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Willie Sweetnam and his merry associates are still carrying laughs through the medium of Raper Hughes' "Excuse Me" at the Cort. The final performance will be given Saturday night.

Laura A. Sawyer, who foretook the support of Otis Skinner, Rose Coglian and other stars and succumbed to the blandishments of the Edison moving picture interests is the headline feature at the semi-weekly change of film plays introduced last night at Grauman's Imperial. She appears in the playlet, "A Day That Is Done," based on Tennyson's poem, "Break, Break, Break." The other photodramas are "The Melburn Confession," "When Mary Grew Up," "The Empty Studio" and "Hubby's Polly."

Winter Sports at Truckee

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## PIONEER AND PROMINENT MASON CALLED BY DEATH

Colonel A. S. Hubbard Rode  
Horseback to San Francisco  
in December, 1866

Colonel Adolphus S. Hubbard, a California pioneer, and one of the founders of the sons of the American Revolution, passed away at his residence, 565 Fourth avenue, yesterday morning. Colonel Hubbard was born in DuPage county, Ill., July 7, 1838. In the last year of the war he went to New Mexico, joined the regular army and, with his troop, rode horseback from Santa Fe to California, arriving here during the latter part of December, 1866. In 1872, he married Sarah Isabelle Sylvester, who, together with one son, Theodore Worthington Hubbard, an attorney of this city, survive him.

Colonel Hubbard was a Mason for 53 years, and has always been prominent in the fraternity. For 20 years he was secretary of Oriental lodge No. 44. He was one of the founders and a life member of Oakland commandery No. 11, K. T., and issued the first number calling for the institution of that commandery; a member of Martha Washington chapter, R. A. M., Chicago, and at his death a member and treasurer of Golden Gate chapter No. 1, O. E. S.

For years he was president and registrar of the California Society, S. A. R., and past president general of the national society. Colonel Hubbard was secretary of the California Historical society. He was also one of the organizers of the California Genealogical society in February, 1898, and one of its first vice presidents. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and one of the founders of St. Luke's, having been first superintendent of the Sunday school.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from Golden Gate commandery hall, under the auspices of Oriental lodge No. 144.

## WOMEN RECALL WORKERS WILL CHECK UP NAMES

Against Judge Weller Has Planned  
Series of Rallies

The workers in the Weller recall will hold a meeting this afternoon in the Phelan building to check up the names which have so far been gathered. Rabbi Martin A. Meyer is expected to speak, and Miss Phyllis Michelson and Mrs. Alice Best will be the other speakers.

There is great rivalry among the women as to whom will secure the greatest number of signatures. Mrs. Osman Reichel, an independent worker, has obtained 1,700 names, while Mrs. May Tyrrell, who organized the twenty-sixth district, comes next with 600 signatures.

A definite series of rallies is being planned by the program committee in charge of Miss Isabel Munson and Twain Michelson. Tomorrow noon the San Francisco center of the Civic League of California will take up for discussion the police court situation at a luncheon in the Palace hotel. Attorney George Knight will defend Judge Weller, while Louis Ward, connected with the district attorney's office, will speak on police court practices.

A paper by Gavin McNab, opposing the recall, also will be read.

## NOLAN WORKING ON NEW SOLUTION OF PROBLEM

Supervisor Proposes Leaving  
Matter of Hetch Hetchy  
to New Congress

Supervisor Edward L. Nolan is working on a new solution of the city's water problem. He proposes to trust to President Wilson and the new democratic congress for the Hetch Hetchy permit, instead of leaving the matter in the hands of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, who may go out of office in March.

Despite the rumor that Secretary Fisher may be reappointed, Mr. Nolan has taken steps leading to municipal indorsement of a Hetch Hetchy bill introduced by Congressman John E. Raker. Mr. Nolan sent a letter to Congressman Raker at Washington, asking for copies of the bill, which would give San Francisco an outright grant to water rights in the Hetch Hetchy valley and all land necessary for the Sierra system.

On receiving copies of the bill, Mr. Nolan will present the matter to the board of supervisors, asking that they officially indorse it and urge all California's representatives at Washington to do their utmost to effect its passage. "Secretary Fisher," explained Mr. Nolan, has only a month more in office. While I believe that he would do the right thing by this city, still the time is short and the permit at best will be a revocable one. I do not believe we should spend \$400,000 or more on a water system that must depend on a revocable permit. On the other hand, the bill introduced by Congressman Raker will give us an outright grant of perpetual rights in the valley. Raker is a democrat. The new congress and new president will be democratic. Our chances for success with Raker's bill are therefore good."

## DOCTOR JOSLEN IS BARRED

Judge Mogan Holds Medical Board  
Had Right to Revoke License

An attempt by Dr. Otto C. Joslen to have his certificate to practice medicine restored through the medium of the superior court, following its revocation in June, 1905, failed yesterday when Judge E. P. Mogan sustained the action of the state medical board. Judge Mogan held principally that Doctor Joslen had lost the right to appeal from the board's action because of delay, the statute of limitation being in effect. The court also held that the doctor's contention that the revocation was "arbitrary and capricious" was without merit, which the statute requires to be present before a license may be revoked, was present in Joslen's case and that the medical board's action was not illegal.

Joslen claimed that the board revoked his license solely because he had been convicted in the United States district court of illegal use of the mails.

## LUMBER MILL BURNS

HONOLULU, Jan. 29.—The Pahoa lumber mill, located near Hilo, together with 4,000,000 feet of lumber, was totally destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, with no insurance. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained.

P. Henry Wanted—A warrant for the arrest of P. Henry was issued by Police Judge Shortall yesterday on the complaint of Wallace Everett, 211 California street, who says Henry passed a worthless \$150 check.

## GEARY CARS TO FERRY PROMISED IN FORTY DAYS

Plans and Specifications Are  
Approved by the Public  
Utilities Committee  
of Supervisors

Plans and specifications for the extension of the Geary street road to the ferry were approved by the supervisors' public utilities committee yesterday, and the board of works was authorized to call for bids for the laying of the tracks from Kearny street down Market to Sansome, where the cars will proceed on outer tracks to the ferry loop.

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy announced that all is in readiness for building the extension, and that, provided no legal obstacles are thrown in the way, the Geary cars will be running to the water front in 40 days.

Regarding the westerly extension from Thirty-third avenue to the beach, Mr. O'Shaughnessy said that the grading is now under way and will be completed in 30 days. Within 60 days the tracks will be laid and cars running to the ocean terminal.

A fight is on between Supervisors George E. Gallagher and Alexander T. Vogelsang as to what cross-town extension of the Geary street road shall be built first. Mr. Gallagher wants a line built at once in Van Ness avenue. Mr. Vogelsang declares that an extension through the proposed Stockton street tunnel is the most necessary. He won the first victory yesterday when Mr. Gallagher's project was temporarily voted down.

But Mr. Gallagher claims that he has only begun, and that he will bring the matter before the board of supervisors Monday. It came up yesterday before the public utilities committee, and failed to carry. Supervisors Murphy, Maury and Vogelsang voted against it, and Supervisors Gallagher and Bancroft in favor. Mr. Vogelsang explained that he was not opposed to a municipal line in Van Ness avenue, but that the surplus in the Geary street bond funds should be used for the most essential extension, and that in his opinion this was the Stockton street tunnel line.

Mr. Vogelsang suggested that the city engineer be asked to give an estimate of the cost of several proposed extensions, but Mr. Gallagher replied that he refused to have his project coupled with the Stockton street tunnel. A motion was then made that the city engineer prepare plans and specifications for the Van Ness line and an estimate of cost preparatory to a call for bids.

A resolution was adopted by the supervisors' public utilities committee yesterday calling upon the United Railroads to extend the Brannan street line to the Mail docks. This will require only a block of single track in First street and an outlay, according to Engineer Le Gare of the company of but \$5,000.

The United Railroads wants a permit to make a switch connection at Presidio avenue and California street to run the empty cars of the Jackson street line to the Clement street car barn. The company will get the permit if it guarantees to build the much needed line to the Mail docks. This was the trade proposed by the supervisors yesterday.

## PHILIPPINE BILL SCORED BY TAFT

President Says Islands Are  
Not Yet Ready for Independent Government

Arraigns Democratic "Con-  
formation to Cobwebbed  
Platform Planks"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President Taft, in his farewell speech to the Ohio Society of Washington tonight, vigorously attacked the bill now pending in congress proposing autonomy and independence in eight years for the Philippines.

"Is it possible," asked the president, "that the democratic party is going to reverse the policy that has vindicated itself by 10 years' experience merely for the purpose of conforming to the cobwebbed planks of forgotten platforms? Will they not, before they take such an irrevocable step, obtain reliable information as to the conditions that obtain in the islands?"

"This issue has been relegated to the limbo of free silver or the narrow doctrine of state's rights. Those who continue to give out their lucubrations on the Philippines are now less than those who expect to attend the next inaugural ball."

Speaker Clark, who followed the president, declined to debate with him the democratic policy of independence for the Philippines.

"I am not going to debate the question of Philippine independence with President Taft," said Mr. Clark. "I have no inclination to make a Philippine speech, and I'm not going to, either. I wish we were out of there in as good shape as we were when we got in. But according to the democratic platform—which I didn't make—we are committed to a policy. I believe that when a man gets office on a platform he should live up religiously to the planks that are in that platform."

President Taft began his address with a eulogy of President McKinley. From praise of McKinley he turned to the Philippines and said in part:

"After three administrations and more have passed, and after two successive presidential campaigns with silence on the Philippines as the issue, the country is asked to make a change. We are asked to meet a recrudescence of opposition to our Philippine policy and the threat to turn back the hands of time; to reverse the verdict of a decade and to give up all our achievements for a new experiment, which can only result in confusion and humiliation and involve us in international complications and bring us again, with damaged prestige, to an abandonment of that policy."

## VISITOR TO CLAIM BRIDE

Love at first sight will lead to the altar today Miss Ruth Anna Hightower of 1829 Oak street, daughter of Patrolman John P. and Mrs. Hightower, and Charles D. Rogers, an insurance man of Vancouver, B. C.

Miss Hightower and Mr. Rogers were introduced and saw each other for the first time a few days ago.

Mr. Rogers came here for a holiday and is staying at the St. Francis. He was given a letter of introduction to Miss Hightower from her sister, who is married and lives in Vancouver.



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