

"BILLY" WEIGHED AND NOT FOUND WANTING

Thespians' Playgoers Laugh at Play, and at Some of the Players

MISS CULP AND SOWERS STAR.

University Audience Received the Tenth Production of Thespians as Professional Engagement

By Grouchy Gillian
Having there be not a hen; and having therefore but little inside information concerning the egg industry, yet when one encounters an egg that has lost its amateur standing, one is quick to detect the intelligibility. In a like manner, when this metaphorical egg is perfectly good and fresh yet is broken in the turning, one need not be a chef to observe its culinary impfection.

All of which means that a person who has never written a play, is about to say, here and now, that the Thespians staged a crackerjack when they produced "Billy" last night. More than that, it was a dud. Why the might even say that it was a humdinger.

Audience Was Good Humored

The audience laughed at the jokes, they applauded the dilemmas of the villain, meek and harmless as he was. They cheered, when the hero gnawed his way into the heroine's good graces, with the assistance of his recovered incisors. In short they were satisfied. They went away with mirth in their hearts and praise of the Thespians on their lips.

But—

There are several things amateurs must learn before they can hope to evade criticism, which like its brother, love, homicide, will out.

New Scheme Practiced.

When the curtain goes up, an actor's self-confidence also appears to rise out of his reach. So, last night, was tried the cunning expedient of having several actors appear first without speaking parts. This was expected to discourage the Demon Stage Fright—but the fell monster was on the job, and—strong women trembled; their voices became as those of children.

Later though, as the audience proved more and more delightfully appreciative, the bearing of the careful mother, Mrs. Sloane's and her daughter, Beatrice, (Miss Maurine Fairweather) became more animated and at ease. Once, however, Miss Fairweather forgot her instructions and began to read her lines before the applause had ceased. But no carping whisper may be broached against the personal appearance of Beatrice! Beatrice was the lovely and captivating charmer par excellence.

Interpretation Commendable

Miss Hazel Clark, as Mrs. Sloane, was positively too good-looking to be a mother. In her rendition of the part, however

FRESHMAN LEARNS HOW TO REINFORCE CONCRETE

He was a seeker of information, just as all good students at the University are supposed to be. He was a college student rooming at large in the basement of the Engineering building.

There are concrete beams in the basement of the Engineering building, in fact the concrete testing laboratory is located in that same mysterious place. This student was gazing at concrete, thinking of concrete. He soon began to talk, or rather ask (remember he was a college student) about concrete.

"What is the formula for mixing this substance?" he ventured, pointing to a few concrete beams. "One, three, five," answered Prof. C. Corp, who happened to be standing close by. After this was translated and explained, the student found out that one part cement, three parts sand, and five parts washed rock, was the mixture which had been used.

would have been better had she continued throughout the play the "so-ciety drawl" she affected in her opening scene.

Easily the "leading lady" of the production was Miss Lucy Culp as "Betty," the teasing sister of "Billy Hargrave." Her reading was clear, free and readily understood, her acting was spontaneously and unaffected. Her reading was natural and convincing. And fittingly her brother "star," was Claude Sowers, in the title role. He was slightly exuberant at times, and exaggerating brotherly rage—but that might be excused by the character of the play. As a whole the work of Mr. Sowers was excellent, and the appearance of him and Miss Culp on the stage together was the signal for applause.

No less meritorious was Clarence Sowers' interpretation of "Sam Eustace," the clarified, disinfected and purified villain. Though the villain "Sam" is a milk-toastish sort of creature, yet the part was nicely played, and, except for the seasick scene, none like "which never was, on all the seven seas, its rendition deserves credit.

George Staton as the elder Hargrave was a little clumsy in his treatment, but his really vigorous delivery served a good purpose. It "woke up" some of the other characters. Russel Clark as the steward, and George Edwards, as the doctor, acted their parts well, and one wishes their parts had given them a better opportunity to "star." Miss Virginia Edward made a very acceptable stewardess, but one could never quite tell whether her dialect Ward Maris as the Boatwain, and German, French or Swedish.

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As a whole, the production was excellent. It shows what can be accomplished by a group of well-fitted amateurs undertake to present a play of real merit.

One is tempted to save the program in order to check off and patronize, as is admonished, the merchants who advertised in it. Here's luck to the Thespians next year!

TO BANQUET IN KANSAS CITY

Nu Sigma Nus to Hear Washington U. School's Dean.

Ten members of the Nu Sigma Nus Medical Fraternity will go to Kansas City tonight to attend the annual banquet of the fraternity in Kansas City, at the Kansas City Athletic Club.

Dr. George Dock, dean of the new medical school at Washington University will speak at the banquet. He is one of the leading physicians of the United States.

The members who will go from here are: John C. Johnson, Roland Athay, J. E. Sawhill, C. E. Earnest, James Henshall, Victor Chesky, G. B. Dyer, H. A. Alexander, F. A. Trump, Watson Campbell.

Post Card From Herman.

Secretary Stockwell has just received a post card from Herman, mailed in London, February 1. It reads: "This is sure some burg. Come over and see me."

Faculty Ladies Tea.

The ladies of the faculty will serve tea to the young women of the University, Thursday afternoon, February 15, from three to five in the Latin room in Frasier hall.

THE WEATHER.

"But wait, look here, how much steel did you mix in? Isn't this concrete for concrete? The professor threw up his hands in utter despair. Slowly and sadly he took the student into the 'lab' and explained fully in detail the precise meaning of 'reinforced'."

Opinions differ in the school of Engineering as to just what the student's idea could have been. Some say he must have thought that the university employed a burly negro, whose business it was to saw steel beams into small bits and shove them in the concrete in proper quantity. Others say he was equally positive in declaring his idea was that all users of the "substance" shipped in barrels of iron nails, monkey wrench washers, or bolts, scooping in the material at stated intervals along with the sand, cement, and rock.

The student refuses to be quoted.

WOODROW WILSON WILL SPEAK IN GYMNASIUM

Advice Received Yesterday from Bert E. Brown Confirms Report.

IN CHAPEL IN GYMNASIUM.

Short Stop-Over For Lecture or Education Arranged by the Governor's Manager.

Woodrow Wilson will speak in Robinson gymnasium on February 23 at ten o'clock according to advice received here yesterday after noon by Alton McCarty, president of the Woodrow Wilson Club. Arrangements have been made for his visit to the University to talk in chapel, while on his way from Topeka to Kansas City. He will speak in Nashvill, Tenn. on the 24th.

Mr. McCarty interviewed Bert E. Brown, president of the State Democratic Club, yesterday afternoon and Mr. Brown said that plans had been made by Mr. Wilson's manager providing for his stop here and that unless some unforeseen circumstance arises, to prevent his visit to the campus, the students will hear Governor Wilson in chapel.

Governor Wilson will not make a political address but rather a lecture on educational work. He will deliver an address at the meeting of the democratic club in Topeka on the evening of February 22. Alton McCarty and several other members of the Wilson Club will go to Kansas City on February 22 and accompany the governor to Lawrence on the following day.

Efforts are being made to have a section of the seats in the gymnasium reserved for the members of the Woodrow Wilson club.

SMILES AND SIGNS OFFERED BY REGISTRAR

Grades for Last Semester Are Ready and May Be Obtained on Request.

An announcement which will be received with pleasure by some of our minglings by others was made this morning.

Registrar Geo. O. Foster has completed the record of the grades given for last semester's work and they will be given out at his office upon request.

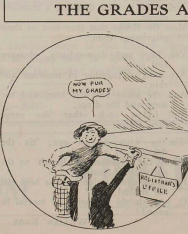
To Hike in The Snow.

Though the snow is three feet deep, the Scoop Club will perpetrate its semi-monthly hike to Biermann's tomorrow. All "hikers" meet in the Kansas office at 3:30, but to make sure of an individual plate of chicken, members should notify "Cub" Baer before one o'clock tomorrow.

The Weather.

It began to snow this morning and Mr. Thermometer says Mr. Barometer were in sadly depressed spirits, all day. However they promise that it will be fair and colder tonight.

THE GRADES ARE OUT TODAY.



BASKET BALL GAME TO BE BORN

Dr. Naismith, Head of Physical Education, the Inventor, Talks.

PEACH-BASKETS FIRST USED.

Hence Basket Ball—Game Originated Partly by Accident and Partly by Design.

"The game of basket-ball originated partly by the endeavor to create a form of athletic exercise along the line of football and partly by accident," said Dr. Naismith at the gymnasium, today.

"It was while I was at the Springfield Training School in Massachusetts in 1891," he continued, "that we discovered that the men who had played football and basketball were not showing any interest in gymnasium exercise after the season had closed. They had been used to quick action and pitting their wits against their opponents and the routine work with the dumbbells and Indian clubs was exceedingly irksome to them. The man who was the leader of the class became discouraged and gave it up and I was invited to take his place.

"I realized that the men wanted some sort of a game that would be not only beneficial but also interesting. In other words the men wanted something they could have some fun in. The only thing that I did was to try to find something of that sort.

Tried Dehorned Football.

"At first I tried a form of 'dehorned' football, but that was too rough. Next followed soccer and then lacrosse but none met the requirements of our small gymnasium. One day the question happened to strike me: What makes football rough? and the answer came—the tackling. What makes the tackling? The only way of stopping the man running with the ball was to eliminate the running and that would eliminate the tackling? But you can't play a game and stand still all the while. Then I conceived the idea of letting all the men run except the man with the ball and he would have to pass it before he could run.

"That point settled and experimented with and found satisfactory, the next that came up was the question of goals. An ordinary football goal would be too easy to make and a goal such as used in lacrosse or soccer would likely be easily torn down by sending the ball into it with great force. I thought of the plan of turning the goal up horizontally so that the ball instead of being thrown in forcibly would have to describe an arc before it entered. I thought of first placing it about two feet off of the floor and then I realized that all a goal keeper would have to do was to sit on it and it would be impossible for the opponents to score. I then thought of placing it up above the players' heads.

Peach Baskets, Ergo Basket Ball.

"I went to the janitor and asked for some sort of a box. It just happened that he procured a couple of baskets (which are peaches are shipped in about eighteen inches across at the top and tapering down toward the bottom. We nailed these up on the gallery which happened to be just ten feet high. The name 'basket-ball' has clung to the game ever since and the official height of the goals has remained just ten feet."

Annual Board Will Meet Wednesday

Annual board meeting will be held Wednesday night of this week at 7 o'clock, in order to avoid conflict with the Glee Club. The meeting will be over by 8 o'clock.

Short Story Class.

Will meet in room 110, Frasier hall, Merle Thorpe.

NEW OREAD COMMONS SAVED 35 LIVES TODAY

The University Cafeteria under the direction of Dr. Edna Day, of the Home Economics department, was started this noon. Thirty-one hungry students were served today between 12 and 1:30 o'clock and four of them returned reorders making thirty-five orders that were served. At eleven o'clock this morning the rooms in the south end of the basement of Fraser hall, where the meals are being prepared by members of the Home Economics classes nine tables with one hundred and ten chairs have been provided. The student enters the front door of the commons hall, takes his waiter from a counter and is served with the dishes he wishes to buy. From this counter he steps to the cashier's desk where he makes a deposit for his meal and proceeds to the table in the dining room office, composing room and press rooms.

Y. M. C. A. IS BADLY IN-NEED OF FUNDS

Directors' Financial Report Issued Today Shows Deficit of \$48,068.

The board of directors of the University Y. M. C. A. has issued a statement today regarding the work of the Association. The statement indicates that the membership is 436 compared with 425 the total last year. The financial report shows a present deficit of \$48,068.

The report also states that the work in Bible Study is more effective than formerly. It is being carried on in closer co-operation with the churches of Lawrence than in other years. The missionary interests of the University have received a decided impetus from the fact that H. E. Herman gave up his work among the students here in order to engage in similar work among the students of India. The faculty and students are contributing this year \$1,100 toward the support of Herman's work.

A brief account of the well-known men who have addressed the association is included and a statement that at least eight strong speakers, prominent business and professional men from Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita, are expected to deliver addresses before Spring.

All student employment has been turned over to the general secretary of the association by the University authorities and the Regents make an annual appropriation of \$600.00 toward the support of the employment bureau. Work has been secured for practically all who desired it. It is estimated that the value to students of work received in this way has been \$7,500.00.

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AFTER YOUR NEXT CASE, TRY THE SPHYGMOGRAPH

"On your mark! Get set! Go!" With the slipping of unspiked shoes in the granitoid walk in front of the Medic building, a coatless figure wildly claved the air with his right arm while he held the left, bent and rigid against his chest. At last he got to the stop and with quick, snappy legs, he tore down the walk past the Snow Hall to Fowler Shops. Wheeling, he started back on the home stretch. His feet and legs almost refused to move. His arms jerked up and down feebly. He was about ill.

lieve there is something wrong with this old Sphygmograph. But I've noticed that ever since that case I have had a fragment of pulse. I beat you out on the smoking deal, though."

Two sphygmographs were making observations. The last of a student's pulse after extreme exertion, and after smoking. The Sphygmograph, the instrument used for recording the pulsations, is clamped to the observer's wrist so that a little flat button, delicately adjusted to a needle, presses the wrist at the medial artery.

"By means of a small strip of smoked paper the pulsation waves are registered. After running and smoking the pulse rate increases notably. The small wave-like marks on the paper are similar in both cases. When the records are made, the strips are treated to a coat of shellac and are preserved records. The experiments were made for the class in Physiology under the supervision of Dr. E. L. Scott.

TAKES A DR. COOK TO DRAW A CROWD THERE

"Washington Is Most Cosmopolitan City in United States"—CROSSANT

GOVERNMENT BY CONGRESS.

No Equal Suffrage Question Before People, None Can Vote—Western Improvement.

"Washington has a more cosmopolitan population than any other city in the United States," said Prof. DeWitt C. Crossant in his chapel address, this morning, on "The Capital City."

"Civil service employees come from every state in the Union, while the foreign representatives add a touch of color to the avenues. People are so used to seeing celebrities that they think nothing of it. The only men I have known to collect a crowd, except on formal occasions were Dr. Cook and the President of the United States, and, indeed, the latter does not attract a very great one."

Professor Crossant reviewed the history of Washington and told how the city is governed today.

"The residents of Washington cannot vote, but are contented nevertheless. Congress is the Washington's board of aldermen, and the city administrative officials are appointed by the president. Washington has no suffrage question either."

"The difference in procedure between the dignified Senate and the 'hurry-burry' House was discussed briefly by Professor Crossant. He said that the Supreme Court was the one place where patronage and pull were not considered.

"Washington is interesting. There is the excitement which always attends politics but there is also a quietness and an opportunity for culture and enjoyment that no other city in the new world possesses."

NEW YORK AD MAN TO TALK TO UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Mr. M. P. Gould head of a large New York drug advertising firm, will address the journalism and economics classes with the Pharmacy students, in the lecture room of the Chemistry building, Friday, February 16, at 4:30 p. m. on "Modern Retail Advertising."

He will arrive at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the same place on "Modern Retail Merchandising." Friday evening Mr. Gould will address the Merchants' Association and students at the Association's rooms above the People's State Bank.

Sigma Delta Chi to Meet.

The members of the Sigma Delta Chi will hold a meeting at the Alpha Tau house Wednesday night at 9 p. m.