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## DRAMA WELL PRESENTED.

The Players Creditably Presented "The District Attorney."

## IN AID OF ORPHANS.

Performance Given for the Benefit of St. Malachy's Home Witnessed by Large Audience—A Dance Followed.

For the benefit of St. Malachy's Home at Rockaway Park, "The District Attorney," a romantic drama of love, intrigue and politics, in four acts, by Eugene Walter, was presented in Arion Hall on Thursday evening by The Players. The hall was crowded with an audience that gathered to enjoy the performance and by their presence to aid the worthy charity for which it was given.

The Players had achieved big successes in the past, but that won by Thursday evening's performance was the largest of them all. Not a hitch marred the play, which went along in true professional style. The plot was carefully and thoroughly presented and the audience could follow the thread through the entire play.

The plot was based on the pluck of the prosecution of the ringleader of the gang by the District Attorney, who is placed in the peculiar position of being forced to prosecute his own father-in-law as the ringmaster. Each act was more interesting in its development of the plot until the climax was reached in the last act. Just as proofs of the guilt of the ringleader are produced, by one of the ring, who turned states evidence, he drops dead. There was just enough comedy in the play to keep the audience in a pleasant mood.

It would be difficult to say which one of those taking part did best. Suffice, then, to say each and every one did full justice to their respective parts and all helped to make the play a most creditable production. John Stratton, the District Attorney, was strongly interpreted by Frank L. A. O'Connor, who put plenty of ginger and dignity into it.

Matthew Brainerd, the "man higher up," was cleverly enacted by Augustus Meringer.

Wellington Gridley, first assistant district attorney, and James Corrigan, the second assistant, were ably interpreted by Charles L. Frey and Martin Holland, respectively. Frey winning most of the comedy in the play.

Daniel McGrath, the "boss," was portrayed by Gus Hopper with his usual cleverness.

Jack Williams, the district leader, and Vernon Holt, a gay Yale '09 youth, were dual parts well interpreted by Louis F. Magnolia.

General Ruggles, the investigator, was a clever representation by William J. Phillips, who always puts plenty of good acting into his parts.

Frank Pierson, the scapegoat in the hands of the plotters, was portrayed by Gus Raphael in good fashion.

Weston, the keeper, and Jameson, court stenographer, were parts well played by William F. Desmond and Edward Small, respectively.

Marie, interpreted by Miss Mollie McCarthy and Elise, by Miss Loretta Regan, were good portrayals of the characters.

Helen Knight was very well interpreted by Miss Lillian Mulhearn, who showed some marked dramatic ability.

Madge Brainerd was another character made an interesting one by Miss Edna Davis.

Grace Brainerd was a character strongly presented by Miss Terese Wagner.

The executive staff included F. L. A. O'Connor and E. A. Merringer, directors; Martin Holland, property manager; Charles L. Frey, stage manager; John O'Connor, electrician; Charles E. Fallon, advertising manager.

The scenery used in the third act was painted by John Arnold, and Don Marx gave valuable assistance by "making up" the characters.

Following the performance there was a concert, music being furnished

## ATHLETIC EVENTS TO-MORROW.

Postponed Games of the A. A. A. Will Attract Big Crowd.

The athletic games of the Atlantic A. A., postponed from Thanksgiving Day, will be held in front of the clubhouse in Maple place, to-morrow afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. There are eleven events on the programme and pretty die medals will be awarded to first and second in each event. Entries can be made up to to-morrow afternoon.

The programme consists of a 100-yard dash, 220-yard run, one mile run, three-mile run, running high jump, running broad jump, 220-yard run (A. A. A. only), putting 16-lb. shot, one mile bicycle race, 100-yard dash (A. A. A. only), and a 100-yard dash, open to schoolboys of the Rockaway Beach schools.

Winners in the different events will receive their medals at the grand Rockaway ball of the association, to be held in the clubhouse on Saturday evening, December 11.

Will Have a Christmas Bazaar.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Mutual Hospital Society a Christmas bazaar is to be held in the Lechman Building at the corner of Boulevard and Kane avenue, about the middle of this month. The proceeds from the bazaar will be for the benefit of the Rockaway Beach Hospital and Dispensary, and a large number of articles, many left over from the big fair of last June, will be disposed of. This will offer an opportunity for Xmas shoppers.

Pleasant Kaffee Klatsch.

Last Saturday afternoon, Miss Etta

gave a Kaffee Klatsch at her home. The time was pleasantly passed and a delicious collation was served. The table decorations were pretty. Those who were present were the Misses Seidenberg, Miss Rose Bailey, Miss Bertha Livingston, Miss Sarah Bernstein, Miss Rose Goldberg, Miss Essie Goldberg, Mrs. C. Seidenberg and Mrs. M. Bailey.

## BIG MASQUERADE TO-NIGHT.

Affair of Rockaway Beach Circle, Lady Foresters, Will be a Brilliant One.

Arion Hall promises to be the scene of a big gathering to-night on the occasion of the second annual masquerade ball of Rockaway Beach Circle, Companions of the Forest. For weeks past the committee and members have worked hard and the affair promises to crown their efforts with success, complete in every detail.

The hall has been prettily decorated for the occasion and Prof. DeWitt's orchestra will furnish the music. Masqueraders promise to be there in large numbers and all sorts of characters are sure to be presented. That many of the costumes will be beautiful and others very grotesque is certain, for handsome prizes are offered for the prettiest and most grotesque costumes.

A good supper will be served at midnight and the festivities will be prolonged until well into the morning hours.

The committee in charge of the arrangements comprises Mrs. M. Ennis, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Priestley, vice chairman; Mrs. E. Hurlbert, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. G. Allen, Mrs. M. Van Duzer, Mrs. H. Shepard and Mrs. M. Oppenheimer.

## Children's Chanuka Festival.

Much enthusiasm is being shown by the children of the Temple of Israel Sunday School in Fairview avenue, over the Chanuka entertainment to be held in the synagogue on Sunday afternoon, December 12, beginning at 4 o'clock. The teachers, the Misses Rose and Betty Seidenberg, Etta Greenberg, Rose Dalley and Essie Goldberg, are working to make this festival the greatest ever held in this community. In the next issue of the WAVE the full programme will be published. The seating capacity of the synagogue has been increased by 200 more seats.

## Smashed Plate Glass Window.

Some time during Monday night a malicious person hurled a stone through the big show window of William F. Hader's store at Bayview avenue and the Boulevard shattering it. Who the miscreant was or what the motive can not be ascertained.

The Argentine Legislature is considering the construction of under-sea railways for Buenos Ayres

## TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

Pretty Entertainment to be Given by Ladies' Aid Society.

## TO AID BUILDING FUND.

Proceeds Are for New First Congregational Church—Affair Arranged Under Direction of Mme. La Rosa Herman.

Everything is in readiness for the big entertainment which will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society next Monday evening in the A. A. A. clubhouse. The proceeds are for the benefit of the building fund of the First Congregational Church. The entertainment will be given under the personal direction of Mme. La Rosa Herman, who has thoroughly trained a company of sixty children. There will be a number of other well known artists who will appear and a first class entertainment is promised.

"A Trip Around the World" is what the entertainment is called and the audience will be carried on a globe girdling trip, visiting all countries and being amused by the natives with folk dances, tableaux and songs. During the trip the audience will be entertained with

the electrical effects of John O'Connor will greatly add to the beauty of the performance. The stage has been enlarged for the occasion and during the intermission coffee, tea, cake and light refreshments can be partaken of in the dining room of the clubhouse.

The audience will be whisked away from the beach to the land of the Eskimos where Dr. Cook will be found discovering the North Pole. Leaving the little Eskimos, the travelers will visit all the countries in the world, and will return to dear America and the United States.

Because of the fact that several of the artists who are to appear will have to catch the last trains back to the city, the entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The hall will be well heated.

Following is the complete programme:

Overture ..... Miss Elfrida Schroll  
Grand March of Children taking part, led by Miss Genevieve Hendricks on brilliantly illuminated bicycle.  
Selection ..... Helen Sneiderker  
Song ..... Helen Friedmann

NEAR THE NORTH POLE.  
Dr. Cook ..... Claude Calman  
Hanson, his valet, Fred Mentzinger  
Starving Eskimos ..... Herbert Frohman, Erwin Frohman, Harold Lotz, Louis Galke.

NORWAY—Midnight Sun.  
Solos, Viola Jacquillard and Kathryn Rawlings.

Lizzie Pachinger, Elsie Friedmann, Olive Holland, Anna Galke, Lottie Goldberg, Grace Young.

Song, "Lonesome" ..... Lizzie Pachinger and Elsie Friedmann.

ENGLAND—Sailor's Hornpipe.  
Harriet Milan, Mildred Girod.

GERMANY—In Lasterbach.  
Dance by Anna Winters and Madeline Cassidy.

ITALY—Tarantella.  
Tambourine dance by Lauretta Smith, Susan Galke, Gladys Young, Helma Calman.

CHINA.  
Song and dance by Little Frank Wright, Frank Wolf, Albert Lechtman and "Little" Carpenter.

JAPAN.  
Japanese maids in their native dance—Laura Holland, Fanny Wright, Helen Cohen, Gertrude Hing.

SWITZERLAND AND TYROL.  
Old Swiss woman, Mrs. Ida von Wolny, guitar and warbling; Swiss girls in folk dances—Kathryn Churchill, Irene Galke, Flossie Wright, Lillian Wilkenson.

SPAIN.  
Fandango by Helen Friedmann, Ethel Smith, Harriet Cohen, Florence Stout.

SUNNY SOUTH.  
Cubana Gilda by Kathryn Neefus, Edna Poller, Charles McCleary, Fred Mentzinger.

FAIRY LAND.  
Fairy Queen ..... Louise Magnolia  
Spider ..... Wanda Rothenstein  
Fairies ..... Thelma Holland, Helen Keane, Rebecca Paul, Edna Lotz, Margie Balzer, Regina Elbert, Irma Gleason, Frances Wagoner, Belle Knott, Margaret W. Hing, Jennie Hildebrand, Julie Day, Dorothy Louise Neer, Lily Smith, Fanny Mc-

Carthy, Phyllis Gilmore, Lulla Bye sung by Katherine Neefus. DEAR OLD AMERICA.  
Miss Genevieve Hendricks, bicyclist.  
Red, White and Blue. Viola Jacquillard, Mabel Locke, Gertrude Thursty, Helen Friedmann, Kathryn Rawlings, Lydia Kirchner, Elsie Reyer.  
Song ..... Miss Augusta Peters.

TABLEAUX.  
Stars and Stripes. A Butterfly. All Nations are Welcome. Beehive Flower Festival. Yankee Doodle. Star Spangled Banner.

Vocal Solo ..... Miss Lillian Roberts  
Recitation, "Xmas Day in the Workhouse" ..... Robert Regan  
Imitations of Anna Held ..... Miss Augusta Peters  
Bass Solo ..... James A. Roberts  
Piano Solo, "La Fileuse" ..... Christene Wood-Bullwinkle  
Ballads ..... Mrs. H. Sierichs  
Cavissima, "The Garden of Roses" ..... Miss Elfrida Schroll  
Vocal Solo ..... Charles L. Frey  
Imitations of Eva Tanguay ..... Miss Augusta Peters  
Home, Sweet Home ..... Louis Lillendell  
Violin Solo ..... Miss Elfrida Schroll  
Accompanists, Miss Elfrida Schroll, Albert Ringk.

Engagement Announced.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mann of 224 Court street, Newark, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mollie Mann, to Harry Rush of this place. In honor of the event a reception will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 5, in Columbia Hall, Newark, from 2 until 6 o'clock.

## TAXPAYERS SPECIAL MEETING.

Will be Held Monday Night for the Purpose of Discussing the Topographical Map.

ed. From the Point to a point 3,000 feet east of the Rockaway Point Life Saving Station is about three miles and reaches to the West Rockaway Land Company's property at Belle Harbor, including all the land which the city is being urged to acquire by condemnation proceedings as a site for a public seashore park.

The government's claim to ownership will undoubtedly open up another lengthy litigation. Only last July Judge Thomas Ives Chatfield, in the United States Circuit Court, handed down a voluminous decision in which he declared the title to Rockaway Point to be the property of Andrew K. Van Deventer. The latter is treasurer of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and bought the tract from the devisees of the late Collis P. Huntington for the Harriman interests. The long fight was made by the descendants of Jeremiah Lotz, owners of the biggest part of Barren Island, who claimed that the accretions to Rockaway Beach were formed by sands being washed away from Barren Island and being cast up by the sea and added to Rockaway Beach.

The Lotts had physical possession of the land from the time of its creation up to the time Judge Chatfield gave his decision, favorable to Van Deventer, considering it their own by virtue of the original deeds, and grants they held to Barren Island, as it was formerly defined, before tide and current changed it completely. A decision in their favor would have put the Harriman interests to the necessity of buying it over again.

When Van Deventer obtained title to the tract and it became another addition to the vast Harriman properties, he began a suit in the Federal courts to oust the owners of Barren Island, who had taken physical possession of Rockaway Point, from the latter place. Judge Chatfield said in his decision that the Lotts had not proved there were any sudden and violent changes and shifting of position of the inlet, or that certain bars and land made by accretions to other lands had always existed within the boundaries of their original grants.

The late Collis P. Huntington owned the land as far as the place where the old block house, erected in the War of 1812, stood, and his heirs and devisees also regarded the land formed as their property and gave title to it to Van Deventer or the Harriman interests in February, 1901. These deeds were superimposed by deeds from the City of New York and the state, which had jurisdiction over part of the Rockaway Beach land, where it had been planned to build fortifications. These plans were abandoned. Judge Chatfield, in reference to this, observed in his decision that the land belonged to the state, and that sections from the state bore out the claim of the complainant, Van Deventer, to the land now known as Rockaway Point.

The object of the meeting, as stated above, is for the purpose of discussing the topographical map of the ward, that section which interests property owners of the section west of Norton's Creek. As the engineers of the Topographical Bureau of Queens Borough have laid out a rather extensive map of improvement showing practically the widening of all of the streets now existing and the construction of ocean front and bay front driveways, this question of the adoption of the map becomes one of the most vital ones our taxpayers have been called upon to decide.

The map will be fully described at the meeting and the many proposed changes will be discussed from various viewpoints. As has already been stated in the WAVE, if the proposed map is adopted and the many vast improvements contemplated and shown on the map, are made, it will mean the confiscation of much of the property on the beach, as the assessments would be so great that property owners could not stand them.

It is therefore of utmost importance that taxpayers from every section should gather at the meeting and express their opinions on the map.

## SPENT NIGHT AT SEA IN LAUNCH.

Party Had Rough Time While On a Fishing Trip Off the Rockaway Shore.

Eleven men from Brooklyn had a trying experience on a fishing trip in a launch last Saturday and Sunday, off the beach. The fishing was done off Arverne and on starting home the captain lost his bearings. Having no compass he was forced to sail by dead reckoning. It was cold and a thick mist had settled over the ocean and several times the launch came near being run down by larger craft.

The launch drifted seaward and as the men were minus water, food and life preservers, their position became a trying one. All through the night the craft drifted about on the ocean and early Sunday morning it had drifted back off Manhattan Beach. Then more trouble was encountered. The engine broke down and the launch was once more carried seaward. Toward noon the boat was seen by one of the crew of the Rockaway Life Saving Station, Arverne, and the surf boat was put off and towed the disabled boat to shore.

## GOVERNMENT CLAIMS POINT?

Officials Visit Beach and Make Preliminary Surveys.

## PURPOSE IS A SECRET.

Not Known What Use Government Will Make of Strip—May Open Up Another Long Litigation in the Courts.

Last Wednesday representatives of the government visited Rockaway Point on a mission, which it has been learned since, from reliable sources, was to look over the ground preparatory to taking possession of all the Point from Rockaway Inlet to a mark 3,000 feet east of the Life Saving Station. For some time past engineers of the Geodetic Department have been at work surveying the tract, to which the government will claim title.

The group of officials comprising the party included the Assistant Treasurer, General Superintendent S. I. Kimbel of the Life Saving Service; Captain McCullen of the Revenue Cutter Service, and District Superintendent Arthur Downey of the Life Saving Service.

According to advices to hand, it is the purpose of the government to claim title to the whole lower end of the beach. On what grounds

## \$90,000,000 PAID IN TAXES.

More Than 70 Per Cent. of Levy Has Been Collected.

According to figures given out by Gen. David E. Austen, receiver of taxes, citizens of Greater New York are paying up their taxes very fast. Already more than 70 per cent. of the total tax levy for the five boroughs has been collected and this although only two months of the new fiscal year have passed.

Gen. Austen's figures show the total amount collected for the months of October and November to be \$90,147,988.74, an increase of almost \$7,000,000 over the corresponding months of last year. The total tax levy on all five boroughs was \$123,836,873.86. By boroughs the collections for October and November are as follows:

Manhattan	\$64,466,195.05
Bronx	5,381,120.43
Brooklyn	16,087,847.16
Queens	3,440,061.46
Richmond	772,764.64
Total	\$90,147,988.74

## Arions' Christmas Festival.

Active preparations are being made by the Arion Maennerchor and Ladies' Auxillary for the annual Christmas festival of the society, which will be held in Arion Hall on Christmas night. The committee has arranged with Santa Clause to have a large tree, loaded down with gifts and Santa himself will be present to distribute these presents to all the children, rich and poor alike. There will be music and other features and dancing will make up a programme that will please all. A nominal admission will be charged.

## New Bowling Club.

The Men's Bowling Club of Rockaway Park and Belle Harbor has organized with ten members, and meets every Friday evening at Schilling's alleys, Seaside. A few more congenial men are wanted as members. Peter Aleisch is the captain.

## EUCHRE FOR THE HOSPITAL.

Ladies' Mutual Hospital Society Will Hold the Same in Arion Hall, Thursday Evening.

In aid of the Rockaway Beach Hospital and Dispensary a euchre and dance will be given in Arion Hall next Thursday evening, December 9, under the auspices of the Ladies' Mutual Hospital Society. About two hundred pretty prizes have been procured for the affair and some of these have been on exhibition in the window of Rush's pharmacy at Boulevard and Fairview avenue, for the last week, where they have attracted considerable attention.

From the advance sale of tickets and interest shown in the affair, it will be one of the largest attended of any yet held in this community. There promises to be over 250 players and many more will attend who will not participate in the games, which will be managed by John H. Taylor. The usual ten games will be played, and at the conclusion of the playing there will be dancing.

The affair has been arranged for a worthy cause, and should receive the support of everybody. The directors recently awarded contracts for the completion of the hospital building and funds must now be procured to carry on the work.

## O. D. S. Recognized.

The Oceanus Dramatic Society met at the home of Miss Lizzie Gross on the Boulevard last Monday evening and reorganized for the season. The society voted to produce a play for the benefit of the Rockaway Beach Hospital and Dispensary building fund shortly after New Year's. It was decided to ask the Arion Maennerchor to co-operate with the society in the entertainment and a committee will meet with the Arions to-morrow afternoon to arrange details. The society will meet again on Monday evening, December 13, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Smith in Washington avenue, Rockaway Park.

## Netzel Suppe Feast.

Lovers of a good feast and wholesome enjoyment, will be given an opportunity to-day and Sunday by Otto Emmerich to pass a most pleasant time. Host Emmerich announces a big netzel suppe and promises all who gather at his hotel at Holland avenue and the railroad plenty to eat and plenty of entertainment to please all.

## Arranging a New Year's Dance.

Court Eulalea's daughters of Isabella, is arranging for a New Year's dance to be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, in Arion Hall. The committee charge promises the affair will be an enjoyable one and several novelties will be introduced. Music will be furnished by Prof. DeWitt's orchestra.

## SEASIDE PARK BEING URGED.

Charitable Societies Again Ask City to Acquire Site.

## CITY HAS NEEDED FUNDS

Association for Improving Condition of the Poor Has \$250,000 for a Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis Hospital.

The movement to have the City of New York purchase a tract of land at Rockaway Point and to create a seaside park, has been resurrected, and on Monday a petition was presented to the Board of Estimate, urging the board to take favorable action at once to acquire the land.

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has been urging the park for some years past and seemed in a fair way of being successful when the recent financial panic brought an end to the negotiations.

The petition filed with the Board of Estimate last Monday asks that the condemnation proceedings for acquiring the beach need be resumed as "unfinished" business. The proceedings were suspended, but not discontinued, by the board on November 1, 1907. Whether or not the board still thinks well enough of the proposition to give it its sanction and cause the city to take title will be decided at the meeting of Friday, December 3.

It is pointed out in the petition, that the debt limit of the city having been definitely decided by the Court of Appeals, it is now possible for the Board of Estimate to go ahead if it sees fit; that the New York Association for the Improvement of the Poor stands ready to provide \$250,000 for the erection of a sea beach hospital for children suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, providing the city provides the site. The Beach site, it is claimed, can be acquired by the city for \$1,570,000. The tax valuation of the strip in 1909 was \$151,400. The estimated cost of condemnation is \$1,250,000.

The site for the proposed seaside park, hospitals and convalescent homes lies east of Rockaway Point, having a frontage on the ocean and Jamaica Bay of 7,100 feet. It would afford excellent opportunities for surf and still water bathing, boating, etc.

For seven years there has been a demand made by charitable organizations of the city for a seashore park at the Beach. In 1906 the Legislature granted the Board of Estimate special ample powers to create such a park. After a long and thorough investigation into the subject was made, the board adopted a resolution favorable to the Rockaway Point site in 1907. Just prior to the financial panic in that year, the board voted to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the land, but suspended work late that year on account of the financial troubles.

The petition urges upon the board that unless the land is acquired now its value will increase enormously in the near future, and as there is no other site so suitable the ocean park scheme will have to be abandoned, and New York, with its miles of seafront will be unable to boast of a public beach commensurate with the size and importance of the metropolis.

## Played Euchre and Danced.

On Tuesday evening, Echo Council, D. of L., held a euchre party in its lodge rooms in Kraus' Hall, and the affair was well attended. The early part of the evening was devoted to cards and pretty prizes were awarded the winners. Following the games there was dancing and entertainment features, and refreshments were served. The affair was a most pleasant one, and it was a late hour before the last guests left for home.

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