

"KATJA" COMING TO SHUBERT DETROIT

According to all advance reports "Katja," the musical comedy operetta, which the Messrs. Shubert present as their next attraction at the Shubert Detroit Opera House, Detroit, for a two weeks run, starting Sunday night, February 27, is closely akin to "Blossom Time" in beauty of score, to "The Student Prince" in lavishness of settings and to "Princess Flavia" in excellence of story. It comes to Detroit almost directly from its successful run at the 44th Street Theatre, New York, breaking the jump for a week each at Montreal and Toronto, where it was enthusiastically received.

Of especial interest to Detroit and vicinity is the presence in the cast of the two great local favorites Madeline Collins, who sings the title role and Leonard Cecey opposite her as Prince Carl. They are well remembered here for their universal popularity during the run of eighteen weeks of "The Student Prince" at the Shubert Lafayette. In "Katja" they share honors with Jack Sheldon and Doris Patston.

When "Katja" was enjoying its lengthy run of two and one-half years in London, both Miss Collins and Mr. Cecey asked Mr. J. J. Shubert to let them play in the piece if it was brought to America. As soon as it was produced here and they were at liberty, Mr. Shubert wired them that the parts were theirs.

"Katja" is the name a Princess assumes when she is deposed from her high estate and she becomes a dancing girl. Throughout the play runs the thread of a sinister political plot and the score at times approaches grand opera, only to swing back sharply to the musical comedy entertainment that Americans love so well. An excellent supporting cast of some fifty-five artists lend their efforts to making the piece a success.

So far, no modern has invented an intelligence test to equal matrimony.

Indications are that the corn borer will do more than any other agency to enforce prohibition.

Millions Poured Out to Supply Luxuries

"Nothing is so profitable as a luxury, if the luxury-loving public want it." Colfax had once said to him, and he believed it. He judged this truth by the things he had recently seen. People literally spent millions to make themselves com-

fortable. He had seen gardens, lawns, pavilions, pergolas, laid out at an expense of thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars, where few would ever see them. In St. Louis he had seen a mausoleum built upon lines of the Taj Mahal, the lawn about which was undermined by a steam-heating plant in order that the flowers and shrubs displayed there might bloom all winter long. It had never occurred to him that the day would come when he would have anything to do with such a dream as this or its ultimate fruition, but his was the kind that loved to dwell on things of the sort.—From "The Genius," by Theodore Dreiser.

But the Tramp Waited Until Verdict Was In

A young lawyer, whose cases were few, was asked to defend a poverty-stricken tramp accused of stealing a watch.

The lawyer pleaded with all the ardor at his command, drawing a pathetic picture with such convincing energy that, at the close of the argument, the court was in tears, and even the tramp wept.

The jury deliberated, and returned the verdict, "Not guilty."

Then the tramp drew himself up, tears streaming down his face as he said to the lawyer:

"Sir, I never heard so grand a plea. I have not cried since I was a child. I have no money with which to reward you, but"—drawing a package from the depths of his ragged clothes—"here's that watch; take it and welcome."—Boston Post.

Mayor's Office Old One

Mayoral office in England dates back to the Twelfth century. The first lord mayor show in London was held in 1215. In 1453 Sir John Norntan set a new fashion by going up the Thames in a barge to be sworn in at Westminster. His was the first procession by water. For many years the lord mayor rode on horseback. In 1714, however, an untoward incident happened which put an end to the custom. In that year Sir Gilbert Heathcote—the original of Addison's Sir Andrew Freeport—had the misfortune to be thrown from his mount into the muddy gutter. Lest a similar accident should lower the mayoral dignity in the future, a coach was provided in 1712. Sir Thomas Middleton made a gorgeous display in 1613, and three years later Sir John Leman of the fishmongers' company produced a striking show.

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Pike's Peak Not First Railroad to Use Coils

A cogwheel or pinion engaged in a toothed rack on the track was patented in England in 1811. In 1812 a locomotive on this plan hauled coal from Middleton to Leeds, a distance of 3½ miles. A half century later, Sylvester Marsh adopted this system for the Mount Washington railroad in New Hampshire on a gradient of one in two and a half. The rack had pin teeth cut in angle bars. In Switzerland there has been considerable development of the rack railroad on the Abt system. This system consists of a multiple rack. The Mount Pilatus railway, near Lucerne, is operated on a gradient of nearly one to two by a double rack. The Jungfrau line has teeth cut in the head of a T-rail. Railroads similar to the one which ascends Pike's peak have been used for years in the Alps. These railroads have been in operation since 1822, whereas the one on Pike's peak was not built until 1891.

CHANGES COLOR



He—Why do you call me a chameleon?
She—You always change color when you hear bad coming.

Lucky Circus Owner

Efforts of real estate dealers to charge Mollie Bailey, an early circus owner, mere rent for show grounds that she thought proper, made a fortune for her. When dealers sought to charge her \$30 for the use of a lot, she showed her resentment by buying the lot. In this way she became owner of numerous lots all over Texas and they rarely cost her more than \$100. When the towns began to grow, her real estate advanced in value and made her rich. For years Mollie Bailey furnished the people of east Texas with practically all the amusement they had. At first she had a few monkeys, a tumbler and a fiddler, but her show grew each year until it required an entire train to transport it.—Dallas Morning News.

Wheelbarrow Sidetracked

The manufacture of wheelbarrows was not so long ago an important industry in this country, but with the advent of mechanical conveyors, including electrical and air carriers, truck and production lines, the barrow has had to take a back seat. That it still is a necessity is shown by the fact that thousands of barrows are sold to the agriculturist, contractor and builder, and that they are used in profusion in mines, mills, factories and industries where bulk material must be short-hauled.

Lawmaking Family

A Kansas father and his son are partners in the making of laws. Although both are lawyers, they are not partners in the practice of law, living in different cities. The senior member of the "firm" is Edgar Bennett of Washington, state senator from Washington county. The son, Edgar B. Bennett of Maysville, represents Marshall county in the lower house of the Kansas legislature.—Indianapolis News.

Must Wed to Hold Jobs

The Persian government has drafted a law for parliament to pass which would require every bachelor working for the government to get married or resign. The main purpose of the act, says the Pathfinder Magazine is to provide husbands for a large crop of marriageable women.

Popular With Sisters

Telephone exchanges seem to be a popular place for sisters to work. After a Chicago exchange announced 15 pairs of sisters, Portland, Maine, found 39 pairs and three instances of three sisters on the pay roll.

NOBLE SCHOOL NOTES Upper Room

Miss Ravell, the helping teacher, visited us on February 17 and gave us four stars for our achievement card. We now have eleven and must gain four more to reach our goal.

Our blackboard borders for February were made by Marjorie Wendlandt, Dorothy Smith, Anna Vanderburgh and Vail Huff. The designs were centered around Lincoln, Washington and Longfellow.

We are all looking forward to the reading test which is to be given in April. We are working to improve our speed and comprehension in this important subject.

During the past month the seventh grade had a debate on capital punishment. Some good arguments were advanced on both sides but no decision was reached.

As usual the discussion became somewhat heated. Lucille Jacobs, who was on the affirmative side is of the opinion that her opponents are mentally unbalanced, but on the other hand Fred Crook declares that the intelligence of the opposition is just a little higher than feeble-minded people.

Our hot lunch club is progressing quite efficiently. The cooking for March will be Lucille Jacobs and Frank Kew. Lucille will do the work and Frank will keep her company.

We have learned several of Longfellow's poems this month, including "The Belfry," "The Tide Rises," "The Arrow and the Song," and "The Windmill."

Charles Schulkins is rather proud of the fact that he can recite fifteen of the poet's shorter poems.

We had a Valentine party on February 14. The girls were delighted with some of the beautiful valentines they received. Dorothy Smith wishes to take this occasion to thank William Recker for the kind greeting he sent her.

The following people would appreciate some information regarding the identity of the party who sent them some so-called comic valentines: Charles Allred, Paul Smith, Kenneth Graham, Mary Lockridge and Richard Schulkins. Detectives are working on this case at present, and have found some clues near Ralph Spaller's farm.

We notice that William Roehrs has adopted for his motto, "So far, so good." This is all right but we believe he should be more ambitious and consider this one, "Faint heart ne'er won fair lady."

We wish to announce that on Friday evening, March 18, a social will be given for the people of the district at William Grace School. A program is being prepared, which will include a game talent play. Everyone is cordially invited to come and meet your neighbors and make this a real old fashioned party.

The following pupils have neither been absent nor tardy for the first six months:

Virginia Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, Chester Mitchell, Robert Schulkins and Paul Rackow. These pupils are ready for the honor pins.

Maynard Whitney has been ab-

sent on account of pneumonia. Several others have been absent because of colds.

The third grade have been making Lincoln and Washington booklets for language.

We all enjoyed our Valentine box.

The sewing club girls and their leader, Miss Jensen had a Valentine party. We all enjoyed it.

The fourth grade have been having a contest in arithmetic. The reds won.

Mrs. Wilkinson visited our room one day last week. We hope that all the mothers will visit us before the end of the year.

We are working especially hard in spelling so as not to have any words to put in our Never Again List.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Farmington:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday the day of any regular or special election or primary election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said city not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names between the second Saturday before any regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the Fire Hall, City of Farmington, Saturday, March 19 and Saturday, March 26 from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. for the purpose of receiving the registrations and registering such of the qualified electors in said city as shall properly apply therefor.

N. H. Power,
City Clerk.

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