

## RAYMOND WEARS THREE GOLD RINGS

Noted Comedian of the Stage Has a Superstition That the Black Cat Will Get Him If He Does Not Wear His Rings All the Time.

HERE is no gainsaying the oft repeated statement that people of the stage occupy a most conspicuous place in the ranks of those who are victims of superstition. Let a black cat cross the stage in the course of a rehearsal of a new play and actors and managers alike at once proclaim the piece a sure fire hit, days prior to its presentation. The wags among stage employes do not share in the superstitious belief, and often see to it that a feline of the proper shade is released at the crucial moment during the rehearsals. All the traditional superstitions have been acquired by theatrical people, but it has been left to the comedian, Raymond Hitchcock, to unearth two of his own.

He is not a particularly strong advocate of custom in his private or professional life, and is, in fact, more or less famous for his unusual viewpoint on all subjects.

Two uncommon superstitions, however, obsess him and nobody has ever been able to cause him to divulge any reason for their existence.

The first has to do with the decoration of his third finger of his left hand with no less than three gold bands.

For years these rings have been worn by him. Number two is even more novel. Hitchcock does not pay the slightest attention to the author's direction as to the proper head gear for any character assigned to him. He will wear a white hat on all occasions and it is useless to suggest that a black, green, or brown top piece would be more effective.

Dick Wright, manager, announces the booking of Raymond Hitchcock who comes to the Lyric for a week's engagement starting next Sunday.

Hitchcock has not been in Indianapolis for several seasons, but he is no stranger to Indianapolis theatergoers, for he has played here in many musical shows on tour in the country.

He is in vaudeville for but a brief tour this summer and will be one of the highest salaried artists to ever appear at the Lyric.

SACRED OPERA TO BE GIVEN AT WINONA.

The sacred opera, "Joseph," to be given at Winona Lake, Ind., Saturday evening, July 21, and Monday evening, July 23, in the Sunday Tabernacle, under the direction of W. Dodd Chenevry, is arousing preliminary interest throughout northern and central Indiana.

This drama was given at Winona several years ago with tremendous success. New features have been added which will make it one of the most attractive features of the Winona program.

Mr. Chenevry has given his life to a study of portrayals of scriptural scenes and for thirty-five years has trained countless thousands of young men and young women, and children in both music and stage deportment. Seldom are there as few as a thousand participants in any one performance and sometimes, in great auditoriums such as the Sunday Tabernacle, that number is more than doubled.

Introduced throughout the scores will be themes from the pens of the depict the thrilling stories of the Old great master writers of the ages that Testament.

Lavish stage settings, costumes of oriental magnificence will lend realism to the productions and as the various melodies and splendid harmonies carry the messages of the operas to the listeners new meaning will be given to them and new inspiration to both participants and audiences to enjoy this greatest form of "grand opera in English."

There will be three acts showing the interior of Jacob's tent in Hebron, camp of Joseph's brethren in the hill country, the palace of Potipher, the throne room in Pharaoh's palace, the grand entrance to temple of Karnak, the garden of Joseph's palace.

In the festival chorus, hundreds of men and women will enact the story of the stage in appropriate oriental costumes. The voices will be supported by a festival orchestra under the direction of Mr. Chenevry, noted singers from church choirs, civic and fraternal choruses

## Have Musical Tricks



COSCIA AND VERDI

A couple of trick musicians. Ever heard of any such? Coscia and Verdi are capable of turning out some real music, opera and classical, and also some terrible something now and then. The one with the pistol and the big "fiddle" is the one that interrupts the good music with some jazz. They are in the stage show "Cameos," one view at the Indiana today.

### SUE LIBERTY MAGAZINE FOR \$600,000 DAMAGES

Branding Temple Houston Son of Unmarried Square Called False. By United Press

FT. WORTH, Texas, July 13.—Suit for \$600,000 against the Liberty magazine was filed in the district court here Thursday by the widow and children of Temple Houston, son of Sam Houston, president of the Texas Republic. The suit alleged that on June 9,

the Liberty magazine published an article entitled "Sam Houston—Saviour of Texas," in which it was declared that Temple Houston was the son of an Indian woman, born out of wedlock.

The petition stated that Temple Houston was the youngest of eight children born to Sam Houston and his wife, the former Margaret M. Lee of Alabama. It asserted that they were married legally.

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## SCORES FARM PLANK

Settle Wires Hoover, Urging Definite Stand.

Declaring the Republican party plank dealing with farm problems is a failure, President William H. Settle of the Indiana Farm Bureau sent Herbert Hoover a telegram Thursday night urging that he set forth his solution for agriculture problems "specifically" in his acceptance speech, Aug. 11.

The message was sent following a three-day directors' meeting at which the bureau stand for an equalization fee was endorsed.

Hoover had wired Settle that he would outline his agriculture stand at the time of his acceptance.

### GOVERNOR COMMUTES TWO LONG SENTENCES

Approves Report for One Parole; 43 Requests Denied.

Commutation of the ten to twenty-one years' sentences passed on July 25, 1924, in the Marion Circuit Court on Roscoe Sheeks and William Adams for robbery, to five to twenty-one years recommended in the report of the Indiana State Reformatory trustees, has been approved by Governor Ed Jackson.

The three to five years' sentence given Estel Reynolds in the Allen Circuit Court Dec. 17, 1926, for vehicle taking, was also commuted to two to five years.

Forty-three petitions for clemency were denied by the board and one continued until next fall.

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## OPEN HOLT RD. BIDS

Bonds for \$76,000 Will Be Sold July 18 for Construction.

Bids for construction of the north half of the proposed improvement of Holt Rd. will be opened by the county commissioners next Wednesday, it was announced to

day. Bonds totaling \$76,000 will be issued to cover the cost.

Construction of the south half of the road, which extends from E. Washington St. south to the State Rd. 37, is being delayed pending settlement of a dispute over elevation of the tracks of the Pennsylvania and Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern railroads.

Public hearing on this half will

be Aug. 3, at which time the railroads are expected to oppose the elevation, favored by county commissioners.

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