

The Play's the Thing

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," an extravaganza fresh from the New York Casino, was presented at the Grand Monday before a very large audience. There is nearly as much music in the show as in an ordinary comic opera, and it is tuneful throughout. The songs are very funny. The bright particular stars of the performance were Walter Jones, Louis Wesley, Harold Blake, Zella Frank, Gertrude Zella and Lettie Medley. Walter Jones was one of the best comedians seen here for a long time, and his funny conceits and original repartee convulsed his hearers. Louis Wesley's fun was of the uproarious order, and as Corkie Riley, a tough New Yorker, and again, as Huskey Hardmug, he provoked much laughter. Harold Blake received an ovation when he appeared in the first act, and he fully sustained his past reputation as a conscientious actor and a sweet singer. Zella Frank was very pretty and humorous, and as a somewhat naive art student, acted her part very satisfactorily. She is the possessor of a very sweet light soprano voice, which was heard to advantage in "The Stucco Girl." Gertrude Zella, the handsome, dashing stucco girl, also sang and acted very acceptably, her enunciation being excellent. Lettie Medley gave an excellent impersonation of a soubrette, and was warmly applauded. The scenery was fresh and original, and the costumes were very pretty. The Sisters Moyer gave a clever pas de deux, and two pretty ballets were introduced during the second act.

"Carmen" is on the boards at the Princess this week and the production given by the Cummings Company is a very meritorious one. It was in "Carmen" that Olga Nethersole created what is now known pretty much throughout the English-speaking world as the Nethersole kiss. And while Miss Nettie Marshall, who is playing the role of the gypsy, does not intensify this feature of the heartless gypsy, she gives a very good portrayal of this exceedingly complex character. Harry Glazier is seen as Jose, and as usual his work is of a very high order. The balance of the cast is in good hands, and the piece ought to draw big houses throughout the week.

Madame Modjeska appears at the Grand the last three nights of this week in Mary Stuart, Antony and Cleopatra, and Macbeth.

Ernest Hastings, B. A., brother of George W. Hastings, of Trinity, is leading man in the Alcaza Stock Company, San Francisco.

The following tribute to James Herne's "Shore Acres" appeared in an American paper recently. It is worth while reading:

"Among those who understand the language of nature, who require not the services of an interpreter in the affairs of the heart, whose temperament answers back to every sob and paean of Mr. Herne's rustic lyric, there are not many who will fail to recognize in the play 'Shore Acres' a masterpiece of dramatic fiction, despite its lack of splendor in surroundings, a stage utterance so exact in its truth, so pregnant with the poetry of nature, so soothing in its well-mellowed shades, so fascinating in its innocent prattle of childish voices, and yet so intense with the burning pantomime of eyes and hearts aflame with love, that they must further declare it one of the most beautiful and sweetly idyllic dramas that have ever come from the pen of man.

You are not done with 'Shore Acres' when you leave the playhouse. Old Uncle Nat goes out into the darkness with you. He sits down by your own hearthstone, for distance cannot separate you from him, and as he prattles on in his own quaint fashion, you gaze into the glowing embers, shape images of the burning coals, and dream dreams as you used to in the days when love was young, and joy and hope dwelt in the heart, and honesty and truth listened with you to the patter of the rain upon the roof, or the howl of the storm and the moan of the viewless winds breathing in at the casements.

Mr. Herne has built an Aeolian Harp, and set it up in the play-house, and called it 'Shore Acres'. The breezes from Maine's far-off coast blow in upon it, and low tuned, if not mournful, withal, make the heart answer to the vibrations of its strings. You hear the drowsy hum of the insects in the air, as its sweet music floods the mind; you listen to the lazy trickle of the water from the pump beneath the vines; you seem to feel the very heat of the sun, that with blistering violence assaults the well-warped clapboards on the old barn roof, and the stretching waters of the ocean in the background are as red in its glare as though a tropic day had lent intensity to its rays. Then comes the swaying hot breeze of passion to disturb the quiet of the scene. The strong winds of avarice strike rudely upon the harp; the music is not discordant, but the suggestion is of the sorrowful. You listen again to the pleading of Uncle Nat for the preservation of that one little spot of ground, that coveted knoll that held his mother's grave, and as the curtain descends, with its low, gentle rustle, leaving the old

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man standing there gazing with transfixed eyes into the yonder of vacancy, you hear again the soft music of the harp, that harp a master hand has fashioned, that harp upon which the breath of a poet is breathed, the harp made vibrant with dramatic intensity by the wild, free winds of nature, or melodious and low-toned by the gentle zephyrs of convincing truth."

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Dr. Ellis was prevented last week from giving his usual lectures by a severe attack of grippe.

The new calendar of the School has been issued. It is a work of art, and contains much new matter of interest, but the orthography is not above reproach. It has treated some of the boys worse than the cruel landlord ever treated the evicted tenant, as many of them are now left without house or home. Van has been given a resting place in the oil district, and Dick can hardly recognize his own address, while Tommy fears his correspondence may now be labeled with some outlandish designation of which the Post Office Department has no record. Some of the members of the First Year seem to be represented by empirical formulae, instead of by their usual Anglo-Saxon patronymic. These slight defects, however, only seem to bring the beauties of the publication into greater prominence.

Our Mineralogical students will appreciate the following criticism of George Meredith, the well-known novelist: "Meredith's geological foundation is altogether at fault; he appears to have suffered from an antinatal cataclysm that has disarranged all his strata."

The Engineering Society has discontinued the evening meetings, and will henceforth hold their conclaves on Wednesday afternoons. This week Mr. J. Davidson will read a paper on "Railway Construction in the Crow's Nest Pass," and Mr. L. B. Chubbuck will address the Society on a subject of interest to students of electricity.

Billy Wagner met with a very sad accident last week. While cutting the kindling wood for the morning fire, the huge battle-axe he was using broke from its moorings and lodged itself in the first finger of Billy's left hand. The pachyderm nature of the digit was all that saved it from instant amputation. The victim, however, with heroic presence of mind, bound up the wounded member in a bandanna handkerchief, and having finished his morning task, sat down philosophically to calculate the acceleration according to the well established formula, P=m.f. Billy is still calculating on the assumption that "m.f.=my finger."

Rumors about the probable candidates in the Engineering Society election are already in the air. Many of the prospective officers are already extending the "glad hand," and fraternizing with the members of the other years. There promises to be a particularly strong fight for the Presidency, as only one member of the Third Year has refused to run for that office. We fear that several emaciated students will go forth from our halls in the Spring as a result of being tossed between the horns of the dilemma, to wit: the elections and the exams.

A story, based on very good authority is going the rounds, that one of the Third Year recently escorted a young lady to a skating rink. As a result, his drawing table has been surrounded for the last few days by an anxious crowd of inquirers who are anxious to hear the method of procedure. So far the exalted one preserves a Sphinx-like secretiveness.

The pamphlet of the Engineering Society, to be issued in the spring, promises to be a publication of rare value. Many important papers, treating of different phases of scientific thought, have been read before the Society during the past session, and these will be embodied in the coming pamphlet, which will consequently be a valuable addition to the library of every earnest engineer.

On Monday evening the Third Year appointed Billy Monds and Georgie Hall as a committee to interview the city photographers and to inspect their lenses with a view to having a photo taken of the graduating class.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

On Thursday, U.C.C. vs. Waterloo H. at the Mutual St. Rink. 13-2 favor of U.C.C. "Bussy" Grey, the splendid new cover, was unfortunately taken ill, and could not play. "Bert" Morrison was somewhat puzzled as to how to fill his place, and there was some anxiety as to our team's winning. A dark horse from Montreal, named McIntosh, who came to school that very day, was put on on his reputation. He had not much to do, and his virtues are a sealed secret as yet. Temple, McIntosh, Henderson, Morrison (capt.), Moffat, Fraser, Worts, faced the opponents. Fraser and Morrison did some clever combination in the second half. The game was not very fast, it was rather a walk-over for our boys, especially in the second half, when Moffat, Worts, Fraser and Morrison repeatedly shot goals. The rink was too broad for Waterloo.

NOTES

Henderson played a "swell" game, but is inclined to come too far up on the forward line.

The team's supports lined the boards. The whole school witnessed the victory, save those in the hospital and (Pte. Gwyn), who, for non-discipline in the afternoon, was detained. Hard luck!

Friday U.C.C. II. vs. Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute. 8-0 favor U.C.C. Ogden, Boyd, Proctor, Trees, Foy, Morley, Hodson, Morley put up a star game. From behind our goal he individually rushed the puck up the rink and scored. "Straight Leg" Hodson played a good game. "Ned" Boyd jollies the puck too much. "Bob" Moffat refereed with a dinner bell.

One who knows, says College will be O.K. if they can get a good defence.

The VI. Form flat beat Mr. Playfairs, 10-13 in a very rough game on Friday. "Slide" Glass-Co is a lively forward, but gets very rough at times. Lang played hard for the VI. Form. Billings, in goal, is a wonder.

"Pie" Morley plays a game worth two.

Who appeared on Thursday p.m. with such a strange combination? G—n.

The VI. Form were "At Home" on Friday night, and received no sleep till after the second bell.

Darling, Lang and "Tad" twice a week practice for the concert. It shall not be an "impromptu." The "Wagner Band" have a piano in the clock tower, and distance lends enchantment to the sound.

"Healthy" John and "Peace" Cluness are down for a duet.

DENTAL COLLEGE

Papa—Dr. Clark.

A Diplococcus—Bowles and Abbott.

The very flower of youth—Miss Auburn.

A little dearer than the rest—H. Clark, jr.

Brimful of oratorical fragrance—Hackett.

A man without a tear—Cowan.

There is no other royal path which leads to Dental Surgery—R.C.D.S.

Persuasion tips his tongue whenever he talks—Barrett.

The iron tongue of midnight bath told out While many a student's lamp was burning.

Who will go to Pt. Francis? Why?—Ross.

Beholding heaven and feeling hell—(waiting for exams).

Unthinking, idle, wild and young I laughed, and danced and talked and sung—Henderson.

Even the worthy Homer sometimes nodded, Then why should not the "Peacock"?

The heart to conceive the understanding to direct, or, the hand to execute—Examiners.

The day is near, not far away, When we shall know who the examiners say: Is doomed "to be or not to be" A licentiate of dental surgery.

Not heaven itself upon the past bath power, But what has been has been, and I have had my hour—Jonathan Race.

'99 GRADUATION DINNER

Executive Meets Tuesday and Arranges for the Final Reception and Dinner

The executive of Class '99 held a meeting Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the graduation reception and dinner, and also to discuss the nature of the memorial to be left to Alma Mater. The committee decided to give the usual reception on the evening preceding Commencement Day, and the dinner on the evening of that day.

In regard to the memorial, it was not fully decided what form it would take. A committee was appointed to confer with the Faculty in the matter, and it is thought that a decision will be reached in the very near future.

Messrs. A. McDougall and S. A. Dickson were appointed a committee to arrange for the graduation reception.

VARSIETY'S EASTERN TOUR.

A Schedule of the Games to be Played with American Colleges.

The schedule for the American tour of the Varsity Base Ball Club is now almost complete, and the whole team will be put in active practice next week.

The team will play its first American game with University of Rochester on the 26th May, and will proceed East as far as Boston.

The following is the provisional schedule up to date:

University of Rochester, May 26th; University of Syracuse, May 27th; Hobart College, Geneva (Decoration Day), May 30th; Colgate University, Hamilton, May 31st; Hamilton College, Clinton, June 1st; Union University, Schenectady, June 2nd; Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., June 3rd; Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., June 10th; Brown University, Providence, R.I.; Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., June 14th; Tufts College, Tufts College, Mass.; Boston College, Boston.

It is expected that several games will also be arranged to be played on the return trip. The schedule for home games has not yet been made up, but it is quite likely that the opening game here will be with University of Rochester.

Negotiations are at present under way for games with Cornell and the University of Michigan. Both of these teams are very strong, and would draw well in Toronto.

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MADAWASKA CLUB.

An organization of which very little has been heard round the corridors is Madawaska Club, the prime movers in which are Professors vanderSmissem, Galbraith, Wright and Fraser, Mr. W. J. Loudon, Mr. Keys and Dr. Spencer, who felt that something much needed was a summer resort where a number of the faculty might spend their holidays in one another's company. With this object in view the Ontario Government granted the club 3,000 acres of land on the Georgian Bay, at the mouth of the Gohome River, near the Algonquin Park. The club began operations last May, Prof. Ballantyne, Dr. Needler, Mr. De Lury, Drs. Wishart, J. J. Mackenzie, J. M. McCallum, Burwash, Starr, Gordon and Messrs. Clark and Embree being among those who availed themselves of the opportunities afforded by this club. The membership is limited to the faculty, graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto and affiliated Colleges—and at present totals one hundred.

A roomy club house with accommodation for thirty guests has been built, and cottages are being constructed for Professors Galbraith, Fraser, Hume, Ballantyne, Burwash and Mr. J. C. Robertson. Everything will be well looked after as a caretaker is in charge all the year round. The object of the club is primarily to provide a congenial holiday resort for faculty graduates and undergraduates of the University, and in the second place, to give opportunity for experiment and research in Forestry and Biology. For this purpose a piece of land has been granted enclosing a small lake. This sheet of water will be used by Professor Wright for the culture of fish. The members of the club expect to spend a very enjoyable and profitable summer at their new resort this year, and it is said that quite a number of graduates and undergraduates will also be guests of the club during the holidays.

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OPEN MEETING NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

Everyone is requested to keep Thursday evening, Feb. 16th, free, as it is the occasion of the Open Meeting of the Natural Science Association, which will be held in the large lecture hall in the biological building. Those who have been present at any of the past meetings will know what to expect this year, as the program is to be more varied than on any previous occasion. Among its attractions are the addresses which will be given by Mr. Stupart on "Chinook Winds," Prof. Wright on the "Engadine," and Prof. Ellis on "Fire and Fire-making," all of which will be illustrated by lantern views.

Among the other features of the program are violin solos by Miss Patterson and Mr. Beardmore, a piano solo by Mr. Klotz, a vocal by Mr. Van Wyck, and a reading by Mr. Cook.

To add to the comfort of the audience the ladies' cloak-room will be open and a servant in charge.

At the close of the meeting the biological museum will be open for inspection.