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MACBETH WAS NOT A REAL BAD MAN

Dr. D. J. Stafford so Contents in His Powerful Lecture.

TO HOLD SUCH DESTROYS STORY

Disposed to Be Good but Temptation Fostered by Ambition Overcame Him—After His First Crime He Was Disposed to Be Righteous but Could Not—The Moral of the Play Is That Crime Is Followed by Remorse and Punishment.

The first of the winter course of lectures arranged by Rev. D. J. Stafford, president of St. Thomas' college, was given last night when Rev. Dr. D. J. Stafford, of Washington, D. C., delivered a powerful lecture on Shakespeare's powerful tragedy "Macbeth."

It was an most fortifying night in the minds of the audience, but despite this a very large audience was in attendance, notwithstanding, indeed, any testimony was needed, to the good first impression that Dr. Stafford made in his lecture on "Hamlet" here, last winter.

As a Shakespearean lecturer Dr. Stafford is acknowledged in the world of letters to be without a superior and with few equals, and that he is a popular lecturer is not wondered at for a moment after he is heard on a given subject.

At a lecturer's lecture is to be entertaining and instructive. Dr. Stafford is doubly so for his lecture is both a discussion and practical delineation.

Those who had heard him in "Hamlet," in which he has attained national fame, expected to be disappointed in "Macbeth," but, much to the gratification of his hearers, his lecture was not the case. Those of last night's audience who had also heard "Hamlet," judging from the remarks at the conclusion of the lecture, were divided in their opinion as to which they liked the better. The excellence of one or the other is solely a matter of taste as Dr. Stafford treats both subjects alike and equally perfectly.

His style, as indicated already, is to give the story of the piece, interpret it in his deep study and research, and give it at appropriate times as the character, as an aid in the delineation.

The play is a marvel. Dr. Stafford said in summing it up, and Macbeth is the highest expression of morality. "Tonight Dr. Stafford lectures on 'Hamlet' in Carbondale, and Thursday night he will repeat 'Hamlet' in this city.

MADE WAY FOR SPITACK.

Walked Along Wyoming Avenue with a Revolver in His Hand.

By the arrest of John Spittack yesterday the police department probably prevented bloodshed in the neighborhood of Peckville. Spittack lives in that locality. He came here yesterday and proceeded to fill himself with intoxicants.

Shortly after 2 p. m., Spittack was staggering down Wyoming avenue carelessly swinging in his hand a 38-caliber revolver. The crowd of holiday shoppers on the street was thick and large, but Spittack was given plenty of room. He walked on muttering to himself, but made no attempt to use the weapon in his hand.

At the Lackawanna avenue corner Spittack ran into Patrolmen Hawks and Perry, who arrested him there. On his person beside the revolver, which was new and had never been used, were found a full box of 38-caliber cartridges and a quart bottle of whiskey.

Spittack was too drunk to give an account of himself. His only story to be heard today. The charge is drunk and carrying concealed weapons.

THE WALL IS BULGING.

Earth Near E. & W. V. Station is Again Settling.

This week's rain has started anew the settling of the surface in Forest court, under the rear part of the stone wall around the Erie and Wyoming Valley railway station on North Washington. The big wall, which is constructed at a great expense, threatens to tumble at any moment to the street.

Street Commissioner was notified Monday of the danger and the fissures were filled.

Yesterday the culm which had been placed into the openings settled down into the mine, making the court again impassable. The big wall is bulging out more and more at every fall in the mines beneath.

THREE DIVORCES GRANTED.

In Each Case Desertion Was the Cause Alleged.

Court yesterday granted divorces to Mrs. Nancy Maria Orndorff from John W. Orndorff, Mrs. Esther J. Mea from Isaac W. Jones, Mrs. Jessic C. Bengough from John L. Bengough. Desertion in each case was the ground for divorce.

Mrs. Orndorff's maiden name was Miss Nancy M. Williams and she was first married on Jan. 16, 1852. Her husband died Sept. 21, 1865, and Dec. 25, 1882, she was married to John Orndorff. He left her Jan. 27, 1891.

Mrs. Jones was married in Binghamton May 13, 1891, to the man who deserted her June 4, 1892. He is 25 years of age and now lives at 530 Adams avenue. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones lived with her parents on the West Side and subsequently resided for a time on Thirteenth street.

The Bengoughs were married at Vandling May 20, 1890, and lived at that place, Forest City and Vandling between that time and Feb. 12, 1894, when Bengough deserted his wife at Vandling.

RISCA CROCKER ARRESTED.

He is Wanted in Bucks County for Contempt of Court.

Risca Crocker, of this city, formerly of Doylestown, Bucks county, was arrested last evening at his boarding house by Lieutenant Davis and Patrolman Day, on a warrant brought here by the sheriff of Bucks county, charging contempt of court. He spent last night at the police headquarters and will return to his former home with the sheriff today.

Crocker enjoys a wide circle of acquaintances here. He has been reading law for some time with Taylor & Lewis.

Forestry Officers.

Among the officers of the Pennsylvania Forestry association elected at its twelfth annual meeting in Philadelphia Monday were these councilors:—large: Lackawanna, Dr. G. Edgar Dean; Luzerne, W. L. Conyngnam; Wayne, Alonzo T. Searle; Wyoming, James W. Platt; Susquehanna, Edgar A. Turrell; and Pike, Arthur M. Adams.

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THE LAND OF GOLD AND DIAMONDS

Lecture by the Rev. James Hughes on South Africa Last Night.

ROOM FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE

It Only Waits for Enterprising Capitalists to Develop the Wonderful Resources of a Most Wonderful Country—It is a Land Rich in Soil and Mineral Wealth and Teeming with Adventure—Experiences of the Speaker.

Rev. James Hughes, formerly of Kimberley, South Africa, but now of Scranton, delivered a lecture on "South Africa, the Land of Gold and Diamonds," in the Wayne Avenue Baptist church last night. It was an address that held the close attention of the audience from beginning to end.

Mr. Hughes said there was room for millions of people in South Africa—the greatest gold and diamond producing country in the world, and one of the best openings for the investment of capital for all important, competent experts have said that the country is rich in nearly all kinds of minerals, and that the soil with proper and extensive irrigation is capable of producing an abundance both for man and beast. Mechanics, builders, carpenters, and especially miners, are all well paid for their labor.

It is true that the labor market, for such men, is too often glutted. This fact is due not to the limited extent of the resources of the country, but to the want of more enterprise on the part of capitalists and to the enormous influx of workmen from nearly every zone of this rolling globe. The almost limitless resources of the country have only been tapped and the population is exceedingly small for such an extent of territory. In Cape Colony, which embraces an area of 250,000 square miles, the population is smaller than that of Greater New York. Considering the fact that there are but very few manufactures in the whole land, the cost of living is fairly moderate; but the domestic comfort of the white population is far inferior to what we find in other countries.

DANGERS AND HARSHIPS.

Mr. Hughes referred to some of the dangers and hardships to which the white people are subject. The heat is sometimes very intense. He took his own family one day out into a country district for the purpose of rendering some assistance to a young minister who felt very deeply the loneliness of his situation, for he seldom saw any but black Kaffirs and a few surly Dutchmen. While proceeding through a certain part, he was so hot that he had to take a rest. He was in a very short time after, it all peeled off.

While proceeding on the same journey they had to cross a river, which was rapidly rising. The horses got as far as the middle of the stream and there they stubbornly stood. Despite the eloquence of the lungs and limbs of the driver, the swelling of the stream, and a liberal use of the whip, there the horses stood, still and immovable. The water rose until it got into the bed of the cart, until the children's legs were some inches in the water. The situation was both painful and perilous, and was becoming more so every moment.

The young minister, whose cart it was, leaped into the silent but treacherous current. The water was up near to his armpits. He pulled at the reins and shouted and stood up in the cart and made very liberal use of the lash and water. He was shouting, "You men but all to no purpose. The water was still rising and the children in the conveyance commenced shouting in tones of agonizing terror: "Drown, drown, drown, drown." All were perfectly helpless. The moment was big with the most serious eventualities.

KAFFIRS TO THE RESCUE.

"In a very short time the cart, horses, my wife and children, my brother minister and myself would be swept down the river by that silent but mighty torrent," continued the speaker. "Just at that critical moment some partially civilized Kaffirs appeared up some distance on the slopes of the river banks, they were in a state of perfect nudity with the exception of an old blanket thrown over the shoulders. They knew right well the danger of trying to cross a rising river, and they quickly realized their own situation."

THE WALL IS BULGING.

They Have Been Appealed from the Common Pleas of This County.

The following Lackawanna county cases have been appealed to the Superior court, which meets here on the second Monday in January:

Ellen O'Donnell vs. Charles DuPont Brock, Bixler & Correll vs. J. B. Lesh, Richard Brown vs. Lackawanna county, Michael Resp vs. city of Scranton, and Anthony Knight, Dan Eisinger vs. M. W. Keller, J. W. Sheum vs. A. E. Cobb, Griffin vs. Davis, Boston vs. Bonta Plate Glass company, Bittenbender vs. Biessecker et al., Koch vs. Biessecker et al., Edward Thayne vs. Scranton Traction company, Glimora & Duffy vs. Dunleavy.

A PHYSICIAN'S PRIVILEGE.

It was evident the minute he entered the private office of the lawyer that he was terribly in earnest.

"I want to know," he said, "something about the legal rights, duties and privileges of physicians."

"Are you a physician?" asked the lawyer, with that caution that is so noticeable in a member of the legal fraternity.

"I am not," replied the visitor. "I have merely been treated by one."

"And in what way has he offended?"

"I don't know that he has offended at all. Maybe he acted entirely within his rights. It is the privilege of a physician to put a thumb in under a man's tongue to gag him while he says pretty things to his wife. I have nothing to say; but if it is not well, there's going to be trouble."

"I think," said the lawyer slowly, "that according to medical practice, the doctor was acting entirely within his rights, providing, of course, he did not keep the thumb in your mouth to exceed one hour."—Chicago Post.

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JOHN QUICK'S MISTAKE.

He Thought It Was a Stump, but It Proved to Be a Fighting Bear.

From the New York Press.

John Quick, of Morris, had a fierce fight with a black bear a few days ago. Quick was gunning for pheasants on the mountains near Susquehanna, Pa. While walking through a swamp that was hemmed in by heavy hemlocks Quick spied what he first thought was a stump not more than half a rod ahead of him. But the stump began to move, and then Quick saw that it was a bear, and it was coming toward him.

He thrust two buckshot shells into the gun and fired both at the bear. But Bruin's progress was only momentarily delayed, for the shots seemed to make him more eager to hug the hunter. From a shambling he increased his gait to a trot, and went at Quick with his teeth showing like the ivory of a mastiff. Quick started on a run, loading his gun with shot-filled shells as he ran. Then, turning, he let the bear have both barrels of lead, and much to his satisfaction the bear came to a standstill. The next moment it wheeled face about, as though to start the other way, when suddenly it shambled over to one side and toppled in a heap, dead.

A BLESSING.

A man who always borrowed the paper and who brought a chair with him to church in order to avoid paying pew rent, invited the editor and the preacher to dine with him. There was nothing on the table but bacon and greens.

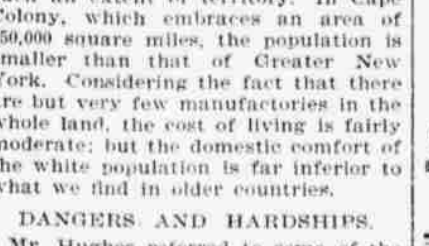
"Will you ask a blessing, parson?" said the host.

"I will!" exclaimed the preacher, with energy. "Lord, make us thankful for what we are about to receive, and when we have received it give us strength to reach home safely with our appetites!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

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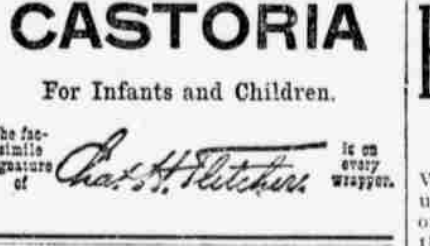
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