

THE SAVOY AND STANDARD.

Theatres Produce Good Plays of a Different Nature.

You Play Sympathize With Rip Van Winkle or Laugh at Two of a Kind.

"Rip Van Winkle," that dear old Chinese legend with a Dutch name and an American stage setting; the piece which has been made famous the world over by the large personality of Joe Jefferson, was produced in a most creditable manner at the Standard last evening, and it may be said in passing that the stage settings for this play were the best and most artistic ever seen in Dawson. This means a great deal to the minds of any who happen to be familiar with the play and what is required in that direction to give the lines their full effect. Mr. Thorne and Casey Moran are entitled to special mention for their efforts in the scenic and mechanical effects which contribute largely towards the success of "Rip Van Winkle."

As a 20-year sleeper, Edwin R. Lang should be classed at the head of the seven famous in tradition. His rendition of the line, "Here is your good health, and your family's, and may they all live long and prosper," was something good to hear. Mr. Lang is a good actor in any country, and a conscientious one. He not only knows his lines Monday evenings, but he knows the whole part, which shows that he does not believe in letting things go till the last moment and faking the part in the end.

Albert Lawrence as Derrick Von Hoffman, and Alf Layne as the nephew, looked strong supports, in which they were ably seconded by Wm. Bullen as Nick Vedder and J. C. Lewis as Hendrick Vedder.

Frank Gardner doubled the parts of Seth Slough and Jacob Stein.

Julia Walcott is featured as Gretchen, and it goes without saying that she did not disappoint anyone.

The cast is a very strong one, as of course it has to be to produce "Rip Van Winkle" successfully, and there is no doubt about its success.

"Two of a Kind" at the Savoy is a drawing attraction, being just the article to please a Dawson audience.

The scene is laid in New York, and the time, right now. The piece is funny all the way through, and those who have not seen it and do not know the inimitable Jim Post, the fun-making Larry Bryar, and the mirth-loving Billy Onslow, may be quite sure that they will get their money's worth of laugh this week at the Savoy.

The piece boasts of more plot than is generally encountered in plays of this class, but it all hangs as usual upon the happening of the unexpected and the duplicity of married men, who, in the estimation of many, are all rakes anyway.

The two of a kind from whom the piece takes its title are of this sort, who, not finding the comforts of home in their proper place, seek them elsewhere, and seem to like the occupation. This gives rise to all the trouble which is greatly augmented by Helene Bell, as impersonated by Kate Rockwell. Helene is apparently the center of attraction for the two married men, and this fact, coupled with a habit which some married women have, of returning inconveniently and without warning, when they are supposed to be far, far away, makes the piece very funny, and, no doubt, because it is realistic, not altogether without precedent in fact, to many who witness its production from the seats.

The play is well and appropriately staged and any theater-goer who does not see it this week misses something well worth his time and money.

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Mr. Noel Prudhomme asked that the supporters of his platform see to it that both his and Mr. Wilson's names are on their tickets and properly marked. Prudhomme spoke about 30 minutes.

Candidate Noel was the next speaker and he, too, was most effusively greeted. He began with a reference to the Yukon Sun which was the signal for hoots and howls. Then he referred to the Daily News in scathing terms and the howls continued. The speaker denounced the News as the most anti-British, anti-Canadian paper in this country. The audience had kept up an uproar since Mr. Noel's first words, and that gentleman plead for a respect-

ful hearing. He eulogized his colleague, Mr. O'Brien, and a disturber who did not endorse the eulogy made so much uproar that it became necessary to ask the police to remove him, which was done. Mr. Noel did not go over his platform section by section, stating that his colleague had already covered the ground, but said there are five or six features in it that was superior to the planks of the platform of their opponents. The speaker asked the pardon of the English-speaking element present while he addressed his fellow people in the French language. For a few minutes all went merry as a marriage bell, when some one who understood French informed Joe Clarke that Noel was using language which reflected on his (Clarke's) political honor. Clarke rose to a point of order which was not recognized by the chair, and Clarke, declining to rest under the imputation, refused to sit down until the language was explained in English. Barney Sugrue finally got the floor when it came out that the language to which Clarke took umbrage was to the effect that Noel had stated to his French auditors that Weldy Young was authority for the statement that Clarke had told him he was trading Prudhomme off for votes for Wilson. Noel admitted that such had been the purport of his remarks and Clarke stated that only yesterday he had confronted Young with his statement; that Young had first denied it and later acknowledged to having made the statement, but admitted its falsity and said it was legitimate as a campaign lie. Noel then stated that on yesterday Clarke had stated in the Madden house that the independents are trading Noel off for O'Brien votes. Clarke stood pat, admitted having made the statement, and said he could prove that what he said was true; that the independents are offering to trade Noel off for O'Brien votes and he would get half a dozen men to make affidavits to that effect. After a few minutes more talk, during which turmoil held high carnival, the speaker retired after having spoken about 30 minutes.

Candidate Arthur Wilson was fourth on the list and to him, when he stepped to the front of the stage, was accorded the most rousing welcome accorded to any of the speakers. Mr. Wilson was suffering from a severe cold last night and was not in good shape for talking. He spoke quietly but pointedly. He said the supporters of O'Brien and Noel are not the miners but the government officials and allies; that the supporters of O'Brien and Noel are not men who want an assay office established in Dawson, but men whose interests it is to keep an assay office out of Dawson and the Yukon as long as possible. He explained at length a previous slight apology made by Mr. O'Brien, the first speaker, in regard to a reported conversation between Major Wood and the speaker (Wilson) in which O'Brien had admitted that he was misinformed. Wilson had seen Major Wood yesterday and had been authorized by that official to publicly state last night that he (Major Wood) had promised his vote to the candidate, Wilson. This announcement was greeted with deafening applause, as was also the encomium of the speaker on Major Wood. Regarding Mr. Noel's statement that the Yukon Sun is deserving of support for the reason that it is the only Canadian paper in the country, Mr. Wilson said, "If the Yukon Sun is a sample of Canadian papers, may the Lord help Canadian journalism; I deny the imputation that the Yukon Sun is a sample Canadian paper." The speaker closed with a stong plea to his hearers to vote their honest convictions, and to not be bulldozed by any man or set of men into voting against what they honestly believe to be right and for the best interests of the district. He also impertuned his friends to not forget his colleague, Mr. Prudhomme, but to see that the names of both the Yukon party candidates are properly marked on their tickets.

The four candidates having been heard, the meeting dropped further into pandemonium and calls were made for every man in sight to come out and make himself heard, if he could.

Barney Sugrue, in response to repeated calls, arose and made one of his characteristic speeches, always quaint and to the point. Barney began by saying he had followed the O'Brien-Noel funeral procession all over the creeks and that he intends staying by them until the evening of election day to see that they are given decent and proper burial. He told of how three O'Brien-Noel boosters had bothered around Skiff Mitchell on the creek until Skiff had given them \$25 to get rid of them, and of how the three men had gone to the Forks, bought \$1 worth of candles and \$24 worth of whiskey and had an O'Brien torchlight procession; but that Skiff Mitchell was still an unswerving supporter of the candidates

he had helped nominate. He closed by referring to Candidate Noel as a broken-down politician, wholly unworthy of support or even of serious consideration.

This brought Noel to his feet, also a long drawn out series of howls from the audience. Prudhomme appealed for a respectful hearing of his opponent, but the howls continued, finally changing to cries for Woodworth, and Noel gracefully yielded the floor. With a free use of sweet oil and the exercise of patience, figuratively speaking, the turbulent waters were calmed for a few minutes until Woodworth said something which brought Noel again to his feet. Noel demanded to be heard and said he would stand on the stage as long as the crowd could howl; that he would stay till morning but that he had his say. Someone tossed a two-bit piece from a box to the stage, but the speaker did not weaken. The chairman interceded in Noel's behalf, and he said his say.

Crown Prosecutor F. C. Wade was the next speaker and, interruptions included, occupied the platform for nearly an hour. He spoke of the wonderful progress of the Yukon since the appearance of the first steambot landed in Dawson in June, '98. He gave facts and statistics which, when a person stops to realize, stamps the Yukon as having in its short life, made the most remarkable record for advancement of any country on the face of the earth. Mr. Wade's address, had he been permitted to deliver it without interruption, would have been eminently instructive as well as interesting. But frequent interruptions and howls riled up the crown prosecutor and he indulged in a few pointed personalities which were taken by some to reflect on the sons of the Emerald Isle, which brought Barney Sugrue to his feet and started several others who boast Irish ancestry, towards the stage. Barney raised a point of order which the chair declined to recognize and Barney refused to take his seat. For fully 10 minutes Wade and Sugrue stood side by side on the stage, each waiting, hoping and praying that the other would sit down. Finally Barney yielded and Wade continued his speech. On his mentioning Dr. Catto some one in the audience shouted and inquired what became of the letters Catto sent to Ottawa. They were consigned to the waste basket. "They were a damned sight better than anything you ever sent to Ottawa," yelled Catto from the audience; and then the desire to make a speech seized him and he rushed for the platform and endeavored to persuade the chair to introduce him as the next speaker.

As Attorney Wade closed his talk, Attorney McCaul threw aside his overcoat and stepped to the front of the stage. Mr. McCaul has evidently been in politics before, as he goes at it like an old timer. He explained that, while he had taken no active interest in the campaign, he had a few words to say as to the respective candidates. He respected Mr. O'Brien as a man and had nothing against Mr. Noel, but would vote for neither of them for the reason that he looked upon them as government candidates, and to elect either of them would be similar in effect to having two more members of the Yukon council appointed from Ottawa by the minister of the interior.

When McCaul yielded the floor Noel made another attempt to speak which, with the aid of the chair, who requested order, was successful for a few moments, when cries for Sugrue were again lustily made. Sugrue arose, and Dr. Catto, whose chance had, he thought, arrived, pushed forward to the front and at the same time Frank Buteau had something to say and likewise worked his way to the front of the stage. But as 12:30 o'clock had arrived and O'Brien and Noel had both left the hall, the chairman decided that the hour for adjourning the meeting had arrived. Owing to the pandemonium which reigned, the chairman could not be heard three feet away, but by a signal announced that the meeting was adjourned. But cries for Sugrue continued and for a few minutes he was heard. He closed by proposing three cheers for Wilson and Prudhomme, which were given. Attorney Wade proposed three cheers for O'Brien and Noel, which were also given. Dr. Catto lifted up his voice and would feign have talked, but in the uproar nobody heard him. Joe Clarke started "God Save the Queen," and Catto's speech died in embryo and Frank Buteau's was never started. A few minutes before 1 o'clock this morning the meeting stopped without the formality of an adjournment.

A Wilson Prudhomme meeting is called for tonight at the same place. O'Brien and Noel will hold services tonight at the Magnet roadhouse.

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