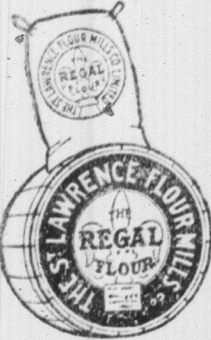


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### VETERAN ACTOR VISITS US

H. Price Webber Managed Flora Myers Company Which Opened Farwell & Ames Hall

(From the Rockland, Maine Courier Gazette)

He breezed into The Courier Gazette office the other morning and inquired for the editor. It was press morning and he was told editor was quite too busy to see strangers. But he handed in his card at the business office and it straightway proved the open sesame to anything this news paper affords—press morning or no press morning. The card read:

H. PRICE WEBBER  
Manager  
Boston Comedy Co.  
1875-1918

It was 48 years ago that the veteran actor made his first visit to Rockland, then in the capacity of agent for the Flora Myers New York Theatre Co., whose prestige never suffered from the fact that it was selected to give the opening theatrical entertainment in Farwell & Ames hall. There are still in existence a few of the pink silk handbills which were used to distinguish that event. The company stayed six weeks, playing an extended repertoire which began with "East Lynne" and ended with—but never mind what it ended with, so long as East Lynne was there.

The historic opening date was Christmas Day, and local interest attached to this company's appearance for the reason that it bore the name of a Rockland woman. Flora Myers was formerly Flora Pillsbury, and her husband was A. W. Purcell, manager of the company. Their daughter, Pearl Purcell who is remembered by older theatre-goers as remarkably attractive in her girlhood, is now secretary to a department of the New York Board of Health.

Mr. Webber was with the Flora Myers Company two years, and then joined the Marietta Ravel Company which also came to Rockland, and played a week stand to more than \$2000 business. The repertoire included "The French Spy," "The Angel of Midnight," "Flowers of the Forest," and "The Dumb Girl of Genoa."

In 1875 Mr. Webber succeeded to the management of the Boston Comedy Company, which was then in the sixth year of its existence. In this city he had already formed the acquaintance of John B. Porter of the Rockland Gazette, Oliver Otis of the Opinion and Edwin Sprague of the Free Press. With the establishment of the Rockland Courier there was added to Mr. Webber's list of journalistic acquaintances the present editor of The Courier-Gazette, W. O. Fuller. Mr. Fuller's partner A. H. Jones had known Mr. Webber from boyhood.

One day Mr. Webber was needing some programs in haste. This was also a press day, and the manager was informed that it couldn't be done.

"But if I set the type myself?" asked Mr. Webber.

"That's some more of your joking," as the only reply vouchsafed by Mr. Fuller.

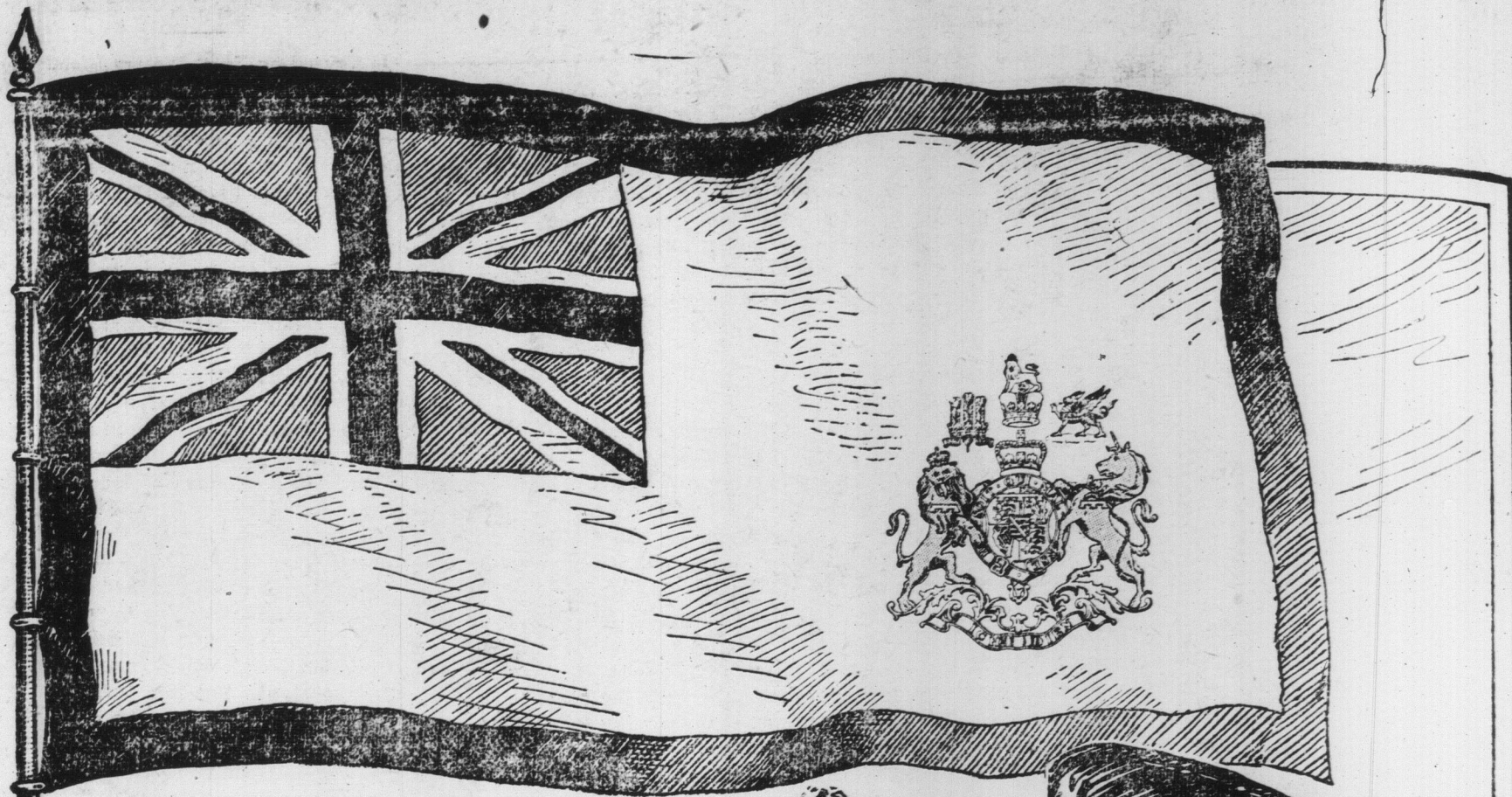
But Mr. Webber wasn't joking a bit. He had been more or less of a printer in his day, and seizing a stick began to put his program in type. Needless to say he got what he wanted.

Many, many times since then Mr. Webber has gone into newspaper offices and helped set his programs. "I suppose I could take a hack at the case now," he told the reporter.

Theatrical history is full of tributes to Mr. Webber's skill as an actor. In 43 years he averaged 300 performances, matinee and evening, and was never out of the bill, although so sick on one occasion that he had to be carried to the theatre on a blanket. He knows what it means to be down to the depths of poverty, and to rise to the heights of affluence. In Madrid, N. Y., he played to an audience one night which consisted of one couple. In St. John, N. B., where he was always a great favorite, he played before an audience which netted the box office \$735.40. He re-visited that city two years ago, and gave a monologue.

Mr. Webber speaks in highest terms of Mrs. Eula Whitman of this city, who was for four years a highly valued member of the Boston Comedy Company, and who was a close personal friend of Mrs. H. Price Webber, whose death has lately been announced. "I have always felt that Mrs. Whitman made a great mistake in leaving the stage," said Mr. Webber.

Since last October Mr. Webber has been manager, and a very successful one, of an opera house in Parrsboro, N. S. He also serves as press correspondent for a number of Provincial dailies, and scored a



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