

NEWS FROM THE CITY.

THIS INDIGNANT ALDERMAN 'DARES' HAMILTON SPEC.

Mentions 'Malicious Insinuation'—Council Wants Power to Issue \$100,000 Debentures.

Hamilton, April 10.—(Special).—The council was the attack Ald. Stewart made on The Spectator. He said The Spectator had been making malicious insinuations against him, and he dared it to come out and say that they were true, declaring that he would attend to its case if it did. He accused The Spectator representative of canvassing the aldermen to vote as he wanted them, and calling them down when they did not. The council decided to issue \$100,000 of extension of water mains and services. The route for the new power line of the Ontario Pipe Line Company was referred back to the board of works. Hon. Chas. D. Haines applied for a right of way for the Hamilton, Galt and Guelph branch thru the city from the corner of Hess and Main-streets to the western limits. Tenders for the new hospital wing will be advertised.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Princess—Nat Goodman in "The Usurper" Grand Superba—Majestic—"Girl of the Streets," Shea's—Vaudeville. Star—Gay Maquaraders.

Nat Goodman—Princess. After the lapse of a considerable term of years, a Toronto audience last night had an opportunity to welcome Nat C. Goodman, who, in the interim, has established his name and fame in theatrical circles in the United States. There could be no doubt about the quality of the well-illuminated drama which he presented in the comedy of "The Usurper." It was entirely favorable, and it was well deserved.

"The Usurper" is best described as a refined melodrama with a strong American flavor. But the plot runs on a line of honor, it has the originality and success in developing a genuine human interest. Then it is constructed with an expert knowledge of stagecraft—the curtains are effective and are adroitly prepared for, and the story is always on the move. It held the attention of the audience was evident enough, and as the dialogue is clever, it is brilliant, and overwise what is intended to be aristocratic English with familiar westernisms and more or less conventional Cockneyisms, the result is humorous and amusing.

John Maddox, a Dakota gold miner, is the usurper. In the plenitude of his newly-acquired wealth he has leased not only Dulverton House, the ancestral domain of Lord Dulverton, but also the whole goods and chattels thereto appertaining, including the family and servants, and particularly Lady Dulverton's niece, in whom John, from old Dakota associations, has an unusually warm personal interest. Unfortunately for his peace of mind, Beatrice Clive, the niece in question, has engaged herself to Sir George Trenroy, the base villain of the drama, who, from the moment she imagines herself to be in love, and to whom she is certain she must be loyal, Sir George has been the real culprit in a household tragedy which has resulted in the murder of a Captain Milward, whose memory is burdened with the reproach of the crime for which the baronet is really responsible. Bob Quentin, the murderer, has escaped from the prison where he is serving his life sentence and finds refuge in the haunted tower of Dulverton House, where he is provided with supplies by his daughter, a servant in the establishment. Maddox instinctively distrusts the villain, whose guilt is denied by Margaret Quentin, and in the final act of the unjust aspersions on Sir George Beatrice agrees to leave with him and marry him next day. The house is a madhouse, in one of the most effective situations of the drama, investigates Beatrice into taking him thru the haunted tower, where he locks the door and insists upon saving her from the inevitable consequences of her rash resolve.

Maddox discovers the convict's presence by the aid of a mirror, and, unanimously, the foot of the haunted chamber to the accompaniment of some strange music, which, in the lady, she finds the entrance to the house closed and barred and has, therefore, to return to the room which covers the presence of the convict, who tells the real story of Sir George Trenroy's perfidy. He conveniently escapes recapture by shutting off his enfeebled mortal coil and next morning the involuntary prisoners are freed, Sir George is dismissed, and the final curtain rings down on the happy marriage bells.

Mr. Goodman is admirable as the American hero, and proved himself to be an accomplished and easy actor. His play was characteristic, and the mixture of western brusqueness with conventional necessities provided him with numerous opportunities of which he took full advantage. He was well supported by his company. Miss Ruth Mackay made a charming heroine, Miss Florence Parker as Polly Maddox, the innamorata of Lord Dulverton, Miss Ina Goldsmith as the Dowager Lady Dulverton, and Miss Ethel Beale as Margaret Quentin made the most of their parts. Elle Norwood was effective as Sir George Trenroy. Norman Thorpe was natural as Lord Dulverton. Felix Edwards was seen to much advantage in the character of Bob Quentin, who, when he escaped the convict, Nell O'Brien, as the butler, and W. H. Post as the Scotland Yard detective, sufficiently completed the bill. The scenery and stage settings were attractive and the comedy drama was exceedingly well received.

To-night "An American Citizen," specially written for the company, by Madeline Lucretia Ryrie, will be given, and to-morrow night "A Gilded Fool," by Henry Guy Carter, will be presented.

"Superba"—Grand. "Superba" is a new book, new tricks, new chorus, new staging, new music, new specialties, new, and almost—and in any event, as good as—new story, delighted the audience, which thronged the Grand last night. There's no more mirth provoking or bewildering or entertaining production on the road than this, the latest and (so they say) best of the famous Hanlon Brothers' specialties. A "merry success" the program styles it, and so it is, and from first to last the sometimes weird, sometimes ludicrous, sometimes startling, sometimes tragic adventures of poor Pierrot kept the house on the edge of expectancy or enthrallment. Fred Hanlon himself takes the leading role. Belle

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many—that every manager had the same experience as Stoddart, and was obliged to make similar agreements with the bookers agents. The members of the family are beginning to take hope. They were stated by Samuel E. Nixon of Nixon & Zimmerman to be Al Hayman, Charles Frohman, Klav of Klav & Erlanger of this city and Nixon & Zimmerman of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburg.

STODDART IMPROVES

Galt, April 10.—(Special).—There is practically no change in the critical condition of H. Stoddart, the veteran actor. He continues to hold his own, however, and the members of the family are beginning to take hope. They were stated by Samuel E. Nixon of Nixon & Zimmerman to be Al Hayman, Charles Frohman, Klav of Klav & Erlanger of this city and Nixon & Zimmerman of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburg.

NO TOWN SOLICITOR

Galt, April 10.—(Special).—Acting on the recommendation of the finance committee, the town council to-night did away with the town solicitor, which Major Beaton has held for several years at a salary of \$400. The clerk, whose salary has been raised to \$270, will do his work, and a solicitor will be engaged whenever necessary. The rate of interest was struck at 22 cents on the dollar.

WANTS TO KNOW

Heppler, April 10.—(Special).—Dr. A. Ochs, chairman of the county council telephone committee, which body is at present in charge of the telephone system, for cheaper phones, is in the receipt of a letter from Sir William Mulock, president of the telephone company, in which he asks particulars of phone conditions—past and present—in Waterloo County.

WATER HUNTS

A presentation took place last night in No. 5 police station, when the officers and men of the division were given a brief application of the good qualities of ex-Proton James A. Spring, by giving him a handsome gold watch, with a diamond and a suitable inscription. Inspector Spring has been exceptionally dry, less than two inches of rain having fallen while last year there was almost six inches during the same period.

RAINFALL SLIGHT BUT ACCEPTABLE

The weather conditions in the North-west are cooler, with severe frosts and today will probably be cloudy here, but with no rain. Yesterday about one-sixth of an inch fell, the first shower of the month. The rate of rain has been exceptionally dry, less than two inches of rain having fallen while last year there was almost six inches during the same period.

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Street Engine Scheme Falls. Traffic Commissioner Jones has changed his opinion and now considers that garbage collection by traction engines is not an advisable experiment as, during the winter months when hauling by cars is most costly, the engines could not be used. He will report to the sub-committee on garbage collection. Dr. Stoddart has written the sub-committee that a considerable portion of the waste could be used in filling up Ashbridge's Bay, but that in the interests of health, practically all animal matter would have to be burned.

Died in His Boat. Napone, April 10.—Reed Rowe, who lived on the high shore of Prince Edward County, was in Deseronto on Saturday, and started for home in a row boat yesterday. He was found dead in the bottom of the rowboat about two miles from Deseronto. Death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease.

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