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THE DAWSON PLAY HOUSES

Are Producing Creditable Performances
This Week.

"The Diamond Necklace" at the Orpheum
"Stillwater Willie's Wedding Night" at the Palace Grand.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Large audiences attended the performances at the local playhouses last night. The entertainments are exceedingly good, and the actors and actresses are exerting their best efforts. Theatrical managers are to be congratulated on the excellent quality of amusement which they are now affording the people of Dawson.

At the Orpheum the performance commences with the production of the melodrama, entitled "The Diamond Necklace." The realistic situations in the play are produced in the most vivid manner by an extraordinary strong cast of players. The roles of Lazare and Count de Morney are ably assumed by George L. Hiller Blossom plays very creditably the parts of Madeline and Adrienne. Dot Pyne displays ability in the interpretation of Valentine; Miss Pyne is exceedingly capable and her honest efforts are much appreciated. Julia Walcott portrays, in her very clever way, the character of Duchesse d'Aubeterre. Frank Gardner appears as the Viscount Raoul de Langey; Mr Gardner is a conscientious actor, whose earnest endeavors have placed him above the mediocre class of performers. Alf Layne and Robert Lawrence are cast in important roles and acquit themselves most creditably. Other players who assist in the successful production of the drama are Daisy D'Avara, R. H. Laverne, Lulu Watts, Mamie Hightower, Fred Breen, Charles Brown, Sam Jones and little Cassie Carter.

The olio is comprised of nine numbers, each of which is a feature of excellent vaudeville. Beatrice Lorne evokes great applause by the perfect rendition of operatic selections. The clever specialties of Sadie Taylor are very entertaining. Lulu Watts evidences talent in the line of comic songs and rag time negro melodies. The sweet and simple sentimental ballads, as sung by Nellie Forsythe, are received with exceptional favor by theatrical patrons in Dawson. Dot Pyne displays as much ability in vaudeville parts as she does in legitimate dramatic work. The Drummond Sisters perform a clever dancing turn. Eddie Dolan is one of the leading attractions of the city; his original wit and humor are a source of amusement. The comical eccentricities of Fred Breen are productive of much merriment. Charles Brown appears to advantage in a buck and wing dancing turn.

The performance concludes with the production of a one-act Irish comedy entitled "Hurry and Crowley's Troubles." The piece is full of mirth and appropriately terminates the evening's entertainment.

The initial feature at the Palace Grand is a burlesque on high life in the Klondike, entitled "Still Water Willie's Wedding Night." John Mulligan and Onnie Lamore portraying the characters of the bridal couple; their efforts are funny and exceedingly ludicrous.

The olio is composed of 12 special features, which are varied and entertaining. Bessie Pierce appears in a difficult contortion turn. Garnett displays great versatility; she sings well a negro song, and responds to the encore with a neat hornpipe dance. Jacqueline and Evaline are exorbitantly funny in the characters of two Irish hod carriers. Conchita performs several very interesting turns. Cecil Marion renders some excellent vocal selections. May Mine entertains her audience with two pleasing specialties. Mulligan and Linton produce an amusing original skit. Munis Leo executes wonderful feats on the trapeze with an ease and grace that is surprising. The O'Brien family give a character sketch, entitled "The Mimicers," which serves to introduce original songs and sayings. Robert Wingate and Louis Simonsen perform a musical turn which is novel and entertaining. These two performers are exceedingly clever, and their specialty work is meritorious.

The entertainment concludes with the Irish drama, "Kathleen Mavourneen." The play is well staged. All the performers are proficient in their respective parts, and the piece is produced in a masterly manner. Conchita appears in the title role. Mulligan assumes the part of Terence O'Hare. These two capable players are supported by a strong cast, including Carrie Linton, Babe Pyne, Garnet, James Duncan, Doc Howard, J. Leo Shaw, Eddie O'Brien and Archie Leigh.

The performances which have been given at the Palace Grand during the past few weeks have been a credit to Dawson. The present management have successfully endeavored to secure the best of local talent; such efforts have been appreciated and rewarded by the public. It is to be regretted that circumstances require a change in the management of the house just at a time when it has been placed on a paying basis.

Theosophists Fleeting.
The Yukon Theosophists will entertain again on tomorrow evening, when Dr. Barry will deliver a lecture on "The Gods."

PERSONALITIES.

President Loubet of France has bought an automobile and takes a ride in it every day, frequently operating it himself.

The oldest consul of the United States in point of continuous service is Horatio J. Sprague, who became consul at Gibraltar in 1848.

Justice Harlan of the supreme court lives fully three miles from the capitol, but frequently walks the entire distance to his home.

William Waldorf Astor is said to resent the fact that his fellow countrymen in England drop his prefix of honorific, which he had until he was naturalized.

Although now a fluent speaker, Senator Mason of Illinois was in earlier days so much a victim of stage fright that it was only by severe and constant training that he made himself an orator.

Congressman J. P. Dooliver of Iowa a ways carefully prepares his speeches, writing them out a day or two before delivery. He confesses to a certain degree of stage fright, yet is one of the best speakers in the house.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who published the "Topeka Capital" on a "Christian" plan, was educated at the Andover Theological seminary. His special studies were chiefly pursued in London.

Gen. Wheeler's features are quite like those of Gen. Grant, and when shown a rough sketch of the former, drawn in the Philippines, Gen. Miles said the other day, "I never thought of it before, but if it wasn't for the hair this might be Grant."

Mayor Ernest Girardot of Sandwich, Mich., probably holds the record for a long tenure in the office of mayor. He has been elected ten consecutive times. At several elections the vote for him was unanimous, and never has he had less than two-thirds of the 300 votes cast.

John Ruskin was decidedly brusque to those who he thought were guilty of the shams of modern life. His contempt for the money getting propensity of Americans once led him to say that Prof. Charles Elliot Norton of Harvard university was the only gentleman in the United States.

One of the features of the present congress is the friendship that has come into existence between Littlefield, an successor of the late Mr. Dingley, and Judge De Armond of Missouri. The former is a Republican, and the latter is a Democrat, but they have become what is called inseparable.

He Took a Walk.

There were three of them, and as they entered the German saloons on the corner the tall young man, who wore rattle dazle clothes and posed as "fast," remarked in an undertone to his companions that he would "show them something good."

They lined up at the bar, and the tall young man ordered three 5 cent drinks. When these were disposed of he laid down 10 cents on the bar, at which the German proprietor remarked, "Nein, fidden." The tall young man repocketed the coin and thus addressed the German:

"I just gave you 10 cents, didn't I?"

"Yah," responded the German.

"Well, here's 10 cents. That makes 20, so you owe me 5," added the young man, depositing the dime on the bar.

The German looked bewildered, and handed the tall young man a half dollar, with the request that he deduct therefrom the 5 cents due him. The tall young man had just the correct change, 45 cents, left in his pocket. This he promptly handed to the German and received the half dollar. Then the three companions repaired to the street and indulged in a mighty laugh, while the tall young man swelled up like a prize turkey on parade. Every thing went lovely until they parted company and the tall young man boarded a car for his home in the suburbs. Imagine his feelings when the conductor handed him back the 50 cents which he tendered in response to the request for fares with the information that the piece was "bad." It was all the money he had and he could not persuade the conductor to trust him, so he was ejected at the next corner and had to walk the remaining five miles to his home. — Chicago Journal.

Nail Is In.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon two sled loads of mail reached the local postoffice from up the river. This is the same mail which is spoken of elsewhere in this paper as being due some time tonight or tomorrow morning. The postoffice will be open for distribution in the morning.

WILL HAVE ROUGH TIMES.

Early Travelers to Nome Will Wish They Were Back.

Experiences on Yukon Last Year Will Be Repeated This Year on the Outside.

Editor Dairy Nugget:

When I saw in your paper of yesterday that ten steamers are billed to sail this week for Nome from Seattle, I could not refrain from ejaculating: "Poor devils." I think I can imagine just the experience they will have when they get up to Bering sea and have to lay to perhaps a month, possibly six weeks, before the can proceed to their destination. As the passengers will have paid their money to be landed at Nome, the shipping companies will have to perform their share of the contract; but I can imagine the fare the passengers will get while lying in awaiting the opening of navigation ahead of them. If there are not uprisings and mutinies among the passengers of these early steamers before Nome is reached, then will I disdain all pretensions to prophecy.

Perhaps the fact that I was treated to a dose of early travel experience last year causes me to be in particular sympathy with those who are starting fully a month too early to accomplish their journey without long and tedious delay.

I was a passenger for the outside on one of the early boats to leave for up the river last year. I will not mention the name of the steamer, as she is still on the river, and I am sorry to say, on top instead of under the water. Her owners may have some relations who are nice people, therefore I will refrain from naming them. There was a full load aboard when she cast off her lines here and headed up the Yukon. There were sleeping accommodations for perhaps 25 or 30, while the remainder slept on the saloon floor and anywhere they could find a place in which to stretch their limbs.

We got along fairly well until Five Fingers was reached, which was on the fourth day out from Dawson. The grub so far had been none of the best, but so long as we were making headway, even if it was slow, we did not complain. But from Rink Rapids to Five Fingers the machinery of the tub was too weak to stem the current, and six days' time was required to make a run of not over 25 miles. Then is when men forgot their early training and cursed like leep-water sailors. And not without cause, for I never saw a set of people treated as barbarously in my life. The previously scant table was curtailed until actually the only thing to eat we could beg, buy or steal from the cook's galley was mush made from musty oat meal and corned beef. The mush we were forced to eat without either sugar or milk.

One towel had to last for three days, which, on an average of one wash per passenger each day amounted to 528 wipes to the towel. When we went in committees of five, ten and twenties to remonstrate with the captain at the treatment accorded us he coolly told us to go plumb to Helena, Montana. He even suggested that if we would get out and rustle wood for the steamer it would give us a better appetite, for what he was kind enough to let us have. We at length reached Bennett on the 14th day out.

I wrote a letter for publication in a Skagway newspaper in which I detailed our experience to the best of my limited ability, and 138 of my fellow passengers signed it. In the letter I warned people against even shipping live stock for Nome over the ice. We do not place any confidence in either of these statements. It will be remembered that during the month of February Messrs. McCrae and Nagle passed through Dawson en route from Nome to the coast. These men left Nome on January 6th, and both agreed in statements to representatives of this paper that there was but little sickness in the beach camp. They left only two days ahead of the mail carrier, and it would be something remarkable if such an epidemic should break out in so short a time.

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RECOGNIZING THE COAST.

The United States government is paying more and more attention to the interests of the Pacific coast. The Philippine islands have served to direct public notice to the West very forcibly, with the result that the demands of the coast states for federal recognition are now being given attentive consideration. Uncle Sam is also making an effort to build up the merchant marine, which for the past thirty years has slowly, but surely, been dwindling away. The growing trade of the Pacific coast with the Orient has served to bring the matter of shipping directly home to the government, and inducements of a very liberal nature will shortly be made to American bottoms, which will enable them to make a bid for the world's carrying business. The coast cities are profiting by these conditions very considerably. Every move which the United States government makes in its present endeavor to secure a hold on the Oriental trade means a corresponding impetus to the growth of the principal cities of the Pacific coast. Naturally, the coast congressional delegations are doing all in their power to urge the good work along, and the results are proving most satisfactory.

CONCERNING "SCOOPS."

Our esteemed contemporary, the News, has a marvelous way of "scooping" its rivals in the newspaper business. An instance of this kind occurred last week, when our contemporary, after much and arduous labor, and with many furbelows and trimmings, gave to the world the story of the salted gold mine. A great deal of the reportorial talent, which the News so ruthlessly squandered in producing the story, might have been saved by a very simple expedient. Had the News reporter come over to the Nugget office and examined the files, he would have discovered the same story published in the Nugget some months ago. The only difference is that the Nugget's story had more facts and less romance than the News' article, but we presume that our contemporary felt that the public, having once read the facts in the case, would not read the story again with any degree of interest unless a little fiction was thrown in on the side.

PROBABLY INSANE.

The dispatches yesterday announced the arrival in Victoria of a Nome mail carrier. He brought with him the somewhat startling news that when he left, on January 8th, there were 300 cases of typhoid at Nome; also that 30 deaths had been reported among people who were bound for Nome over the ice. We do not place any confidence in either of these statements. It will be remembered that during the month of February Messrs. McCrae and Nagle passed through Dawson en route from Nome to the coast. These men left Nome on January 6th, and both agreed in statements to representatives of this paper that there was but little sickness in the beach camp. They left only two days ahead of the mail carrier, and it would be something remarkable if such an epidemic should break out in so short a time.

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come up regularly from the lower country, and no hint of any such wholesale disaster has been given.

This mail carrier must either be insane, or else be possessed with an inordinate desire for newspaper notoriety.

Property owners have shown much enterprise in complying immediately with the provisions of the ordinance requiring the construction of sidewalks. New walks are being built on all sides, which, when completed, will give Dawson a very metropolitan appearance. It now rests with the Council to connect the new sidewalks with suitable crossings. Crossings are as important as the walks themselves, and their construction is a matter which should receive prompt attention. The sidewalk at the corner of First street and Second avenue still continues to be a menace to all pedestrians who pass that way. The walk terminates in a sheer descent of about six feet, and it is very much of a wonder that someone has not fallen off and broken a limb already. In the course of time this will undoubtedly happen, and then we will see a rush made to place a railing around the walk, or some other means taken to protect the public from the danger which confronts everyone who goes that way.

Dawson presents a spectacle today which should cause the gods to weep bitter and briny tears. The "government organ" has been sued for libel by a former government employe! Now let the heathen rage, and the winds blow and crack their cheeks. Despair is abroad in the land, and hope has fled. We had thought that Dawson had one newspaper that was immaculate and infallible, but, alas, for ideals and cherished fancies! All are shattered, and have disappeared as though made of thin air. Another ideal has been smashed into nothingness, and we are again brought rudely into contact with the stern fact that man, though, perchance, he be of military antecedents, is, after all, but mortal, and human nature is, as of yore, still prone to err.

Before leaving on his South African campaign, Gen. Buller had his French chef prepare a dinner menu for each day that he expected to be on the field. Buller's epicurean inclinations may account largely for his lack of success as a military commander.

Uncle Sam has the largest exhibition of any of the foreign nations which are participating in the Paris Exposition. Considering the fact that such a wave of indignation spread over the country at the time of the Dreyfus trial, this is something rather remarkable.

Many claims are all ready to sluice, and waiting only for the water to reach a sufficient volume to justify the miners in beginning operations. The weather has been so variable of late that the expected arrival of large volumes of water has been deferred.

A Jury With an Appetite.

A Billville citizen who happened to get on a locked up jury addressed the following note to the judge:

"We, the jury, being hungry as locked up eight hours without eatin, which has been our regular habit since we knowed ourselves, respectfully find ourselves guilty of wanting to eat a recomend that our sentence of imprisonment be commuted to the liberty of 12 square meals, a throwin of ourselves on the mercy of the court fer them same, after which we hope to find the defendant guilty." — Atlanta Constitution.