

AT DAWSON'S THEATRES.

The Orpheum and Palace Grand Well Filled.

"U and I," and "Just Behind the Scenes" Are Enthusiastically Received.

At a few minutes past 9 last evening the Tyrrell blew her final whistle and steamed down the river. Then the crowd divided itself and went to the theaters. It was late, therefore, when the curtains rang up on the first scenes, not because the theater people were tardy, but because Dawson and his wife, and she was largely in evidence, went to see the Tyrrell off, and the shows could not begin without an audience.

"U and I" at the Orpheum was well patronized, the house being filled so that standing room was not easily found.

There is no plot to the musical skit presented last night, and the general outline of the piece is so well known by theater goers of this and former years, that it seems to require little or no description. It is filled to overflowing with funny situations and places where the audience does not have to find an excuse for laughing, and those who witnessed the first presentation of the piece at the Orpheum last evening were not slow in showing their appreciation of the merits of both the piece and its producers. James F. Post as O'Donovan, did some clever character work, the opportunity having been lavishly given by the author. Robert Lawrence, as Professor John Ungerblatz, ran a close second in the manifested appreciation of the audience. Beatrice Lorne, as Mlle. Vermicelli, the comic opera singer, was enthusiastically received, and deserved every hand she got.

The cast is too long, and space too limited to admit of personal mention of all the characters, but there is not one who does not deserve separate mention. The moving pictures at the end of the performance proper were up to their usual high standard of excellence, and were received in a befitting manner by the audience.

Manager Simons of the Palace Grand is fast demonstrating that the boast he made at the opening season of the house, that he knew what Dawson theater goers wanted, was not an idle one. The production of the piece "Just Behind the Scenes" last night would have done credit to any company in any town, and whatever else may be said of a Dawson audience, the charge of coldness cannot be successfully imputed to them. They appreciated the efforts of the company to entertain them last evening, and said so in a way that makes glad the hearts of actor people the world over.

Manager Cassidy, the leading lady, is endearing herself to the theater goers by her clever work. Mr. Cassidy is too well known both as a clever and conscientious actor and a man of marked originality to need any introduction or comment to keep him in the public eye.

To say that the rest of the cast is bright and artistic is to use but a lame expression. That the public like the work of the company may be seen any night by the way each member is greeted when he or she steps upon the boards.

Stage Manager Cassidy made the announcement last evening that the management had decided to cut the price of admission from a dollar to fifty cents. At the previous price, however, the house was very full, so that a cut in prices was not made with a view to securing more business.

The City of the North. Rev. J. C. Speer, of Victoria, who recently returned to that city from a visit to Dawson in a letter to the Times says: "The city of the North this side of Dawson will be Whitehorse. Everything points to this being a great city. The reports of its mining properties are, I believe, reliable both as to copper and gold, and particularly the former. The future of Dawson is assured for twenty years to come. This being the case the through connection to Dawson, via the White Pass railway, and the Canadian Development Co.'s steamers should be largely patronized, for it is scarcely reasonable to expect any more comfortable or advantageous way of getting into the gold country of the North. It is quite true that there is no such boom now as we saw three years ago. With such splendid shipping facilities as are afforded by the Canadian Development Company it is not at all likely that the White Pass railway will be extended through to Dawson. With the present

shipping facilities provided, partially by the splendid fleet of steamers belonging to the C. P. N. Co., thousands of people and thousands of tons of most valuable freight are passing through to the Klondike, from the coast cities."

In the Old River Days.

When one steamboat comes alongside another on the Mississippi each tries to pass the other. That is an invariable rule of the road. It is as much a rule on the river as it is in driving. A man is out in a light rig and has before him far as he can see a smooth, wide, unobstructed dirt speedway. He has a good, fresh spirited horse that wants to go and needs muscle to hold back.

Another outfit, under precisely the same conditions, comes up alongside and tries to whisk by. The man is not living who will keep his pull on the lines and let the other outfit throw the dust in his face. He will give his horse its head, and there will be a race.

Neither driver will have started out with the intention of racing. He may have made up his mind to eat just sooner than race, but let the other rig whisk by and he's after it "hotfoot," as the saying is.

It is the same way in steamboating. No pilot likes to take the wash and broken water of another boat, especially if the other boat is slower or more heavily loaded.

It is in the human blood, and no amount of danger from overtaxed boilers, narrowness of channel, sand bars, shoals or snags will deter the fast boat from showing its heels to the slower boat.

I have seen passengers in the olden time, when everybody knew a good deal about the river and its dangers, come up to the captain of the boat they had taken passage on and say to him solicitously:

"Now, captain, I want you to assure me of one thing, that you are not going to race. I've got my wife and children on board, and I don't want to expose them to needless danger."

"Of course we won't race," the captain would answer, and he would mean it when he said it.

In a little while along would come a slow, heavily loaded scow of a boat and try to pass us. The captain would get busy and so would the pilot, the engineer and the firemen.

And as the competing boat would shade down to a small speck on the rear horizon the passenger who was so anxious to keep his family out of needless danger would come up from below, wiping a pair of bruised and dirty hands and, inflating his chest proudly, say to the captain, "She never touched us."

That passenger had been down on the boiler deck during the race passing cordwood to the stokers to put under the boilers!

That's how it is with steamboat racing.—St. Louis Republic.

Stage Glints.

They are now calling Mrs. Langtry's acting in "The Degenerates" a Christian endeavor.

Richard Mansfield is letter perfect in 11 star parts, several of them among the largest in the drama.

Nat Goodwin has an option on a play to be founded on "The Hon. Peter Stirling," the novel written by James Leicester Ford.

Primrose and Dockstader are talking of opening a theater in New York to be a continuous performance of minstrelsy and to run all the year round.

Kate Rorke, who played in America with Beerbohm Tree, is to produce in London a play by the overrated Echeagaray called "The Sin That Cleanses."

Charles Hoyt is back in New York working on a farce that he has nearly finished. He has another new play in his mind which he expects to work out soon.

It is alleged of A. H. Wilson, the German comedian of "The Evil Eye," that he is a nephew of the late Senator Wilons of Iowa and was disinherited as a punishment for adopting the stage as a profession.

Charles Wyndham is to act in "The Crusaders," which was such a failure in its original production in 1891 that Henry Arthur Jones, the author, immediately retired from theatrical management, on which he had embarked with his play.

The name of the play manufactured by Lavinia H Van Westervelt Dempsey, erstwhile "Queen of the Holland Dames," has been changed again. Now it is "The Open Door." It started as "The Neutral Ground" and then became "The Patriot Spy." The last company that went out with it got as far as Washington.

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PERSONALITIES.

John MacGowan, of Clay county, Florida, claims to be the oldest pensioner in the country.

President Rhee of Rochester university owns one of the best collections of oriental manuscripts in the world.

Gen. Luke Wright of the Philippine commission will be accompanied to Manila by his wife and daughter, Katherine.

Sir William Howard Russell, the dean of war correspondents, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday in good health.

It is rumored in London that Joseph Chamberlain expects to visit this country by way of a vacation at the close of the South African war.

Dexter Chamberlain Bloomer, husband of the Mrs. Bloomer who gave her name to the first species of dress reform for women, died recently at the age of 84.

Senator Frye, of Maine, is something of a Nimrod and one room in his Washington quarters is devoted to his guns and fishing tackle, while the walls are adorned with trophies of his arms.

New York rumor has it that when his party reaches Germany in its tour around the world Alfred G. Vanderbilt will stop at Bonn to take a course in philosophy at the university there.

A friend of President McKinley says that in his congressional days he was the most wonderful of readers and would master three or four large books on political economy at a single sitting.

Michael Krieger, a resident of Nova, O., is the exact facial and tonsorial double of Oom Paul. He was born at Utewiller, Alsace, in 1823, but came to this country in early youth and since 1838 has lived in Ohio.

George R. Sands, who recently died in New York, was for nearly 48 years a champion clog dancer. He was the pioneer of clog dancing in this country and for nearly 20 years was a feature of the old Barnum shows.

Maj. Frederick A. Mahan of the engineer corps, U. S. A., has been placed on the retired list on his own application after 30 years' service. He is a brother of Capt. Mahan, and was formerly secretary of the lighthouse board.

When Lady Pannecote leaves Washington, she will, it is said, receive as a gift a diamond sunburst to cost \$2500, the money to be raised by her society friends, as a mark of the esteem in which she is held. Each contributor is expected to subscribe \$25.

Col. Girard, of Neuchatel, Switzerland, has had a curious experience. On one and the same day he celebrated his eightieth birthday, his golden wedding, the silver wedding of his daughter and the marriage of his granddaughter. His friends accuse him of unprecedented economy, as he made one festivity celebrate all four events.

The Yukon Mosquito.

The down river steamers are getting many passengers from here to St. Michael that they would not get were it not for the festive Yukon mosquito that is said to be legion down in the neighborhood of the flats and, in fact, all along the river. But if a boat keeps away from the banks no trouble is experienced from the pest; but to make a landing, as is frequently necessary when the trip is made in a small boat, is said to be almost fatal to the person making the landing, as the long billed insects are no respecters even of raiment when it comes to presenting their bills. In view of this condition, many persons are now leaving on the steamers who would otherwise go in small boats.

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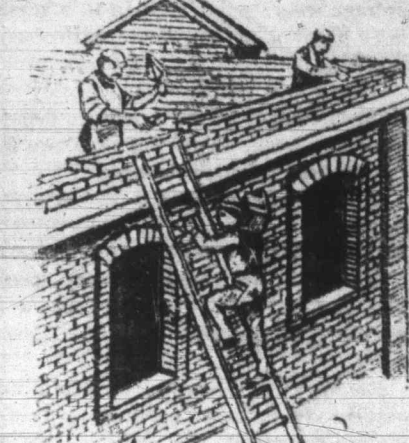
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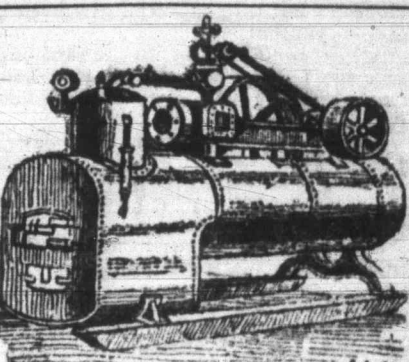
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