



Public Amusements

Lieber & Co.'s stage classic, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," will commence an engagement of one week at the Princess Theatre next Monday evening. Mrs. Wiggs has a host of admirers in this city. Whatever may be argued about book dramas, there seems to be a widespread desire on the part of the people everywhere to witness Mrs. Wiggs in a flesh-and-blood portrayal, to hear her odd aphorisms of homely wisdom and her mirth-provoking malapropisms of speech uttered in a characteristic fashion from her own lips, and to see her move in a graceful manner among the kindred types of lowly life that have, along with herself, made the half-mythical, half-true Cabbage Patch a regular pleasure garden of humor and refuge of cheerfulness from the "blues" of everyday life. One of the three acts takes place within Mrs. Wiggs' cottage, and the other two present a novel view of the so-called Cabbage Patch, with its distinctive railroad environment and old-fashioned features. To describe at length the quaint and droll characters seen in the play seems quite unnecessary in view of the fact that to the majority of Canadian readers Mrs. Wiggs and her associates are already as well-known figures of fiction as are Old Scrooge and Micawber.



Mrs. Wiggs, Lovey Mary and Little Tommy in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. All of the important personages of Mrs. Wiggs' two stories appear in the stage version, and in the migration from books to boards they have not in the least, changed in personality. Atmosphere and characterization rather than plot give value to the play. Mrs. Wiggs' handling of the original material has been most sympathetic, and moreover she has succeeded in making the play as enjoyable to those who have not read the novel as to those who know them by heart.

Digby Bell has eclipsed all his former records as a laugh maker in his greatest success, "The Education of Mr. Phipps," which comes to the Princess Theatre for the second time week after week. This is the comedy which clever Augustus Gibson developed from Charles Domb's famous and popular drawings.

Everything tends to denote a huge success when the Elks hold their minstrel show at the Massey Music Hall, Jan. 11 and 12. This is their annual charity show, and this year the proceeds will be devoted to the Western Hospital. A. L. E. Davies is in charge of the chorus, and has prepared many pleasing musical numbers. Victor Lewis, late of the George Peimore and A. G. Fields minstrels, with George Smiley and his twenty men, can be counted on to present many new and novel surprises in the fun line. The plan opens at the Massey Music Hall office Jan. 7 at 10 a.m.

How does he do it? It is the fact that Shegona are beginning to realize the "attractive" that Manager Shea is offering. Ne the patrons of the house are

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tion, "While Frisco Burns," as its attraction next week is a drama which the author has built around the thrilling episodes of the late earthquake and burning of the City of San Francisco. The piece has never been seen here; in fact, the drama has only recently taken to the road, after a successful season in the east. In this drama, Mr. Carter depicts the awful grandeur of the various natural phenomena peculiar to the seismic disturbance of the earth's surface, by the means of some remarkable mechanical effects. In the great fire scene, which follows the quake, Mr. Carter gives one of his startling scenic surprises; it is called the "Oncoming Wall of Fire." In this scene, the stage is literally swept



KATHARINE MAYNE

In "While Frisco Burns," the scene, by a wall of fire. Great billows of fire roll across and upward, the waves of flame traverse far beyond the orchestra out toward the audience; yet, not a single combustible ingredient or fluid is used in the creating of this almost realistic sensation. Nothing dangerous is used, and the audience, if they were allowed to penetrate to the stage, would laugh to see the utter harmlessness of the materials used and forget the thrills of the great scene has just caused them.

Richard Carter's latest and most successful farcical opera, "The Mayor of Tokio," comes to the Grand next week for the first time in Toronto. The play is in two acts, with the libretto by Mr. Carter and the music by William Frederick Peters. Both acts are laid in Japan, which gives a chance for a gorgeous color scheme, which has been applied to both scenery and costumes with a lavish and artistic hand. The girls and costumes are pretty and the girls and costumes are pretty and the girls and costumes are pretty.



Members of Blue Ribbon Chorus in "Mayor of Tokio."

besides several comedians, that keep the fun going. The plot contains all the essentials of comic opera. Marcus O'laho Kidder, the impresario from America, who heads "the most successful failure that ever struck Australia," this love-sick "crazy" falls in love with the princess at first sight; a sour-visaged wardrobe mistress, who was a "dog" in the middle of the act, is the love object of the twenty-two years before; the sobriety with a great desire to play Shakespearean roles, and the song-book boy in love with the soprano. All these characters are interwoven into a series of most amusing situations, interspersed with a number of ensemble numbers, and a large chorus of pretty girls, who sing in harmony and dance and otherwise amuse themselves in a most pleasing fashion.

Attention is drawn to the notice in another column, announcing the closing of the subscription list on Tuesday next for the concert of the Mendelssohn Choir to be held next month. Until next Tuesday evening subscription lists will be received at the music stores, at Massey Hall and by any member of the committee of chorus, and will be included in the first ballot for choice of seats.

Genoa, Jan. 4.—Eleanore Duse, the actress, is ill of pneumonia.

Kelley Cole, the eminent tenor of New York, is one of the assisting artists at the Grand Opera House concert at Massey Hall on Jan. 19. He is one of the finest tenors in America to-day. His engagements in recital and oratorio have been numerous. Karl Grieg is a very talented cellist and violinist. The pianist is Mrs. Ethel Cave Cole.

The Gaelic Society of Canada, which is holding its annual concert at the Grand Opera House on Jan. 19, is one of the assisting artists at the Grand Opera House concert at Massey Hall on Jan. 19.

Port William, Jan. 4.—The steamer J. B. Wood of the Glenhurst line has taken on 325,000 bushels of wheat here. The steamer will get a bushel for wheat storage and spring delivery at Buffalo.

STRANGE MURDER IN WEST GIRL WON'T TELL SECRET

Dead Man Found Lying Against Fence After Fight Over a Woman.

Rosetown, Sask., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Lying upon the fence with one arm over it, in front of the residence of J. J. Freeman, Michael Kaminskiy, a young Galician, 21 years of age, was found this afternoon at 5.30, with his head crushed in several places. His face had also been slashed horribly with a knife. The body was still warm when found.

The murder was the result of a fight over a girl. She was an eye-witness, but refuses to divulge the name of the murderer. The police are now using to worm out of her the story.

YOUNG CANADIAN ACTOR VICTIM OF TRAIN WRECK

Ernest Hastings of Parkhill, Graduate of Osgoode Hall, Was Killed in Nebraska Accident.

Ernest Hastings, who was killed in a railway wreck near Omaha on Thursday, was well-known in Toronto. He was a graduate of Toronto University, and of Osgoode Hall. He was born at Parkhill, Ont., where his father still lives.

In his early twenties he went on the stage. He was first with Ada Rehan in Shakespearean roles, and later went to California, where he became the most popular actor on the Pacific coast. Three or four years ago he was in Toronto as the paragon in Lover's Lane, and made a decided hit in this part, both here and in New York. Last year he was leading a man with Roselle Knott, and in the spring played with her at the Grand Opera House.

REFUSE PEACE.

Lowndes Co. Stick to Original Demands—Labor News.

Samuel Landers states that he made one more effort yesterday to settle the garment workers' strike at the Lowndes Company, but that his offers for a conciliatory adjustment were refused. The company, insisting that the men apply as individuals and go to work on the piece work basis. He reported a conference to the association, and a vote was taken, which resulted in 85 voices against none in favor of continuing the strike. Funds have been received to aid the strikers from outside organizations, and it was from the garment workers' local on the continent for support. While it still intended to allow the charter of No. 202 and 188 branches of the Garment Workers' union to be renewed, it decided not to allow the charter of No. 202 to lapse, but to continue it as a women's organization exclusively.

The Brotherhood of Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' Local No. 30 elected and installed officers last night as follows: President, H. J. McQuillan; vice-president, J. R. Barron; recording secretary, J. R. Barron; financial secretary, J. S. Chapman; treasurer, R. Russell; conductor, Wm. Parker; warden, G. Bundy; delegates to labor council, Edwin Eward, J. H. Kennedy, M. Cohene, R. Rutledge; delegates to the building trades council, H. J. McQuillan, W. Scott, and F. Conkright.

The Lathers' and Helpers' Local Union No. 33 elected officers last night as follows: President, Geo. G. Taylor; vice-president, Robert Brawley; secretary, J. McCarthy; financial secretary, J. W. Gooder; treasurer, J. McCann; warden, John Nowell; trustees, Robert Brawley, Jas. McAdam and Frank Parker; delegates to the building trades council, McArthur, McAdam and John Dixon.

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CONDUCTORS DISMISSED MEN ARE GETTING ANGRY

Trouble in Sight for Manager Fleming Due to Rearranged Hours.

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GARDNER ANSWERS CHARGES WITH A SERIES OF DENIALS

Says They Are a Result of Spite Because Truss Was Roasted for Laziness.

Brantford, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Principal Gardner was on his defence at this afternoon's session of the Ontario Institute for the Blind enquiry. Each charge laid by the complainant, Truss, was taken up separately, and Mr. Gardner went through the first twelve on the list.

The charge as to his untidiness for position was repudiated by showing his prominence in matters of education prior to his appointment, and also by the pains taken to acquire special knowledge requisite for the blind.

To the charge that things went to smash within a month of Gardner's appointment in matters of discipline, the principal cited cases where pupils in question had been expelled from the institute in the present principal's time, and there had been no improper association between male and female pupils in the school.

No pupil had suffered from a bad disorder in his time, and the evidence of Mr. Truss, who once examined a suspect, was given as corroborative.

Principal Gardner stated he never used improper language in the institution, and gave explanations of an alleged character in the specific instances alleged by Truss. The charge that improper conduct had taken place between inmates and laundry girls was absolutely false, and the evidence of maids was cited. The charge that Gardner had been smoking, but was continually requested to stop, was also repudiated. There were only six who used tobacco at present in the institute, and with these the habit was one of long standing.

HAVE SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR HABITUAL DRUNKARDS

Police Chiefs Present a Recommendation to Minister of Justice.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A deputation from the Association of Chiefs of Police of Canada, headed by Col. Sherwood, waited upon the minister of justice to-day to bring to his notice resolutions passed at the recent meeting in Toronto.

The deputation emphasized the need of inserting in the criminal code a definition of the term "habitual drunkard" and the necessity of legislating for his punishment. In other words, if a man was convicted a certain number of times the judge could have no option but to inflict a severe punishment, specifically stated in the code, and which punishment would be the more severe if convictions increased.

It was also stated by the deputation that a central bureau for identification of persons would be useful.

Rev. Dr. H. J. Coyle, M.A., will preach to-morrow at both the morning and evening services in St. Paul's Church, East Bloor-street.

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NEW REGISTRAR.

J. A. Houston of Smith's Falls Succeed Mr. Jenkins.

Earnings Wrongfully Diverted.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—A sensational petition was filed in the chancery court to-day against the Yazoo City and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company, the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York, to have declared fraudulent all bonds issued by the first-named company since 1881. The petitioners set up that the earnings of the road have been wrongfully diverted.

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