

PLAYS PLAYERS

Attractions at the Grand.

Today, matinee and night "The Prince Chap"
Monday, matinee and night "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
Tuesday, matinee and night "Under the North Star"
Wednesday, night only "The Lost Trail"
Thursday, night only "Under the North Star"
Friday, night only "The Lost Trail"
Saturday, matinee and night "Marcelle"

At the Grand Today.

To describe in detail the narrative of "The Prince Chap" would be to deprive the auditor of his keenest enjoyment. It is, first and last, a play of the heart. It is one of the rare plays of the heart, but it is not the ordinary love story, but that fine old-fashioned, strong in all its many phases—mother love, child love, the love of friend for friend, and finally that strange, irresistible something which persuades the young artist to adopt the 5-year-old waif who is brought to his studio, where, through the years, as she advances to girlhood and then to young womanhood, she grows and deepens into his heart and he into hers. The play will be at the Grand today, matinee and night.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Jolly, tender sentiment, lively dialogue, spectacular situations, thrilling climaxes—all are prettily blended in ancient-honored "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which the Stratton Company will offer at the Grand on Monday, matinee, at 2:15 and night at 8:15. Throughout this grand old stage story is illustrated the vagaries of life and the versatility of human nature. The bloodthirsty and pious, the music and scenic effects, costumes and accessories, are all of the best attainable. There will be a special bargain matinee for ladies and children at 2:15 Monday. Don't forget the street parade at noon.

"Under the North Star."

In presenting the wonderful production "Under the North Star" for "The Dash for the Pole," care was taken in the selection of actors, who assume the widely contrasting characters of the play.

In the heroic sailor "Harrigan," the management presents Mr. George H. Summers. His delineation of this noble, self-sacrificing son of Erin, is thoroughly characteristic of the every-day Irish-American. There is some excellent suggestion of pathos or horse play. "Under the North Star" is coming to the Grand Opera House on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, and Mr. Summers' wide acquaintance and popularity in London should prove a box office magnet. There will be a special bargain matinee Tuesday afternoon at 2:15.

The Lost Trail.

"The Lost Trail" was launched on the sea of dramatic approval four seasons ago. That their confidence was not misplaced is evidenced by the success of this piece wherever it has been presented. It is estimated that over a million people have witnessed this drama since its first performance in New York. "The Lost Trail" will be seen in this city at the Grand next Thursday, Dec. 30.

Special Holiday Attraction.

Louise Gunning, who will be remembered for her delightful work in "Tom Jones," "Veronique" and "Love's Lottery," comes to the Grand next Friday, and Saturday, matinee and night, this time as a star at the head of her own company and under the direction of the Messrs. Shubert, in "Marcelle," the latest light opera by the gifted authors of "The Prince of Pilsen" and "Woodland." There are some twenty musical numbers, all of which are said to be tuneful, and many of them written in the latest tempo. "My Own Patsy," "The Message of the Red, Red Rose" and "Far, Far Away" are the solos provided for Miss Gunning for the purpose of displaying the beauty and phenomenal range of her magnificent voice. The supporting company is headed by Jess Dandy.

"Dick Whittington," the English pantomime, has been converted into a "musical comedy extravaganza" by the Shuberts, and it is under this designation that it will be shown in America for the first time on Dec. 31. Edward Paulton, a son of the composer of "Erminie," and author of "The Naked Truth," has rewritten the story while Maurice Klein has written the score. There will be three acts of three scenes each. The entire production, including costumes and other accessories, has been imported from the Drury Lane Theatre where "Dick Whittington" was produced last Christmas on an elaborate scale. The company will number 150 performers.

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Churchill Speaks to 50,000.

It is estimated that Mr. Winston Churchill last week addressed audiences in Lancashire numbering 50,000. His speeches have been models of reason, eloquence and wit, and have drawn from Mr. Churchill the highest praise from a leader can bestow upon a lieutenant. His speech at Oldham Mr. Churchill closed in these words: "We are confronted with organized and aggressive reaction. The policy of the Unionist Party is plain: In armaments, a crushing burden, retorted on to us from every other country, retorted back to us in international relations; a desolating distrust marring the comity of Christendom; in trade, a reversion to some at least of the barbarous delusions of the mercantile system; in taxation, an attempt to tax the vital necessities of life and to alter the balance of the social balance, to the detriment of the poorer classes; and in the Constitution, our ancient British Constitution, an effort to undermine the power of the world-famed representative assembly, and to exalt the power of an aristocracy no longer of valor but of wealth. Between our country and these perils there are only our votes, but I think they will be enough." (Loud cheers.)

"Let Wales Lead the Van."

The "Gnd Gymreig," Carnarvon, publishes a special message from Mr. Lloyd George to his fellow-countrymen. It is intended as an election war-cry. The following is a translation:

"We are on the eve of the most important battle for the British and Irish democracy since the days of the Reform Bill, and unquestionably the most important Wales has ever seen. The House of Lords blocks every pathway between Wales and national aspirations—religious liberty, people's schools, temperance, land reform and local self-government. The Lords obstruct every legislative demand of the Welsh reformers essential for the country's progress. Every true Welshman should arm and fight with all his forefather's spirit. Let Wales lead the van."

Maurice Hewlett for the Budget.

Mr. Maurice Hewlett, the famous novelist, author of "The Queen's Quair" and "Richard Yen and Nay," in campaigning for the budget, made a remarkable speech the other night at Denbigh in support of the candidature of Mr. Harry Vernon, private secretary to Lord Chamberlain. "If a man," he said, "lives in a great castle, surrounded by a great park with high walls, guarded by lodge gates, fenced about by servants, it is impossible for him, with the best intentions in the world, to find out what you want, or what you are entitled to, but can't get at. He may try, but it is the penalty of his position that he cannot find out. If you send a Liberal to represent you, he can do nothing because there is a permanent majority in another House against him. That is a preposterous state of things, which cannot be endured."

Elections in England were wrongly managed. There was too much of the head feast as a rule, and slugging of "Rule, Britannia!" too many canvassers and too many motor cars. If a lady came in a phaeton and pair and called at a cottage at which she had never called before and would never call again, her extreme attention must not be allowed to prevail over much laughter and "Hee, hee, hee." That was not the way an intelligent and respectful people should set about their affairs. "I do assure you that this is a very terrible business," concluded the well-known writer. "It is one of those life-and-death struggles which now and then happen to this country, and which in times to come our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will read about in their history books at school. It is only a neighborly thing to do to ask you to think about it most seriously, for I assure you that everything turns upon it—our liberties and the liberties, rights and privileges of our children." (Cheers.)

Tariff Reform and the Farmer.

The tariff reformers are making some important confessions. On Friday Lord Ridley, the head of the Tariff Reform League, himself exposed the fallacy that the foreigner will pay, he said.

"He would be a knave if he stood on a platform and said that the whole of the protective taxes were going to be borne by the foreigner." After Lord Ridley, appropriately enough, comes an important confession of Mr. Austen Chamberlain, which destroys the argument that the good taxes wonders for the British farmer. Writing to the Rev. C. J. Rolfe, rector of Birmingham, Norfolk, Mr. Austen Chamberlain says: "I do not anticipate that the small duty proposed on foreign corn will make wheat-growing profitable where it is not so at present."

His argument is that the "moderate preference" in regard to other agricultural products, and the increased demand for agricultural goods, which the development of the manufacturing industry under tariff reform will bring, will give the farmer a better market and the laborer a better demand for his labor.

Disturbs Imperial Preference.

Speaking at Kingsland on Saturday evening Sir Albert Spicer, M. P., who presided at the recent Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire in Australia, said he had the glad of that opportunity of only coming into contact with Australian businessmen, but of doing so in a legitimate way to really cement the commercial interests of the two countries. He came back a stronger free trader than ever. He came back believing more than ever that colonial preference would be the first blow at the unity of the British Empire. (Applause.) If they wanted to get rid of unemployment they must not listen to the foolish talk of their opponents about making food dearer; they must open up the land of the

country. No testimony could be stronger than this.

Mr. Lloyd George's Visit to Reading. So great is the demand for tickets for the meeting to be addressed by the chancellor of the exchequer at Reading on Jan. 1, that it is proposed to hold it at the Corporation Tramways Depot, where there is standing room for an audience of about ten thousand persons, and to this end negotiations are pending with the municipal authorities. Mr. Rufus Isaacs, the Liberal candidate, is about to address a series of ward meetings to follow up the great demonstration of last Thursday night. It is not a little significant that in the local Unionist paper it is stated that "the Unionist chances are regarded as hopeless, and already at the Conservative headquarters in Reading it is anticipated that Mr. Rufus Isaacs will carry the seat by a majority of upwards of a thousand."

Landlords Charged With Intimidation. Mr. J. A. Pease, chief Liberal whip, addressing his constituents at Saffron Walden, said the real political issue was whether the peers or the people were going to be the dominant power in the country. (Cheers.)

So hard driven was The Times recently in an attempt to defend the House of Lords that it tried to justify that assembly by pointing out that there were a number of peers who might be very useful when questions arose connected with the racecourse, the theatre, and the ballet. (Laughter.) When many members of the Liberal party believed in two Chambers, they thought the second Chamber ought to be something very different from that which existed at present. They wanted it to reflect the opinion of the country, and not to be a mere partisan organization. (Cheers.) Generally speaking, the Lords had opposed every measure which has benefited the industrial classes.

He had been informed that in that division threats of intimidation had been made to tenant farmers and laborers that if they voted for him they would be let down. He would warn them that the result, if his opponent were returned and intimidation proved, would be the invalidation of the election. He asked the electors to resist these threats.

Calls It a Christmas Budget.

Under the presidency of Sir Percy Bunting, Dr. Clifford, the Baptist and a crowded meeting at Whitefield, London, in "The Free Churches and the Crisis."

"I say," Dr. Clifford said, "that while some people are in the habit of thinking that the general election which is at hand is a battle of parties, really it is a battle of ideas, of fundamental conceptions of human life. Superficially it is a fight for men, Tory or Liberal or Labour candidates. Intrinsically it is a fight for truth, for justice and for humanity."

The great ideas for which they had been living and for which their fathers had been bled, embodied in the most outrageous fashion by the action of the House of Lords. The peers had in the past and were in the present interfering with the rights of conscience. If the peers had had their way during the past hundred years as they have in the last four, individuals like John Bunyan, put in prison and kept there.

"There are some elements in the budget," Dr. Clifford went on, "which ought to appeal strongly to Free Churchmen. It is a budget the most Christian in my judgment—(applause)—that has ever been put on the statute book—no, not that, but is going on. (Applause.) It is an eminently Christian budget, and Mr. Lloyd George himself said it is a war against poverty, and so it is."

"Are there any Free Churchmen who are going to abstain in this fight? No. Abstention in this fight seems to me to be treachery—treachery to the most sacred and solemn interests of our country; treachery to our religion, treachery to our Free Church institutions."

Sir Edward Grey and the Land. Sir Edward Grey, the great Liberal moderate, is doing effective work for the Government. Speaking at Berwick he said there had been much contention over the land taxes, and it was impossible to get a clear view of those taxes from the apprehensions they had created in the minds of the owners of land. Owners of land, and, indeed, rich people generally, were so sensitive that they were subject to unnecessary scares. The Opposition complained that we did not follow Germany and some other countries in the subject of Tariff Reform, and charged the Government with spoliation and robbery when it adopted such foreign schemes as afforestation and the taxation of unearned increment. (Cheers.) In this country we had been much too slack about unearned increment.

There were people who said that the budget was only the thin edge of the wedge. "I say to them," said Sir Edward, "what the Lords are saying 'Trust the people.' (Laughter.) You must trust the people about these things, and say to them if you conceal the true value of your property for fear it should be over-taxed you are having anything but trust in the people." (Cheers.) When land was wanted for public purposes in the past, far too high a price had been given for it. It could not be a good thing to have a fair valuation throughout the country, so that when it was needed for public purposes it should not suddenly develop in value to twenty or thirty or even more times its value before it was wanted.

Unionist Believer in the Budget. Mr. Sinclair, one of the secretaries to the South Antrim Constitutional Association, who some time ago wrote a letter declaring himself in favor of the budget, has tendered his resignation rather than change his opinion at the dictation of the Unionists. At the last meeting of the committee of the association, Mr. Sinclair's letter was mentioned, and one gentleman pointed out that he could not run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. Mr. Sinclair repeated that he believed the budget to be a good one. He would not retract one iota. He was as independent and he denied the right of the association to dictate to him what views he should hold.

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UNUSUALLY HEAVY HOLIDAY BUSINESS

Bradstreet's Weekly Statement Says a Record Trade Has Been Done.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's statement of trade tomorrow will say: "Holiday trade has occupied the centre of the stage this week. Shopping everywhere except perhaps in parts of the south, has been of exceptionally heavy proportions. A number of cities report a record volume of business, and in practically every place the turnover greatly exceeds that of 1908. Regular trade in winter goods has also been stimulated by crisp weather, and trade in the country districts has likewise improved. Country roads being in better shape. In consequence, jobbers report a larger volume of orders. On the other hand wholesale trade has turned quieter, salesmen being off the road with stock-taking under way. Manufacturers also inventing or like preparing to do so. Therefore industrial lines are relatively less active, though orders for finished steel continue in surprisingly heavy volume."

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature is the optimism with which practically all interests will enter the new year. The wheat crop has been helped by snow, and the plant enters the winter in good shape to withstand the hardships of an ordinary season. Increase plantings have been very general. Traffic over the railways continues heavy, but tonnage is moved with dispatch.

Money is easy at points contiguous to the agricultural regions, but rates are firmer in the east, and banks look for a continuance of the profitable figures for some time to come. Increased dividends are noteworthy features of the financial situation.

In Canada—Christmas trade has been of very heavy proportions not only in the city, but in the country district. It is probable that a record volume has been done everywhere. Business failures for the week terminating Thursday number 23, which compares with 27 for last week, and 21 for the like week in 1908.

Bright Outlook. Dun's review tomorrow will say: "The general business situation presents a somewhat mixed appearance, though there is no fundamental change in conditions, the outlook in the main is exceedingly bright. The recent advance of cotton to above 16 cents for the May option was one of the incidents of the week. In line with the general tendency of higher prices due both to the heavy gold output and to the fact that production of commodities is not increasing in equal ratio to the consumption demands of a rapidly growing population in a time of wonderful wealth."

The iron and steel trade is active with orders on hand reaching six months ahead, but the rapidity of its growth in volume and buoyancy has been checked for the time being. The drygoods trade is excellent, though complicated by high prices of raw materials. Railroad earnings show 41 per cent gain over 1908, while bank exchanges are 39 per cent better in New York, and 21.6 better outside of the financial centre.

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 279, against 286 last week, 284 the previous week, and 245 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 23, against 27 last week, 31 of the preceding week, and 19 last year.

HOSPITAL ON FIRE. Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 24.—Fire at the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane here destroyed three wards this afternoon, causing an estimated loss of \$100. All inmates of the institution were removed without injury, and with little disorder.

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SCHOOL SECTION NO. 7, WEST MISSOURI.

The following is the report of school section No. 7, West Missouri, for the month of December:

Class V.—Hattie Vining, Andrew Gibson.
Class IV.—Willie Vining, Hope Nicholson.
Class III.—Lorena Henderson, Ira Craig.
Class II.—Part II.—Rita Garner, John Ramsay, Lloyd Craig, Arthur Hannabson.
Class I.—Beatrice Vining, Part II.—Charlotte Vining, Clifford Jones, James Henderson, Austin Craig, Jean Hannabson.
Part I.—Harold Lee.

LOBO SCHOOL.

The following is the honor roll of school section No. 8, Lobo, for the month of December:

Class V.—Pearl Weir, Reynolds Jackson, Vera Carmichael.
Class IV.—Marjorie McNeill, Mandie Donely, Dick O'Neill, Alda Walsh, Willie Hick.
Class III.—Gordon Carmichael, Willie Ferguson, Basil Bowman, Willie Mabley, Lillias Jackson, Myrtle McNeill.
Class II.—Lizzie Sells, Rosie Hick, Viola Bowman, John Irvine.
Average attendance, 47.
Teacher, F. S. Milliken.

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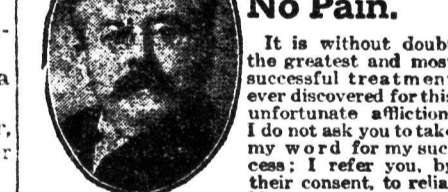
Newbury, Dec. 24.—The choir of Christ's Church entertained the Sunday school scholars at the home of Miss Fennell, organist, on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Sunday School held their annual Christmas tree entertainment in the town hall, on Dec. 22. The scholars had quite a lengthy programme, and each one took their part perfectly. The hall was well filled, and a good collection was given.

Thursday last was poultry day here and it turned out to be a very busy remedy known.

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one for Newbury. Prices were high. Over two thousand dollars were paid out that day.
Miss Jennie Weaver returned from Toronto to her home here, after visiting her sister-in-law, who has been very ill.
Miss Lily Gage, of the Harris Home for Nurses, Chicago, is spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fenby.
Miss Anna Gordon, of Wyton, is spending her holidays at her home here.

A memorial service was held in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening for the late Mrs. Jane W. Scatcherd. Rev. Mr. Baird, of London, preached an excellent sermon on "Life." He also read a short sketch of the life of Mrs. Scatcherd. Rev. J. W. Hammett assisted in the service. The church was filled by old friends, who wished to pay respect to the memory of a departed teacher and friend. Mr. Carter, a nephew of deceased, of Galt, and a niece, Miss Emma Scatcherd, attended the service.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Bothwell, will exchange pulpits on Sunday, Dec. 26 with Rev. S. D. Jameson, of Knox Church, Newbury.
Mr. and Mrs. Nell Campbell and Mrs. McConnel left for Ingersoll on Thursday, to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, of that place.

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