

RIOT OF FUN NEXT WEEK AT OPERA HOUSE

Musical Comedy Co. offering bill par excellence of their repertoire for Xmas week—special Christmas Matinee.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" a farce comedy will be the Christmas week offering of the Thompson Musical Company at the Opera House. It is in two acts, and during the action of the play fourteen musical numbers will be given.

The play was written for laughing purposes only, and concerns the actions of one Charlie Temple. Now Temple has had the habit of staying out late at night and inventing all sorts of excuses for his wife who usually believed him. On this particular occasion he has been attending a fair and has spent the night in mid air in a Ferris wheel, the machinery being out of order. He decides to tell his wife the truth, but she will not believe him, so he is compelled to tell a lie. He tells her that he spent the night with some old friends of his, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown. Mrs. Temple is quite suspicious and sends a telegram to Mr. Brown to call and see her. Jack Harrington, an old friend of Temple's, arrives on the scene and Temple persuades him to impersonate John Brown. Finally the real John Brown arrives and is closely followed by his wife, Maria, who accuses Mrs. Temple of trying to steal her husband. Things go on merrily for some time, but finally explanations are in order, and everything ends happily.

The full strength of the company will be used, and the production promises to be one of unusual merit. A special matinee will be given on Christmas Day, at which the prices will be ten, twenty and thirty cents. The tickets are now on sale and it is advisable to secure them early. Corona chocolates will be given to the ladies as usual on Wednesday afternoon.

MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY AT UNIQUE

Last running chapter on Monday and Tuesday—Solution of problem not presented for couple of weeks.

The interest that has surrounded the showing of the Thanhouser serial photo drama, "The Million Dollar Mystery" has built from the very start and each succeeding chapter has proven more thrilling and novel than the last. Hundreds have been following this mystery study and the fact that the last chapter of the drama that will be shown until the solution is finally offered, will hold the boards at the Unique next Monday and Tuesday is a safe guarantee that the cosy theatre will be well filled at each session. The Waterloo of the Conspirators is the title of the twenty-third and last episode and it easily takes its place with the best and most sensational of former editions. The particular interest that surrounds this installment, however, is the reason given above, that it is the last of the story proper, but then the solution of the mystery itself, which is to be produced from the different answers sent to the Thanhouser Company will not be shown until three or more weeks have passed. Details of this will be given in the daily papers. None should miss seeing the Waterloo of the Conspirators however, as it is actually one of the most intense of any chapter yet.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY.
Montreal, Dec. 18.—The professional hockey season for Eastern Canada will be opened in Montreal and Toronto tomorrow night with two matches between star teams made up from all the clubs in the National Hockey Association, the proceeds to go to charity in Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. There will be practically no expenses in connection with the games. The use of the ice has been given free, and practically all the employees, officials and players have volunteered their services gratis. At Toronto the first game will be between star teams made up from Toronto, Ontario, and Ottawa, and these at Montreal will be divided between Montreal and Quebec.

XMAS WEEK AT UNIQUE AND LYRIC

Popular Charlotte Street Theatres have programmes that will fit in well with holiday spirit.

Beginning Monday next the Unique and Lyric Theatres will unfold the holiday amusement banner and present sterling programmes all the week with special bills of fare. Friday and Saturday, the vaudeville portion of the Lyric's programme represent an A1 line of features while the extra holiday film numbers at the Unique will appeal to all lovers of the silent drama.

Of special interest in the Unique programme for Monday and Tuesday will be the last chapter of the Thanhouser serial photo play, "The Million Dollar Mystery." This is called the Waterloo of the Conspirators and contains many novel as well as thrilling situations. The solution of the mystery to be selected from the best answers sent to the Thanhouser Co. will be offered in about four or five weeks hence, watch the newspapers for particulars. Another item worthy of mention for Monday and Tuesday is the political story of graft "Stacked Cards." This is one of the most intense dramas seen on the curtain for some time.

The first three days of next week the Lyric will begin to celebrate the holiday in fine style by the offering of two high class acts at the Unique, Prince, known as the Chattering Juggler, will present a great many new feats in this art, at the same time exploiting an original and decidedly humorous monologue. Margaret Burke will be heard in comedy songs and songs, an excellent preparation for Christmas cheer. The war scenes in the Weekly are all timely while the two part American drama, "False Gods" cannot help but prove popular.

For the mid week holiday programme at the Unique the special feature will be the Maltese history of life on the plains, "Sierra Jim's Reformation." This abounds in startling horse manoeuvres with dashing cross country rides and thrilling climaxes. Our Mutual Girl meets with a rather peculiar adventure and an excellent comedy will round out a programme to please the most skeptical.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week the Lyric will come right to the fore with special Christmas offerings. Kent and Silby in comedy song numbers interspersed with cornet solos and catchy humorous numbers. On the same programme will be the offering of the refined Irish comedy skit, "Casey and His Son Dan" by the Emerys, who are now pleasing Lyric audiences in a Rube comedy drama. Special attention will be paid to the film programme, the feature in this department being the American story of the sea, "Break, Break, Break." The scenery in this story is alone worth going to see.

The special for next week at the Lyric will likely be the Musical Seely and Morton and Retta, the latter being champion dancers.

Store Open Till 10 p. m. Splendid Showing of Practical Christmas Gifts Store Open Till 10 p. m.

See Our Four Windows, Come in on Saturday and Look Over the Multitude of Good Things Laid Out for Your Selection.

HOLLY WREATHS—Christmas Wreaths of Real Holly, so prepared that they will last for several seasons; good size. 50c. each

XMAS BEDDING GIFTS—Warm Soft, Well-filled Comfortables new design \$1.95 to \$2.65 each

Canadian Wool Blankets \$2.95 to \$5.00 per pair

Finest Scotch Wool Blankets, \$6.50 to \$8.00 per pair

Snow White Bed-spreads, each in box \$1.25 to \$5.25 each

Embroidered Linen Bed-spreads—A beautiful present. . . \$5.00 and \$6.00

MANTLE DEPT. — XMAS GIFTS—Ladies' and Misses' Fine Cloth Costumes, all at very special prices to clear up the season's business. An opportunity to get great bargains.

Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats. Clearing prices on all numbers. Anyone who has not bought a fall coat, will find this a great opportunity. Real practical gifts.

Children's Coats; sizes 2 to 14 years; all at reduced prices from now until Christmas. Many pretty garments.

XMAS WAISTINGS—150 Special Christmas Waist Lengths; fine white mercerized waistings, in a variety of designs; 2 1/2 yards in each box. Makes very practical gift at small expense. 49c. per box

XMAS HANG BAGS—Ladies' Solid Leather, fitted bow-top Bags, Special, 69c. each

Party Case Bags, fitted. Special, 69c. each

Ladies' New, Solid Grained Leather, bow-framed Bags, wrist strap, fitted mirror and coin purse—Extra 98c. each. White Metal Vanity Cases. Special, 39c. each

XMAS HANDKERCHIEFS—For mailing. Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, each one put up in special Xmas folder for mailing. Dainty H. S. Embroidery or Armenian Edge. 29c. each

Ladies' Real Irish Linen Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs. 25c. each

Ladies' "Cloister" Embroidered Handkerchiefs, very fine handwork; three in box, 50c. and 75c. per box

Men's Fancy Silk Border Handkerchiefs; each in box. 35c.

Children's Colored Border Handkerchiefs; four in Xmas box. 29c. per box

Ladies' Colored Border Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered; two in box 29c.

FANCY LINENS—XMAS — A large assortment of New Scalloped Edge Linens, embroidered — Centre Pieces, d'Oyleys and Ovals all put up in pretty Christmas boxes. d'Oyleys, 2 in box. 50c.

Round Centrepieces. 45c.

Oval Centres. 65c.

FANCY DRAPERIES—Japanese Silk Mantel Draperies, plain or embroidered, with fringe; all colors \$1.20, \$1.75

Handsome Printed Silk Mantel Drapes, new design \$2.00 to \$4.00

Rich Velour Mantel Drapes. \$6.00 to \$7.50

Japanese Silk Embroidered Cushion Tops, \$1.50 each

Oval Satin Cushion Tops, \$1.00 each

Fancy Embossed Velour Cushion Tops. \$1.50 each

MEN'S TIES—XMAS SPECIAL. A large purchase of Men's Silk Four-in-hand Ties, in a big assortment of new designs, as well as plain colors. Goods that are usually sold at 50c. Christmas Special 35c., boxed.

Daniel's Head King St.

TWO BIG FEATURES AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY!

"The Trey O' Hearts"

THIRTEENTH EPISODE.

Watch for the Great Surprise! Things are Growing Very Interesting and Exciting.

ONLY TWO MORE CHAPTERS. How Will It End?

Treat for the Kiddies. "ST. NICK IN SHADOWLAND"

"THE PLUMBER'S PICNIC"
A Biograph Screen of Fun.

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POWERFUL DRAMA

Don't Miss Seeing Francis Bushman in "Under Royal Patronage."

TWO-PART ESSAYNA. Kaiser Outwitted!

Bring the Little Ones TO SEE THE FUNNY FOLKS

Santa Claus

"MUSCLE-BOUND HICKS"
A Rural Burlesque.

THE MENDELSSOHN FOUR AND THE ORCHESTRA

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE CHARLOTTE ST. THEATRES

UNIQUE

MON.—TUE. Last Chapter of The Million Dollar Mystery.

WED.—THU. "THE WATERLOO OF THE CONSPIRATORS."

Note—The final solution of the Million Dollar Mystery will be presented in about four weeks time.

STACKED CARDS. Political Drama.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Thenhouser Co. Present. THE TWINS AND SHEP. The Trained Collie in the Holiday Story.

IN DANGER'S HOUR. A Pretty Novelty.

LYRIC

MON.—TUE. NOVEL DAINTIES IN VAUDEVILLE. Price The Chattering Juggler with MARGARET BURKE, The Irish Comedy Girl.

WED.—THU. SPECIALS FOR THE HOLIDAY KENT AND SILSBY CHRISTMAS JOLLITIES OF SONGS AND MUSIC THE EMERYS In Comedy Playlet, CASEY AND HIS SON, DAN. BREAK, BREAK, American Sea Drama. THE INNER CONSCIENCE, Majestic Story.

OPERA HOUSE TODAY

Matinee and Night

"THE WIZARD OF WISELAND"

ALL NEXT WEEK

Thompson's Musical Comedy Company

PRESENTING

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram"

Corona Chocolates for the Ladies, Wednesday Matinee

DID'NT KNOW ABOUT WAR UNTIL SEP. 17

Fisheries official was in James Bay region when war declared — Going to England to enlist.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—C. D. Melville, of Edmonton, who is on the fisheries staff of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, did not know anything about the European war until September 17. He had been busy up in the James' Bay region all summer and on September 17 arrived at Moose Factory, where he learned of what was going on in the outside world. He is now in Ottawa en route to the Old Country to enlist as an officer in one of the regiments there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire broke out in St. James' Sunday school building a little after 5 o'clock yesterday morning and did damage to the extent of upwards of \$3,000. The blaze was first seen by a soldier doing sentry duty at the armory and he notified his superiors who sent in a summons to the fire department.

The flames had made considerable headway and as the fire was hard to get at the men had a hard task. When it was finally extinguished it had played havoc with the western end of the edifice, and also considerably damaged the two story wooden dwelling adjoining, which was owned by the late Miss Gertrude Discoil.

The Sunday school building had only recently been fitted up by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Cody, for the use of the soldiers. The upper floor was arranged as a reading room, and the lower floor for a club room. A piano and pool table were in the latter, but fortunately neither were damaged. The building was insured for \$2,000, but Rev. Mr. Cody considers that the damage will exceed that amount.

A sad incident in connection with the fire was that Miss Discoil, owner of the house adjoining, lay dead there and it was found necessary to have the body removed to the home of a friend in Broad street.

The house, which was occupied by the deceased and the families of John Forter and Robert Marbury, was quite badly damaged by fire and water. Both the house and furniture were partly covered by insurance.

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Order by Phone

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Prepare for Christmas. Phone for a box of Sunkist Oranges.

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Mail us this coupon and we will send you our complimentary 40-page recipe book, showing many ways of using Sunkist Oranges. You will also receive our illustrated premium book, which tells you how to trade Sunkist wrappers for beautiful table silver. Just add this coupon.

FELL THROUGH HOLE IN AND DROVE

Richibucto Young Tragic Ending Bride of a Few M

Boston, N. B., Dec. 18.—Miss Helen Oloqui has gone to spend the winter with her father, Dr. M. J. Oloqui, at St. Louis, Mo. She is the daughter of Dr. M. J. Oloqui, who is a well-known physician in this city.

A business meeting of the Cross Society took place at the public hall last evening. The sum of \$100 was collected for the purchase of supplies for the society will not meet again until Christmas when work will be resumed.

A sad drowning accident at Richibucto Village during the week-end. A young man named Leger while cutting a fishing line in and was body was recovered. He leaves a bride of a few months.

Over the water. The water was very rough. The boat was overturned. The crew was rescued.

Tragedy. A young man was killed. The accident occurred while he was working on a construction site.

News. A fire broke out in a warehouse. The fire was quickly extinguished. The damage was minimal.

Local events. A concert was held at the community center. The performance was a great success.

Weather. A heavy snowfall is expected for the next few days. Residents are advised to take precautions.

Births. A baby was born to a local couple. The child is healthy and thriving.

Deaths. A local resident passed away. The funeral will be held on Monday.

Marriages. A young couple was married in a ceremony. The wedding was a joyous occasion.

Funerals. A funeral service was held for a local resident. The service was attended by many friends.

Community. A meeting was held to discuss local issues. The meeting was productive and informative.

Education. A school event was held. The children performed well and enjoyed the day.

Sports. A local sports team won a game. The victory was a morale booster for the team.

Arts. A local artist exhibited their work. The exhibition was well-received by the community.

Religion. A church service was held. The service was a time of reflection and prayer.

Business. A new business was opened in town. The business is expected to be successful.

Health. A local doctor announced a new treatment. The treatment is expected to be effective.

Environment. A cleanup project was held. The project was successful in removing litter from the area.

Transportation. A new bus route was announced. The route will provide better service to the community.

Infrastructure. A new road was paved. The road will improve travel conditions in the area.

Public works. A project was completed. The project was a significant improvement to the community.

Local news. A local resident was honored. The resident was recognized for their contributions to the community.

International news. A major event occurred. The event had a significant impact on the world.

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