

VETERAN PENNSY EMPLOYEES WILL ATTEND OUTING

Program Arranged for Fair-ground Saturday—Athletics to Be Featured.

Airplane stunts and athletic events will feature the outing of the Pennsylvania railroad veterans employees of all the divisions in the southwestern region at the State fairground Saturday.

W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania system, will address the gathering in the Coliseum and Mayor Shank will extend a welcome.

Special trains will take members of the committee for the event and E. D. McKeon, Union Station, is in charge of local arrangements.

The organization is composed of men who have been with the company not less than twenty years and was organized twenty years ago at Philadelphia. Programs containing scenic views along the Pennsylvania divisions and also portraits of the leading officials of the road have been printed.

The best athletes of the southwestern region will put on a boxing show and athletic exhibit.

GOVERNOR FREES EDITOR MAGEE

Executive Pardons Publisher After Libel Suit.

By Times Special
SANTA FE, N. M., July 17.—Governor Hinkle late Monday pardoned Carl C. Magee, editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, convicted on charges of criminal libel against Chief Justice Parker of the State Supreme Court.

Magee was also convicted of contempt of court on several counts. He was sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary and his newspaper was fined \$1,050. Magee had popular support during a sensational trial during which his counsel, Judge Hanna, was threatened with disbarment.

Magee charged corrupt practices by State officials, laxity in the courts and that a political ring controls State affairs.

RAILROAD REPORTS NEW RECORD SET

New York Central Buys Much Rolling Stock.

New York Central Railroad has purchased 43,017 pieces of rolling stock since the Federal Government relinquished control, according to announcement from New York, made public by the local offices today.

The new equipment includes 41,890 freight cars, 562 passenger coaches, and 565 locomotives.

May, 1923, the statement says, was a record month in the handling of freight. Four hundred and nineteen thousand two hundred and forty cars were loaded.

For the first five months of this year 94,560 cars of automobiles were loaded at stations along the company's lines.

'BANDIT QUEEN' ARRESTED

Girl Dressed as Man Nabbed in Chicago Rooming House.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 17.—Mrs. Blanche Vorhees, 19, who police claim, is the "queen" of a bandit gang which has been operating along "Lovers Lane" in North Chicago, was arrested today in a raid on a rooming house.

Roy Warner, 21, Earl Briggs, 21, William Briggs, 18, and Roy Witke, 18, were with her.

Mrs. Vorhees who said her home was in Danville, Ill., wore "sheik" trousers with bell bottoms and slit half way up to the knee, a cap and an army shirt.

HUSBAND KILLS RIVAL

Wife Admits Man Hugged Her—Both Held by Police.

By United Press
ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—John P. McGuire, 38, and his wife were being held today following the killing of Henry Stamme, 21, by McGuire, when he claimed he found him hugging his wife.

Mrs. McGuire, when first taken into custody, denied her relations with Stamme, but later admitted them.

Maximum Sentence Given

John Petro, 225 S. Keystone Ave., was to be taken to the Indiana State Farm today to begin serving a maximum fine on the charge of assault and battery. Judge Pro Tem. Vinson Manifold, in city court after hearing evidence of how Petro beat his 19-year-old daughter, Effie, with a razor strop, fined him \$500 and sentenced him to six months on the farm.

Alleged Robber Held

A man giving his name as Morris Wheeler, 27, and his residence as Indianapolis, was arrested Monday by Big Four railroad detectives at Anderson, following a robbery at Wabash, according to a dispatch. Wheeler had in his possession a rifle, six boxes of cartridges and a knife, it was said.

"Lizzie" Just Loves Nice Funerals; Nightgown Drama Is in Family Wash

Has Pleasing Role at Murat

By WALTER D. HICKMAN.
FUNERALS, small town funerals, are such nice, pleasant affairs. They give one such a nice cry, and if one be not friends of the late departed, the living enemies can remain at home and "dish up the dirt."

Ann Coolidge (Elizabeth Patterson) of the town of Dean just loved nice funerals. If Ann liked a person she planned for years to attend the funeral. But if Ann was hostile, well, Ann put a boycott on the funeral.

Ann is an old maid, the vintage of 1886 or thereabouts. She remained single by choice, not her own, but by the choice of several men. Ann loved gossip about as much as she liked to attend nice funerals. She had a sharp tongue, but she was a dear old soul.

You will meet Ann Coolidge if you drop into the Murat this week to see Stuart Walker's production of Frank Craven's "Spite Corner."

Elizabeth Patterson is the Ann of the production. And what a rare old antique Miss Patterson makes Ann. Ann carries her money in a pocket in her petticoat. And she wears the dearest old bonnet. Miss Patterson looks like she has just stepped out of some rare old family album.

There are many rare old small town characters tucked away in the manuscript of "Spite Corner." Aldrich Bowker sports a white wig this week as Eben Gooch and Boyd Agin is Cap'n Parker, a sort of an old rascal. Beulah Bondy is the "dashing" elderly Mrs. Douthett and George Sommes is cast as Nathan Lattimer, who succeeds in getting both feet into the grave by the end of the second act. And this is one funeral that Ann did not attend. Jean Spurney does splendid work as Isabel Burgess.

Ruth Hammond is making her second appearance of the season as Elizabeth Dean, around whom centers the little story. Again Miss Hammond brings a pleasing personality to the part. She is proving her real worth this week. And then there is Donald Macdonald as John Lattimer. Macdonald played this role with Madge Kennedy in the New York production of "Spite Corner." His work could not be improved upon this week. Others in the cast are Fayne Huff, Penelope Hubbard and James P. Webber.

One set is used for nearly the entire story, until a fire destroys the place. The fire scene is splendidly handled. The country store, erected as the scene of all the trouble, impresses me as being the real article. Here is realism from a scenic standpoint.

"Spite Corner" is full of bright lines and interesting situations. And then you have the services of Patterson, Bowker, Hammond and Macdonald. Nothing more is needed.

At the Murat all week.

Jean Oliver Walks Away With All the Honors This Week

If it were not for Miss Jean Oliver there would be nothing worth while to write about at English's this week.

The offering is an impossible and silly nothing called "She Walked in Her Sleep."

As an example of comedy writing, it hasn't a single thing to its credit. As a production, it has the comedy services of Miss Oliver as Mamie, a maid.

This comedy belongs to the twin-bed type of an attempt to amuse. At times it is stupid, and yet when Miss Oliver is on the stage the play takes on new life. It is not the play which is the real thing this week, but it is Miss Oliver. Nothing else matters.

"She Walked in Her Sleep" will be remembered only because it gives Miss Oliver a chance to make a great comedy hit. In the first place, she dresses her character in outlandish style. She knows every little trick of show business in getting over her lines. She about threw me into a panic of laughs and so made me forget for a time what a hopeless play "She Walked in Her Sleep" really is.

As Maude, Miss Oliver is giving us one of the funniest characterizations I have seen on the stage. The truth is her work is so darned funny that it must be difficult for other members of the cast to keep from laughing. If you want to "howl," then Miss Oliver will give you many ten-ton laughs.

Miss Oliver is not the person who walks in her sleep. The woman who does walk in her sleep wears a very flimsy nightie. Oh, what a nightie! Now you can see through the thin plot.

Others assisting in this silly play are Ida Belle Arnold, Mira McKinney, Alice Mason, James LeRoy, Larry Sullivan, Eddy Waller, Norman Wendel, Walter Foulter and Margaret Selkirk.

Remember, it is Miss Oliver who makes "She Walked in Her Sleep" funny. It is not the author. At English's all week.

A Real Singing Band

Lands on Palace Stage

Do you like vocalizing with your jazz time playin' orchestras?

Thank you. I thought you did. So trot right over to the Palace today or Wednesday and hear a fine bunch of men play and sing. These melody makers are being presented under the name of the Blossom Heath Entertainers.

Some "blue" the atmosphere with some warm jazz playing and then they sing. They sing "Yes, We Have No Bananas Today," and they illustrate the song by pulling fruit and vegetables out of a saxophone as well as a lot of melody.

Here is a mighty good singing and jazz playin' organization. They are playing the newer pieces of the day. This is my idea of a pleasing bunch of players. Bring on some more like 'em or better still, return the same crowd.

Ben Beyer opens the show with a bicycle act. He first appears riding something which cannot be named. He then rides many bicycles which fall apart. He works easy and pleases. William Dornfield is a talking magician. It isn't what this man does but what he utters that counts. When he gets a laugh from the audience he instructs a stage hand to "ring up" a laugh on a gong. Here is another example of what personality can do to put over a unique idea. He would fit in on any big-time bill.

The Dawson Sisters give their idea of a sister team of 1880 and then they



RUTH HAMMOND

OF THE MANY NEW PLAYERS INTRODUCED TO INDIANAPOLIS BY STUART WALKER DURING HIS SEASONS HERE, NONE HAVE JUMPED INTO POPULAR FAVOR THAN HAS MISS HAMMOND. SHE LEFT "UP THE LADDER" IN CHICAGO TO JOIN THE WALKER COMPANY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. SHE IS APPEARING THIS WEEK AT THE MURAT IN "SPITE CORNER."

become a modern sister team. Where, oh, where are these large number of sister acts coming from this season? Maybe from 1886. Who can tell. John Jackson plays the piano for the Dawson Sisters as well as a saxophone.

Block and Dunlop sing and then they dance a wee bit. The movie feature is "Minnie," a Marshall Neilan production.

At the Palace today and Wednesday.

Who Asked the Question "Find a Successful Single Woman?"

The question is often asked, "Where is a good 'single' woman?" I can give you the address of one this week. It is the Lyric Theater. Address the letter to Hope Vernon, Lyric Theater.

Miss Vernon knows song value. She creates a melodious picture not by shouting but by quiet effects. She

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GANGSTERS SLAY VICTIM

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