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and at Freeport,
Long Island

SUMMONS SERVED ON WM. A. BRADY

Reform Organizations Believed
To Be Back of Latest
Move

New York, Feb. 12.—What is believed to be the beginning of a campaign to stop Sunday theatrical performances in this city and vicinity was started yesterday with the serving of summonses on William A. Brady and three players who appeared in "La Flamme" at the Playhouse last night, and a visit paid by detectives to a vaudeville show at Freeport, Long Island, given yesterday. Detectives were present because of a complaint made to the chief of police of Freeport by five ministers of the town. It is believed that the Lord's Day Alliance and other Sunday observance societies are behind both moves and that they are anxious to get a test case before the courts.

Engagement of "La Flamme" at the Playhouse last night was for a single performance, and admissions were sold in the form of a slip of paper on

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Request Is Made by Chicago
Actors' Protective
Association

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Eddie Cantor has been asked to be the first president of the Chicago Actors' Protective Association, a body that has been in existence for several months, and about which several stories have appeared from time to time in The Billboard without, however, revealing the name of the association or the personnel of the men back of its aims. This association is seeking to build itself up into a force that will be able to correct abuses claimed to exist in vaudeville circles and to make the lot of the vaudeurist a more bearable and practical proposition.

Charles T. Aldrich has been asked to serve as vice-president, and, in all probability, Will Conley will be secretary-treasurer. It is said that the organization will in all probability have

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Heimann New President of the Orpheum Circuit

New York, Feb. 12.—Marcus Heimann has succeeded Martin Beck to the presidency of the Orpheum Circuit, it was announced here today by the Orpheum office.

At a meeting of the stockholders held in Chicago on Friday Mr. Beck was relieved of control of the circuit. He was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Frank Vincent was elected a member of the Executive Committee and appointed general manager. Others elected to the Executive Committee were: Marcus Heimann, Mort H. Singer, Joseph M. Finn and B. B. Kahane.

NO GAMBLING AT ILLINOIS FAIRS

Davison Tells Fair Men State
Law Must Be Lived
Up To

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 12.—The Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs ended a two-day meeting here February 8 by advocating an appropriation of \$300,000 by the State for the next two years to assist county fairs, and going on record as favoring more night shows, especially fireworks displays. The annual convention of the association, representing 85 county and district fairs of Illinois, opened Wednesday with about 200 in attendance.

B. M. Davison, director of the State Department of Agriculture, and secretary-treasurer of the association, presided at the meetings of the first day. Governor Len Small, who for many years has been the moving spirit in the Kankakee County Fair, arrived on the second day to preside as president of the association. A large number of booking agents also arrived the second day and secured bookings of many shows. They were guests at the annual banquet of the association given Thursday night.

In his president's address Governor Small dwelt on the great hard road system now under construction in Illinois and the benefit these roads are in swelling attendance at county fairs. Mr. Small said that with completion of the 8,000 miles of paved highways planned for Illinois 99 per cent of

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NEW CONTRACT OF WESTERN VAUDEVILLE MANAGERS' ASS'N MAKES ARTISTES GASP

Twelve of the Fourteen Clauses Declared "Terrible"—One Calls for Free Services at All
Extra Holiday Performances

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Vaudeville actors in Chicago have something else to discuss and ponder over this week aside from the prosaic question of next week's meal ticket. In brief, the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association has issued a new contract. This in itself offers nothing extraordinary, but what is in it the artistes say makes them gasp. They say that it will be well for all artistes to note the remarkable terms of the contract, the association being quoted as saying the new conditions have been inserted therein to fit changing conditions.

Also there is a clause printed at the head of the contract advising artistes to "read carefully", the artistes claim that, as a rule, they have the choice of either signing the new contract or leaving it alone as printed. The above advice to artistes is printed in red ink. One artiste said the contract should be headed: "We Are Trying To Do the Artistes GOOD". Of the fourteen clauses in the contract, the artistes say twelve are "terrible". For example: In Clause 1, the num-

ber of performances is left blank, with the word "usual" inserted, and with the extra provision that the artiste will give, without compensation, his

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VAUDEVILLE ASSN. TAKES NEW NAME

Will Become Active as National
Amusement Managers'
Association

Springfield, O., Feb. 10.—After having been comparatively inactive for the past two years, the National Vaudeville Managers' Association has taken on new life, and, under a new name, bids fair to again become quite active in the vaudeville and musical comedy field in the Middle West.

Members of the association met at the Shawnee Hotel in this city Wednesday, and voted unanimously to change the name to the National Amusement Managers' Association on account of the similarity of the old name to the titles of several other associations.

Speaking of the organization, Homer Neer, representative of the Gus Sun Booking Exchange Company, said: "The National Vaudeville Managers' Association was organized in 1907, long before any other organization of its

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NEW POPULAR-PRICE CIRCUIT IS PLANNED

Reported Effected by Erlanger-
Shubert Consolidation—To
Start Sept. 1

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The formation of a new circuit, patterned after the old Stair & Havlin Circuit, is said to have been effected by a consolidation of the Erlanger and Shubert interests. This circuit, according to letters mailed to managers all over the Middle-West, will play one week of units, one week of vaudeville, one week of dramatic productions and one week of musical comedy.

The letters state that the policy will be two shows daily, with a \$1 top. Plays like "The Cat and the Canary", "The Goldiggers" and other proven productions will be used. It is announced that the new circuit will begin actual operations September 1. The letters sent out ask in substance that managers make any suggestions they wish, all of which will have due consideration. It is said that the vast

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EQUITY TO OPPOSE TEXAS TAX BILLS

New York, Feb. 12.—Frank Gillmore, executive secretary of the Actors' Equity Association, upon receipt of word from Harley Sadler, owner of Harley Sadler's Comedians, on the tax bills proposed in Texas, wired the secretary of the State Federation of Labor in Texas, and Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., urging their influence to obtain hearings at which the actors' side may be presented. Furthermore, Mr. Gillmore instructed the Equity agent in Kansas City, Mo., to investigate the bills and also assist in an attempt for a hearing.

HAMPDEN LEASES NATIONAL THEATER AT RECORD RENTAL

Shakespearean Actor-Manager To Pay \$100,000 for House for One Year—Broadway Theater Owners Reaping Harvest Due to Theater Shortage

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The record rental of \$100,000 will be paid for the National Theater for a year by Walter Hampden, the Shakespearean actor-manager, who has leased the house. Hampden's tenancy begins on August 1. This figure sets a new high mark for theater rentals in New York for houses of this size, the National seating less than 1,200.

Theater rentals for runs have skyrocketed this season, guarantees of from \$4,000 to \$6,000 being exacted from Broadway producers at this time, at the height of activities. Considering, however, that the summer months are usually a dead loss for most theaters, and that the theater owner leases his property outright, without any expenses for operation whatsoever, for an entire year, the \$100,000 rental for the National is declared by theater men to be little short of astounding.

The National Theater was built by Walter Jordan, of Sanger & Jordan, at an estimated cost of \$325,000. Situated on West Forty-first street, just west of Seventh avenue, the house was considered out of the way when it opened in September, 1921, and three attractions failed in it before "The Cat and Canary" opened it last season. Since the exit of "The Cat and Canary" two plays, "Fashions for Men" and "Will Shakespeare", have been unable to make the theater pay. Hampden will produce repertoire at the National. He has been touring in rep. for the past few years and has played short seasons in New York each year, having built up a sizable following.

The Equity Players are paying \$80,000 for their year's lease on the Forty-eighth Street Theater, which was the previous high record in New York.

Theater owners are reaping a harvest on Broadway, the demand for playhouses so far exceeding the supply that producers are forced to accept the terms demanded or keep their plays out of New York. The receipts of several plays which opened in New York two weeks ago were just enough to cover the weekly guarantee exacted. Those two were "Extra", at the Playhouse, and "The Humming Bird", at the Ritz. The highest guarantee being paid is for the Globe Theater by the Moresco production, "Lady Butterfly".

GAY MacLAREN MYSTIFIES PATRONS IN "ENTER MADAME"

Brilliant Reader With the "Camera Mind" Portrays All Roles by Herself

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Not in a long time have audiences listened to and watched a more strikingly interesting portrayal from a stage than that given yesterday afternoon in the Playhouse, when Gay MacLaren, one of the most talented readers known to the American concert stage, gave the entire play, "Enter Madame", assuming all of the roles herself.

Miss MacLaren's gifts are akin to wizardry and her versatility is amazing in its scope and manifold effects. Yesterday it was not altogether Miss MacLaren's very ability to portray diametrically different characters with suddenness and spontaneity that surprised. Rather it was the fact that she seemed to be and live these characters in a separate personality endowing each one. It was shade blending into shade, each of a different and vivid tint, swiftly trailing from the brilliant to the somber and back again.

Rarely gifted with charm and sweetness, seemingly a very master and mistress of the emotional ranges, Miss MacLaren scored a triumph with poise and the smoothness proceeding alone from artistry itself.

It is not widely known that this artist watches a play two or three times during a regular performance, and then, without having taken a note, reproduces the entire play herself, simulating each character in the different roles. Here is where her nickname of "The Girl With the Camera Mind" arises. The performance yesterday was one of interesting and amazing moments, of substance, fine illusion and the flexibly tense atmosphere flanking one dramatic attainment.

In private life Miss MacLaren is known as Mrs. Al Sweet, wife of the noted bandmaster and composer.

The American Music Publishing Company, New York, has enlarged its office space at 1658 Broadway. William Witel is professional manager.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Eleanor Boardman Rescued by Frank Mayo in Accident to Water Scene of New Picture

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Eleanor Boardman was saved from drowning at the Goldwyn Studio in Culver City yesterday by Frank Mayo.

Obedient to the script of "Souls for Sale" Miss Boardman leaped fifteen feet from a platform into a tank of water. She was heavily attired in fluffy garments, and as she descended into the tank her hat became dislodged. Actors who were looking on and knew that Miss Boardman could not swim were shocked when they found that she was not under the floating hat. The garments that were supposed to hold the actress up were keeping her submerged.

Frank Mayo, who is taking the leading part in the picture, plunged into the water and found Miss Boardman unconscious near the bottom of the tank. She was revived and removed to her home.

INVADE CHICAGO SECTOR

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The Gus Hill-George Evans Honey Boy Minstrels will approach Chicago for the first time when the company appears in Gary, Ind., February 15. Illinois and Wisconsin dates will follow. James Wingfield is handling the booking.

TO EXTEND J. L. & S. CIRCUIT

Chicago, Feb. 9.—It is reported that Jones, Link & Schaefer will extend their circuit of movie houses in spring by three theaters in the neighborhood districts of this city.

JULIA MARLOWE AND E. H. SOTHERN HOME



These two noted stars arrived in New York recently on the S. S. Mauretania after a long visit to England and France.
—Photo by Fotograms, New York.

THREE MORE BENEFITS FOR THE ACTORS' FUND

New York, Feb. 10.—Three more benefits are slated in the near future by the Actors' Fund of America, the first to be held at the Auditorium, Chicago, on March 16, to be followed by Baltimore, Ford's Theater, April 12, and National Theater, Washington, April 13. That these benefits have proven a success can be readily seen from the facts that over \$50,000 has been realized from the last five performances. At Philadelphia, on February 2, benefits were held at the Forrest, Garrick and Broad Street theaters and it was the first time in the history of the fund where it was necessary to requisition three theaters to accommodate the crowds. The Garrick Theater, which was the second announced, was sold out in two and three-quarters hours, which is in itself a record without a precedent.

Over \$14,000 was realized from the three houses.

ACTORS' ASSOCIATION IN DEBT

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to the Billboard).—The balance sheet of the Actors' Association shows that the income from subscription and entrance fees for the past year was \$15,755 and expenses \$27,139, so the association had to borrow \$6,500. Its total funds today are \$5,000 on general account; \$9,380 on protection account, and it owes this same amount the above loan.

William Bradshaw, Henry Vibart and Dawson Millward have resigned as trustees of the association, giving no reason.

SUES SMARTER SET CO.

New York, Feb. 10.—Salem Tutt Whitney, J. Homer Tutt, colored actors and producers of "The Smarter Set" Show, and the Smarter Set Co., were sued this week by Henry D. Collins, for \$853 alleged to be owing for services rendered in managing the show. In the complaint on file in the Third District Municipal Court, Collins states that he served as manager of the show from March 12, 1921, to July 2, 1921, at a salary of \$75 weekly. He expended for the show \$623. It is alleged, making a total of \$1,476 due him, of which only \$1,041 was paid, leaving the balance of \$435 sued for.

FEDOR CHALIAPIN SCORES

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—Fedor Chaliapin was a sensational success in his singing engagements just closed here. Professionals and citizens declared him the greatest treat of the year. Los Angeles musicians were wild in their praise and crowds jammed the Auditorium and fought for admission.

SITE FOR ART THEATER IS REPORTED ACQUIRED

New York, Feb. 11.—Morris Gest is understood to have acquired a site in the Times Square district for the new art theater which he proposes erecting. The property will remain in possession of the realty company organized for the purpose, which will lease the house to the operating company, of which Mr. Gest will be the head.

MAY SET ASIDE SALE OF COLUMBIA THEATER

I. M. Weingarden Will File Bill in Chancery To Rescind Sale

Chicago, Feb. 12.—That a possibility exists of setting aside the recent sale of the Columbia Theater to Al H. Woods, New York theatrical producer, is indicated by the announcement that I. M. Weingarden, a stockholder, will file a bill in chancery to rescind the sale.

Some weeks ago the Chicago Gayety Theater Company sold the Columbia Theater and Planters Hotel building to a corporation called "The Nine to Nineteen North Clark Street Building Corporation", for a reported consideration of \$410,000. At a stockholders' meeting in New York in January certain stockholders are said to have objected to the sale, claiming the property was worth \$600,000. The meeting was postponed without any definite action on the understanding that another meeting would be called before any positive action was taken.

On January 26 a letter was sent by the law firm of S. L. & Fred Lowenthal and Harry P. Munns, attorneys for Mr. Weingarden, to the Chicago Gayety Theater Company, objecting to the sale of the property for \$410,000 and conveying the information that several bidders were willing to pay \$450,000 or more for the same. On February 5, Leon Lasky and Mr. Woods came to Chicago and evidently closed the deal, because an advertisement appeared in the daily newspapers February 8 stating that Hyney Emerson & Co. were offering 6½ per cent gold bonds on a mortgage of \$425,000 on the theater and hotel property, owned by "The Nine to Nineteen North Clark Street Building Company." In the prospectus Oliver & Co., Willoughby & Co. and J. E. O. Erdmore were stated to have appraised the property at \$1,100,000. Mr. Weingarden at once stated his intention of filing a bill in chancery to have the sale set aside and Mr. Munns left for New York Saturday to attend to the matter.

NO CORRUPTION FOUND

In Letting of Concession for British Empire Exhibition

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—In his report of the British Empire Exhibition, issued February 4, Sir William Joyson Hicks says that after the closest possible scrutiny of all available evidence and information, he has formed the opinion that there has been no corruption of any kind, but that there have been unfortunate occurrences in connection with the negotiations for the amusement concession for the exhibition, in practically confining information to the exhibition management, to the detriment of outside bidders.

Hicks says that the amusement concession is probably the most important concession which the exhibition has to give and that all possible publicity should have been given that it was available for award, and that this was not done. Hicks thinks that Sir Alfred Butt and his co-critics were justified in their contention that they had not a chance to compete and that thwarted the negotiations the management appears to have been influenced in favor of the present alleged concessionaire, and that criticism forced him to give better terms than those he originally quoted. He thinks the present competitors offer a most advantageous contract with the exhibition authorities and that under its new conditions it should be signed forthwith. Also that he has induced R. H. Gillespie, J. A. E. Malone, C. B. Osbran and Charles Gulliver to act as a sub-committee in supervising the carrying out of the contract. The competitor in question is one Ackerman, reputed to be connected with the commercial section of The London Times.

TEMPLE THEATER DESTROYED

New York, Feb. 11.—A report in the local papers says that the Temple Theater building at Ft. Wayne, Ind., was destroyed yesterday when 40,000 rounds of ammunition stored in the building exploded. One floor of the building was used as an armory by the National Guard. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

DRESDEN'S FIRST PLAY

New York, Feb. 11.—"Lola in Love", a musical comedy under the management of F. C. Coppens, will be the first attraction at the Dresden Theater, atop the New Amsterdam Theater. The opening date is set for February 22, at which time it is believed that alterations to the house, which was formerly the Ziegfeld Roof, will be entirely completed.

WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS OF SONGS WANT LARGER ROYALTY

Will Ask Congress To Amend Copyright Law Which Now Provides That Mechanical Recording Companies Pay Two Cents a Copy

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Congress will be asked to pass an amendment to the copyright law at its next session, advancing the price mechanical recording companies pay for using copyrighted songs. This step has been definitely decided upon by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, it has been learned by The Billboard.

J. C. Rosenthal, executive of the society, stated to a Billboard reporter that the phonograph record and piano roll manufacturers are paying a ridiculously low royalty for the use of songs now, and that the society will ask Congress to raise the legal charge fixed by the copyright law (two cents) in order that the songwriters and music publishers may receive a more reasonable price for their creations.

An effort will also be made to have Congress change the existing law so that recording companies will not be able to reproduce songs for the purpose of public sale unless they can assure the writers and publishers that they are able to pay for the privilege. Under the present law, Mr. Rosenthal said, any person or individual may manufacture mechanical reproductions of copyrighted songs merely by notifying the publisher that he is doing so. The society will probably seek to have the law reformed so that a bond must be put up by recording companies to insure payment of royalties for songs recorded.

Industry Has Outgrown Laws

Mr. Rosenthal declared that the development of the mechanical recording industry has outgrown the regulations of the copyright law, and that music men are suffering because of it. He pointed out that the sale of sheet music has been greatly harmed by the growth of the record business, and that therefore the music men need new legislation to meet the new conditions.

"The song writer, even when sheet music sold for ten cents a copy, was paid two cents for each copy sold," said Mr. Rosenthal. "If two men wrote a song each was paid a penny a copy. The sheet music sale hardly means anything to the author of songs now. For mechanical recording the entire royalty paid is two cents, of which the publisher takes half. The creator of the songs gets only one cent, and, as most songs have at least two writers, each gets but one-half cent for each record sold."

The record manufacturer can well afford to pay more than two cents royalty, and he should be made to do so."

Despite the great popularity of popular music there are exceedingly few song writers of independent means," he continued. "We intend to make a determined effort to right these conditions."

"When the recording of songs was first instituted no royalties were paid. Then the song writers went to Washington and got thru the present law. They were glad to accept the two-cent royalty then, as they had no idea that the record business would become so great a factor in the music business. Now the entire situation is changed, and the continued prosperity of the music business depends upon the enactment of a more fair law."

The present session of Congress ends in March, and the American Society of Composers, Musicians and Publishers will wait until the next session to make its appeal for the amendment to the copyright law.

GUTHRIE McCLINTIC SUED FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

New York, Feb. 12.—Guthrie McClintic, New York play producer, has been sued by Edna Walton, actress, for \$1,000, breach of contract of employment being alleged.

Miss Walton alleges that she was engaged to appear in "The Square Peg", now running at the Punch and Judy Theater, but that employment was refused her. Papers in the action were filed in Third District Municipal Court thru the law firm of Kessler & Goldstein.

WOODS SUES THEATER BUILDERS

Chicago, Feb. 12.—A. H. Woods has filed suit against the McCormick Building Co., which built the Apollo Theater, of which Mr. Woods is lessee and manager, and the Longacre Engineering and Construction Co. for an accounting. The reports that Mr. Woods demanded \$500,000 in his petition were denied by the Longacre people, who stated to The Billboard that no specific sum was named. The Apollo Theater was built at a time when prices were at the peak of wartime inflation.

AVIATRIX FALLS 300 FEET IN PLANE CRASH

Santa Monica, Calif., Feb. 7.—Bessie Coleman, who survived a fall of 300 feet in an airplane accident at the Santa Monica flying field Sunday, received a broken leg and was shaken and bruised, but will recover, according to her attendants at St. Catherine's Hospital, where she was taken after the smash-up. Miss Coleman, who is from Chicago, was enraged to give an exhibition of flying at the opening of Palomar Park. She rose from the airplane field and was about 300 feet up on her way to the exhibition when her machine, without warning, went suddenly into a nose dive and crashed to the ground. The machine was demolished, but did not catch fire, and Miss Coleman was taken, still partly conscious, from the wreckage. The cause of the plane's sudden failure could not be learned.

MUST DEFEND SUITS

Court So Rules in Damage Actions Against Knickerbocker Theater Company

Washington, Feb. 10.—A decision of interest to theater owners generally has been handed down in connection with some of the damage cases against the Knickerbocker Theater Company by Justice Hoehling, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, in which the justice held that the theater company must defend itself against the suits in question. Demurrers had been filed on behalf of the company on the grounds that specific acts of negligence on the part of the company were not set forth.

THEATER FORCES BLUE LAWS

Berensford, S. D., Feb. 9.—When a jury of women here recently returned a verdict of guilty against Messrs. Ryan and Kundert for keeping their theater open on Sundays in violation of the "blue laws" which for years had been an inactive part of the city ordinances, it paved the way for a series of "blue" Sundays in Berensford.

The theater men demanded a new trial and wanted a jury of men to pass upon the matter. This jury also returned a verdict of guilty.

As a retaliatory move the theater men demanded that all other local business places be kept tightly closed on Sundays.

NOT BILLY FORTNER, THE "REP." SHOWMAN

In the February 3 issue of The Billboard an obituary notice appeared of a Billy Fortner, who died, it is believed, in East St. Louis, Ill., January 29. This Billy Fortner is not to be confused with Billy Fortner, of Billy Fortner's Comedians. The last mentioned Mr. Fortner will tour with his repertoire show under canvas thru the Middle West the coming season.

COLORED SHOW ON COAST

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—"Struttin' Along", an all-colored musical production, presented here Saturday by Ackerman & Harris, is in nine scenes and two acts. It has a cast of more than sixty, of whom thirty are chorus girls. Featured in the show are Mamie Smith and Her Jazz Band, Rucker and Perlin, comedians; Frisco Nick, dancer; Carolyn Snowden, dancer, and Zoe Rance, toe dancer. The scale is \$1.50 for orchestra and \$2.00 for box seats.

LEONARD JOHNSON—NOTICE

Mrs. Mattie Stewart, of 290 Hall street, Monroe, La., communicates under date of February 6 that she has been trying to locate L. L. or Leonard Johnson, "whose wife has been at the point of death for weeks."

ALLEGES BREACH OF CONTRACT

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Julla Edwards has brought suit against O'Neill & Morganstern for \$2,500, alleging breach of contract with the "Hollywood Follies".

"GLORIFIED JANITORS" Are New York Theater Managers, Says Playwright

New York, Feb. 12.—J. Hartley Manners, playwright, said last night at a dinner given his wife, Laurette Taylor, by the Lotus Club, that New York theater managers were "glorified janitors, interested solely in commercial matters." Referring to recent experiences with "Humoresque", his latest play in which Miss Taylor is playing out of town, Mr. Manners said: "We have been trying with varying success a new play in a number of towns. Not one of the glorified janitors calling themselves managers has offered Laurette Taylor a New York home for this play. They all insist on comfortable guarantees running several months. We are barred from New York. The time is soon coming, however, when these glorified janitors will no longer be able to dictate what the public should see."

DETROIT BURLESQUE DELINEATIONS

Jeanette Cummings, one of the Avenue's most popular choristers, closed recently, and is spending the rest of the winter in Los Angeles, Calif.

Pearl LaBelle, who died at the Providence Hospital ten days ago, was buried from Holy Trinity Church, and numerous friends of the profession attended. The floral tributes were wonderful.

May Lee, a former "Avenette", was seen at the Gayety last week in "Youthful Follies", and looking as chic as ever.

Leon DeVoe, one of the niftiest straights in burlesque, opened at the Avenue last week and, as usual, is a great favorite.

Margie Owens, formerly with "Broadway Brevities", and Florence Traxler, of "Talk of the Town" Company, have arrived in Detroit and joined "Hippity Hop" Company at the Gayety.

A clipping from an Albany paper shows that Bella Belmont, a former prima donna at the National, where she was exceedingly popular, is going over big as prima with "Girls a la Carte".

Caroleah Burns, ten-year-old daughter of Chas. Burns, comedian at the National, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, has sufficiently recovered to resume her position with Roland's "Juvenile Follies".

"Sis" Morley arrived in the city lately and is visiting friends.

Arlene Johnson, featured soubret with the "Radio Girls", will soon be seen in her home town at the Gayety.

MICHIGANDER.

MAKING HIT IN "LISTEN TO ME"

Chicago, Feb. 8.—A. Ross Robertson, young leading man with LeComt & Flesher's "Listen to Me", is duplicating his success of last season with the same show. Mr. Robertson is handling one of the most exacting roles for almost any musical comedy leading man, a part that demands dramatic talent and vocal skill of quality and breadth.

Press opinions milled The Billboard, describing the company's reception in various Eastern cities this season, are a unit in paying tribute to Mr. Robertson's abilities and personality.

HARRY FRILLMAN IN HOSPITAL

New York, Feb. 12.—Harry Frillman, of Al G. Field's Minstrels, is in the Hudson City Hospital, Hudson City, N. Y., suffering from double pneumonia. His wife, who came from Columbus, O., last week to be at her husband's bedside, is also a patient at the hospital. While on her way to visit Frillman she slipped on an icy pavement and fractured one of her arms.

TO SETTLE CONDON ESTATE

New York, Feb. 12.—Heirs of J. C. Bernard Condon, late descriptive ballad singer and vaudeville actor, have been directed by Surrogate Foley to show cause in Surrogate's Court on March 13 why the first and final amount left the decedent should not be judicially settled and the executor discharged from his duties as such.

MERCEDES HAS "COUE" ACT

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Joe Mercedes has announced that he has put on an act imitating Dr. Coue, which will not be a burlesque, but which promises to obtain the same results thru suggestion. Audiences will be limited to 500 persons, and the act opened in Lynn, Mass., at a dollar top.

An exhibition of the scene models, costume plates and some of the costumes of David Belasco's production of "The Merchant of Venice" was held in the ballroom of the Colony Club last week, under the auspices of that organization.

Maude Fealy Makes Hit With Stock in Newark

Is Drawing Patronage From All Over City to What Has Been Neighborhood House

Newark, Feb. 10.—Local theater managers are watching with great interest the successful experiment made by Maude Fealy, who has been playing stock at the City Theater, in the Roseville section of Newark, for the past seven weeks. The City Theater is in a purely neighborhood section of Newark, and is far removed from the theater district in the downtown section of the city. Yet the Maude Fealy Players have succeeded in drawing patronage from all over the city.

Newark, which has a population of 114,000, has never had a stock company which was able to draw profitable patronage for any extended period. In the theater district there has been no house suitable for stock.

Miss Fealy played stock last summer at the Broad Theater, Newark's only house playing legitimate road attractions. She then moved to the Orpheum, which has never paid, but could not make it go. She obtained the support of several local patrons by the splendid bills put on, one of which was "Romeo and Juliet". The City Theater, formerly a motion picture house, seating about 1,400, was taken over the week before Christmas.

Several weeks ago the Fabians, who control most of the big downtown picture theaters, took over the Strand Theater in order to kill harmful competition. They put in a stock company headed by Corse Payton. This lasted only two weeks, however, and the Strand is at present dark. The stock idea will be tried again, it is reported.

Miss Fealy is doing an almost impossible thing in drawing with stock in a neighborhood house in a city the size of Newark, managers say. The top price is \$1, and 50 cents at matinees, eight performances a week being given.

OFF TO FLORIDA

New York, Feb. 12.—John J. Murdock, general manager of the Keith Vandeville Exchange, accompanied by his wife and Pat Casey, executive secretary of the Vandeville Managers' Protective Association, left today for Florida to be gone until March, during which time they will visit West Palm Beach, Miami and Havana.

MARCUS SUES FOX BOOKER

New York, Feb. 12.—Fally Marcus, independent vaudeville booker, filed an action against Edgar Allen, booker of Fox theaters, this week, for \$500, alleged to be due on a promissory note. The note fell due September 12, 1922, and interest is demanded from that date. Suit was filed in the Third District Municipal Court.

STOCK ISSUE FOR MUSIC HALL

New York, Feb. 10.—It became known this week that the people behind the plan to erect a music hall here for Weber and Fields have

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EDDIE CANTOR



Mr. Cantor has been asked to serve as first president of the Chicago Actors' Protective Association.

BROADWAY THEATERS ARE KEEPING UP FAST PACE

Majority of Plays Are Showing Big Profits—
Little Falling Off in Patronage During
Lent Is Expected

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Broadway's legitimate theaters are keeping up the fast pace, receipts still continuing big, with the majority of plays showing big profits and over a score playing to almost capacity business. The approaching Lenten season has not yet affected business any, and managers look for very little falling off of patronage during Lent.

Estimated receipts for the week ending February 10 are: "Abie's Irish Rose", at the Republic, one of the biggest moneymakers of the season, \$13,500; "Better Times", the Hippodrome, business on the decline, \$49,000; "Caroline", Ambassador, in its second week, \$15,000; "Chauve-Souris", Century Roof, \$15,000; "Dagmar", Selwyn Nazimova a draw, got around \$11,000 last week; "Extra", Longacre, must get out to make room for Ethel Barrymore, \$5,000.

Ziegfeld "Follies", New Amsterdam, still packing them in, \$35,000 last week; "Give and Take", Thirty-ninth Street, doing well, \$10,000; "Gloria", Vanderbilt, building business, \$11,000; "Greenwich Village Follies", looks good for the rest of the season, \$24,500; "Hamlet", Harris, closed on Friday night, \$20,000; "It Is the Law", Nora Bayes, showing a profit at \$7,000.

"Jitta's Attainment", Comedy, Bertha Kalich the attraction, \$6,500; "Johannes Kreisler", Apollo, no profit at 15,000; "Kiki", Belasco, still a strong draw, \$14,500; "Lady in Ermine", Century, large out-rating being done, \$18,000; "Lady Butterfly", Globe, expensive show, \$17,500; "The Last Warning", Klaw, steady draw at around \$11,000; "Listening In", Bijou, barely getting by, last week better than \$6,000; "Little Nellie Kelly", Liberty, George M. Cohan's musical comedy hit, \$22,000; "Liza", Daly's, colored show, mostly out-rate audience, \$6,500; "Loyalities", Gaiety, strong drama, consistent draw at around \$13,000.

"Mary the Third", Thirty-ninth Street, opened last Monday, got about \$8,000; "The Merchant of Venice", Lyceum, about \$16,000 last week; "Meriton of the Movies", Cort, capacity business, \$15,500; "Mike Angelo", Morosco, going out soon, \$6,000; Moscow Art Theater, Judson's, \$41,000; "Music Box Revue", Music Box Theater, \$28,000; "Passions for Men", Belmont, closing soon, \$6,000; "Peer Gynt", Garrick, opened Monday, \$10,000; "Polly Preferred", Little Theater, rates well, \$11,000; "Rain", Maxine Elliott, capacity, \$15,000; "Romeo and Juliet", Miller's, business growing, \$12,000; "Rose Briar", Empire, \$10,500; "R. U. R.", Frazee, now on the cut-rates, \$8,000.

"Sally, Irene and Mary", Forty-fourth Street, moved from Casino on Monday, \$12,000; "Secrets", Fulton, in the hit class, \$13,500; "Seventh Heaven", Booth, also a hit, due to Helen Mencken's great impression on reviewers, \$14,000; "So This Is London", Hudson—Cohan's other hit—\$16,500; "Six Characters in Search of an Author", Princess, highbrow play, got little over \$4,000; "The Square Peg", Funch and Judy, \$4,500; "Sun Showers", Astor, opened last Monday, \$12,000.

"The Gingham Vine", Knickerbocker, winning musical show, \$17,500; "The Dancing Girl", Winter Garden, \$28,000; "The Fool", Times Square, packing them in, \$19,000; "The Gingham Girl", Earl Carroll \$17,000; "The Humming Bird", Ritz, not doing so good, \$5,500; "The Old Sock", Plymouth, \$13,500; "The Masked Woman", Intime, \$11,000; "The Love Child", Cohan's, \$10,000.

"Up She Goes", Playhouse, \$11,000; "Whispering Wires", Broadhurst, \$9,000; "Will Shakespeare", National, \$7,500; and "Why Not", Forty-eighth Street, \$8,500.

RIOT AT SHAW PLAY

Vienna, Austria, Feb. 9.—The first performance of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, "Arms and the Man", was given yesterday at a Czech theater and started a riot.

The Czech press had for days printed articles against the performance, holding that the play ridiculed Balkan soldiers. Serbian students were responsible for the disturbance, and, the rioters were finally put out by the police, the performance was stopped.

TWO MORE FOR P. M. A.

New York, Feb. 16.—Laurence Schwab and Daniel Kussell, producers of "The Gingham Girl", holding forth at the Earl Carroll Theater here, have been elected members of the Producing Managers' Association.

TRENTON THEATER REMODELED

Trenton, Feb. 9.—The Grand Theater, located on South Broad street, is being remodeled and redecorated with the idea of accommodating high-class road attractions, and will be ready for use about the middle of April. This is a former burlesque house.

The cost of the changes to be made to the house is \$118,000, but it will no doubt reach \$130,000 before the work is complete, so Walter Read, the contractor, announced.

"THE HOUSE" A NEW ONE

New York, Feb. 12.—Glen MacDonough is the author of "The House", a drama of New York, in two acts and eight scenes. It has been accepted by Mack Hillard, now head of a new producing firm. This piece will open on Broadway next month and has a cast of twenty.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED AMONG CHORISTERS

Has Been Brought About Through Demand for Chorus Girls Who Can Dance

New York, Feb. 12.—The growing demand by producers for chorus girls who can dance is bringing about a great improvement in the ranks of the choristers. It was stated by a well-known stage director last week. There are at present a number of dancing schools making a specialty of teaching chorus girls, and the number is steadily growing.

The New York chorus girls are flocking to these dancing schools, and the improvement is already noticeable in the big musical shows running on Broadway. The producer of musical shows is no longer satisfied with a chorus which can merely look pretty and go thru uninteresting drill formations. They are more and more choosing the girls who are able to do dance steps requiring trained ability.

The interest which the chorus girls themselves are showing in learning difficult dancing is improving their own condition also. Girls who can dance are paid better wages, and are also putting themselves in line for principal jobs.

There is one dancing school for chorus girls, which started only a few months ago, which has now a large number of girls enrolled. The Chorus Equity Association has appointed a dancing teacher who gives lessons at a nominal price to its members.

"The improved work of the chorus girls in the current Broadway shows is really remarkable," said one manager. "A musical show with a chorus that can dance has a much better chance of success than the show of two years ago. There are two important causes of the improvement in chorus work. One of them is the English dancing acts which have been imported of late. To the person who has known only the mediocre work of the old chorus the English dancing girls are a revelation. The other cause is the remarkable performance given by the choruses in the several colored musical shows which have played in New York. The first of these was "Shuffle Along", with a chorus of fast dancers that startled New York.

"The New York producers and stage directors," he continued, "have come to the realization that they must have better working choruses. They are demanding girls who can do more than the simple dancing steps, and their demands are resulting in girls taking up their work seriously. In a year or so the average musical shows will have choruses comparable to the best of the English dancing-girl acts."

CROWD SEES RUN BROKEN

New York, Feb. 10.—A very big audience saw the last performance of John Barrymore's "Hamlet" at the Harris Theater last night, when he broke the American run for this play with 101 performances. The previous record was held by Edwin Booth with 100 performances.

The house was completely sold out, and when standing room was placed on sale at 7:30 p. m. there was a line that stretched from the box-office window to Seventh avenue and Forty-second street. Three hundred standees saw the performance, and it is estimated that another 700 were turned away.

During the show the enthusiasm reached a high pitch and Mr. Barrymore was compelled to make a speech after the second act. He made acknowledgments to Arthur Hopkins, the producer, and Robert Edmund Jones, the scenic designer of this production, and the company. He added that he "would like to say a word for the author, but I don't know what he thinks about it."

Mr. Barrymore calls today on the Olympic and will join his wife in Paris, returning in the fall to appear again in "Hamlet".

UNDERSTUDIES PERFORM

New York, Feb. 12.—Henry W. Savage presented the first understudy performance on record yesterday afternoon at the Knickerbocker Theater with a special presentation of "The Gingham Vine". Every part in the production was played by an understudy. Irene Dunne played Peggy Wood's role, and others in the cast were: Margery Wall, Bradford Hunt, Royal Hallie, Roy Marvin, Christian Holtum, R. Lawrence, William Rogers, Jane Arrol, Rosa Vera, Earl Gates, Eleanor Livingston, Virginia Clark, Florence McGuire, Victoria White, Jean Ferguson, Nathaniel Wagner and Mariel Corl. The regular cast of the company was present, as were the author and composer, who conducted the orchestra for this performance.

SIR JOHN MARTIN HARVEY'S NEW "EVERYMAN"



Scenery designed by the president of the Royal Academy, Sir Aston Webb, will impart distinction to the play that will be presented by Sir John Martin Harvey at a London theater shortly. Michael Mackenzie, who is J. J. Searforth Martin Harvey (the only son of Sir John and Lady Harvey), will make his first appearance on a London stage in the part of the devil. The photo shows Sir John (Everyman) and his son (Devil) in an exciting incident in the play, "Via Crucis".

INCREASED TAX IN TEXAS

Proposed in Two Bills Before Legislature Will Affect Traveling Shows

Austin, Tex., Feb. 9.—Two bills increasing the taxes on amusements were reported favorably this week by the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

One of the bills quadruples the tax on dramatic and theatrical presentations, the tax being graduated according to population of the towns where the performances are given. Performances for charitable or educational purposes, where no private profit accrues, are exempt.

The second bill increases the tax on circuses, shows, amusement companies, trained animal shows, Wild West shows, carnival companies and other shows traveling from place to place.

A protest from the Texas State Fair Association against any tax that would prevent carnivals and other amusements showing at State and district fairs was filed.

MOLNAR PLAY FOR NEXT FALL

New York, Feb. 12.—Arthur Hopkins has bought the American rights to "Heavenly and Earthly Love", a Ferenc Molnar piece, now being presented in Budapest. It is slated for a showing next fall.

ALBERNI IN "RITA COVENTRY"

New York, Feb. 10.—Lucas Alberni, the noted Spanish American actor, has been engaged by Brock Pemberton to play a part in "Rita Coventry", which opens at the Bijou Theater on February 15.

PAPER MAKES BLOOMER

New York, Feb. 10.—Broadway was much worked up today about an item in The New York Evening Journal of this date relating to the opening of Ethel Barrymore in "The Laughing Lady" at the Longacre Theater next Monday. In this item, which appeared in the dramatic notes, there were two lines containing some particularly lurid profanity which had evidently slipped in by mistake, as they bore no relation to the text and would be considered unprintable in all printing offices.

The word was passed around among the Broadway habitués about the item and a mad rush ensued for the news stands. At the same time The Evening Journal must have noticed its blunder, for it sent out men to take back all copies. The contest between those who wanted the paper resulted in cleaning the news stands and copies were being sold for as high as one dollar each, with lots of takers. Subsequent editions of the paper did not contain the offending lines.

TO PRODUCE "THE HOUSE"

New York, Feb. 10.—The Mack Hillard Theatrical Corporation has been granted a charter under the New York State laws for the producing of attractions, the first of which will be "The House", by Glen MacDonough. The corporation is capitalized for \$30,000 by Mack Hillard and C. H. Munster, the former associated with the Selwyns.

"The House" is a Greenwich Village story and scenes are laid from 1830 to 1920. Production will be ready in about seven weeks. Twenty-four people will comprise the cast and eight scenes will be depicted. Hyram Abrams will be associated with Hillard and Munster in this new enterprise.

NEW ORGANIZATION WILL ROUTE NEGRO ATTRACTIONS

Syndicate Attractions, Inc., Takes Over Quarters Formerly Occupied by Mutual Burlesque Association—Robert Levy Heads Company

New York, Feb. 12.—The Syndicate Attractions, Inc., is the name of a new theatrical organization that has taken over the quarters formerly occupied by the Mutual Burlesque Association in Suite 309, Navex Building, 225 West 46th street, the burlesque people having moved to larger quarters on the same floor.

Robert Levy, president of the Real Productions Co. and of the Lafayette Players, two groups of Negro dramatic artists, and the operator of three theaters, one each in Washington, Baltimore and Norfolk, is the president of the new syndicate. His other enterprises, both outgrowths of the days when he owned the Lafayette Theater in New York, have been moved from 129 West 46th street into part of the Navex Building suite.

Sam Grismer, the vice-president and general manager, was once the general manager of the R. S. Mass string of houses. At present he and Jack Goldberg are out with Arthur Haurist's "How Come", the big colored musical comedy which will, in all probability, be the first show routed over the new circuit. At any rate it is typical of the sort of productions that will be offered.

The syndicate is the natural outcome of the conditions that have confronted the Negro theaters and the producers of shows with colored casts. Lack of a centralized source of supply has compelled these theater owners to maintain a mixed policy and the owners of such shows to "wild cat" for dates, with a consequent loss to all concerned, more especially to the actors who spent a lot of time in rehearsal, only to either work a brief season, or one filled with layoffs.

Already a dozen theaters have signified their intention to enter the combination, all located in the territory between the seaboard and the prairie states and in the northern part of the country.

The proposed circuit, as at present laid out, will in no wise interfere with the organized vaudeville circuits of Negro theaters. Mr. Levy's houses and the Lafayette Theater in New York are the key houses around which business will be built. The filling in of a few

spots will enable the definite announcement of the houses that will compose the circuit.

Producing and booking will be conducted along the lines that now prevail in burlesque. A ratio of one dramatic attraction, three musical comedies, one farce comedy and three revues will be maintained, thus assuring each house a steady and diversified series of bookings.

Producers will be held accountable to the syndicate for the quality and character of the shows offered. The volume of experience thru which the promoters have passed should, to a great extent, assure the successful operation of the organization. The long-time lease on the headquarters, the high type of its furnishings, the volume of preliminary work done by Mr. Levy, and the size of the advertising budget, all bespeak the very serious intentions of the promoters to see the circuit grow to a full year's bookings.

NEW TIVOLI OPENS Michigan City Celebrates Advent of New House for Road Attractions

Chicago, Feb. 10.—It was rather a gala day in Michigan City, Ind., February 1, when the new and elegant Tivoli Theater was formally opened with a picture. The house will play road shows and the first road attraction will be the "Greenwich Village Follies", which will open at the Tivoli on the evening of February 26. This will be the first time in three years that a road show has come to Michigan City. The "Follies" will be followed on March 14 by "The Bat".

The Tivoli is a first-class ground-floor house, with 912 seats on the lower floor and 492 in the balcony. James Wingfield, of Chicago, has the booking.

PLAYWRIGHT GETS JUDGMENT

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Eric Hudson, playwright, brought action against James Bromley Challenger and wife to restrain advertising the play, "New Wives for Old". He also claims damages for alleged breach of agreement and arrears in the payment of royalties against Mrs. Challenger.

The defendants claimed copyright of additions to the piece, but prepared to release the play excepting these additions. Justice Darling said the circumstances resembled Colley Cibber or Tree claiming joint authorship with Shakespeare. He rendered judgment for Hudson for £33 royalties and costs, the injunctive claim being withdrawn as the defendants released the play.

COLD CUTS CROWDS IN LOOP THEATERS

Sickness Has Effect, Too—Changes in Shows Scheduled

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The Loop theatrical situation has been tight this week. Some of the reasons can be pointed out and perhaps a lot of other causes are but dimly visible. The bitter cold of last Saturday, Sunday and Monday was something in the nature of a knockout for three nights. Then there is undoubtedly a lot of sickness in Chicago, which while not alarming in its intensity is sufficiently widespread to be a factor in making empty seats. Physicians say that in some schools half of the children are at home ill. There appears to be no apprehension on the part of the health authorities that another "flu" epidemic threatens, but they are cautioning the public daily in the care of the general health.

There are to be several moves in the near future. Taylor Holmes and "The Rear Car" will succeed Mrs. Fiske in the Cort, February 21, as heretofore announced. Grace George will close in "To Love" in the Playhouse tonight. "Shuffle Along" will, it is said, soon make an announcement of farewell weeks after a memorable run in the Olympic. "Sally" holds its huge lead in the Colonial, followed by Edlie Cantor, in "Make It Snappy", in the Apollo. William Hodge, in "For All of Us", in the Studbaker, shows a vitality that is a tribute to the judgment of that astute showman, Frank A. P. Gazzolo, managing director of the house. "Farmers Again", with Barney Bernard and Alexander Carr, is a knockout in the Selwyn. "Zeno", in the Shubert-Northern, holds a firm place. "So This Is London", in Coban's Grand, under the skillful engineering of Manager Harry J. Ridings, keeps its color and charm attractive to the public.

"The First Year", in the Woods, is another play scheduled for early change and will move out March 10.

SEYMOUR HICKS A HIT IN "THE LOVE HABIT"

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Seymour Hicks made a great success in "The Love Habit", Hicks' version of "Pour Avoir Adonne". He has written a droll, witty part for himself and plays it for all it is worth, demonstrating complete mastery of French farce comedy technique. Dennisadie, miscast as the husband, slowed down the action. Mix Dorrance made an unattractive, dull vampire. Claude Rains caught the spirit of the play accurately in an unworthy part. Frances Carson made a charming wife and a good foil for Hicks' ridiculous wooing. Our subtlest comedian in a good part should assure success for the new Royalty production, which, without any real emotions or fidelity to character, provides a merry evening's pastime.

MORLEY LOSES CLAIM

For Commission on Sale of the Alexandra Theater, London

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—On Wednesday, at the King's Bench Division Law Courts, George Arthur Morley claimed £1,450 balance as commission on the sale of the Alexandra Theater. The theater company, defendants, denied responsibility. Plaintiff alleged that Mr. Aldridge, of the International Promotion Syndicate, promised him 10 per cent on the net promotion profits. The syndicate bought the theater for £50,000. One Pearce agreed to purchase the theater for £65,000, £15,000 down and a £50,000 mortgage, but owing to difficulties the mortgage syndicate formed a new company with a capital of £25,000 and gave Pearce £15,000 worth of shares, plaintiff claimed, on cash paid by Pearce. Judgment was given for the defendants with costs.

HARVEY PRODUCES "VIA CRUCIS"

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Martin Harvey returned to the West End Tuesday, producing "Via Crucis" at the Garrick. The play is interesting, but not inspiring, and the quality is lost by poor acting of the thorny provincial supporters. Harvey speaks verse appealingly, but his interpretation was very uneven.

Sir Aston Webb designed a pompous architectural setting for the play that was over-elaborated and finicky. The production as a whole lacks smoothness and the stage management is weak. The beautiful costumes by Charles Bachel and Lady Harvey are the best things in the production, which was moderately well received. The play needs cutting, re-hearsing, and, above all, needs artistes.

WED ON STAGE



Miss Jeauette Jules, a dancer, and Horace Ruwe, tenor, both members of "Blossom Time", now playing in Philadelphia, were married right after playing a matinee. The ceremony was performed on the stage, with bride, groom and the entire cast in their costumes. The photo shows the wedding ceremony, with two ministers officiating. —Photo by Keystone View Co., New York.

"ANYTHING MIGHT HAPPEN"

Needs Revision Before Being Presented to Broadway

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 9.—The new Selwyn comedy, "Anything Might Happen", opened a three-day engagement at the Playhouse last night, with Roland Young, Leslie Howard and Estelle Winwood as the featured members. Ruth Findlay deserves mention with these, however, because of her work in building the plot. Mr. Young and Mr. Howard, both favorites in Wilmington, play the leading male roles with all of the intelligent interpretation that one expects from them. Mr. Howard's innate effectiveness stood him in good stead in some of the longer scenes, which are surely doomed to be rewritten. The play deals with the problem of telling white lies to the wrong person and has a great many lines which are unusually clever, as well as considerable food for thought. The few inconsistencies, such as a man rushing in and borrowing \$7 from his "buddy" to buy an engagement ring while his fiancee awaits him and the ring at the Ritz, his rushing on to buy said ring at 6:35 in the evening and his sending of the second act thirty-five minutes (in the play) later, anxiously awaiting the return of his fiancee from a drive in a taxi-cab with an unknown man, these, as well as some of the talk, are things which are apparently being changed, as several of the members of the cast on the program did not appear and one entire scene was omitted. Headless Edgar Selwyn will have completed the work of correction when the play reaches New York. Wilmington found it very hard to enthrone over Miss Winwood's work. The recollection of the distasteful "Red Poppy" of a few weeks back was still pretty vivid and as Miss Winwood is unwise enough to sport a rather grotesque makeup, she detracts from her own personality and fails to offset the impression recently made. Many of the members of the cast were handicapped by very bad colds, but played their parts with the heroism of veterans.

ODD KENOSHA SITUATION

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Managers and agents coming to Chicago say that considerable dissatisfaction exists in Kenosha, Wis., among theatergoers who object to the policy of the Sachs Amusement Company, which controls the theater situation in that city, in not allowing road shows to use the Rhode Theater. The Sachs people are said to own the Orpheum Theater, which plays vaudeville and pictures. They are also said to control the Rhode Theater thru a lease. It is claimed that the Rhode Theater, which is adapted for road shows, is kept vacant, or occasionally leased to home-talent productions only, thus forcing people to attend the Orpheum. Kenosha, which has a population of about 10,000, would support many one-night-stand road shows, it is claimed, but they can't get into the town. Kenosha people are thus put to the necessity of going to Chicago, Racine or Milwaukee when they want to see a production.

GREAT SEASON IN OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 8.—Over 21,000 people attended the twelve performances of "Lightnin'" here at the Brandels Theater. Receipts were over \$32,000. The engagement proved the most successful, from a financial standpoint and that of attendance, in the history of local theaters. Fred Stone played to over \$17,000 in four performances at the same house two weeks before and the "Greenwich Village Follies" grossed \$10,000 just before "Lightnin'". "The Book of Job" also did capacity business at the Brandels. It is estimated that this theater did a business of something like \$67,000 in the past three weeks. All high-class attractions appearing at the Brandels this season have played to wonderful business.

EVELYN NESBIT FINED \$50

Atlantic City, Feb. 11.—Evelyn Nesbit was fined \$50 yesterday for contempt of court in violating the injunction issued restraining her from dancing at the Palais Royal Cafe. This writ was obtained some time ago by Henri Martin, proprietor of Martin's Cabaret, where Miss Nesbit was formerly employed, on the plea that dancing elsewhere than at his cabaret would violate the contract Martin signed with Miss Nesbit. Later Martin withdrew the complaint and Miss Nesbit is alleged to have danced at the Palais Royal. The Judge, in imposing the fine, said that had Martin not withdrawn the complaint he would have made the fine much heavier.

OFF FOR ENGLAND

Zukor, Carleton, Gershwin and Mrs. Harris Sail

New York, Feb. 11.—Among those sailing for England yesterday aboard the Olympic were Adolph Zukor, Mrs. Sam H. Harris, Carle E. Carleton and George Gershwin. Sam Kinckston, who was to have sailed to make arrangements for Willie Burke's appearance in London, has postponed his trip for a week.

WICHITA THEATER HAS PROSPEROUS SEASON

The Crawford Theater, Wichita, Kan., is reported as having one of the most prosperous seasons since it opened a few years ago. Resident Manager Mantling is a firm believer in printer's ink and advertises the house, it is said, in all publicity mediums within 200 miles of Wichita. Local theatrical attendance is swelled each month thru the holding of conventions in that city.

THE NEW PLAYS ON BROADWAY

CASINO THEATER, NEW YORK
Beginning Wednesday Evening, February 7, 1923

ARTHUR HAMMERSTEIN Presents
A Musical Play
"WILDFLOWER"

—With—

EDITH DAY

Book and Lyrics by Otto Harbach and Arthur Hammerstein 2d. Music by Herbert Stothart and Vincent Youmans. Book Staged by Oscar Eagle. Dances and Ensembles by David Bennett. Gowns and Costumes Designed by Charles LeMaire. Orchestra Under Direction of Herbert Stothart. Settings by Gates & Morange

THE CAST

(Characters as They Appear)

Laura Jerome Daley
Gabrielle Olin Howland
Gaston La Roche Charles Judels
Rina a Benedetta Evelyn Cavanaugh
Alberto James Doyle
Guido Guy Robertson
Nina Benedetta Edith Day
Lucrezia La Roche Esther Howard

Arthur Hammerstein has rung the bell with "Wildflower". He has turned out a smart, well-produced musical comedy with lots of snap, a tuneful score and a clean book. Built for entertaining purposes only, it achieves its aim and provides a most amusing evening in the theater.

The story is laid in Italy and lends itself to colorful scenery and costuming. Full advantage is taken of this, and the stage pictures are particularly eye-filling. The "Wildflower" of the title is an Italian peasant girl who is left 20,000,000 lire under condition that she keep her temper for six months. Having a pretty bad one, her little playmates, who want the money for themselves, try in vain to have her blow the inheritance and herself up at one and the same time in a paroxysm of rage. She fools them, of course, and cops the money and a husband to help her spend it.

Not so much of a story, but better than most, as musical comedy books go. Moreover, the music is fitted in nicely with the action and not a number is dragged in without some relevance to the plot. This music, incidentally, is going to be whistled and danced to a lot. There is one number called "Bambalina" which sets the feet to trotting, and another, "Wildflower", which has a novel musical figure that seems right to catch the public's ear.

The cast is headed by Edith Day, who dances and sings very nicely. Her acting suffers somewhat from over-playing. Miss Day tries too hard. Such zeal is commendable, but it should be less evident. The comedy is handled very judiciously by Charles Judels. He has not a great lot to work with, but he gets out the laughs without much effort. Olin Howland is the other laughmaker. The part called for an air of sadness in the playing and Mr. Howland got this over handily. He also danced and got a splendid return for his efforts in this direction. Guy Robertson had the principal male singing role and it sounded as tho the music did not lay right for his voice. Certainly he has been heard to better advantage in other shows. For the rest he was masculine always and has improved much as an actor. Evelyn Cavanaugh danced and sang pleasantly, and Esther Howard, in what might almost be called a semi-character part, was excellent all the way thru. James Doyle lacks decisiveness in his playing and did not shape up as a dancer in the manner one might expect from the former member of the team of Doyle and Dixon. Jerome Daley, in a small role, was very good.

Lastly, and it should be firstly, was the staging of the numbers. The

splendid way in which these are produced, the verve and originality of them, but confirms the impression this reviewer has had for some time now that David Bennett is quite the best of our musical comedy producers. Mr. Bennett has a sense of groupings that infallibly picks out the right arrangement to dress the stage picturesquely. He does not repeat himself, and he evidently has the ability to make his chorus work as tho they liked their jobs. This gives an air of spontaneity to the numbers which is worth everything to the production. And the chorus, both men and women, are the most earnest workers at present on Broadway.

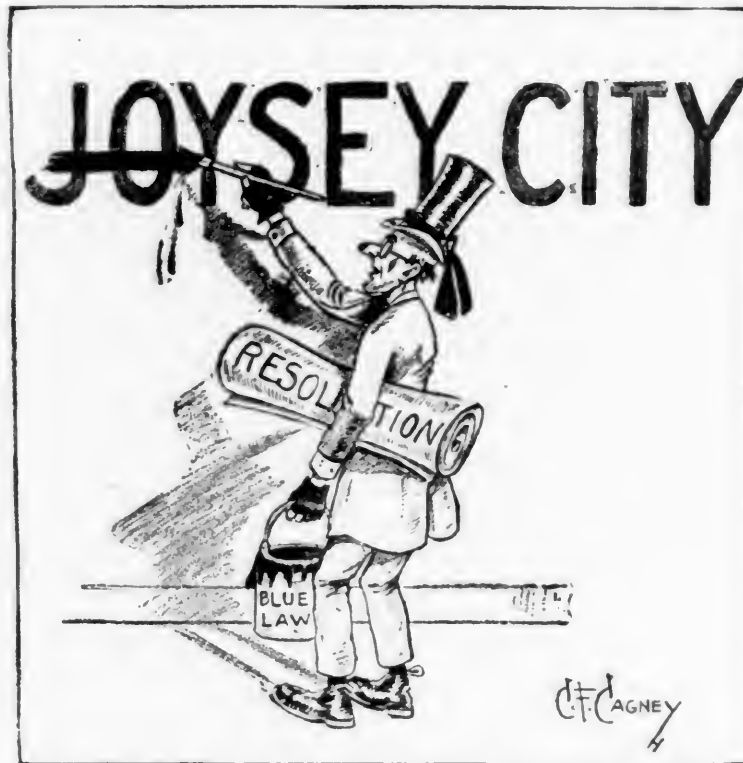
Arthur Hammerstein has provided a slightly production for "Wildflower". The scenery and costuming leave nothing to be desired, and there is plenty of go in the performance. It should be a fixture at the Casino for many months to come.

tion to the winds and wrote "The Detour". This earned him some high praise, but not much in royalties. Now he has written "Icebound", which is a cross between his old style of writing and the new.

The play tells of the Jordan family, folks of a small town in Maine, waiting for years for the money they expect their mother to leave them. The first act shows them waiting for her death and their chagrin when they find she has left the money to a girl companion. However, it turns out that it is really left with her for the benefit of a scape-grace younger son, whom the old lady wishes the girl to marry and save from himself. After rehabilitating the boy thru hard work and making a man of him, the girl does this, and from the first act on certain incidents which threaten to frustrate this plan furnish the element of dramatic conflict.

To give this story the proper setting the author has placed the plot against a background of small-town sordidness and pettiness. This is where he effects his compromise between the style of his earlier plays and the uncompromising realism of "The Detour".

TAKING THE JOY OUT OF "JOYSEY CITY"



Across the Hudson River from New York, where the natives call their home State "Joysey", motion picture exhibitors have been battling blue law agitators. The war on the movies and various other amusements prompted C. F. Cagney, The Billboard cartoonist, to take a hand, or, rather, a pen in hand, and fling some ink at the reformers. His hometown paper, The Hudson Observer, published in Hoboken, N. J., has permitted us to republish the above, one of Cagney's shots.

A well-produced and tuneful musical comedy. Distinguished by superior staging, tuneful music and a cast and chorus which bring ability and dash to their work. Excellent entertainment.

GORDON WHYTE.

SAM H. HARRIS THEATER, NEW YORK
Beginning Saturday Evening, February 10, 1923

SAM H. HARRIS Presents Owen Davis' New Play
"ICEBOUND"

Staged by Sam Forrest
CAST OF CHARACTERS

Emma Jordan Lotta Linthicum
Henry Jordan John Westley
Nettie Jordan Boots Wooster
Ella Jordan Frances Nilson
Sadie Fellows Eva Gordon
Orin Fellows Andrew J. Lawler, Jr.
Dexter Carter Lawrence Eddinger
Jane Crosby Phyllis Poyah
Judge Bradford Willard Robertson
Ben Jordan Robert Ames
Hannah Edna May Oliver
Jim Jay Charles Henderson

After writing plays for years with a decided slant in the direction of the box-office, Owen Davis threw discre-

Mr. Davis bows to the box-office many times while doing this, and these genuflections mar the otherwise fine writing and character drawing of the play. The last act, particularly, looks as tho it had been shuffled around and much rewritten in order to make the right bid for public favor, with the result that it is rather muddled. A more meticulous sticking to the realities would have made for a bigger box-office appeal. As it is, it is a better play by far than anything Mr. Davis wrote before "The Detour", but it is not quite up to that writing.

The piece is splendidly played by a uniformly good cast, foremost in which is Phyllis Poyah, who has the role of the companion who inherits the old lady's money. Miss Poyah gave an earnest and sincere reading of the part, in which flashes of tenderness and hard practicality alternated. These transitions of mood were beautifully done by careful inflection of voice and mobility of facial expression. It was a performance which, never wavering a hair's breadth from the character, was both compelling and moving in its utter sincerity.

Ben Jordan, the sinning hero of the

TWENTY-TWO ACTORS SUE FOR SALARIES

Virginia Producing Company Is Defendant—Actions Are Filed Thru Equity

New York, Feb. 10.—Twenty-two actions for salaries were filed this week by actors against the Virginia Producing Co., Inc., formed by Jack Laft. Nat Phillips, Jack Curtis and George Whiting, which put into production the musical comedy "Genevieve", but which closed during rehearsals. The suits are for one week's salary, less money advanced to the actors. Jack Curtis paid one week's salary of the two weeks due in lieu of notice out of his own pocket. The actions were filed in the Third District Municipal Court thru the legal department of the Actors' Equity Association.

The plaintiffs and the amounts sued for are: Rose Morrison, \$100; Irving Edwards, \$150; Bob Gebhardt, \$15; Jack Porrester, \$15; James T. Sargent, \$30; Estelle Peters, \$50; Francis Pelriot, \$100; Pitt Moore, \$100; Japle Murdoch, \$60; Sidney Phillips, \$150; Gertrude McGushion, \$50; Claire Wegman, \$50; Jean Miller, \$30; Emily Devaux, \$50; Frank Brian, \$40; Genevieve Barnett, \$30; Grace Dorr, \$25; Wm McGuire, \$15; Dudd McGushion, \$50; Louie Browne, \$40; Phyllis Hooper, \$50; May Whitney, \$50.

LAMBS' BIG MIDWINTER GAMBOL ALL SET

New York, Feb. 10.—Everything is set for the big Midwinter Gambol to be given by the Lambs' Club at the Globe Theater on Sunday night, February 18. Several specially-written skits will be presented, among which are "Irishetta", by Frank McIntyre and Gitz Rice; "Gray Faces", by R. J. Madden; "Torland Today", by Victor Herbert and Glen McDonough, and "Sword of Damocles", by Ed Peple. Paul Whiteman also will be on hand with his orchestra.

Among those scheduled to appear are: Will Rogers, Victor Herbert, Frank Tours, Glen McDonough, Edmund Broese, Silvio Hein, Julien Mitchell, Walter Wilson, Harrison Brockbank, George LeGuere, Paul Porter, George Sweet, Willard Goldsmith, Florenz Ames, Hugh Huntley, Al Kappeler, Ralph Riggs, Jack Patton, Wallace Ford, Jack Cherry, Mann Page, Chester Morris, Howard Sloat, Maclyn Arbuckle, Robert Woolsey, Horace Braham, Charles King, Joseph Striker, Fred Graham, Hal Forde, Earl Benham, Robert Pirkin, Ralph Whitehead, Harry Short, Charles McNaughton, John Rutherford, Frank Olin, Edgar Nelson, Eflingham Pinto, George Raseley, Ed Plummer, Arthur Gordon, William Devereux, William B. Davidson, Arthur Hurley, Frank Croxton, Tom Lewis, Percy Helton, Tom Walsh, Glenn Anders, George Christie, Clifford Brooke, Ralph Dean, Richard Carlyle, Gitz Rice, Frank McIntyre, Arthur Deagon, Jack Donohue, Ted Gibson, Harry O. Stubbs, Lynne Overman, Carl Randall, Clarence Nordstrom and Purnell B. Pratt.

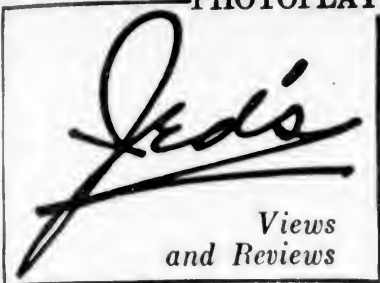
piece, was well done by Robert Ames. The part is not an easy one for an actor to play, for he only obtains the sympathy of the audience in an indirect way and must bring out the innate goodness of the character thru a mask of boyish daredeviltry. Mr. Ames was well able to do this, and that he speaks much for his skill as an actor.

The clan of the Jordans, the disinherited ones, were each etched out into distinctive characters by good playing. The head of the family was portrayed by John Westley. The grasping, snivelling qualities of the man were subtly shown by Mr. Westley thru downright fine acting. Lotta Linthicum, Boots Wooster, Frances Nilson, Eva Condon and Andrew J. Lawler, Jr. represented the other members of the family, and made each part a separate and authentic entity. Lawrence Eddinger, as a country doctor; Willard Robertson, as the family lawyer, and Charles Henderson, as the town constable, were all excellent, while Edna May Oliver in the small part of a maid of all work raised a laugh

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MORE NEW PLAY REVIEWS ON PAGES 36 and 111

PHOTOPLAY



THE New Jersey Senate took some more joy out of "Joysey" (with apologies to our cartoonist) when, by a vote of 17 to 7, a bill to close all motion picture theaters in the State on Sunday was passed. If the House follows suit New Jersey exhibitors will suffer a considerable loss. The kick-back in the bill is that the measure does not apply to Sunday baseball, the action being a direct attack on film theaters.

Recently some rather daring pictures have been exploited in New Jersey. Time to heed repeated warnings. Let's get busy at Trenton.

"Driven", the Charles Brabin production recently purchased by Carl Laemmle for special exploitation on the Universal-Jewel list of features, is a picture that every exhibitor will want. Without any flashy scenes, this story of the moonshiners of the South is a human document that is bound to be surefire at the box-office and certain to please.

"Driven" is all in the story and the acting of it, Director Brabin having told his tale without the usual movie frills and having stopped when he got to the end. Charles Emmett Mack, loaned by D. W. Griffith for the production; Emily Fitzroy and Elinor Fair are the outstanding players in "Driven", but the work of all is deserving of mention, so these others of the cast are named: Burr McIntosh, George Bancroft, Ernest Chandler, Fred Koser and Leslie Stowe. We shall have something to say later about its Broadway presentation, but for the moment we'll stand on the statement that every exhibitor will want to book this heart story.

Homer A. Bouche, formerly general manager at Essanay, has been made production manager at Universal City. That's good news for some of the old-timers.

Hugo Riesenfeld has booked "The Message of Emile Coue" for the Rialto and Rivoli, New York, for the week of February 25.

"Adam and Eva", the latest Marion Davies production, ought to win a lot more followers for this player, who finally earned her electric lights with "When Knighthood Was in Flower", despite the fact that her name had been exploited with many previous pictures. "Adam and Eva" is a Paramount-Cosmopolitan, based on the play of the same name, and is pleasing entertainment. The usual expense for Marion Davies' productions seems to be in this one, but Robert G. Vignola, who directed, has added charm to costly sets and has a picture. Also he has T. Roy Barnes as the lead, and such other excellent players as Tom Lewis and William Norris. "Adam and Eva" ought to do well for most exhibitors.

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HUGH BUTLER IN COURT

London, Feb. 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Hugh C. Butler, acting in "Demomachus Nights", was charged in Bow Street Police Court Tuesday and Friday with obtaining money under false pretenses by worthless check and credit without disclosing bankruptcy. A detective said the defendant admitted he knew there was nothing in the bank to meet the check.

JUDGMENT IS ENTERED AGAINST OLIVER MOROSCO

In Suit Brought by Anne Nichols—Morosco Files Counterclaim

New York, Feb. 12.—Judgment for \$14,000 against Oliver Morosco has been filed in the County Clerk's office by Anna Nichols Duffy, professionally known as Anne Nichols, playwright. The judgment is the result of a suit brought in the Supreme Court by plaintiff to recover \$10,000, the value of 100 shares of stock in the Morosco Productions Co., and for several promissory notes made by Morosco to plaintiff which Morosco, it is charged, defaulted in the payment of, making an aggregate of \$28,250, for which sum she brought suit.

On the other hand Morosco avers plaintiff wrote the play, "Able's Irish Rose", to which she gave him the exclusive rights based on her receiving a royalty. Morosco says he sent out two road companies with the production, and in April last, in consideration of his giving plaintiff a 25 per cent interest in the profits from these road companies, she extended the maturity date of the notes until the termination of all the productions of the above play. He therefore contends that the notes are not yet due, and he further alleges by way of counterclaim that the plaintiff, in violation of her agreement with him, has been producing at the Fulton Theater in this city, "Able's Irish Rose", and in so doing is depriving him of the profits from the production, wherefore he asks the Court to award him \$50,000 damages.

Morosco further avers that Selma Paley, the motion picture actress, advanced, for the benefit of Anne Nichols, \$2,000 and in addition sold the Nichols woman, in Los Angeles, Calif., clothing worth \$1,000, which sums have not been paid, and the claims for which Miss Paley assigned to Morosco. The papers disclose that Morosco made a stipulation by which he agreed in case he failed to make a payment of \$7,000 to plaintiff by January 31 last, to allow judgment to be filed against him for \$14,000. Morosco failed to make good and the judgment was entered against him.

Look thru the Letter List in this issue. There may be a letter advertised for you.

GOLDEN RULE GREATEST RELIGION, SAYS MINSTREL

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 11.—"The greatest religion in the world is the Golden Rule". Thus does Neil O'Brien, famous minstrel man, dispose of the Bonner amusement bill, which would blanket Alabama with "dark" Sundays.

"You know liberality is the thing," says Mr. O'Brien, pursuing his philosophy. "There ought to be no law to prevent me from playing golf or going to a show on Sunday if that is my idea, or my neighbor from staying at home and reading his Bible if that is his idea."

"The trouble with the American people is that they will not submit to regulation. It is a nation of extremists. We fight hard, we work hard, we play hard. The saloon became obnoxious and had to go, but instead of wise regulation, America went to the other extreme."

"I believe in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. Suppose the amusement-loving people were to say: 'Look here, you people have got to go to shows on Sunday.' What then? Yes, liberality is a great thing."

FIRST NATIONAL PICTURES ENTERTAINS POOR CHILDREN

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Last Wednesday the Associated First National Pictures, Ltd., entertained 1,100 poor children at the Empire Theater, celebrating Dickens' 111th birthday anniversary with a performance of the film "Oliver Twist". Jackie Coogan made the arrangements. Teddie Manning was selected from 10,000 competitors for the part of Oliver Twist in the prolog acted on the stage.

PIRANDELLO PLAY TO CLOSE

New York, Feb. 12.—"Six Characters in Search of an Author", the Luigi Pirandello play at the Princess Theater, will close February 17 after a sixteen weeks' run at that playhouse. Brock Pemberton, the sponsor of this production, at first announced the piece for a four weeks' run, but gate receipts changed the producer's mind.

COURT REFUSES TO DISMISS A. B. A. SUIT

Action of Association Against Columbia Amusement Co. Will Be Tried

New York, Feb. 10.—Justice Warley Platzek, in the Supreme Court, has just denied the application of the Columbia Amusement Company for a dismissal of the complaint in the suit brought against them by the American Burlesque Association. The application was made on the ground that the complaint did not state facts constituting a cause of action, but Justice Platzek, in his decision, holds otherwise, saying: "The existence of the agreement is sufficiently stated and I think the complaint states a cause of action for inducing the breach of contract between plaintiff and its patrons."

The action is brought not only against the Columbia Amusement Company, but J. Herbert Mack, its president; Jules Hurlitz, its vice-president, and other officers of the amusement company, and the complaint alleges that a contract was entered into between the plaintiff and defendants for the booking of shows and theaters of mutual benefit to both. It is charged that the defendants, with knowledge of the contract, "conspired for their own interest and profit" to destroy the plaintiff's business and good will, by excluding shows booked by the Burlesque Association from defendant's theaters and prohibiting theaters controlled by defendants from booking plaintiff's shows.

It is further alleged that defendants succeeded in their purpose and had a petition in bankruptcy filed against the Burlesque Association, accomplished thru the defendant's "wifely and malicious" intention to destroy plaintiff. The suit, brought by Charles L. Hoffman, of 141 Broadway, on behalf of the Burlesque Association, will now go to trial, in which the Court is asked to award the Burlesque Association \$500,000 damages.

FIRE DAMAGES RESTAURANT

New York, Feb. 11.—Fire broke out last night in the cloakroom of the Scandia Restaurant, located in the basement of the Columbia Theater Building here, and did several hundred dollars' worth of damage. At first it was thought that the fire was in the theater and firemen went backstage with lines of hose. On being assured that there was no conflagration there, they investigated in the restaurant and speedily extinguished the flames.

SOL BLOOM, CONGRESSMAN

New York, Feb. 10.—An official canvass of the vote cast at a special election here on January 30, at which Sol Bloom, Democrat, theater builder, was elected to Congress from the Nineteenth District, credits Bloom with a vote of 17,900; his opponent (Republican) 17,718, giving the former a plurality of 181. Bloom takes the place of Samuel Marx, who died before he could take office.

WOULD RECONSIDER R. R. RATE REDUCTION

Washington, Feb. 10.—Members of the Executive Committee of the Association of Railroad Executives, at a meeting here this week, reached the conclusion that railroads should move to have the Interstate Commerce Commission reconsider its decision recently made allowing a 20 per cent reduction in passenger rates to purchasers of 2,500-mile interchangeable mileage tickets.

000; Herman R. Zapf, L. Sobel, Vincent Zmunt, Robert B. Leehr, D. M. Sey.

The Circle Theater Co., Cleveland, \$500; John A. Elden, W. E. Ribbey, J. S. Fisher, J. L. Farris, T. F. Capstick.

The Tivoli Theater Co., Cleveland, \$1,700; Abe Polster, Max LeGovich, Nicholas Pavle, Helen Lefkovich, Sarah Polster.

South Dakota Charter

Woodmen Opera Co., Herried, to build an opera house, \$2,500; E. H. Buckling, C. O. Robbins, M. W. Bickel.

West Virginia Charter

Terrapin Park Amusement Co., Parkersburg, \$25,000; J. H. Watson, William Cain, Winnie Haues, McKinley Haines, Edward Cain, Laura Watson.

Capital Increase

The Southern States Film Co., Dallas, Tex., from \$15,000 to \$100,000.

BUSINESS RECORDS

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Delaware Charters

Pacific Film Company, Wilmington, motion picture films, \$1,000,000. (Corporation Trust Company of America.)

York Exhibitors' Association, Philadelphia, places of amusement, \$100,000. (Corporation Guarantee and Trust Company.)

Cinaseope Company, manufacture motion pictures, \$2,000,000; E. E. McCloud, M. A. Yellen, R. T. Elliott, Cleveland. (Colonial Charter Company.)

Florida Charter

Peck's Sightseeing Boats, Inc., \$10,000; Richard K. Peck, president; John Holden, secretary-treasurer.

Illinois Charters

Woods Adelphi Theater Corp., 11 North Clark street, Chicago; 200 shares no par value, to operate and manage theaters, concert halls, etc.; Alfred I. Schwerdtlin, Otto S. Brubman, A. G. Johnson. (Correspondents: Mayer, Mayer, Austrian & Platt, 208 South LaSalle street.)

Ben Hur Amusement Co., 306 East Cicero avenue, Chicago, \$5,000; moving picture, theatrical and amusement business; W. E. Fitzgerald, Albert L. Christy, Earnest Christy. (Correspondent: W. C. McWitt, 10 LaSalle street.)

Kentucky Charter

Joyland Amusement Co., Lexington, \$40,000; J. W. Sauer, F. K. Sauer, Frank Brandt.

Michigan Charters

The Flint Philharmonic Concert Co., Inc., Flint, \$1,000; to promote, manage, supervise concerts, lectures, entertainments, educational programs, and act as booking agents; Charles J. French, Emily G. Hixon and Mabel E. French.

The Cinema Service Company, 137 East Elizabeth street, Detroit, \$25,000; to deal, rent, lease photos, lithographs, other pictures, films, slides, supplies; Maud R. and Gustave E. LeVoque and William S. McDowell.

Missouri Charters

Associated Booking Corp., St. Louis, \$2,000;

to carry on the business of theatrical proprietors and caterers for public entertainment of all kinds; Ida Wilson, Oscar Vahikamp, Wayne Hameron.

Monarch Baseball and Amusement Co., Kansas City, \$20,000; to maintain and conduct a baseball club and for securing, managing and controlling amusement parks and pavilions; J. L. Wilkinson, R. M. Wilkinson, W. R. Waltner.

New Jersey Charter

Alcarn Productions, Passaic, motion pictures, \$125,000; Louis H. Scherer, New York; Maurice Korshet, Louis Levy, Passaic.

New York Charters

The Albany Clinton Square Theater, Inc., Albany, \$50,000; to operate the Clinton Square Theater in Albany; Jacob E. Tarsches, Christopher H. Buckley, Samuel Caplan.

Middle East Films Corp., New York, \$1,500,000; M. Schlesinger, A. Birgel. (Attorney: M. A. Schlesinger, 44 Beaver street.)

Maek Hilliard Theatrical Corporation, New York, \$30,000; M. Hilliard, C. H. Munster, R. C. Richter. (Attorney, H. C. Littick, 130 West 42nd street.)

Earle Amusement Corporation, Brooklyn, theatrical, \$10,000; G. Schacht, C. J. and E. Adler. (Attorney, A. Levitt, 215 Montague street, Brooklyn.)

Bloom Amusement Company, Syracuse, motion pictures, \$5,000; J. S. Burnham, M. Bloom, J. S. Gray. (Attorneys, Bond, Sieboney & King, Syracuse.)

Go-Go, New York, theatrical, motion pictures, \$35,000; R. Walker, P. S. Goodman. (Attorney, S. Goodman, 130 West 42nd street.)

George Buck, New York, moving pictures, \$5,000; G. Buck, W. G. Lovatt, S. Schwartzman. (Attorney, H. S. Hechheimer, 1540 Broadway.)

Ohio Charters

The Clark Theaters Co., Cleveland, \$500; Samuel Horwitz, M. J. Meyer, W. W. Dawson, J. B. Kiefer, M. Niergner.

The Gordon Lakes Amusement Co., \$150,000;

VAUDEVILLE

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, HONEST AND DISINTERESTED REVIEWS

Conducted by EDWARD HAFFEL

VACCARELLI PROMISES END TO MUSICIANS' DISPUTE

Labor Leader Confident He Can Secure Local Autonomy for Members of New York Musicians' Union

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The musicians' dispute in New York will be ended within ten days by the union musicians being granted local autonomy—the right to elect their officers, make their own laws and bargain for their wage scale—the members of the outlawed Musical Mutual Protective Union were told by F. Paul A. Vaccarelli, their business agent, at a meeting held on Thursday night.

Vaccarelli's appointment as business agent of the M. M. P. U. was verified by vote of the members at a meeting held two weeks ago. He was engaged to bring about an adjustment of the situation in New York, the M. M. P. U. members seeking to right the wrongs they alleged were inflicted upon them by Joseph N. Weber, president of the American Federation of Musicians, the international organization, when he revoked the charter of the M. M. P. U.

Vaccarelli stated at the previous meeting that the differences would be adjusted at a conference which had been arranged with President Weber thru Hugh Frayne, general organizer in New York State for the American Federation of Labor. On Thursday night, however, he informed the assembled musicians, most of whom are engaged in playing in theaters in Greater New York, that the conference with Weber had not materialized. He stated that Weber was supposed to have been present at Mr. Frayne's office on Thursday afternoon to meet him and a special committee of the M. M. P. U., but did not appear. Instead, he said, Weber left word with Frayne that any demands of the musicians of New York would have to be made thru the general executive board of the Associated Musicians of Greater New York, Local 802. This union was formed by the A. F. of M. after the M. M. P. U.'s charter was revoked, and practically all of the 3,000 members of the M. M. P. U. are also members of Local 802.

Against Strike

Vaccarelli, in a dramatic speech to the 1,500 musicians at the meeting, asked them to decide whether they wanted him to go about obtaining their demands by appealing thru Local 802 or if they desired to cease all peaceful negotiations with Weber and resign from Local 802, thus becoming an opposition union. This latter course meant strike, and Vaccarelli demanded that the musicians first decide for themselves if they were strong enough and unified enough to win before they chose it.

This dramatic address brought forth numerous conflicting debates, speeches and arguments from the musicians. Some declared themselves for breaking away entirely from the American Federation of Musicians, while others approved of the plan to follow out President Weber's request. The feeling of the assemblage rose to fever heat, and it appeared that the musicians would decide to take the stronger course. Vaccarelli then took the floor again and asked the members to vote to take the matter up thru Local 802, practically promising

them that this would result in their receiving the right to govern themselves. The charter of Local 802, to which all musicians must belong in order to obtain union employment, does not allow election of officers, who are appointed by the A. F. of L. Vaccarelli declared that if this method did not succeed he would be at the service of the members in any way they wished him.

A motion was then made to put the demands up to the governing board of Local 802. This was carried with but one dissenting voice. The demands were to be mailed to Local 802 by Vaccarelli on Friday. If the governing board of Local 802 does not accede to the demands they are then to be made to the executive board of the American Federation of Musicians.

If local autonomy is granted to the New York musicians the M. M. P. U. will probably be joined with Local 802. The M. M. P. U. owns a large building on East Eighty-sixth street, of which the Yorkville Casino is a part, and has total assets valued at around \$1,000,000.

The results of Vaccarelli's plan will be stated to the musicians at a meeting to be held on Thursday night, February 22.

WILLIAMS RESIGNS

As Secretary of the Musicians' Union in England

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—S. J. B. Williams, general secretary of the Musicians' Union, has placed his resignation in the hands of his executive. This has come as a bombshell to the musicians, but it is rumored that domestic reasons require that Williams live in France, where he has a house, and altho only fifty years old he wants a less active life.

It is possible that Mr. Williams' trade union activities as president of the Trade Union Congress, together with his linguistic capabilities, will be utilized by the International Federation of Trade Unions located at Amsterdam, and of which J. H. Thomas is president. Williams' resignation will be discussed next week by the Musicians' Union executive committee.

Keith's Boston Time Closed to Dumb Acts

Acrobatic Turns Barred by Sunday Law—Singing Acts To Take Place

New York, Feb. 10.—Barred out of vaudeville theaters in the Boston territory by the B. F. Keith Exchange is the fate of the dumb acts. Because acrobatic, juggling and other kinds of dumb, or sight, acts are not allowed to perform on Sundays in theaters in and around Boston, the Keith bookers summarily decided this week that dumb acts must go and singing acts put in their places to open and close shows.

The singing acts are allowed to perform in Boston on Sundays, but dumb acts are not. Therefore, following the established policy of getting as much as possible out of the vaudeville artists, the dumb acts, as far as Boston is concerned, are relegated to the ash-heap by the Keith bookers.

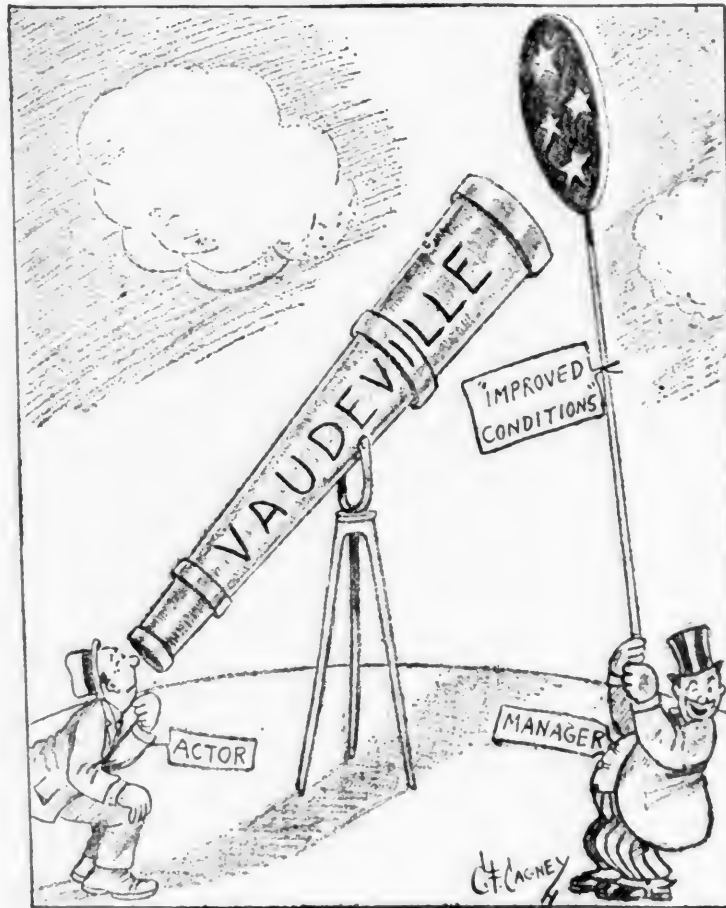
There are about sixteen weeks around Boston booked by the Keith offices, commonly known as the Doc Reed Time. As far as dumb acts are concerned these theaters might as well be in a foreign country.

This latest edict of the Keith bookers is drawing bitter comments from the dumb acts. Some even say that the dumb acts have been getting the worst of it right along because they are the class of performers who remember the days when they had a union to protect them and are strongest against the present unorganized conditions in vaudeville.

VOYCE AND BAYLY CONFER WITH FRENCH ARTISTES

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Albert Voyce and Monte Bayly crossed to Paris on February 8 and held conferences on the 9th and 10th with Georgius, of the Union Independent Artiste Francais. The situation certainly looked like a pan-Franco movement to limit all programs to only ten per cent for all aliens and ninety per cent to French and Belgians, but it is now quite apparent after conferences that the French union wants at least fifty per cent of all programs in France reserved absolutely for French vaudeville artists and that the French government will be advised to legislate accordingly.

Voyce and Bayly pointed out the danger of this and its probable reactionary effect elsewhere, as it is certain that the Alhambra, Paris, and other theaters would be most seriously affected. Nevertheless, on the extremely question, etc., the Variety Artists' Federation and the Union Independent agree and a reciprocity arrangement of quarterly visiting cards identical with those of the Australian Federation and with like guarantees has been agreed to, subject to satisfaction by the V. A. F. executive committee, which will meet February 11.



FRITZI GETS OVATION

New York, Feb. 10.—Fritzi Scheff, light opera star and vaudeville headliner, got a rousing ovation when she visited the Globe Theater, the scene of her earlier triumphs, to witness its current musical comedy attraction. Between acts the orchestra leader saw her. He immediately instructed his men to play "Kiss Me Again". In a moment there were demands from all over the house for Fritzi to sing. Miss Scheff has sung the song at almost every performance she has given since her memorable days in "Mlle. Modiste". Not especially because she wants to sing it, but because her audience demand it.

MAY YOHE IN ACT

Melrose, Mass., Feb. 10.—May Yohe, once Lady Francis Hope, is soon to return to Broadway in a new vaudeville act entitled "Simply May Yohe".

"I am attempting no comeback, because I have never been away," says the once-famous possessor of the ill-fated Hope diamond.

PALMERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Palmer, well-known musical act, had a narrow escape from death February 3 when an automobile in which they were motoring from Paterson to Waukegan, Wash., was hurled over a 55-foot embankment when it struck a boulder.

The fact that the car had a specially constructed steel frame-work top saved the Palmers from serious injury and they escaped with minor bruises. The wheels and other parts of the car were smashed, but the steel framework did not give way.

AMATEUR FASHION SHOWS

New York, Feb. 10.—Amateur and neighborhood follies are to be succeeded by "fashion shows" in the Keith houses as part of the latter circuit's scheme to promote "community spirit". The fashion show, the cast of which will, of course, be comprised of amateurs, will feature bills in a score of Keith houses during Easter week.

VALENTINO AND BALL ROOM PROPRIETOR ON WAR PATH

"Sheik" Plays But One of Two Weeks' Dancing Engagement for Carl Fischer in Detroit—Will Return to the Films

DETROIT, Feb. 12.—Rodolph Valentino, scheduled to dance nightly for two weeks at the New Majestic dance hall at a salary of \$7,500 a week, terminated his engagement last night, after he had worked just one week.

Termination of the "sheik's" Detroit engagement had been anticipated in theatrical circles, as a merry newspaper war has been waged all week between Carl Fischer, proprietor of the New Majestic ballroom, and Valentino that sizzled with front-page barrages of "charges and countercharges" between the principals.

Fischer went on the war path, principally, he alleges, because he was hoodwinked into signing a contract with Valentino to pay him \$15,000 to dance nightly at Majestic dance hall for a period of two weeks upon the screen star's reputed popularity and ability to stampede the place during a fortnight at \$2.50 per capita.

The attendance proved disappointing to Fischer. One night less than 150 put in an appearance. The next night a few over 200 people came, and Wednesday night about 700 were present after the "gate" had been reduced from \$2.50 to \$1. Fischer also declared that as a dancer Valentino had been overworked and that if it had not been for the support of his wife would have been a flat fall-down.

During the newspaper battle Fischer charged Valentino with being an assistant gardener on the estate of Mrs. Cornelius Bliss, Jr., on her Long Island estate, and declared that Mr. Valentino had polished his golf sticks when he was a guest at the Bliss home.

To which Valentino said in reply: "Mr. Fischer's statement that I once polished his golf clubs on an occasion when he was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bliss, Jr., on Long Island, is false. However I wish I could say that was true. This country has been made by immigrants who have started from the very bottom and thru their integrity have risen to fame, fortune and respect.

"I was not an assistant gardener at the Bliss home, as Fischer states, but was the assistant landscape gardener. I don't evade the fact that I was a poor boy, for why should I when I am prouder of that than anything else in the world. I was perfectly astounded when I reached Detroit and found out the type of dance hall operated by Fischer. I would be willing to cancel my contract on the spot if I could. There have been very small crowds to see me here in Detroit, but after I had seen the New Majestic dance hall I realize very well the reason.

Fischer's proposal to me that he give out tickets to all women attending my performance, with the idea of having a drawing contest, the lucky winner being allowed to dance on the floor, was perfectly ridiculous.

I have been cheapened too much already by coming to Detroit to dance in such a place as he suggests."

Harry Field, Valentino's manager, announced that this would be the film star's last dancing engagement—that he had been notified by his attorneys that arrangements have been about completed for Valentino to return to the films. Field refused to state whether Valentino would return to work for Famous Players-Lasky or whether his contract with that firm had been canceled.

Both Valentino and his wife have been the recipients of hundreds of letters from Detroiters in all walks of life offering sympathy for the criticisms made against him by Mr. Fischer.

RESULTS IN THEATER CRUSH

Newark, N. J., Feb. 10.—Three women fainted in a crush at the B. F. Keith Theater last night. "The Third Alarm", a fire feature, was being shown and when excitement was at its height two boys started fighting in the gallery and somebody yelled, "Flight!" Those downstairs thought the word "fire" and hundreds started to rush for the exits. Police and theater attendants finally quieted the spectators.

NOVEL "AD" STUNT

New York, Feb. 10.—A novel billposting campaign which promises to be of interest to managers in other towns, a scheme for the promotion of local business concerns, is now being conducted at White Plains by the B. F. Keith Lynn Theater. Lithographs bearing such legends as "Charity Begins at Home—So Does Industry"; "Buy Your Auto Here—White Plains Dealers Can Give You the Best Service and Best Values"; "Everything for the Home Can Be Purchased in White Plains", and other equally pertinent and wise slogans are adorning local billboards with the underline, "With the Compliments of the B. F. Keith Lynn Theater."

T. O. B. A. ADDS TWO THEATERS

President Milton Starr Predicts This Year's Business Will Be Best Since the War

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Milton Starr, of Nashville, president of the Theater Owners' Booking Association, today reported two new houses in the association and predicted "the 1923 business will be the best since the war."

Mr. Starr has been here two weeks conducting the work of Sam E. Keavin, treasurer of the T. O. B. A., and Southern representative, who has been in a hospital two weeks, suffering from appendicitis and expects to be back on the job February 12.

The new theaters added to the already healthy string of the T. O. B. A. are the Plaza, of Little Rock, Ark., and the Auditorium, of Alexandria, La., which are to play vaudeville regularly.

During the past week the Ethel Waters company and the Sarah Martin All-Star Review opened on the circuit. Ethel Waters opened at the Lyric in New Orleans and is held over for the second week, Sarah Martin, okay record artist, is now at the Bijou in Nashville.

ANOTHER VICTORY

For Variety Artists' Federation

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Variety Artists' Federation has scored another victory in the city of Glasgow in forcing all ten percenters to be licensed similarly to those in London and Liverpool, and

Kidding the Audience Must Stop—E. F. Albee

Gags That Cause Patrons Embarrassment Tabooed in Houses of Keith Circuit

New York, Feb. 10.—If someone in the audience should get up and walk out during the time the artiste is doing his act, he mustn't by any chance construe this action as a signal to pull a wise crack at the patron's expense, neither is he to indulge in any of those little pleasantries in which the patron becomes the unwilling party of the second part to the producing of a laugh. Mr. Albee says so! In a circular letter to house managers this week the head of the Keith Circuit rules that kidding the audience is bad form and must stop.

This order, which puts a crimp into the intimate ad-libbing of many a turn, follows two scorching complaints registered recently against a double act appearing at the new Keith Palace Theater in Cleveland, it was learned. It appears that while this turn was doing its "stuff" a lady and her escort had occasion to leave the house. Spotting the couple one of the team is said to have pulled a crack which set the house a-laughing, but which brought a blush of embarrassment to the cheeks of the lady and another of anger to those of her escort. They straightway complained to the management, charging that they had been insulted.

It is understood that the manager exacted a promise from the act in question not to repeat this discourtesy, but a few nights later a similar opportunity presented itself for the provoking of a laugh and they poked it up. As a result the management received another kick. The matter was then turned over to Mr. Albee, who is said to have written the team, in no gentle terms, telling them just where they get off and just where they would get off if they didn't watch their step in the future.

This letter attached to a general order was sent to all house managers on the Keith Circuit admonishing them that they were not to permit acts to kid the audience, and that the refusal of any act to abide by this decision would be construed as a breach of contract. This order puts an end to a practice that many patrons have found extremely annoying in the past.

STAGE HANDS' BALL

Annual Dance Was a Duplicate of the Big Affairs the Boys Backstage Always Have

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Tuesday night the men who work the lines and dlys and do a lot of other queer things backstage in the Chicago theaters gave their annual ball in Arcadia Hall on the north side. It was as usual a mammoth affair and a most successful one. The vast hall was a crash of guests and yet there was room for everybody to dance and most of them did.

A large number of leap stars and actors generally were on hand and joined in the festivities. Streams of automobiles lined the curbs all around the hall and it seemed that all of the stage boys and their associated friends in allied callings tried to get there. These dances are a big success without variation and Tuesday night's affair was one of the best yet and some think the best of all.

The week of February 19 the Earl Evans "Hello, Rufus", company will open here at the Liberty. Lonnie Fisher's Fun Festival will be at the Bijou, Nashville. The Martin & Walker Company of twenty-five people will be at the Washington, Indianapolis, and the Jimmy Cox All-Star Review will open at the Lincoln in Louisville. The last-named attraction will go to the Bijou, Nashville, the week of February 26.

Thruout the sixty-three houses of the T. O. B. A. there are reports of "big business". The Liberty here and the Bijou of Nashville report record business, while like reports have come to Mr. Starr from the Eastern and Western representatives in Washington and Chicago.

Plans were made this afternoon by Mr. Starr for the three divisional representatives of the association to get together within the next few weeks to carry out the proposed re-routing and sliding scale of performers' wages as discussed at the annual meeting of the association here January 25. These representatives are Mr. Keavin, of this city; S. H. Dudley, of Washington, and Martin Klein, of Chicago.

GARNERING THE "IRON MEN"

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Will Spaeth, of the Lassie White Minstrels, reports to James Wingfield that the organization is having a great business in Kansas and Missouri.

APPLE SAUCE BY C.F. CAGNEY



ANIMAL CRANKS DROP SPORTSMAN FROM THEIR LEAGUE

London, Feb. 10 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Lord Lonsdale, Britain's most representative sportsman, has been struck from the roll of patrons of the Performing Animals Defense League because he gave patronage to and expressed his delight at Captain Mills' Olympia Circus. The officials of the Performing Animals Defense League say that the one object of their society is to get an act on the statute book abolishing every kind of animal performance in public. This also applies to films. As the P. A. D. L. is making an appeal for funds this is one of their stunts, but Lonsdale doesn't seem any the worse.

STAMFORD PATRONAGE FIGHT

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 10.—A strenuous play for local business is being made here by the Alhambra, Keith booked, and the Strand, booked by the Falley Markus office. A short time ago the Strand began to run "amateur" and "ekown" nights, and now the Alhambra is announcing the same policy. As a result, the fight between the two houses has narrowed down to a heavy advertising campaign thru the local papers.

PALM GARDEN, BROOKLYN, BURNED

New York, Feb. 10.—The Palm Garden, one of the old landmarks in the Ridgewood section of Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The damage is placed at \$100,000. The Garden, which occupied a full block, was used as a dance hall and cabaret.

as these powers had been obtained over twelve months ago, but only just discovered by the V. A. F., the association is bringing its full power to bear to put the regulations into force immediately. Nevertheless the Variety Artists' Federation will present its national agency licensing bill to Parliament the week of February 19.

LOEW AUDIENCES IN MOVIES AS BUSINESS BUILDER STUNT

New York, Feb. 10.—Edwin August, actor and director of Biograph and Kalem days, has been engaged by Marcus Loew to direct pictures in the neighborhood localities where there are Loew theaters, and using many of the patrons for various scenes. Blanche Merrill wrote the story and August will use the Metro studios for some of the larger scenes.

It is planned to fit up the theater stages with studio lights, where the majority of the scenes will be made in full view of the audience. Each picture will run approximately 2,500 feet and will be completed in time to show as part of the regular program the following week. The first trial of the new venture will be at Loew's Delaney Street during the week of February 26.

ANOTHER MIDNIGHT FROLIC

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—The second midnight frolic of the season was presented at the Lyric Theater last night to a packed house of carnival visitors. Those on the bill were Ethel Waters, Ethel Williams, Brown and Brown and The Whitey Ferguson. The performance was for whites only, and took place after the regular performance for the colored patrons.

This Week's Reviews of Vaudeville Theaters

Shubert Central, N. Y.

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 12)

The first "straight" vaudeville bill and the only show the Central has held this season that really qualifies as such met with a warm reception this afternoon.

The Pickfords, billed for the opening spot, didn't appear, due to a booking mixup, the Fox people, for whom this team is appearing, refusing to allow a switch of time.

Leonard and Eddie, a couple of dusky step-pers, strutted their stuff in the next spot to a solid hit. These two boys shake a mean hoof and get a lot of comedy out of their dancing to hoot.

Bert Baker and Company with a hokum bit followed, and cleaned up laughs galore. Baker is one of the best low comedians we have ever seen.

Dolly Connolly and Percy Wenrich did nicely with a routine of special songs, including a half score or so of the latter's former hits, which drew hands.

El Brendel and Flo Burt, doing their old act, provoked a lot more laughs, closing to a big hand.

"The Futuristic Review", opening intermission, proved a high-class operatic number, in which there were much good singing and a lot of overacting.

Joe Towle was another laughing hit, and DeHaven and Nice, in the spot following, with Towle assisting, kept the mirth at a high mark.

Jimmy Hussey, the headline attraction, kept his audience chuckling, and closed the show to a rousing round of applause.

The Argus Trio, billed for the last spot, didn't show.

Cecil Lean and Cleo Mayfield are billed as the next attraction.

ED. HAFTEL.

Palace, Cincinnati

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 12)

It has often been said that such and such a show was the best of the season. Well, this week's program at the Palace is the best of the season and 'no foolin'! Attendance, capacity.

Pictorial program, "Gimme", first-rate.

Rashler and Muffs. Mr. Rashler has possibly the most extraordinary animal act in vaudeville in his canine contortionist, "Muffs".

Dana and Lehr, man and woman. The former is a good dancer and fair singer, while the latter is but ordinarily accomplished in these arts.

Maxfield and Golsen could have stopped the show after singing "Toot, Toot, Tootsie, Good-by", for it was great.

Charles Rogers and Co. In the eccentric skit, "The Ice Man", provided plenty of occasions for mirth.

Fred Lewis, monologist, told many humorous stories that were clean and generally new.

Credon and Davis offered fast repartee that was of sure-fire caliber. The man in a natural comedian whose weapon of fun is a vocabulary of astonishing extent.

The Vincent Lopez Orchestra of eight, including Director DeF Lamp, proved a revelation to Palace patrons.

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(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 12)

Table with columns: PROGRAM, PERCENTAGE OF ENTERTAINMENT. Programs include Orchestra, Raffayette's Dogs, Espe and Dutton, etc.

Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves of his time, but who, oh, who, will ever free the slaves of vaudeville, who, upon their holiday, are compelled to pay double the admission price to see a show which is just half as good as it was the preceding week...

1—Palace Orchestra.

2—Raffayette's Dogs proved nothing more than an ordinary dog turn, such as one might have seen in the years gone by at the very museum in which B. F. Keith started.

3—Espe and Dutton, who besides the affront enumerated previously did some disgusting business. In the latter part of the act they appear in Roman gladiator costumes which display rather considerably more bare anatomy than is either refined or at all nice.

4—Vaughan Comfort, as a tenor, would have made a good interlocutor. As far as vaudeville is concerned he would be much better back with the minstrel shows. His constricted metallic tenor, without a bit of music in it, might fit well with barber shop ensembles, but as a solo artist compared to Georges Dufranne, who appeared the week previous, Comfort might find consolation in motion pictures.

5—Mildred Harris-Chaplin and Company probably could not make good on any circuit in the world. It was terrible, both in the writing and the playing. "Movie Mad" certainly is. Miss Harris, or Chaplin, whichever it is, can neither sing, dance, speak lines nor act; nor is she exceptional as a beauty, and the whole thing put us in mind of a former song, "Why, Why, Why?"

6—Edna Leedom and Dave Stamper had the audience in the palm of their hands and certainly held the grip as long as they were on the stage, and then some. Stamper did little else but play the piano and occasionally fed Miss Leedom, doing what he had to do well enough; but it is to Miss Leedom that the greater part of the credit of presentation should belong.

7—Charles Withers and Company, just back from Europe, presented the hokum paste-spilling act, "For Pity's Sake" and drew as many laughs as usual with the clowning and antics of the small-town "opery house" comedy.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—We held the presses for two hours waiting for the remainder of this review. An effort was made by the Cincinnati office of the telegraph company with the New York office to locate that part missing, but without success.)

ROYCE PRODUCES "CINDERS"

New York, Feb. 9.—Edward Royce has started rehearsals for his forthcoming production of "Cinders", with book and lyrics by Edward Clark and music by Rudolph Friml.

Aber Barnhart, Nathaniel Gennes, Denny Murray and Frank Curran. The piece will open here Easter Monday.

EDYTHE BAKER WRITES SCORE

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Majestic, Chicago

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, February 11)

The Majestic bill has improved over last week's offering, which is encouraging. There was substance and variety to the program.

De Valerio and Company, two girls and a man, opened with a tight-wire act that was swift, well dressed and displayed unusual technique. High-class and well received. Ten minutes; full stage; two bows.

Hager and Goodman have a piano and singing act and an old-fashioned side-show ballroom that smacks of the lots so strongly they must have worked there once. Fast and well balanced, both men with good personalities. Nine minutes, in one; two bows.

Harry L. Cooper and Company have a comedy sketch in which a man floundering in his cups, a woman and a valet figure. The "house" is the principal comedian, of course, and a good one. Funny. Sixteen minutes; full stage; two bows and encore in one.

Jonah and Company, Hawaiians, have a program of singing their native melodies, steel guitars and hula dancing. Women are lovely, costuming excellent, special drops, all lively and neat. Twelve minutes; full stage; two bows.

Maide De Long has a combination of comedy monolog, singing and character impersonations. Imitation of a baseball catcher got the most approval, however. Nine minutes, in one; one bow.

Milner and Kilby, a dance act, offered one of the best things the Majestic has seen for some time. The Bowery wineroom dance scene in pantomime was a knock-out. Other dance numbers excellent. All artistes. Special drops and scenery. Fourteen minutes, one to full stage; five bows.

The Minstrel Monarchs, four of them, each more than 70 years old, showed that age has neither sting nor terrors in this case. The veteran dancers seemingly had wings on their feet, the jokes were new and snappy, the actors in perfect form and the olio reflected rare personalities. The men were John Gorman, Billy Golden, Charles Udell and Charles Whyte, which should be enough said.

"Echoes of Scotland" closed without losing a patron. An act worthy of the best spot. One man and five women with Caledonian atmosphere, drops, settings and effect everywhere. Singing good and dancing delightful. Kilties, bagpipes, sword dance and all the rest. Not all new ideas, but no new ones needed. Fast and fine. Fifteen minutes, full stage; three curtains and audience waited for more.

FRED HOLLMAN.

Orpheum, St. Louis

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, February 11)

Chong and Reele Moey, two dainty Chinese who dance gaily and prettily. Eleven minutes, in three; one bow.

Will Burns and Ed Lynn, a pair of genuine funmakers who hoof pleasantly and commit musical torts with a battered cornet and a trashed alto. To us they were more entertaining than anything else on the bill.

Jack Norton and Players in "Recuperation". A sketch with a health farm situation played with much gusto but failing to draw more than a few laughs. Norton's flops are well done, but do not go over as they should.

Emma Carus. Fifteen minutes in interior. Three curtains; speech.

D'Anore Franklin and Douglas Charles, two excellent acrobats who open with a violet apache dance and then do remarkable feats of strength to the accompaniment of easy measures on the piano by Ethel Truesdale.

Harry and Anna Seymour in a bright interlude of nonsense and engaging intimacies which tickled the audience into a mild hysteria. Twenty minutes, in one; speech.

Henry Santery and his orchestra presented their familiar program of bolsteroous singing, burlesque of "William Tell", a transgression of Techalkowsky's "Andante Cantabile", and a very interesting harp solo.

Four American Aces de spectaculer cantine, throwing, somersaulting, and held everyone. Five minutes; full stage. ALLEN HYDE CENTER.

JULIA ARTHUR

Distinguished American Tragedienne and Dramatic Star in the Queen's Closet Scene from Shakespeare's

"HAMLET" THE CAST

Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark... Miss Arthur The Queen, His Mother... Mona Morgan

(NOTE: Miss Arthur's portrayal of "Hamlet" is not without historical precedent. Sarah Bernhardt played the Prince, as did many other famous actresses...

Staged under the direction of Mr. Trader Scene by the New York Studios Costumes by Freisinger

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 5, at Palace Theater, New York. Style—Dramatic. Setting—Special in three. Time—Fifteen minutes.

To review Julia Arthur in the Closet Scene from "Hamlet" as a vaudeville act, presents some difficulties, primarily because it essentially is not, nor never will be, vaudeville material, no matter by whom played.

Miss Arthur's physical proportions and curves are not such as give her a too effeminate appearance for the part, nor is her voice, with its contralto tones, which she used to so good effect in "Mercedes", of different quality today.

Miss Arthur's temerity will add nothing to her laurels, nor do aught but bedim the beauty of her reminiscent dramatic presentations of the past.

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Scene 1—Lobby, Hotel Astor. Scene 2—Mystic States. Scene 3—Fifty Miles From Broadway.

Production staged by C. B. Maddock

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 5, at Palace Theater, New York. Style—Rural comedy revue. Setting—Specials in one and three. Time—Thirty minutes.

The opening provided a distinct novelty, the juvenile, Bobby, and the ingenue, Mary, both children of the folks back home, meeting in the lobby of the Astor Hotel.

A very good set, in three, of a country scene, with a real dog, a real pump, real water etc., was excellent. There were several songs and dances and music by the town band.

NEW TURNS and RETURNS

Reviewed By MARK HENRY

lack of it, was rather extreme for the set and considering the atmosphere, out of place.

There was a four-cornered argument which, together with the billing of the act, was strangely reminiscent of George Colman. "You let my sister alone—what do you mean by talking to my father that way?," etc.

Girls of the chorus looked pretty in these short, metallic, gold-cloth costumes, lined with blue, bare legs with rolled-down socks and slippers, and the swagger sticks. Act was concluded with a drum corps, all playing tango drums, which ranged in size from a small one at one end to a very large one at the other.

LEAVITT AND LOCKWOOD

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 5, at Palace Theater, New York. Style—Comedy and singing. Setting—Specials in one. Time—Eighteen minutes.

At the beginning of the act curtains parted to disclose a judge sitting at a high stand

song, "Why I Can't Be Your Empty Dumpty God" was extremely silly. A parody on "Gallagher and Sloan" was poor. There were a number of other bits in which "Brother Ray" assisted, and some in which his services were dispensed with.

Leavitt and Lockwood have talent, altho the man is rather self-conscious, but the turn is a lodge-podge in queer routine, and could stand considerable rewriting and revamping by a sketch doctor.

GEORGES DUFRANNE

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 5, at Palace Theater, New York. Style—Singing. Setting—One. Time—Eighteen minutes.

With Carl Stelzel, a rather portly accompanist at the piano, Georges Dufranne, a French tenor, made his vaudeville debut and sang "La Donna Mobile", from Rigoletto. He at once impressed as having control and good breathing.

OF BIG-TIME CALIBER

CHAS. STRICKLAND'S ENTERTAINERS

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Musical. Setting—Special in three. Time—Eighteen minutes.

This is an act that assuredly belongs on the big time thru novelty, class, style, dressing, playing, staging and personality of Charles Strickland.

There have been any number of orchestras and jazz bands in vaudeville, but Strickland has attacked the thing from a different angle and has about as classy an offering of this kind as we have seen in a great while and one that seemed strangely out of place at this house, altho the turn made an unqualified hit and took several encores.

Against a gray silk background there were seen hangings of yellow silk. Strickland, attired in the height of fashion and presenting a very good appearance, enters, and, seated at the piano, directs a novelty opening in the form of the psychology of a cabaret orchestra. Explaining that something snappy is required for an appetizer, "Chicago" is rendered. For a stimulant "When New York Was Heaven and Broadway Was Wet", a special number, was sung, Strickland impressing as being very flashy on the piano.

A medley of old and new song hits for the "requests" embraced "Tomorrow", "Some of These Days" and "Carolina in the Morning". They next sang "How Could Little Red Riding Hood Be So Good and Still Keep the Wolf From the Door?". Waiting for the next course, "The Road to Mandalay" was played as a violin solo, Strickland vocally joining the latter part, selling it well with an exceptional sense of rhythm. For dessert a jazz number was played. Several encores were taken to the biggest hit ever witnessed by the writer at this house; in fact, they were a riot and could easily make good in any spot in any house.

and decanting upon the fact that the audience was the jury. He called Leavitt and Lockwood as witnesses, the two making their appearance thru the curtain cover. More talk along the same order, but three-cornered this time, was followed by the singing of a special number in which Douglas Leavitt and Ruth Mary Lockwood were assisted by "Brother Ray", the judge having been eliminated by the curtains the meanwhile. The attitude and actions of a fellow and girl before and after marriage was shown, a special backing of a house and motion picture theater being shown and utilized. Also a rather slim and rather aged woman for comedy, the latter being ill-advised and added nothing to the bit. There was considerable clowning and rather gaggy comedy in the former.

Followed a play on words, various names of automobiles being used. This did not appeal as big time material, the "Oh, Mr. Leavitt" of Miss Lockwood saving many an otherwise dull point. The business of pulling up Leavitt's vest is not refined or nice. The

Stelzel played a piano solo that was short. "I Love You", by Dufranne, showed a tendency on his part to hold his top notes too long, altho he has some good ones, and his art is a polished one. "I'm Falling in Love With Someone" sent Dufranne over very strong to an encore. "Vesli la Guliba", from Paillard, was done better than the average vaudeville tenor—much better, altho Dufranne took liberties with the score.

Almost an anomaly a manly tenor, with a good voice, a knowledge of what is required in vaudeville, a pleasing personality, a technique and the judgment to know when to stop.

JOE ROBERTS

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 5, at Palace Theater, New York. Style—Banjo playing. Setting—One. Time—Twelve minutes.

Joe Roberts, or anyone else, despite whether there be friends in the house or not, who can go out in the number two spot at the

Palace and stop the show with a banjo, deserves a great deal of credit. This is the feat that Roberts accomplished successfully when reviewed and it was due to his rendition of Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody as much as anything else.

In a tuxedo with a gold-plated, mother-of-pearl-mounted banjo, Roberts did not make much of an impression upon his entrance. Generally those fellows with the pretty instruments can't play them and the minstrel who comes along with an old, worn-out, dirty-looking, decrepit banjo can plunk it to a fare you well. However, in this instance, the reverse was the case and Roberts certainly landed solidly.

Being a pick Roberts played "Chicago", just fairly to fair returns. An announced imitation of "Two banjos playing at the same time", using but the one instrument, was well done, some beautiful tonal effects being the result of a rendition of Nevin's "Mighty Lak a Rose". This won definite recognition from those assembled.

Roberts next announced he would play one of four pieces generally conceded to be impossible on the banjo, and gave the audience a choice of "Second Hungarian Rhapsody", "Morning, Noon and Night", "Light Cavalry" and "Poet and Peasant". There were emphatic requests for "Second Hungarian Rhapsody", which sounded as tho planted. However, whether they were or not, Roberts did wonders with the number when considered that a banjo was used. Let it be said to the credit of Bennie Roberts and the orchestra that they held the tempo well and played a good accompaniment. Roberts sensed this thruout, but with serious mien. Approaching the finale with only a few notes to play and knowing that the orchestra was with him, a truly radiant smile broke over his face—and we do not blame him.

Several bows to strenuous applause was his reward, after which, for an encore, he played a little trick thing that was light and provided a good getaway, with enough applause for Roberts to hold up proceedings and forcing him to take a bow after the lights were up on the succeeding turn.

JESSIE AND HUBER

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Comedy, whistling and singing. Setting—One. Time—Fourteen minutes.

Man enters, sings and is interrupted by entrance of woman. She displayed a coldness and disinclination to talk with the man, but at a revolver shot, which rather startled the audience, she flew into his arms. More shots and more rushes for protection. Some talk of the "Grand Opera—Grand Rapids", variety, preceded a rather abrupt announcement of imitations by the man. Subsequently such unfamiliar (?) imitations as a fly landing on a piece of sugar—and then on a piece of timburlure cheese, also a cable-car which has been long gone and forgotten, were indulged in preceding a whistling solo. The girl, in a change of costume, did the popular aria from Traviata, displaying a certain amount of technique, but with not much music in her voice, the tones lacking warmth and the fire of temperament.

More talk between the two, such as "Violents are blue, roses are red, when you stop breathing, you surely are dead." Also "He stood upon the railroad track, he did not hear the bell—tout, tout, farowell." Also "It's hard to lose a wife—almost impossible" and "The Hartford is a fire insurance company—yes I know."

"Giannina Mia" for a finish by the girl, with the man making unfunny side remarks during the singing and joining in at the finale with metallic whistling, did not help much. The whole idea is not of the stuff that big time acts are made of.

CHIC AND TINY HARVEY

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Singing, talking, dancing. Setting—Special in one and one and a half. Time—Twelve minutes.

Man opens with "The Countess of Alagazan", singing it in fast tempo with negative returns. Some ordinary talk with the girl followed, such as "Forefathers—I only had one father." The girl lisps when she talks. We also were edified for about the seventh time with the love from the book "after that you don't need the book." "There's a Reason Why" was vocalized double and while the two were singing and dancing, a pianist in the audience started laughing with the subsequent interruption and argument engaged in by all well-rehearsed plants. In this case it happened to be an elderly lady with white hair who ran true to form in going on the stage in response to an invitation along the accepted lines of "Maybe you think you could do better." The lady dispensed the informa-

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VAUDEVILLE IN PICTURES



ON WORLD-WIDE TOUR—Members of All-American Variety Company, who are booked for twenty-eight weeks in England, after which they will proceed to Africa and Australia, photographed on their arrival in Plymouth. The photo shows Hope Wallace and Chas. A. Lewis (together), Eugene Laymon (big man), Jerry Albro (little man), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Denny, Frank Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee and child, and Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell.



RENEE NOEL—Co-star, on and off, of Walter Percival, with whom she is appearing in "Fifty-Fifty". Miss Noel will be featured next spring in the leading role of a new production, "The Empty Room".



CONGRATULATED—Photo shows Marie Collins (right), sister of Lottie Collins, being congratulated on her return to the variety stage after a long absence by her niece, Jose Collins (Lady Innes-Ker), who is appearing in "The Last Waltz" in London.



ARRIVALS—Janet Odette, formerly a "Follies" girl, and now an English music hall favorite, and Ethel Henlere, wife of the vaudeville pianist, who returned to New York recently, on the Mauretania after a seven months' absence abroad.
—Photo, Wide World Photos.



HE'S A SHERIFF—Peppino Magro, one of the smallest men in the United States, has been appointed a deputy sheriff. Peppino has been a familiar figure at Coney Island for many years. He is shown with Policeman Smith, who is giving his badge of office the double-O.
—Photo, Wide World Photos.



LAST CHAIRMAN OF MUSIC HALL—After thirty years' retirement, Henry V. Henson recently officiated as "chairman" (announcer) at the old-time music hall bill at the Palladium, London. Photo shows Mr. Henson in chair, and on the stage are these veteran artists: (Left to right), Sable Fern, T. W. Barrett (aged, 72), Charles Burnell, Lily Burnand, Arthur Roberts.



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LAST HALF REVIEWS

Fox's City, New York

(Reviewed Thursday Afternoon, February 8.)

The bill seemed to lack punch. Too much dancing with the Warren Jackson and Eddie O'Brien act separated from "Bits of Dance Hits" by but one turn, and this embracing considerable dancing also. The orchestra was in very bad form, missing a great deal, either ahead or behind several of the acts and generally messing things up.

The Pickfords, a juggling turn, opened, but didn't get much due to their lack of showmanship in selling the various tricks. They lack polish and dressing. The dive under the tablecloth is a good one, but was almost over before the audience knew it. Could be featured stronger further down in the act. The concluding trick of pouring a glass of wine held in the teeth from a bottle held between the feet while doing a handstand is the best feature of the turn.

Willington and Jordan, a singing pair, gave a little class to the number two spot with several well-rendered numbers, the woman showing to advantage with snap and personality, something lacking in the man, who is too nonchalant. The couple is using the number featured by Harry Carroll, "He Gave Me All These Things You Promised Me", but it was a flop, not being handled nearly as well as Carroll puts it on. Act went over to fair hands, but would be more of a hit in the better houses.

Emma Earle has rather an old-fashioned idea of a vaudeville turn and uses not one, but two plants in the auditorium who come upon the stage. One is a fellow who admits he's sixty-one and does a dance. The same idea is being utilized a week at Loew's American with an old woman plant. It seems like old home week. Despite the fact that Miss Earle was accorded considerable applause, the present act will never get her anywhere.

The Galliani Sisters played a variety of musical instruments; that is, one of them did, doubling on the accordion, saxophone, trumpet and violin. They go in for classics at the beginning of the act, playing "Samson and Delilah" and the "William Tell Overture". This slows up the opening and should be discarded for something brighter and more vaudeville for this sort of act. The orchestra was lost altogether.

Allen and Jones, a couple of colored fellows, have a singing and talking act which registered strongly. The talk is not too long or dragged out, the individual voices are good and the ensemble singing well harmonized. The ballad, "That's How I Believe in You", the well sung and delivered for good applause, is rather old.

Warren Jackson and Eddie O'Brien, assisted by Helen O'Shea and a very pretty and quite shapely blond Miss who was not programmed, offered an act of singing and dancing. A cute little Miss played the piano. There was a similarity of routine. A number and a dance, another number and another dance, etc.

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All the songs were plugged twice, using the second chorus. This did not help the speed any. Turn will be reviewed in detail in another column.

Quinn Brothers and Anger have a hokum act that is well done, however, and found favor when reviewed. Has been seen around here a number of times and is about average medium-house speed for an act of its kind. The girl, Miss Anger, showed nothing of moment in her terpsichorean efforts.

"Bits of Dance Hits", which has been reviewed in some detail in these columns recently, closed the bill. The act was one of the bright spots of the program, but the stage was very dark, the lighting being exceptionally poor. This needs immediate attention. The young blond girl who does the tea dances verified the reviewer's earlier impression of being a wonder.

The bill as a whole was poorly balanced and badly spotted. The stage was run much better than it has been recently.

MARK HENRY.

Proctor's 5th Ave., N. Y.

(Reviewed Thursday Night, February 8.)

The "flash" spot of this program was accorded to the screen announcement of the feature acts "coming soon" to the Fifth Avenue. It lasted twelve minutes, which is an unduly long time to inflict advertising—even if it is accompanied by piano playing with an occasional humorous note—upon people who have paid to be entertained. No wonder an audible sigh of relief rose from the audience when the lights were turned on. A few thrills and some comedy by the Flying Nelsons soon put the folks in good humor, however. The aerial stunts of these three boys were as nicely executed as they were daring. The member who clowned might get even better results by using a neater mask.

Whalen and McShane, "The Youngest of the Oldtimers", showed a sprightliness that belied their white heads. Two dance imitations, one of *Blowing* and the other of *Pierrot*, and an

original number were done remarkably well by the older boy, and the other chap displayed his good voice by singing "In the Garden of the Gods". A double dance finish sent them over big. The manner of opening and the taunting remarks were rather weak and could be changed to something better.

Mack and Lane indulged in a quantity of delightful nonsense, which certainly was "Crazy, but Good." Mack has a pair of wabbling knees and a penchant for punning, and Miss Lane contributes very capably toward making their skit a roaring hit.

After several weeks of relief from playlets another one has come along. It is a domestic piece, entitled "I Heard . . ." presented by Paul Decker and Company, and it attempts to show the terrible consequences of feminine gossip. After seventeen minutes of farce a melodramatic situation is effected to permit a passionate denunciation of gossiblers. This sudden moral twist surprised the audience into a burst of applause. The sumptuous drawing room setting indicates that the act was produced with big-time aspirations. Decker, as the moralizing young husband, looked as though he had just walked out of a Kuppenheimer Clothes ad in the *Saturday Post*, and perhaps this is why his portrayal didn't have proper life in it. The other man's talk was very hard to hear at times. The two women did creditably well.

Lydia Barry, a comedienne billed as a lyrical recitense, said she was going to give an impression of a vaudeville show which took place in her dream after she had eaten something unwise. As dreams go, it was a sloppy specimen. There was a lot of shandon and unnecessary lifting of skirts—which doesn't hold much fascination when a woman displaces around 200 pounds. However, much of the burlesquing brought laughs.

Frank Farnum played the Fifth Avenue not so long ago and cleaned up, which he did again on this occasion. The same company was with him, including Christine Marson, Shirley Ball, Neil and Witt and Paul Specht's Lady Syncopators. As pointed out before, the going speech and the "thank you" piece

before the end are unnecessary and only tend to cheapen an act of this caliber.

"A Timely Sermon", by Joe Browning, was a loud and lifeless comparison between the stone age and our own age, with incidental sidelights. Like most comparisons, it was good for a laugh here and there, due more to Browning's comic solemnity than to his material. He could employ his talent to better advantage.

Boganny's Comedians, seven odd fellows, presided over by an eccentric professor, gave a school-room entertainment which included a lot of lively scampering around, some singing, dancing, acrobatics and a good share of slapstick. Fanny, speedy and satisfactory. DON CARLE GILLETTE.

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LOEW GETS JERSEY HOUSES

New York, Feb. 10.—The stockholders of the National-Central Theaters, Inc., and the Lincoln-Roosevelt Theaters, Inc., voted unanimously at a meeting on Saturday at the Central Theater Building, Jersey City, to give the Board of Directors full authority to enter into an agreement by which the National, Central, Tivoli and Monticello theaters in Jersey City and the Lincoln Theater, Union Hill, are to be run on the Loew policy.

It is presumed that L. F. Blumenthal, who is a director of these theaters, also of the Roosevelt Theater, West Hoboken, will continue as a director of all the houses, but the vaudeville and pictures will be booked by Marcus Loew. If these theaters are operated this way it means that the houses will all have the Loew advantages of first-run productions of the Famous Players, Metro and First National pictures, which are the three leading film organizations of the country.

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Other Loew expansions in Southwestern territory may be looked for with the completion of the St. Louis property.

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VAUDEVILLE NOTES

Dick Keene and Middle Miller are shortly to be seen in a new act.

Harry Linder did around \$15,000 at the Philharmonic Auditorium at Los Angeles last week.

Aunt Jemima has been given time over the Orpheum Circuit, opening at Kansas City, Mo., March 4.

Howard and Sadler, a sister team, have split and Verne Sadler will shortly be seen in a new act with Billy Frisch.

"Chick" Reed, pantomime clown, formerly of the Reed Brothers, will be seen shortly with Ed Le Moyné and Company.

Rastelli, a European juggler, has been booked for the Keith Time and opens at Boston March 5, with ten weeks to follow.

Kenney and Hollis finished a successful tour of the Poli Circuit a few days ago and opened on the Keith Time at Boston.

Ike Rose's Midgets will play about twenty weeks in New York City. They were originally engaged for but twelve weeks.

Emma Haig, in her new dancing revue, assisted by Ruth Russek and George Griffith, is appearing on the Proctor Time.

Jimmy Shearer is appearing in "Samples" together with thirty girls of Elizabeth, N. J., at Proctor's, Elizabeth, this week.

The Memphis Five made quite a hit at the Colonial Theater, New York, with "Sister Kate" and "That Da Da Strain".

The Dancing Hazards fell from the stage, of the Orpheum Theater into the pit at Gary, Ind., last week. Both were hurt badly.

Ray Perez has been signed by Charles Maddock to stage all of Maddock's vaudeville productions. The contract is for one year.

Eva Tanguay headed the Pantages bill in Spokane last week after laying off several weeks, following the spraining of her ankle in Minneapolis. She had little trouble with the injury and her act was fairly well received.

Jack Manion, formerly of Harris and Manion, and Harry Wells will be shortly seen in a revival of the act entitled "Uncle Jerry at the Opera".

Jules Klein's Statler Hotel Orchestra recently made a hit in vaudeville when they made their initial two-a-day bow at the Temple Theater in Detroit.

Frost's Bostonian Orchestra, which has just concluded an engagement at the Crescent Gardens, Boston, has been engaged by the Hamilton Hotel, Bermuda.

Mrs. Ben Hilbert, wife of the assistant manager of Keith's Eighty-first Street Theater, New York, is convalescing following a severe attack of pneumonia.

Virginia Milliman is appearing at Proctor's 125th Street Theater, New York, this week in "People We Meet", arranged for her by Herbert Fields, son of Lew Fields.

The Minstrel Monarchs have been booked for the second season over the Orpheum and Interstate circuits, opening next August and being routed until the following March.

Dorothea Sadler is featured in "1909", a sketch by William C. De Mille, which is playing the Proctor Time. Denton Vane and Anna Day are in the supporting cast.

Bill Church and Eleanor White, "Snappy Steppers", have been contracted to play the Palais Royal Inn and Grosley Hotel, both in Newark, N. J.

The Toronto "Frolles", at Loew's Yonge St. Theater, Toronto, Can., with excellent cast of amateurs of that city, was a big success last week.

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Frank G. Markell, in private Frank G. Keyes, known to many vaudeville artists and minstrels in this country, has been in the U. S. Navy for the past few years and is at present stationed at Constantinople, Turkey. His service will expire in August, when Mr. Markell plans to resume his work in the profession. He writes

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The Grand Theater, Malone, N. Y., showed an eight-act vaudeville bill, furnished by Blanchard's Road Shows, of New York City, February 6. Similar units may be booked each week.

Thomas Fallon, author of "The Last Warning" and "The Wasp", has written a burlesque of "The Last Warning", to be presented on the Keith Circuit by Frank Neville and Ann Paulson.

Ethel Levey, who is shortly to open in London in a new vaudeville act, is writing a play in collaboration with Lord Latham which is to have its premiere next September in the English capital.

A representative of the Keith Circuit, Thomas A. Kirby, has been in Little Rock, Ark., seeking talent for the vaudeville stage. It is reported, and has established quarters in the Majestic Theater there.

The new Paul Specht orchestra, which sailed for London recently on the S. S. Pittsburg, is a distinct success, according to a cablegram received from Lyons & Co., Ltd., last week. This is Specht's third combination now playing in England.

Alexander Pantages recently acquired a sixty-day option on a church in the heart of the business section of Santa Barbara, Calif. The option calls for the sale of the property for \$200,000. It is believed the Western vaudeville magnate will erect a large theater on the site.

NEW "MOVIE" ACT

New York, Feb. 10.—In order to put on S. Jay Kaufman's "The Reel and the Reel", a vaudeville sketch, Milton Hocky and Howard J. Green found it necessary last Friday to hire fifteen moving picture actors and a director, as well as to build three sets of scenery for picture taking at the Seltz Studios. It took all day to shoot the scenes which will be used as part of the act. In the cast are: Jean Trowbridge, Edmund Dalby, Ruth Noble and Frank Kelly. The act opens next Thursday.

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According to the papers filed, the three plaintiffs entered into a contract with Weber & Friedlander last June to appear in the latter's Shubert vaudeville unit, "Facts and Figures". The contract called for thirty weeks out of thirty-five at a weekly salary of \$350. On December 17 last the show closed. The amount sued for represents the balance due the artistes, it is alleged.

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New York, Feb. 12.—Lew Fields, who recently closed with his old partner, Joe Weber, in I. H. Herk's Shubert unit, "Reunited", opened in Newark today at the head of his own unit show, "Snapshot", a revised version of the musical show of the same name which he sponsored last season. In addition to Fields the cast includes Nell Wood's Five Melody Changers, the Six Saxomanics, Leighton, Pettit and Josephine; Wynnee Gibson, Alice Remson, James Cagney, Mora Nielsen and Lucille Arden.

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Chicago, Feb. 9.—Moore, Brown and Christie have reunited after a separation of two years and recently played dates in the Midwest for the Billy Diamond Agency. They are now playing for Carrell.

Shepard and Ott are playing Midwest dates for Carrell, and Buddy Shepard, who was formerly an agent in New York, is renewing old acquaintances up and down the circuit.

Donna Darling and Company played for the Carrell Agency in Michigan and Indiana on their way here from the East.

Francis Owen and Lew Silvers, showing a new act here, have for types an ex-service man and a veteran of '61.

The Cambridge Sisters were placed in the Stratford Theater here this week by the Carrell Agency.

Flo Adler and Boys completed a Michigan tour this week.

Brown's Saxophone Six, playing picture houses in the Midwest, recently appeared in Elkhart, Ind., in connection with a vaudeville bill booked by Carrell.

The Cora Youngblood Carson Sextet is playing Michigan dates for Carrell previous to opening a tour of the Gus Sun Time in the Columbia Theater, Detroit.

Edna Mitchell and Boys jumped from New York to the Columbia Theater, Detroit, for last week and are now playing for the Carrell Agency in Michigan.

Chennette's Syncopators, a new sixteen-piece jazz band which has been playing some break-in dates here, is credited with a hit at Peoples' Theater for the first half of last week.

Moore, Kendall and Company filled in this week for Baye Woolfolk in the Englert Theater, Iowa City, Ia., in connection with their Orpheum tour.

Katherine Sinclair and Company have been booked for the Orpheum Circuit by Sam Kahl's office, this city.

Gardell, Pryor and Company, a new act, constructed here by the Orpheum production department, has been booked for the Orpheum Circuit following a showing in the local Academy Theater.

Sigsbee's Dogs are playing in the Middle West for the Carrell Agency.

Billy Jones, who has been filling bookings by the Carrell Agency, is in Michigan this week.

Charles and Helen Pulley have been playing some dates this week in the Midwest for the Carrell Agency.

Baye Woolfolk's "Harpland", a four-girl offering, playing the Balaban & Katz picture houses here this week, recently scored a success in the Chicago Theater.

Thayma, "The Radio Man", is playing the Michigan Time of the Carrell Agency.

Amedeo is appearing at a string of picture houses in the Northwest.

"SPICE" UNIT CAST SET

New York, Feb. 12.—"The Spice of Life", a revised version of the musical show of the same name, which stranded recently, will open as a Shubert unit in Philadelphia next Monday. The cast, headed by Arnan Kaler, will include the following: Brendel and Bert, Hasontra, Sam Hearn, Alice Kibson, Johnny Berkes, Florence Browne, Arthur Carey, Watcha and Elsie, Evelyn Ismwing, Betty Jones, Dolores Sorez and Martha Thorsp.

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TO BUILD "RENT-FREE" THEATER

Architect Plans Building To Carry Entire Charges of Theater—Company Formed To Erect and Operate Enterprise

New York, Feb. 10.—A most interesting scheme to erect a theater which will take all worry about carrying charges off the operator's mind and allow him to operate practically rent free was revealed to a Billboard reporter this week by the architect who has designed the building. The plans have been approved by the Building Department and a company is being formed to erect the building in the Times Square district. The plan bids fair to revolutionize theater operation and play production, and may give birth to several similar structures.

Makes "Little Theater" Operation Practical

The main point of the architect's plan is that it makes the operation of "little theaters" practical. The advantages of a small house are great to certain types of entertainment, but the small seating capacity has made them difficult enterprises to operate at a profit.

The salient features of the architect's scheme call for the erection of a seven-story building over the auditorium of a 200-seat theater. The building will be cut up into studio apartments and the ground and first floors used for stores. The rents from the studios and stores will be so adjusted that they take care of the proportionate space occupied by the theater, and thus it will be operated without a rental charge.

Within Present Building Laws

The building laws in this city are very strict regarding the erection of theaters and call for a wide alley completely around the building, and forbid the erection of any structure over the auditorium proper. By holding the seating capacity of the theater to 200 this architect takes the house out of the theater class, for only those places of entertainment seating 300 or over are considered theaters under the present building and licensing laws. Under these conditions it is permissible to build over the auditorium, and the Building Department has passed the plans of the new enterprise.

Erection To Start Soon

With the passing of the plans the last formality necessary before building operations could commence has been compiled with and the architect informs The Billboard man that several sites are now under consideration in the Times Square district to erect the structure. A company has been formed to finance the operation and several of those in it will operate the theater. It is figured by them that they can take in \$5,000 weekly, and, having no rent to pay, they can make a nice profit on any show that shapes up into a half-way hit. In the case of a big success these figures would be considerably larger. It is intended to produce a high class of dramatic show, and it is possible that a resident company will be installed.

May Influence Other Building

It was said on Broadway by some managers who had heard of the plan that it might, to some extent, revolutionize theater building. Cost of construction and cost of operation of theaters has increased so in the past few years that the plan may appeal to several producers who do not own their own houses and are forced to pay the high rentals exacted for practically every theater in the city at the present moment.

One of these men said: "It looks like a happy scheme to provide a playhouse for the small producing managers. I dare say that such a building would not cost very much to erect, and, with a mortgage, would not call for any very heavy outlay of ready cash. The 'rent-free' feature appeals to me, for it would allow me to put all my money into the production and then take all that comes into the box office. As it is now, the money has to be split with the theater owner. It is true that most theaters have a larger seating capacity than the one mentioned, but half the seats and all the money is the same as double the seats and half the money. Besides, you would own the

theater and could do as you pleased with it. It certainly appeals to me."

The architect who has drawn the plans for the enterprise is fairly well known in the theater world, mainly for his designing of scenery for motion pictures and legitimate productions. He will not allow his name to be mentioned until the building is ready to erect.

FRAZEE COMPLETES PLANS

Chicago, Feb. 9.—H. H. Frazee, who came here for the opening of Mrs. Fiske's engagement at the Cort Theater, has returned to New York, having completed arrangements for the successors to the Fiske play. Taylor Holmes will be seen at the Cort February 25 in "The Rear Car". After that Mr. Frazee will send the Czech-Slovakian drama, "R. U. R.", now at the Frazee Theater, New York, for a long engagement at the Cort.

CHAPEL GETS INHERITANCE

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Marshall Chapel, popular and well-known actor, has written The Billboard from Regina, Sask., that he has fallen heir to \$12,000 thru the will of his late grandfather, D. Beau.

TOM POWERS



One of the principal players in Equity's third production, "Why Not?", an American comedy of conventions, by Jesse Lynch Williams, at the 48th Street Theater, New York. The nonchalant pose is characteristic of Mr. Powers' ease in handling difficult roles. Mr. Powers will be remembered for his splendid portrayal of the much misunderstood son and husband in Equity's second play, "Hospitality".

MAY BAR CHILD ACTING IN NEW JERSEY

Trenton, Feb. 9.—According to a bill introduced in the New Jersey Legislature by Assemblyman Klein, of Essex County, children under 16 years of age would be barred from taking part in any professional theatrical entertainments.

AUGUSTIN DUNCAN ILL

New York, Feb. 9.—Augustin Duncan, stage director of the Equity Players, was taken ill while conducting a rehearsal of "Roger Bloomer", the forthcoming Equity production. The cause of his illness was the turning of an abscess in his ear, which required surgery.

In the meantime rehearsals are being conducted by Mrs. Sherry Hill, who was associated with O. P. Heggie in staging "Why Not?". Mr. Duncan is expected to resume work on Monday.

Margaret Wycherly, appearing in "Six Characters in Search of an Author" at the Princess Theater, New York, spoke before the students of dramatic art at Washington Square College, New York University, last week.

DRAMATIST LOSES CASE

New York, Feb. 11.—Justice Charles L. Guy, in Equity Term of the Supreme Court Wednesday, denied an injunction applied for by Paul Dickey, who claims a partnership in the play, "The Last Warning", now being produced at the Longacre Theater. The defendants were Michael Goldberger, Michael Minnelly and the Winged Productions, Inc.

The controversy hinges on an allegation that the producer had a layout in Hartford, Conn., where it was intended a performance, and claims it was noted to change certain parts in order that it might make the hit hoped for when it reached Broadway.

It is alleged by Dickey that while his suggestions for improvement were complied with the managers failed to compensate him for the effort as charges accomplished or to recognize him as the author of the play. He brought suit to restrain the producers from continuing the presentation of the play. The action will now have to be decided by a jury on its merits, and Justice Guy refused to compel defendants to furnish a bond for security for damages in case Dickey loses out.

Look thru the Letter List in this issue. There

Tom Powers' Mother Molded His Stage Career

Tom Powers didn't know the interview was coming. It was waiting for him on Thursday evening, February 8, at eight o'clock. So were several reporters and a representative of a certain producer. But good fortune and Southern chivalry (Mr. Powers was born in Owensboro, Ky., thirty-two years ago) were with us. After registering surprise and recovering therefrom Mr. Powers dismissed "mere man" in deference to Madame Reporter. But by the time the interview was launched Tom Powers' dressing room was thronged with admiring friends of the actor, who listened with joy to his musical voice as he passed safely thru the interviewer's "cross-examination". A Chinese valet had to pick his way thru the crowd to lay out his master's wardrobe and seemed to be highly amused at all things in general. Think of a valet laying out a bath's uniform for his master to wear in the first act! Truth is stranger than fiction!

While applying grease paint with deft fingers, Mr. Powers said: "Since I MUST tell you all about it, here goes. I was the seventh son. All six sons had been launched on business careers so mother thought it was about time some member of the family should follow the arts. She determined that the seventh son should become a follower of the arts. As a young girl, during Civil War days, she had studied Shakespearean reading, a habit that had always clung to her and which she imparted to the seventh son. Mother planned my artistic career with a lavish hand. I was instructed in all the arts. I learned to draw, paint, play the piano and sing. As a small child I used to dramatize Mother Goose stories and planned a stage that was built in our home, where I experimented in stagecraft.

"At the close of my college career, at the age of eighteen, I came to New York and became a student at the American Academy of Dramatic Art. From the academy I went into stock as assistant stage manager and player, earning the munificent salary of \$25 a week, which was more than I was worth. (Smokers from Chinese valet.)

Then William Dean, Mr. Helasco's stage director (a wonderful man), who had produced a play in which I had a part as a favor to the Sargent School, kindly remembered me when someone needed an actor for a George Ade sketch in vaudeville. So I went from a stock company at Lancaster, Pa., to the vaudeville stage.

"It was distinctly understood that I was to get no laughs while playing in the sketch. The star and cover of the act even showed me how to read my part so that I wouldn't get a single laugh. But fate was against me. I got the laughs just the same and plenty of reminders that the next laugh would be my last. Here are the lines that caused my downfall. A woman said: 'He told me I was his opportunity.' I replied, 'I thought you could take a joke?' The manner in which I said it appealed to the audience's sense of humor. I not only got a laugh, I got a hand. So I was Fred. And this was the parting blessing: 'I don't say that you must never act again, but I hope to God I don't have to watch you!'

Mr. Powers then went with the Vitagraph Company and became a movie actor, a cowboy actor, riding bucking broncos and doing other Wild West stunts. He worked in Arama and stayed in the first motion picture studio in California, established by the Vitagraph Company.

After a while he received an offer to play the title role in a film version of Dickens' "Barnaby Rudge" for an English film company. So he packed away his cowboy duds in the best campher balls and sailed over the bounding main to England. After completing the "Barnaby Rudge" film and a number of others Mr. Powers returned to New York to play in "Mr. Lazarus" with Eno Legallienne. This followed engagements in "Mile-a-Minute Kendall" and "Oh, Boy".

When war was declared Tom Powers enlisted in the English Royal Flying Corps and served until the Armistice was signed. While recovering from wounds in Lady Astor's Hospital he was asked to play his original role in "The Boy" in England, which offer he accepted. We interrupted Mr. Powers to ask him about his wounds. He dismissed the subject by saying: "If war is worth anything at all it is worth more than play acting." But we learned from Mr. Powers' personal representative that the young actor had fallen from an airplane and sustained fractured ankles as well as a broken shoulder and hip. Said representative also showed us a few of Mr. Powers' sketches, caricatures, each eloquent of a delightful, whimsical humor, reminding us of Augustin Duncan's speech at the luncheon of the Drama League at the Hotel Astor recently, when he extolled Mr. Powers as one of the best light comedians of the day, comparing him with the famous William Gillette of twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Powers has been in the following New York productions since October, 1921: "Duh", "Love Dreams", "The B. B. Tenacity", "The

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TOM POWERS' MOTHER MOLDED HIS STAGE CAREER

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...ing", "The Monkey's Paw", "The First Fifty Years" and "Hospitality".

We were all sorry when Mr. Powers was obliged to discontinue his story, which was replete with humor, cleverly and intelligently applied. And his voice is rich and musical, with just enough of the "South" in it to make it individual and intriguing.

In every play, in every way, Tom Powers is growing better and better in the art of acting, and judging from a remark we overheard, this young gentleman with the easy, breezy assurance that proclaims innate gentility and true culture is going to be featured in a comedy that will be ideally suited to his many talents. ELITA MILLER LENZ.

Ruth Donnelly and Pamela Gaythorne have been engaged by Samuel Shipman to support Constance Binney in "The Crooked Square", his latest play.

WALKING down the Rialto the other day we ran into Gene Buck, who has written the book for the Ziegfeld "Follies" for many years. : : : Gene says that this year's "Follies" is the biggest ever. : : : Business has not fallen below \$35,000 since the show opened, and it will probably fill out the season at the New Amsterdam. : : : If it does it will pretty nearly break the world's record for receipts. : : : Tom met John Farrar during an intermission of "Peer Gynt" and fell to talking about old times with him. : : : John confessed that he had never read Janson's "Encyclopedia of Comedy". : : : Tom thought this an amazing confession from the editor of The Bookman and is going to see that John has the opportunity of remedying the deficiency. : : : Tom met Percy Pollock just before he left the city to rejoin "Lightnin'" in Boston. : : : Percy, who had to leave for the South for his health, is now fully recovered and ready to buckle down to work again. : : : Tom hears that during the entire run of "Hamlet" with John Barrymore the receipts have never fallen below \$20,000 a week. : : : Where is the fellow who used to croak "Shakespeare won't pay"? : : : Tom understands that Tyrone Power is seriously considering producing Shelley's "The Cenci" for a series of special matinees. : : : We hope it is true. : : : We have been hoping to see this play for years and Tyrone should make a splendid County Cenci. : : : Tom ran into Albert de Courville, the English producer. : : : He is over here looking about, and Tom hears that the Shah of Persia may back him in a new production or two in London. : : : Which may or may not be true. : : : Knox Herold is now playing the Second Gravedigger in "Hamlet". : : : He will only have the opportunity of playing the part for five performances, and he tells Tom that he would like the world to know it. : : : Well, some of the world can now read it, and, we hope, be happy. : : : Wells Hawks, who is Sam H. Harris' historian, tells us that the demand for tickets for "The Music Box Revue" on the road has been so great that a portable box-office is now carried with the show and set up in the theater lobbies a la movies. : : : True or not, that is a peach. : : : Tom hears that when David Warfield leaves the Lyceum March 10 he will be followed in by Lionel Atwill in "The Comedian". : : : That is somewhat of a surprise, as this show was not expected in until next season. : : : Giorgio Majeroni told Tom a good one about an English actor who was sent for to play a part in "Romeo and Juliet". : : : This actor figured they would him for Romeo probably, and certainly for nothing less than Mercutio. : : : When he reached the office he was asked: "How would you like to play Benvolio?" : : : "Benvolio," shouted the player, "You can take Benvolio and throw him in the sewer, and, if you're going to produce "Hamlet", that goes for Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, too." : : : Giorgio thought that indicated a high spirit on the actor's part. : : : Tom opines it was just common sense. : : : Well, that should flush the column. : : : See you next week. : : : TOM PEPPER.

DRAMATIC NOTES

"The Little Bigamist", which was touring the principal cities of the country, closed February 10.

"Lillom", the Molnar comedy-drama, closed on tour after a run of two years both in New York and on the road.

Kate McLaurin, who adapted Henry Leverage's story, "Whispering Wires", is now at work adapting another one of his stories, called "The White Cipher".

Virginia Hammond is on tour this season with William Courtonay in "Her Temporary Husband", a Frazee attraction. She is playing the role originated in New York by Ann Andrews last fall.

John Henry Mears will move into the Olympic Theater, Chicago, within a few weeks, where he will produce "The Blimp", a play starring Herbert Cortbell.

Bapley Holmes, in "Rain", has come into his own at last. He has a part which suits him right down to the ground and he plays it for all it is worth.

Adolph Mayer was hurt in a taxi accident on Broadway and had the chauffeur haled into court. The chauffeur was fined \$75 and was given a ten-day sentence in jail besides.

Lynn Overman has been engaged by George M. Cohan to play the leading role in his new play, "The Song and Dance Man", expected to be produced in the fall.

Lenore Ulric passed her 500th performance in "Kiki" at the Belasco Theater, New York, last week. This play holds first place in long-run honors at present.

David Warfield is setting a new record for consecutive performances of "The Merchant of Venice". When he completes his engagement at the Lyceum Theater, New York, on March 10, he will have passed the century mark.

Walter Hampden is in Boston rehearsing a new play by A. E. Thomas, which he will present during his season at the National Theater in New York next fall. Mary Hall is playing opposite him.

George M. Cohan will sail for England next month to supervise the final rehearsal of "So This Is London", opening at the Prince of Wales Theater on April 15. He will return immediately after the first performance to get his new musical comedy started in Boston.

Adolph Mayer's production of "Listening In" will move from the Bijou Theater, New York, to the Wilbur Theater, Boston, on February 19. On that same day "Rita Coventry", Brock Pemberton's production, will fill the Bijou for an indefinite run.

Laurette Taylor, shortly to be seen in New York in "Humoresque", was the guest of honor of the Lotoa Club last Sunday night. She is the second woman to be given the honor of being dined by that organization, Mary Garden holding first honors.

Porter Emerson Browne's latest play, "Ladies for Sale", has as members of its cast Carlotta Monterey, Malcolm Williams, Vincent Serrano, Richard Sterling, Walter D. Green, Bernard Reinold, Walter Armin, J. Harry Jenkins and William Eville.

Arch Selwyn has sailed for London to make arrangements for the presentation of a number of American plays. It seems likely that he will present Jane Cowl in "Smilin' Through" and "Romeo and Juliet" in September in London, besides "The Emperor Jones". "Partners Again" is already playing in that city and Mr. Selwyn will take a look into the theater to see how it holds forth.

Clara Meares left "The Circle" in Altoona, Pa., February 10, and is in New York seeking another engagement. In the meantime the company, headed by John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter, is said to be playing to big business on the road. A second company, headed by Amelia Bingham and Wilton Lackaye, is at present playing in Texas and is also reported as thriving.

"Extra" has taken itself out of the Longacre, New York, to make room for Ethel Barrymore. (Continued on page 37)

LONG RUN DRAMATIC PLAY RECORDS

Number of consecutive performances up to and including Saturday, February 10.

IN NEW YORK

Table listing dramatic plays in New York with columns for play title, author, and performance dates. Includes plays like 'Abie's Irish Rose', 'The Little Bigamist', and 'Kiki'.

IN CHICAGO

Table listing dramatic plays in Chicago with columns for play title, author, and performance dates. Includes plays like 'Captain Applejack', 'The Little Bigamist', and 'Kiki'.

COMING TO BROADWAY

New York, Feb. 10.—Next week will be a quiet one on Broadway, for so far there is only one show scheduled to open. That one is Ethel Barrymore in "The Laughing Lady", in which this star will resume her interrupted season at the Longacre Theater. Reports from Cleveland, where the show is playing this week, state that it looks like a hit. Miss Barrymore has a fine cast in her support, consisting of Violet Kemble Cooper, Katherine Emmett, Alice John, Eva Leonard-Boyne, Cyril Knightley, McKay Morris, Kenneth Hunter, Harry Primmer and Walter Howe. "Extra", which closes at the Longacre tonight, will go to Chicago and see how things break there for it.

Still another premiere for February 19 is Florence Reed in "Hail and Farewell". It will hold forth at the Morosco Theater, at present occupied by "Mike Angelo" and which closes on February 17.

Have you looked thru the Letter List?

Advertisement for BELASCO, NEW YORK, featuring Lenore Ulric and Kiki at the Lyceum Theatre. Includes showtimes and contact information for David Belasco.

If Cooper-Chiffre is now flying the colors of the Belasco management and is in Boston playing with Lionel Atwill in "The Comedian". This Sacha Guitry play is booked at the Tremont Theater in that city for an indefinite engagement.

STOCK DRAMATIC

IN HOUSES AND UNDER CANVAS

(COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR CINCINNATI OFFICES)

Another Theater for Luttringer

Leases Lowell Opera House, Opening With "East Is West"

Al Luttringer, who for the past two seasons has been producing stock productions with success at the Empire Theater, Salem, Mass., has leased the Lowell Opera House, Lowell, Mass., from Messrs. William and Frederik Schakke. Mr. Luttringer opened the theater with a gorgeous production of "East Is West", which the newspaper critics say was the finest and largest production ever given in Lowell. Mr. Luttringer's excellent company includes Mary Ann Dentler, leading lady; Arthur deLord, leading man; Malcolm McCleod, Fred Harter, Russell Webster, Richard Morgan, William Hall, William Marlon, William Flaungan, Helen Kinsel and Jessalca McManus. Langdon K. Barhydt is the house manager, going to Lowell from the Empire. He has been associated with stock for several years. Formerly Barhydt was a newspaper and picture man, having been with Goldwyn Film Company, handling publicity for several seasons. Mr. Luttringer's headquarters are in Salem at the present time, and during his absence Mr. Barhydt handles the general management in Lowell.

The Opera House has had a complete redecoration and renovation, with a newly decorated lobby, a newly constructed marquee making a blaze of lights over the street. A new heating system also adds greatly to the comfort of the patrons.

Mr. Luttringer's Salem company is still enjoying a successful run, with Dwight Meade and Ann Kingsley playing the leads. John Howe, an old member of the company, who had been absent for some months, has rejoined Mr. Luttringer. He was warmly received by the Salemites. Following "Nightie Night", Mr. Luttringer has re-engaged "Tommy" Martelle and his chorus for a return engagement of "The Fascinating Widow", in conjunction with the regular stock players. Thousands are estimated to have been turned away on his last engagement of three weeks ago and the house is said to be entirely sold out for the coming return dates.

CAMERON MATTHEWS' ENGLISH PLAYERS FOR TORONTO RUN

Toronto, Can., Feb. 8.—The Cameron Matthews English Players commence a season of repertoire at the Princess Theater February 12, with A. A. Milne's "The Truth About Blayds". The cast will include Alison Bradshaw, Deldre Doyle, Harry Green, Hannam Clark, Louie Emery, Charles Warburton, Cameron Matthews, director, and Cyril Maude. Productions to be staged by the company embrace plays by Sir James M. Barrie, John Galsworthy, Stanley Houghton, A. A. Milne, W. Somerset Maugham, Sir A. W. Pinero, Bernard Shaw, Arthur Sutro, Oscar Wilde, Sheridan and Shakespeare.

BAINBRIDGE PLAYERS TO REPEAT "MAIN STREET"

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 8.—Beginning Sunday the Bainbridge Players will offer "The Boomerang" at the Shubert for the entire week. For the week of February 18 "Bluebeard's 12th Wife" will be presented, followed by "Main Street", which is to be repeated for the benefit of the many who were unable to gain admission to the Shubert when the play was first presented. "Thin Ice", "Mr. Tim Passes By" and "The Gold Fish" will follow in succession.

BETTY ROSS CLARKE LEAVES TOLEDO STOCK

Toledo, Feb. 6.—The final week of Betty Ross Clarke's engagement with the Toledo Theater Company began last night in the first local presentation of "It's a Boy". The Blakes, Chester and Phyllis, are excellently played by Ion Burrows and Miss Clark. The comedy parts are well done by Nell Pratt, Beulah Bondy and Ralph Locke, the new character man, who is making his first appearance. Others in the cast are H. N. Lewin, Lois Landon, Louise Gerard Huntington, Stokes McCune and Charles Beard.

"TEA FOR THREE" MAY GO TO THE STOREHOUSE

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 3.—After receiving flattering notices in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, "Tea for Three", starring Edna May Jackson, former leading lady for the American Players here, has about been given up for a Northwest tour under the name of the Moore Producing Company. The company, all of whom are shareholders in the production, has found that the play is too "high brow" for the smaller towns, drawing less than the girl shows that predominate on similar lookings in this district. The company played to a fair house at Deer Park and Cheney, Wash., and is now undecided whether to begin a tour proper of Idaho, Oregon and Washington or to "give up the ghost".

STUART WALKER TO RETURN TO CINCY FOR SUMMER RUN

Stuart Walker and his players again will hold forth at the Cox Theater, Cincinnati, O., this coming summer. It is said that several members of last season's company will return. The opening date has not been announced, but it is expected to be some time in April.

PLAN ABOUT 14 WEEKS' RUN FOR STOCK IN HARRISBURG

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Capacity houses continue to greet each and every performance of the Orpheum Players at the Orpheum Theater. The stock company has entered into its third week here, playing "The Man Who Came Back" this week. "East Is West" enjoyed a successful run last week, and the week prior to that "Up the Ladder" played continuously before crowded houses.

The offering next week will be "Up in Mabel's Room". A run of twelve to fourteen weeks is planned.

GROTTO LEASES STOCK SHOW FOR FIVE DAYS

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 7.—Mediasau Grotto and Manager Charles Berkell have agreed upon leasing of the Grand Players' presentation of "Not Tonight, Dearie", in the Grand Theater the five days beginning February 12. Matinees will be booked Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Proceeds of the entertainment go into the Grotto convention trip fund.

THE PERUCHI PLAYERS



The Peruchi Players, appearing at the Victory Theater, Charleston, S. C., photographed the other day between acts of "Jolly With a Past", some in their costumes and others in street clothes. The names of the players, from left to right, are: C. D. Peruchi, Mrs. C. D. Peruchi (Mabel Gyprene), Betty Behm Peruchi, Owen Cunningham, Donald C. Peruchi, Leslie Rice, Louis Lytton, Gail Sheldon, Jack Bradley, Corene Carpenter, Willis Claire, Mrs. Donald Peruchi and Loretta McNear. Three other members of the company, not in the picture, are: Chas. Newman, Edward Lawrence and Jack Platzer.

—Photo from Harry Groken.

LEWIS RAISES ADMISSION PRICES FOR "EXPERIENCE"

Houston, Tex., Feb. 7.—The Gene Lewis-Olga Worth Company started its twenty-fourth week at the Prince Theater Sunday night with a big production of "Eger Rose" with Olga Worth in the title role. The house was sold out long before curtain time and big business has been the rule since the opening night. Last week "East Is West" drew the biggest business of the season. Miss Worth as Ming Toy scored big in the part. Next week "Experience" will be presented and owing to the large number of people required in the cast and the cost of the production Mr. Lewis announces that the prices will be advanced for that week only.

WILLIAMS SUCCESSFUL IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Ed Williams Stock Company, which has opened at the Landers-Orpheum Theater here for an indefinite stay, is meeting with great success and is playing to capacity house. The entire cast is well versed in stock company plays and forms a well-balanced company. Winifred Wilde, the leading woman, has scored an unusual success since her brief stay in Springfield. She came to the Williams company directly from an Indianapolis stock company.

DIRECTOR PREVENTS PANIC DURING STOCK PERFORMANCE

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 6.—The Trent Theater last week was the scene of a near panic, when a lighted cigaret thrown under the stairs leading from the men's smoking room to the basement started a fire that caused much excitement among the patrons of a performance by the Trent Players. Louis Dean, company director, and a city fireman assigned at the house quieted the audience. Slight damage was done to the woodwork of the house.

PICTURES TO REPLACE STOCK IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 7.—The announcement that this is the final week of the Wilmington Players at the Garrick Theater comes as a surprise. The reorganization of the company after Christmas was made with the idea of strengthening its local popularity and last week there were crowded houses for the performances of "Getting Gertie's Garter", but apparently the income was insufficient to offset the previous losses. Eleanor Gordon, treasurer of the enterprise, made the announcement that owing to the approach of Lent and the great amount of sickness in the city it had been deemed advisable to close. However, simultaneously with Miss Gordon's announcement, there came the "sound of the builder" and a booth has been erected in the lobby of the theater for a moving picture box-office. Apparently Lent and disease are not factors in the moving picture enterprise.

OUTLOOK PROMISING FOR JANE HASTINGS STOCK

Lewistown, Pa., Feb. 8.—Jane Hastings and her company have just finished the fifth week of their stock engagement at the Temple Theater to a larger week's business than any of the four preceding weeks. Manager Stuart Smith of the Temple has canceled all other bookings for the theater and it looks as if the company had settled down for a long run. The public seems to be hungry for this form of amusement, as this city previously has never had permanent stock. The members of the company have made many friends in the city and have been entertained at banquets by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. J. S. Macdonald, the new scenic artist, has arrived and is turning out some elaborate settings.

"The Truth About Blayds" is being released for stock production in all territory by the American Play Company, Inc., of New York.

SAN ANTONIO OBSERVES WELCOME, STRANGER, WEEK

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 9.—Edna Park and her players have been doing capacity business at the Royal every night but Monday and Tuesday, when the balcony is a little off. Other nights it is a sellout to the last row in the second balcony. It was thought that "Turn to the Right" would be the biggest draw of the season, but the following week's bill, "Dawn of the Mountains", drew even a heavier demand and Miss Park drew the greatest praise from the feature writers for her acting in the part of "Dawn".

"Smilin' Through" scored a complete knock-out when presented Monday night. For the first time in seven years San Antonio had a snow storm. The snow stayed on the ground all night and the sudden change from hot weather helped theater business. Those fortunate enough to get into the Royal had the treat of their lives, for there has never been such a beautiful and well-acted play seen here in the history of the old Alamo City. Robert C. Bell, the art director, outdid himself and the settings drew front-page articles. Miss Park was charming in the dual characters created by Jane Cowl, and Jack Edwards handled the lead in his usual winning fashion. Special mention must also be made of George McManus in the role of Dr. Owen Harding and Edward D'Alze as John Carteret. The rest of the long cast were excellent in their parts. Thursday afternoon an original playlet by Irene Hubbard, second lead of the company, was given in the Gunter Hotel Ballroom in honor of a special luncheon for Alzar Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The play "Not So Good But Not So Bad" was very well received and dealt with the hour of midnight in the drawing room of "Marcia and Lawrence", which was very well suited for the live crowd composing the Shrine here.

Next week "Welcome, Stranger", will be the offering and the Lenten season (San Antonio is a big Catholic city) will see "The Braut", "Within the Law", "The Hottentot" and another to be selected. Great preparations are in store for "Welcome, Stranger", the Mayor issuing a proclamation making that week official Welcome, Stranger, Week in the city, ordering special banners placed all over the city with the words "Welcome, Stranger".

SAENGER PLAYERS HAVE PACKED HOUSES NIGHTLY

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—Leona Powers, leading woman of the Saenger Players, now presenting "The Ruined Lady", is enthusiastic over the part of Ann Mortimer. Miss Powers is doing the part wonderfully and receiving much praise from the audience, which, despite the inclement weather, are packing the house nightly, to say nothing of the two matinees given weekly. Foster Williams as Bill Bruce gives immense satisfaction to the audience.

After two weeks of rest, Alice Buchanan is back in the cast and received a hearty welcome from her admirers. Lola May is up to her usual standard. Shirley Gray read her lines well and sustained her reputation as a finished actress. William Melville comes very near carrying off the honors. Orris Holland and Guy Hiltner are also entitled to credit. The stage settings and scenery were above the average, the work of O. W. Weyer and A. Alloy. The piece was staged under the direction of Lee Starnett, assisted by Robert Jones.

Next week "The Hottentot", and it is expected that during Mardi Gras week standing room will be at a premium.

"SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE" DRAWS EXCELLENT BUSINESS

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 7.—For a nice smooth performance it would be difficult to beat last week's performance of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" by the Metropolitan Players. Alexa B. Luce as the novelist and Jane Aubrey as the newspaper reporter never did better work. Tom Sullivan, who never tries for an effect, made every line and every bit of business count in his handling of the "hermit". The other parts were played by Norman Wendell, Griff Burnett, Margaret Robinson, Irene Daley, Ivy Bowman, Cliff Dunstan, James Coats, Jack Martin, Harry Coles, Pete Butters and Dick Stevens in a manner that was wholly praiseworthy. It was as clever and enjoyable a performance as the Metropolitan Players have given all season. Business excellent.

ALBERT McGOVERN JOINS HIPPIE PLAYERS IN DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 8.—The Hippodrome Stock Company has a new leading man in the person of Albert McGovern, who is co-starring with Fred Wear, long in Dallas favorite, in stock. Mr. McGovern opened in "Never Say Die", a farce by W. H. Post, and at once gained popular favor—no small feat, considering that he has taken the place of Leslie Adams, who has returned to New York. Claudel Fontaine has come into her own and Helen Lewis is another local favorite. The supporting company is exceedingly strong and Dallas is proud of her stock company.

STOCK CHATTER

Richard S. Bishop has been engaged for a limited period, appearing in several of his most successful roles, by Leon E. Brown, for his company in Woonsocket, R. I.

Gene Lewis and Olga Worth are getting ready for the opening of Cycle Park, in Dallas, Tex., which will be about May 1. They are expecting big things there this summer.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" was the Vaughan Glaser Players' offering the week beginning February 5, at the Uptown Theater, Toronto, Can. Business continues at high-water mark.

Belle Mitchell, late leading lady with A. H. Woods, and Mae Melvin, who for the past five seasons has been heading her own company, have both joined the Leon E. Brown Players at Keith's Bijou Theater, Woonsocket, R. I.

Gordon Ruffin, Genevieve Berkeley and Maude Larmour are recent addition to the Ella Kramer Stock Company, appearing at the Majestic Theater, Williamsport, Pa. Last week the company presented "The Girl in the Limousine".

"Cowboys and Broadway Make Hypocrite" was last week's offering of the Gordnier Players in Ft. Dodge, Ia. According to a local critic, the play was one of the better comedies that the Gordniers have thus far produced in Ft. Dodge.

In the last few issues our Atlanta, Ga., correspondent has referred to Mr. Sabin as scenic artist with the Forsyth Players. Credit, however, should have been given Herman Walroff, as Mr. Sabin has not been with that company since October 30, we are informed.

Last week at the Star Theater, Pawtucket, R. I., the Carle-Davis Players presented "The House of a Thousand Candles". "It was most elaborately staged and Jack Matthews and his assistants are to be congratulated on their effective work," said a local critic in his review of the performance Monday night. Business is reported very good.

The Gene Lewis-Olga Worth Stock Company is second to none in the South, declares W. Frank Delmaine, representative of the Actors' Equity Association. Mr. Delmaine says he enjoyed a performance, "East Is West", by the company recently, and that it was a wonderful production.

Richard S. Travers, the well-known stage and screen star, especially engaged for the leading role in "The Storm", presented recently at Keith's Bijou Theater, Pawtucket, R. I., by the Leon E. Brown Players, is considering an offer made by Mr. Brown to appear under his management for a period of ten weeks, beginning in the early part of the summer.

So great was the demand for seats at the Shubert Theater, Minneapolis, Minn., last week, that it was necessary for the Bainbridge Players to give an extra matinee performance of "The Bird of Paradise" on Friday. Owing to the heavy advance sale for "The Boomerang" this week, it was impossible to hold the production over another week. "The Bird of Paradise" will not be repeated this season, but Mr. Bainbridge has announced that it will be one of the first plays to be presented next season.

"The Red Man" was presented by Charlotte Winters and her company last week at the Lyceum Theater, Paterson, N. J. Fred Nelson, whom we announced recently as being ill, returned to the cast in the "heavy" part of Morgan Peel. On Monday night of last week the local Young Women's Hebrew Association hired the entire house and sold tickets for the benefit of that organization. Members of the Y. W. H. A. sold flowers, cigars and candles during the performance. The Charlotte Winters Players, in conjunction with the theater management, donated \$50 to the Y. W. H. A.

Since his stock company opened at the Victory Theater, Charleston, S. C., Christmas Day last, C. D. Peruchl declares business has been far beyond expectations and that the company is doing three matinees and still unable to take care of the crowds. The players are all delighted with Charleston, and, as a rule, they spend the Sundays on the beach. Mr. Peruchl says. Mr. Peruchl further writes that the Victory is a beautifully-equipped theater and has every convenience for the actor as well as for the patrons. He says the weather has been wonderful, there having been only two cold

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FRANCIS SAYLES RETURNS TO CAST AFTER ILLNESS

New Castle, Pa., Feb. 8.—The Francis Sayles Players are in their eighteenth week of stock at the Opera House. So great is the popularity of the company that it is booked to return here Labor Day. Marion Grant, Sadie Belgarde, Helen Courtney, Mabelle Marlowe, Lois Harvey, James Stone, Grant Martin, Harrison Rankin, J. F. Marlow and Warren Wade make up the company's roster.

Mr. Sayles has been out of the cast for two weeks due to illness and returned Monday night in DeWitt Newing's new play "The Unseen Way". He received an ovation upon his first appearance. The play is a very unusual one and has an element of mystery that is well sustained. Excellent work was done by Marion Grant, J. F. Marlow and James Stone. Mention should be made of the very elaborate stage settings and effects that Stage Director Wade has secured.

YE COLONIAL PLAYERS PRODUCE "BACK PAY"

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 8.—Bernard Steele's Ye Colonial Players at the Colonial Theater are presenting Fanny Hurst's "Back Pay" this week. Kenneth Fox, the new leading man, is making his first appearance with the company in the role of the small town sweetheart of the heroine. The part gives him but limited opportunities but he is good looking and made a splendid impression. The leading woman, Eveta Budsen, plays Hester Bevans beautifully—the part is a very difficult one and a real

test of Miss Budsen's dramatic abilities. Mand Blair gets much out of the part of the colored maid and Frank Charlton was excellent, as was Zonia Allen. The company is now under the management of John E. Cuddy, Jr. Business is excellent. Next week "The Sheik's Love".

HARRY ANDREWS WILL DIRECT FORSYTH PLAYERS

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 6.—The current bill, "East Side-West Side", at the Forsyth Theater, as presented by the Forsyth Players, is interesting at times even tho the plot is a hackneyed one. It is a long play with too much unnecessary chatter, especially in the first act.

A local miss, Kathryn Scott, as the friend of Lorry, made a good impression. The three interior settings were well executed and had the proper atmosphere for both wealth and poverty. This week's offering is the last that Walter S. Baldwin will direct for Atlanta audiences, as he has engaged Harry Andrews as the new director of the Forsyth Players. Mr. Andrews comes direct from The Alhambra, Brooklyn, N. Y. He leaves for New Orleans on Wednesday, but will still be the managing director even tho his headquarters will be in New Orleans.

VERNA FELTON LEAVES EDMONTON (ALTA.) STOCK

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 8.—Whether it was that Edmonton people do not care for that sort of a play or the fact that the Allen Players were using the old Temple Theater, "The Girl in the Limousine" did not draw well until the latter part of the week, when the news that it was Verna Felton's last week with the company became known and people flocked to get a last view of a player who has made so many warm friends here. If the success of a farce can be judged by the laughter it evokes this production was one.

TOM HANLON VISITS

A. E. A. Representative Speaks Well of Stocks—Reports Improvement in Business Since Holidays

While in Cincinnati last week Tom Hanlon, representative of the Actors' Equity Association, at a little informal meeting of the theatrical folks playing in and around Cincinnati, discussed many things pertaining to Equity and the theatrical business in general. Among other things Mr. Hanlon stated that there has been a noticeable improvement in the theatrical business, in the various cities he has visited, since the holiday season. Stock companies in particular were found by Mr. Hanlon to be doing much better business than last season at this time. He spoke highly of the stock companies that he had visited, including the Woodward Players, Detroit; Toledo Players, Toledo, O., which the congenial Harold Holstein has developed into a wonderful institution, and the Jane Hastings Company, Lewistown, Pa. The amiable manager, A. J. LaTelle, of the latter company, informed Mr. Hanlon that the company has enjoyed excellent business and that there has not been the slightest dissension in any nature among the members of the company. Mr. LaTelle attributed the wonderful spirit of harmony in his company to the fact that the artists, all being members of Equity, are constantly endeavoring to live up to the teachings of their association for a spirit of harmony and co-operation. The stock at Harrisburg, Pa., which recently opened, was also found by Mr. Hanlon to be doing an excellent business, doubtless thru the fact that an exceptionally capable company is presenting late royalty releases. Mr. Hanlon also found a very capable company at Roanoke, Va., where the Jack X. Lewis Players are doing a splendid business. Altogether, the consensus of Mr. Hanlon's remarks to the stock editor was that business in general thru the Central States has very noticeably improved since last year at this time, and the stock companies as a result are enjoying better patronage. Mr. Hanlon will work westward, at least that was his plan at the time of calling.

ALHAMBRA PLAYERS ARE HONORED WITH FLOWERS

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The Alhambra Players are presenting "A Fool There Was" this week and meeting with wonderful success. Artistically, it is the finest play presented here during the present season. Too much credit cannot be given Charles Cahill Wilson in his characterization of the role of John Schuyler, "The Fool". Jane Gilroy gets the honors in the role of the vampire. Both she and Mr. Wilson received enormous floral offerings Monday night in the final act, and both had to respond to repeated curtain calls. This is the first time this has happened this season. Ione Magrane portrays the wife and Bernard McEwen the friend in their usual polished manner. The child picture star, Miriam Batista, portrays the child and is the idol of the cast as well as that of the audience. The settings also drew forth much applause from the Alhambra patrons, particularly the boat set and the library scene. The other members of the cast had minor parts and played them well. Mr. Secret, the boy; A.

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Grand at Shreveport, La., Will
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Lines

The Grand Opera House, Shreveport, La., is to be torn down and rebuilt along modern lines, operations starting about April 1. This is one of the old theatrical landmarks of the Southwest, and its managers, Harry and Simon Erlich, are the last of the old school of managers of that section. The Grand has housed most of the leading stars of the last three decades. Among the repertoire stars were Gny Woodward, Emina Warren, George Kilnapp, Albert Taylor, The Spooners, The Payton Sisters, Phil Peters and Green, and Gordon Hayes. The Erlich Brothers have seen many trials and vicissitudes, and they have stuck to the business because they loved it. Many is the time in the past they have opened their doors and prayed that the first few patrons would have the exact change, as the box-office was changeless. On one occasion when they opened the safe as the doors were about to open they found that their cash capital was represented by a single silver dollar. Harry was hungry and wanted to trade their capital for food, but Simon advised caution, so Harry did not eat until after the show. In those days there was no family vaudeville or pictures, and managers had to rely totally on the road shows, and sometimes their house was dark for two weeks at a stretch. Today the Erlich Brothers are well-to-do, own large oil holdings and are associated with The Saenger Amusement Company in theatrical enterprises in three different States. The new theater will open next fall.

REPEAL ORDINANCE IN COLUMBIA, MISS.

Columbia, Miss., has decided to fall in line and admit certain shows to the town, which had heretofore been closed to them, according to a copy of Ordinance No. 172, published in The Marion County Progress, as follows:

"An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 143, entitled 'An ordinance prohibiting and suppressing all transient shows and theaters from operating and doing business within the limits of the city of Columbia, Miss., and providing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance.'

"Section 1—Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Columbia, Miss., that that certain Ordinance No. 143, and entitled 'An ordinance prohibiting and suppressing all transient shows and theaters from operating and doing business within the limits of the city of Columbia, Miss., and providing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance,' be, and the same is hereby repealed and held for naught.

"Section 2—That for good and sufficient reason this ordinance be in effect from and after its passage.

"Rhoden, Buckley, Pope and Thomas voting yes, Webb not voting."

PARAMOUNT PLAYERS DOING WELL IN THE SOUTHWEST

Stanley Gordon, leading man with The Paramount Players, has purchased a new concert xylophone to use in his vaudeville turns between acts. He reports The Paramount Players are meeting with excellent business in the Southwest. Hugh Riegel, trap drummer, was married to Gertrude Allan, nonprofessional, of Monroe, La., in that city January 23. The marriage came as a complete surprise to the friends of both the bride and groom. The bride, who is an excellent dancer, has joined The Paramount Players, and will follow her husband's profession. Bill McGuire, who has been associated with some of the largest tented organizations, has joined the company to act as boss canvasman and stage manager.

GILBERT & BURDENE'S SHOW IN WISCONSIN

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Harry L. Gilbert, manager of the Gilbert & Burdene Show, writes The Billboard that the show will be in Colby, Wis., the week of February 12. Mr. Gilbert wrote that the weather has been very cold of late, but business fair.

BILLY VALENTINE GETTING READY FOR HIS "TOM" SHOW

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Billy Valentine, who has been contracting agent ahead of the Elwin Strong dramatic company, in Nebraska, has closed with that organization and is back in Chicago, where he will begin preparations for a bigger Harvall's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company, of which he and J. W. Harpstrite are the owners.

Mr. Valentine said business with the Strong company, which played "The Stern" this season, has been very good. Shows were scarce in Nebraska, he said, and many picture houses in that State are ready to open their doors to road shows. The Strong show traveled with trucks. This will be the seventh season of the Harvall "Tom" show under its present ownership, and the show is to be enlarged in several departments. Mr. Harpstrite is now in Los Angeles, where he spent the winter, and will come East soon.

KENYON PLAYERS IN SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS

The Kenyon Players are reported enjoying good business in Southwestern Kansas, playing a circuit of sixteen houses. The roster is as follows: G. L. Kenyon, comedy; Ruth Kenyon, leads; Horin Begenold, beauty; Lulu Morehead, characters; William Hunt, characters; Melie Baker, general business. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon are featuring their singing and dancing specialties.

MILDRED LeROY ILL

Mildred LeRoy, after leaving Mercy Hospital in Denver, Col., was taken home by her mother, and, unless there is a change soon, it will be a good many weeks before she will be able to resume work. Bonnie Rose is also in Wellington, Kan., anxiously awaiting a change in her mother's condition. Letters from friends, addressed to 801 S. Wash avenue, Wellington, are invited.

EMMA MARIE DAVIS



Leading lady with Russell Brothers' Paramount Players, one of the most prominent repertoire organizations in the South. In private life she is Mrs. Lawrence Russell. Six plays have been written for her for the coming season, one by Ted and Virginia Maxwell and five by her husband. In four of these plays she will have blackface roles and in the other string dramatic leads that will give her an opportunity to display some elaborate dressing.

YIDDISH PLAYERS OPEN SEASON IN McKEESPORT

Jack Stern's Yiddish Players, which recently closed a successful run in the South, opened a rotary stock engagement February 5 in McKeesport, Pa., in "Yente on Broadway". The players are well known in that section and were given a big reception. It is reported Nina Shiekewitz plays the leading role of Yente. The rest of the company are: Jack Shiekewitz, Joseph Kaminsky, Rose Karp, Julius Schwartz, Lena Gerber, Hyman Goldenburg and W. Rosenthal.

RESERVE TERRITORY FOR SHANNON CORBETT'S PLAY

According to the Canadian Booking Offices, of 178 Church avenue, Winnipeg, Can., "The Bootlegger's Repentance", one of Shannon M. Corbett's best plays, will be a favorite among repertoire companies this summer. A. T. Stevens, editor of the play department, advises that territory in several States has already been bought for 1923 by both tent and house repertoire companies. Sanger & Jordan, of New York, are the American and foreign agents for Mr. Stevens' department.

REVIVED SPOKEN DRAMA IN SAUK CENTER, MINN.

The Loranger Stock Company, which played a week's engagement at the Caughren Theater, Sauk Center, Minn., beginning January 29, gave the people of that city and vicinity the first opportunity to hear the spoken drama by professionals for a long time. The company is referred to as one made up of competent artists who give as pleasing productions as one can expect. Special scenery and lighting effects are carried. "The Rosary", "The Gamblers" and "Miss Hanson" are some of the plays being offered by this company.

LESLIE KELL WILL HAVE TWO SHOWS THIS SEASON

Leslie K. Kell reports a continuance of big business for his company in Springfield, Mo. Mr. Kell will have two shows in the field this summer and says he has purchased an entirely new outfit for the No. 1 show. He also says each bill will be staged with proper scenery and everything will be carried to make a real production. Both shows will play Missouri until fall, then both will head South.

MAXWELLS SEE PREMIERE PRODUCTION OF OWN PLAY

Ted and Virginia Maxwell after a recent motor trip to the Tallstoga Hot Springs again drove South. They reached Long Beach February 2 in time to see a production of "Keep to the Right", one of J. S. Angell's successes, in the Hart Brothers' Theater. The Maxwells state that the Hart Brothers have one of the finest stock companies they have ever had the pleasure of witnessing and that "Keep to the Right" went over big. The Maxwells then drove to Huntington Beach and visited with Glenn Brunk, who is planning to leave the West to return to the Lone Star State. Sunday night, February 4, the Maxwells, Earnest Nelson, some members of the Brunk Show and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bronson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hart at their home. Mrs. Hart was a charming hostess and the dinner party was a delightful success. Then the Maxwells took seats "away down front" to witness for the first time one of their own plays, the premiere production of "The Angel of Poverty Row". Virginia asserts that the work of the artists was so real that she forgot completely that she had had a finger in the writing of the play and laughed and cried the same as the rest of the audience. The Hart Brothers were lavish in their praise of the Maxwell plays, claiming "Savannah Manny" to be the greatest play they have presented since their opening a year ago. Ted and Virginia, who are guests of J. S. Angell at his home in San Diego, have just completed "The Herald of the Giants".

JOLLY FOUR COMPANY NOW TOURING OKLAHOMA

The Kansas City office of The Billboard is in receipt of some very good reports of the Jolly Four Stock Company now touring Oklahoma. Since Hall and Parrish closed their show this company has gone under the name of The Jolly Four Stock Company. They are making three-day and week stands and Oklahoma has been exceptionally good for them, as they have return dates in every town when they start back North. They are now headed for Texas, playing the week of February 12 at Shamrock, Tex., and then again to Oklahoma and northward bound. They are putting on a good repertoire of dramatic bills, with vaudeville between acts, everyone on the show doing specialties. This company has been together for two years, and consists of the following people: Kenneth Dawson, leads; Madge Dawson, leads; Orval Mayfield, beauty and characters; Verle Mayfield, sourest and incense; Ed Hughes, comedian. There are only five in the cast, but they are making the natives "sit up and take notice".

DIXON PLAYERS ARE BOOKED UNTIL JUNE

The Dixon Players are reported playing to wonderful business thru Iowa. Mr. Dixon is considered one of the cleverest Toby comedians in repertoire today and is said to have surrounded himself with an excellent supporting company. A jazz orchestra of six pieces and a fine selection of musical, singing and dancing specialties are featured by this company. The cast includes, besides Mr. Dixon, "Whitely" Holtman, director; Carroll Brodley, leads; Jimmy Dixon, characters; Harry Reisel, general business; Harry Price, beauty; Betty Brooks, Mrs. Mabel Brodley, Mildred Blanchard and Ruth Dixon. Bert Hall is attending to the advance in a very capable manner. The company is booked solid until June. The routing of the show is handled exclusively by A. P. Owens, manager of the Grand Opera House, Ottumwa, Ia.

GLEN BEVERIDGE PLACES PLAYS WITH R. S. SHERMAN

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Glen Beveridge, manager of the popular Beveridge Players, has authorized Robert J. Sherman to lease for repertoire and stock his several plays, "Daddies", "Broadway Lily", "The Girl He Married" and "Second Hand Rose". All four of these plays have proved winners, and Mr. Beveridge has had many inquiries about the bills. This is the time of year when Mr. Beveridge is busy planning to put out two "big top" dramatic companies for the summer, hence Mr. Sherman will handle the scripts for him. "Daddies" grossed more business for Mr. Beveridge last season than any feature play he has ever presented.

GLEN BRUNK TO PUT OUT ANOTHER SHOW IN MARCH

Thru O. A. Peterson, the well known musician, we learn that Glen D. Brunk is to put out another tent show in Texas about the middle of March to be known as the Original Brunk Comedians. Glen's brother, P. A., has taken over his present company and will remain in California indefinitely. Mr. Brunk promises to have one of the most beautiful outfits on the road. Jack Bronson will be leading man and stage director.

Capt. W. R. Markle, retired showboat owner, is now living at Steubenville, O.

AMERICAN CONCERT FIELD

AND AMERICAN ENDEAVOR IN GRAND OPERA, SYMPHONY
AND CHAMBER MUSIC AND CLASSIC DANCING

By IZETTA MAY McHENRY

Municipal Opera Season

In St. Louis To Begin Last Week in May—List of Principal Singers Also Announced

The Municipal Theater Association has announced May 28 as the opening of the season of summer municipal opera at beautiful Forest Park in St. Louis. The board has approved the artists selected by Dave Russell and his committee on their recent trip to New York City and the principal roles will be sung this year by the following singers: Helena Merrill, prima donna; Blanche Duffield, prima donna; Flavia Arcaro, contralto comedienne; Dorothy Maynard, ingenue; Craig Campbell, tenor; Frank Moulan, comedian; Thomas Conkey, baritone; Delmar H. Poppen, basso; W. M. McCarthy, comedian; Roland Woodruff, juvenile. There will be an orchestra of fifty and the chorus of ninety will be composed of St. Louis singers as has been the custom for several seasons. Frank Rainzer will be stage director, Charles Previn musical director, Wm. Parsons chorus director and Ralph Nicols will again serve in the capacity of stage manager. Dave Russell, who has been general director of the opera ever since the Municipal Theater Association has been in existence, will again be in charge.

The operas to be presented include "Naughty Marietta", "Gypsy Love", "Chocolate Soldier", "Merry Widow" (by special permission of Henry W. Savage), "Wang", "Fencing Master", "Prince of Pilsen" and others. The order in which they will be given will not be announced until returns have been had from a vote being taken in the Rotary Clubs of the world, which organization will hold its annual convention in St. Louis the week of June 18, and they have been asked to select the opera to be presented that week.

ALBERT COATES, CONDUCTOR,

And Mischa Levitzki, Piano Solist,
With New York Symphony
Orchestra

New York, Feb. 9. — Rimsky-Korsakoff's symphonic suite "Scheherazade" was the opening number on the program for the first of the closing pair of concerts directed by Albert Coates, guest conductor for the New York Symphony Society, yesterday afternoon, at Carnegie Hall. The violin solo part, or the "Scheherazade motive", thru the entire suite was splendidly rendered by the concertmaster, Gustave Tiniot. Wagner's "Prelude to Parsifal" and the "Good Friday Spell" made up the balance of orchestral numbers.

The solo feature was Liszt's E Flat Concerto, which Mischa Levitzki played in his usual pianistic excellent way, with perfect accompaniment furnished by Mr. Coates and orchestra. Appreciation of Mr. Coates' orchestra and soloist was shown in marked manner thru the entire program and regret expressed that his all-too-short season here will close after the concert next Sunday at Aeolian Hall.

CHICAGO AGAIN FAILS

To Support Movement for Opera in
English

At the last performance in Chicago of Gluck's opera, "Love's Sacrifice", given under the auspices of the Opera in Our Language Association, definite announcement was made by Mrs. Eleanor Everest Freer that this would be the final performance, as the interest among Chicagoans was not sufficient to continue. Mrs. Freer, who was the founder of the organization and worked untiringly to further an interest in presentations of opera in English, told the audience that the public was indifferent as it was said to have been toward the productions given under the auspices of the American Grand Opera Company, another organization which had striven to create more interest in American composers and their compositions.

EDWIN HUGHES

Gives Annual Recital

Edwin Hughes, American pianist, gave his annual recital in Aeolian Hall, New York City, the evening of February 5. His program was a most exacting one, having three Liszt numbers, two Rachmaninoff numbers, Schumann's "Carnival" and Chopin. Mr. Hughes, in point of technique, deserves much praise, but except in one number, "Marche Humoresque", by Dohnanyi, his playing lacked expression. One wished that there were less precision and more evidence of a desire to express the composer's meaning.

FOUR WEEKS' SEASON

To Be Played by Russian Grand Opera
Company in Chicago

Commencing February 19 the Russian Grand Opera Company will play a four weeks' season at the Auditorium Theater, Chicago. There will be revivals of many of the operas produced during their engagement in Chicago last year, but there will also be a few new productions, and among these will be "Mazeppa", "Christmas Eve", "Russian and Ludmilla" and "A Night of Love". The season will be opened with a presentation of "Pique Dame" in which Ina Bourskaya will appear as guest

JOSEF STRANSKY

Resigns as Conductor of the Philharmonic Society of New York

As chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philharmonic Society of New York, Clarence H. Mackay has announced the resignation of Josef Stransky, who has been conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra for the past twelve years. Various reasons have been given as to this action of Mr. Stransky, but no official statement could be obtained and Arthur Judson, manager of the orchestra, claimed none would be given until Mr. Stransky's resignation had been acted upon by the committee. Mr. Stransky came to the Philharmonic from Berlin in 1911 and under his leadership the orchestra came to be recognized as one of the leading, if not the leading orchestra in this country. He was in full charge until the Philharmonic Orchestra was merged with the National Symphony Orchestra, in the winter of 1921, when arrangements were made whereby the four conductors who had been associated with the two orchestras shared in the direction of the combined organization.

It is said Mr. Stransky will sail shortly for Europe, where he is to conduct at appearances John McCormack is to make an opera. A wide-spread circle of friends will greatly regret that Mr. Stransky will no longer direct the concerts of the Philharmonic series.

According to Arthur Judson no announcement as to Mr. Stransky's successor will be made for at least two weeks, altho many rumors are in circulation as to the man who will be given the post. The remaining concerts to be given by the Philharmonic this year will, as previously announced, be under the direction of Willem Mengelberg.

INTERESTING CONCERT EVENTS

For New York City Next Few Weeks

According to the various announcements, New York music-lovers will have an opportunity during the next few weeks of hearing some of the most interesting of the season's offerings. Ossip Gabrilowitch will be heard in a piano recital in Aeolian Hall the afternoon of February 17, and the next afternoon, in the Town Hall, Erka Morini, violinist, is scheduled for another appearance. On Washington's Birthday, in the afternoon, Ronald Werrenrath will give a song recital, and another noted baritone, Louis Graveure, will be heard in Aeolian Hall. Other recitals announced for Aeolian Hall in the near future are a violin recital by Paul Kochanski for February 25, and a concert by the New York String Quartet March 1. Josef Hofmann will give his next piano recital in Carnegie Hall on the 4th of March, and Jascha Heifetz has announced April 1 as the date of his next appearance in New York City. The Dratorio Society of New York, directed by Albert Stossel, will give an "A Capella Concert", with George Barrere, solo flutist of the New York Symphony orchestra, as the soloist.

SAN CARLO OPERA TOUR

Will Be Concluded in Havana

The 1922-'23 trans-continental tour of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company will be concluded in Havana, Cuba, in the month of May. In point of mileage the tour this season is said to be the longest on record, as after opening in New York City last September the organization will have traveled to the Pacific Coast, then Eastward again to Omaha, thence to New Orleans, where on April 14 it will sail for Havana, where the Gallo troupe will be heard for the first time. Twenty performances are to be given at the Teatro Nacional, after which the organization will return to New York City, having traveled approximately 15,000 miles during the season.

Messrs. Schubert presented last week in Philadelphia the musical success, "Maytime", with Marion Green, the American baritone, in the leading role. Mr. Green appeared abroad and in this country in the musical version of "Monsieur Beaucaire" and more recently in "The Wild Cat".



RICHARD CROOKS

American tenor, has been engaged for a large number of Spring Music Festivals.

SECOND CONCERT

By American Music Guild Features
Modern Compositions

The second subscription concert of the American Music Guild was given at the Town Hall, New York City, the evening of February 7, and the program consisted entirely of modern music. A Triptych for Violin and Piano, by Carl Engel, was given by Albert Stossel and Edna Stossel. The composition, which was of the ultra modern type, was skillfully interpreted. The second number was a composition by Sandoz Harnard for clarinet and piano and was given its first public performance by Georges Grizez and Mrs. Irene Schwartz Jacobl. Even at the hands of an artist such as Mr. Grizez the composition proved very tiresome and uninteresting. Next followed three preludes by Marion Bauer and three excerpts from Emerson Whithorne's "New York Days and Nights", played by E. Robert Schmitz. Of the preludes, the D Minor was best liked by the audience and had

artist, Feodor Chalapin will sing in "Boris Godunoff" on Tuesday evening, and again on Thursday evening, and will appear for the third time at the Saturday matinee in this same opera. Other operas scheduled for the first week are "The Mermaid", "Carmen", "The Tsar's Bride" and "The Jewess".

to be given a second time. Of Mr. Whitborne's works the first two were strictly of the modern school and, to at least this listener, they failed in describing what the title was intended to convey. The audience, however, liked the third selection and as encored Mr. Schmitz gave two more from the same composition. The concluding number of the program was David Stanley Smith's String Quartet in C, Op. 46, which was exceedingly well played by the Letz Quartet. In this presentation the excellent ensemble work of the Quartet and their splendid musicianship was an outstanding feature of the evening's program.

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In Chicago an organization has been formed under the name of the Lake Forest Committee to guarantee the continuance of the Ravinia Opera Company.

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AEOLIAN HALL

- Feb. 15. (Eve.) Piano recital, Frederic Lamont. 17. (Aft.) Piano recital, Ossip Gabrilowitsch. (Eve.) Concert, London String Quartet. 18. (Aft.) N. Y. Symphony Orchestra, Bruno Walter, guest conductor. 19. (Aft.) Song recital, Mary Browne. (Eve.) Concert, N. Y. Trio. 20. (Aft.) Piano recital, Alfredo Casella. (Eve.) Piano recital, Guy Maier. 21. (Aft.) Piano recital, Frances Nash. 22. (Aft.) Song recital, Louis Graveney. (Eve.) Piano recital, Alfred Cortot. 23. (Eve.) Violin recital, Heino Tschener. 24. (Aft.) Piano recital, Gilmor Tovaest. (Eve.) Concert by Institute of Musical Art. 25. (Aft.) Violin recital, Paul Kochanski. 26. (Eve.) Song recital, Clara Miceli. 27. (Aft.) Piano recital, Beryl Rubinstein. (Eve.) Piano recital, Erwin Nyiregyhazi.

CARNEGIE HALL

- Feb. 14. (Eve.) Song recital, Josef Rosenblatt. 15. (Aft.) N. Y. Symphony Orchestra. (Eve.) Song recital, Cecilia Guider. 16. (Eve.) N. Y. Symphony Orchestra. 17. (Aft.) Symphony Concert for Young People. (Eve.) Philharmonic Society. 18. (Aft.) Philharmonic Society. (Eve.) Violin recital, John Corigliano. (Eve.) Piano recital, Ethel Leginska. 21. (Eve.) Philharmonic Society. 22. (Aft.) Song recital, Reinald Werrenrath. (Eve.) Philharmonic Society. 23. (Aft.) Philharmonic Society. (Eve.) Song recital, Sigrid Onegin. 24. (Aft.) Violin recital, Fritz Kreisler. (Eve.) City Symphony Orchestra. 25. (Aft.) Philharmonic Society. (Eve.) Hebrew Singing Society. 26. (Eve.) Winnipeg Male Voice Choir.

TOWN HALL

- Feb. 14. (Aft.) City Symphony Orchestra, Dirk Foch, conductor. (Eve.) Song recital, Paul Relmars. (Eve.) Joint recital, Olive Nevin and Harold V. Milligan. 18. (Aft.) Violin recital, Erika Morini. 19. (Eve.) Cello recital, Lajos. 20. (Aft.) City Symphony Orchestra, Dirk Foch, conductor. 21. (Eve.) Piano recital, Arthur Shattuck. 24. (Aft.) Piano recital, Arthur Rubinstein. 25. (Aft.) Society of Friends of Music, Artur Bodansky, conductor. (Eve.) Song recital, Emmett O'Toole. 27. (Eve.) Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn and the Denishawn Dancers. 28. (Aft.) City Symphony Orchestra, Dirk Foch, conductor. (Eve.) Song recital, Beatrice Martin.

HIPPODROME

- Feb. 25. (—) Mischa Elmen. METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE Metropolitan Opera Company in repertoire.

PHILHARMONIC ASKS AID

For Wilhelm Gericke and Family of Rimsky-Korsakow

Some time ago word reached America that Wilhelm Gericke, former conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, was destitute, and last June, when Walter Damrosch was in Vienna, he learned that Mr. Gericke, who is now 74 years old, was living in poverty and want.

An appeal has been made to the Metropolitan Opera Company by the family of Rimsky-Korsakow, which includes several young musicians said to possess unusual musical talent.

EFFA ELLIS PERFIELD

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Effa Ellis Perfield, well-known founder of the Perfield Music System of instruction, will leave at the close of the season for a tour of Europe.

WINNIPEG MALE CHOIR

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A concert announcement which has aroused much interest is that made of the concert to be given by the Winnipeg Male Voice Choir, in New York City, on February 26, in Carnegie Hall.

The only other New York appearance of the choir will be at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Wednesday evening, February 28.

ONLY RECITAL APPEARANCES

Of Artur Schnabel Will Be at David Mannes School

The only opportunity New Yorkers will have to hear Artur Schnabel in recital programs will be at a private series of subscription recitals which the noted pianist will give at the David Mannes Music School in New York.

NEW YORK RECITAL

Is Announced for Emmett O'Toole

At the Town Hall, New York City, Emmett O'Toole, Irish tenor, will give a recital, Sunday evening, February 25. Mr. O'Toole will be assisted by two artists and the program to be presented will be announced shortly.

COMMUNITY MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Under the auspices of San Diego Community Service a Song Leaders' Institute has been organized for the purpose of developing a chorus as well as community song leaders.

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"POLLY" EXPECTED SOON

Successor to "Beggar's Opera" To Play Broadway

New York, Feb. 10.—"Polly", the sequel to "The Beggar's Opera", which has lately been produced in London and has made a hit there only second to the first-named show, will be seen on Broadway before long and a positive announcement from the manager who will present it here is momentarily expected. At present certain formalities which have to be gone thru before the contracts are signed are not completed, but matters have advanced so far that there is little chance of any hitch in the proceedings.

One of the points that has to be settled before the arrangements are definitely concluded hinges on whether the original cast shall be brought here, or whether another English company is to be recruited for that purpose. Lillian Davies, who plays the title role in the original company, is wanted for the American production, but it is said that the London management wants her to stay there.

It is believed that "Polly" will be able to cash in on the wide publicity obtained here for "The Beggar's Opera". When this show was brought to this country it was played at the Greenwich Village Theater at a \$440 top. It was just at the time that the public began to revolt at the high cost of theater-going and that, combined with the location of the theater and the fact that the reviewing of the show was done by the musical critics instead of the dramatic reviewers, made a combination which worked against the popularity of the piece. Word-of-mouth advertising, despite these handicaps, almost carried the day for the show, for during the last week of the engagement business was very big. However, arrangements had been made to take the piece on the road by that time and the play had to be cut short.

In the meantime "The Beggar's Opera" was again brought over under another management and has been playing to big business all over the country for the past two seasons. Many repeat dates have been played and the publicity given the show has been favorable and wide.

"Polly" was written by John Gay, writer of "The Beggar's Opera", as a sequel to that show in 1728. At that time it was suppressed by the British government, but it was published by Gay in 1729. Not until 1777 did it see production and then it was only partially successful. The present London production has been well received by the London critics and it is said to be hardly inferior to "The Beggar's Opera" in its music and comedy. Business has been very big and it seems destined for a long run there.

WAYBURN STUDIO BURNS

New York, Feb. 8.—Part of the offices and dancing studio of Ned Wayburn, situated at 239 West Forty-fifth street, were demolished by fire yesterday. The blaze started in the cigar store on the ground floor of the structure and rapidly mounted upward. Two pianos and a good deal of ballet equipment were destroyed, and also a number of scripts which were in Wayburn's desk.

The entire building was not destroyed, however, and Mr. Wayburn conducted his business as usual after the fire was extinguished.

"PINK SLIP" DELAYED

New York, Feb. 9.—Rehearsals for "The Pink Slip", which were to have started this week, have been postponed until J. J. Shubert recovers from a slight illness.

This piece, produced originally with the late Bert Williams in the principal comedy role, is to be put out again by the Shuberts, with James Barton playing the Williams part. Everything was ready for rehearsals to begin Monday, and it is not believed that the postponement will last longer than a week or so, as Shubert's ailment is said to be slight.

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BEDINI SHOW IN LONDON

New York, Feb. 9.—Reports from London indicate that the show which Jean Bedini has just produced there under the title of "You'd Be Surprised", at Covent Garden, is a hit. Bedini recruited his players here, and the company includes Jack Edwards, Harry Welsh, Tom Handers, Arthur Mills, Lou Hassell and Ethel Rosevere. George Robey, well-known English music hall artist, is the star of the show.

JOHN CORT'S MUSICAL PIECE

New York, Feb. 10.—John Cort is preparing for production a new musical comedy, as yet unnamed. George Stoddard and Edward Cort are responsible for the book. They were co-authors of "Listen, Lester", produced several years ago.

Among those rehearsing in the piece are Bernard Granville and May Boland.

CONDUCTOR WRITES SCORE

New York, Feb. 9.—Ivan Rudisill, musical conductor of "The Gingham Girl", has completed the score of a musical show, for which David Kusell will supply the book. The piece will be called "The Toe Hound", and Schwab and Kusell will produce it early next summer.

"PEACHES" STAYS ON ROAD

New York, Feb. 9.—It is improbable that "Peaches", the new George W. Lederer musical production, will get to Broadway this season. The show will conclude a three weeks' run in Philadelphia tomorrow night and then go to Baltimore. From there it will probably be taken to Chicago for a run. In that event it will not be seen here until next summer or autumn.

TO WRITE LONDON REVUE

New York, Feb. 10.—George Gershwin, who has composed the score of George White's "Scandals" for some years past, as well as other musical shows, is sailing today for London. He is to write the music for a revue which Sir Alfred Butt will produce at the Empire Theater there.

Gershwin will return to this country in May to do the music for White's new "Scandals".

Patrl Harrold, prima donna of "Glory", the musical comedy at the Vanderbilt Theater in New York, is probably the only leading lady who has a sister as an understudy. Marjorie Harrold, youngest daughter of Orville Harrold, operatic tenor, is "Glory" when Patrl is away.

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CLIFFORD GREY SAILS

New York, Feb. 10.—Clifford Grey, English librettist, is sailing for London today aboard the Olympic. While here Grey rewrote the book and lyrics for "Lady Butterfly".

Grey was brought into the show at almost the last minute to do this work and finished the job in little over a week. It is said to have been one of the most extensive jobs of overhauling ever done to a musical show, the revisions to the book being radical and the lyrics being entirely rewritten.

HAMMERSTEIN HAS A NEW ONE

New York, Feb. 10.—Now that "Wildflower" is safely launched at the Casino Theater, Arthur Hammerstein is digging into more work in preparation for his next musical comedy, already completed. This piece is by the authors and composers of "Wildflower", his present production, and his chief comedian will be Jack Joyce, who has been appearing in vaudeville.

Raymond Crane, in "The Dancing Girl", is a legitimately funny comedian who can also sing and dance exceedingly well. He is one of the genuine bits of this production.

"ROSIE O'REILLY" SOON

New York, Feb. 10.—George M. Cohan will start rehearsals for his new musical comedy, "The Rise of Rosie O'Reilly", April 15.

On that date the chorus will be called and two weeks later the principals will start work. So far only two engagements have been announced for the show, those of Bobby Watson and Emma Haig. Miss Haig will play in vaudeville until rehearsals start. The piece is slated to open at the Tremont in Boston in the spring.

BARD IN "G. V. FOLLIES"

New York, Feb. 10.—"The Greenwich Village Follies", playing here at the Shubert Theater, has taken advantage of the revival of interest in Shakespeare and has put a travesty on a Shakespearean scene in the show. It is a conglomerate sort of exhibition and includes John E. Hazzard as Romeo, George Christie as Hamlet, Frankie Heath as Juliet, Grace Key White as Ophelia, John Sweeney as Shylock, George Clifford as Shakespeare and Paul Herbert as the Ghost. It is making a laughing hit.

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Samuel Shipman announces that he will turn "East Is West" into a musical comedy.

Baked's Russian musical piece, "Chauve-Souris", celebrated a full year's run last week.

A. L. Erlinger and an associate are preparing a musical comedy called "Sweet Lady".

"Springtime of Youth" closed at the Majestic Theater, Brooklyn, February 10, after a short run on tour.

"Smiling" Billy Mason, prominent thru association with Ziegfeld's "Follies" and on the silver sheet as a star in Christie comedies, is wintering in Chicago.

Vera Hoppe, sister of White Hoppe, billiard champion, is in the cast of "Caroline" at the Ambassador Theater, New York. Miss Hoppe also understudies Tessa Kosta, prima donna of the piece.

J. Harold Murray, leading man of "Caroline", has been given a long-term contract by the Shuberts. Murray is a former Winter Garden singer, and is now making abundantly good in this new production.

Conchita Piquer, beautiful Spanish songstress, is thrilling Spanish and English songs in the fourth annual production of the "Greenwich Village Follies" at the Shubert Theater, New York.

Marion Sunshine, of the late "Daddy Doll", is basking under the warm rays of Palm Beach sunshine, recuperating, so we are told, "from her recent strenuous work in that production."

Bebe Stanton and Maude Lydiate do a new dancing specialty in the "Forty-second Street and Broadway Strut" number in "The Gingham Girl", at the Earl Carroll Theater, New York.

Julian Eltinge will not go to London to play "The Fascinating Widow" for A. H. Woods, but will remain in vaudeville in this country. He plans to appear here next year at the head of a revue.

Harry K. Morton, of "Springtime of Youth", strained a ligament in his left leg while dancing for the Actors' Fund Benefit in Philadelphia recently, and it is with difficulty that he does his work in his show.

A. H. Woods' production of "The Naughty Diana" may be the first production to play in the new Dresden Theater in New York as soon as all fixtures have been installed in that house and Woods has decided on a definite name for the piece.

Bernard A. Grossman has written a musical farce entitled "Oh, Harold". It is now in the hands of Saenger & Jordan, Inc., play brokers, who will probably sponsor the piece themselves. The play goes into rehearsal next month.

It is so long since "Better Times" opened at the Hippodrome that we are apt to forget many in the company, but not George Herman. He is a superb "legman" dancer and never fails to make a big hit with his novel skeleton dance.

Rehearsals of John Murray Anderson's new musical production, "The Cherry Chair", are going on at full blast on the stage of the Globe Theater, New York. Roger Imhoff and Donald MacDonald have been added to the cast, which includes Ann Pennington, Lennox Pawle, Georgia O'Hamey and Clifton Webb.

Henry Savage held a dress rehearsal of "The Clinging Vine" last week, with all roles filled by understudies, and all understudies of every play in New York were invited to attend. This piece is now going strong at the Knickerbocker Theater, with Peggy Wood as a leading lady.

J. Harold Murray, who is playing the principal male role in "Caroline", has the most promising voice in musical comedy. He is absolutely true to pitch and sings with attack and intelligence. Add to this a good appearance and a manly bearing and you have the kind of singing-actor that musical comedy wants and Mr. Murray is.

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TABLOIDS

(Communications to our Cincinnati Office.)

PAUL RYAN, who was with Mary Brown's "Tropical Maids" for a long time, is in Cleveland for a short visit.

DOT OWENS, formerly with tabloid companies, is prima donna with the "Hello, Jake, Girls", a Mutual burlesque attraction.

CLYDE STERCHI, male dancer of the classic type, who has been playing dates in and around Akron, returned to Cleveland last week.

LOWRIE MONTGOMERY AND WIFE, Ethel Montrose, who are well known in New Orleans, have closed their musical tab., playing New Orleans suburban houses, and joined Whit Thompson at the Orpheum Theater, Waco, Tex., for the remainder of the season.

THE WELL-KNOWN ACT of Lew Frantz and Helene McCree has joined the "High Jinks Review", playing the Sun Time, Miss McCree playing leads and Mr. Frantz general business. They are also doing their specialty in the olio. The review is said to be doing a big business everywhere.

ROSTER OF JACK LORDE'S "Musical Comedy Company", playing a stock engagement at the Columbia Theater, Casper, Wyo.: Jack (Slim) Lord, Tom DePew, comedy and character; Billy Howard, comedy, general business and chorus producer; Ted Chase, juveniles and straight; Dot Seymour, soubret and ingenue; Louise Fairfax, prima donna and character; Bert Johnson, drums; Babe Braper, Frankie Blair, Florence Dickenson, Theresa Smith, Mabel Sims and Myrtle Howard, chorus. Hazel Austin is an extra attraction at the house with her solo work and specialties. The company will close a ten weeks' engagement on February 24 and Mr. Lord has several stock propositions in view to follow.

BETWEEN \$15,000 and \$17,000 damage is estimated to have been done to the Palace Theater, Beaumont, Tex., by fire and water, January 31. The fire is thought to have originated in the operating room which, together with all equipment, is almost a total loss, while the floor of the balcony was burned out and a number of seats destroyed. The entire

interior of the building, with the exception of the back-stage compartment, was badly damaged by fire and water. Reconstruction work will start immediately. The entire interior will probably be replastered and re-decorated. This work will require about two weeks. The tabloid company that played a stock engagement at the Palace had a few days' vacation and was transferred to the Kyle Theater, where Arthur Higgins' "Polly-town Maids" completed a four weeks' contract February 4. Lena Baborn, who so kindly contributed the above news, has been with the company at the Palace for four weeks as character woman. She states that Walter Deering just joined the company as straight man.

FRIDAY NIGHT, January 26, Flo Rockwood and her entertainers went to Canton, O., and put on a show for the American Legion. The following night Lillian May, toe dancer; Esther Miller, ballad singer (another addition to the Flo Rockwood Entertainers), and Fiozari, danseuse, were called upon to round out the program given by Tom Vol's Athletic Club in Cleveland. Sunday night, January 28, the Flo Rockwood Entertainers put on the entire program for the Business Men's Club at Marotto's Bathskeller, Cleveland. Monday evening, February 5, Elsie Federeaux, Lillian May and Fiozari, of the Flo Rockwood Entertainers, were the featured act of a large program of vaudeville presented at East 55th street, Cleveland, for the Knights of Pythias. Other acts on the program were Danny Russell's Society Orchestra, Della Fitzgerald, soprano; Ann Merton, singer; Babe Foy, singer; Marie Jay, singer and dancer, and the Templeton Sisters. Tuesday evening, February 6, Flo Rockwood entertained with a Valentine dinner in her apartment at the Hotel Hannah, Cleveland, in honor of Joe Hagerty, who is the featured comic with the Flo Rockwood Entertainers. Guests were Bert Miller, Lillian May, Esther Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stien, Red Watson, Elele Federeaux, Ray Rockwood, Gladys Mitchell and Chuck Connors. After dinner the party attended the State Theater in a body, where they all vowed that Kyra was the hit of the bill. Thursday evening, February 8, the Flo Rockwood Entertainers put on the entire program for the Hillsdale Grange Country Club, at Parma, O. Flo Rockwood was confined to her bed for three days with a mild attack of the flu, but she is up and around now personally attending all dates. She will entertain for the Fur Dealers at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Thursday evening, February 15.

C. (DAD) KAUFMAN writes that Art Gilbert's Revue, the Southern tabloid production that has not closed in five years, repeated previous successes in Atlanta, Ga., during a highly profitable engagement at the Bonita Theater. "Gilbert's modern and progressive aggregation of entertainers returned with several special scenic novelties, snappy costumes and a show that represents the highest type of miniature musical comedy," he says. "Art Gilbert and Billie Rafferty handle the leading comedy roles and have worked out a wealth of original material that gets over big. Enna LaCruze, ingenue; Marion Garvey, soubret; the Garvey Sisters, a corking sister act; the Squirrel Quartet, and the Paka Na-

the Hawaiian Singers form a stellar list of high-caliber artistes and drawing cards. In the chorus are Marie DeVoe, Mini Wyattte, Peggy Chambers, Marie Garvey and Bess Smith, all of them extremely easy to look at, hard workers and clever artistes. The Art Gilbert Revue has always been one of the Bonita's biggest drawing cards and the show this time is no exception."

ANENT TWO READERS appearing in the tabloid column several weeks ago from Halifax, N. S., relative to Welch's "International Polliess" and the stranding of the company at Halifax, the Ottawa (Can.) Billboard representative has been asked by several members of the company (now working with another company in Ottawa, Can.) to emphatically deny the assertion that members of the company were "destitute" and "without food for two days." Hotel accommodation and meals were regularly furnished by Mr. Welch, despite poor business, and he personally had the best wishes and regard of members of his company. It was also denied by the late members of the "Polliess" in their talk with the Billboard representative that some members of the company had their children with them and this made it more pitiable during Christmas season, or that their show was such as to appeal to "men only". There were no children with the show and they claim having put on a spicy but clean performance. Also that the publicity given the stranding of the company was but "self boosting" by the writers of the items, they said.

AL (CASEY) REDMOND'S "Blue Ribbon Girls" close at the Casino Theater, Ottawa, Can., February 17, after a successful five-week engagement, and reopen at Starland, Montreal, for an indefinite engagement on February 19. Maud Lee, late of the Jamboree Company, Boston, Mass., has joined Redmond's show, as has her husband, Bob Lee, straight. The Lees were old favorites locally some years ago and are receiving splendid receptions. Redmond and Eddie Dyer keep replenishing their line of gags and bits and as a rule gain sure-fire laughs with them, tho at times the jokes are over the heads of the Casino audiences. Gertie Dyer, soubret, is well received in her various specialties. Florida Ray, English and French solos and novelty numbers, receives big receptions, particularly in her French singing. Florida has always been a big drawing card at the Casino and continues to hold her popularity by her catchy manner of putting over her numbers. At the close of Redmond's local engagement, Eddie Dyer and Gertie Dyer leave for Omaha, Neb., to join Chas. Carpenter's "Jolly American Girls" at the Palm Theater. Pete Kehayas, manager of the Casino, has again started putting on amateur nights, this time on Wednesday evenings instead of Fridays, to counteract the effect of local hockey matches. Business at this house is about as usual.

ED HARRINGTON and Harry Bernard, known to the tabloid fans of Oklahoma City, Ok., as Hoxan and Schultz, have passed their eighteenth week of stock at the Palace Theater in that city. Mr. Harrington submits the following: "Good, clean dressed-up hokum shows in script form, eliminating all angustiveness and smut, is the reason for business holding up the way it has, and the patrons are now educated to something better. Before the advent of this company few of the gentler sex were ever seen here. Mothers, daughters and sweethearts are not afraid to come and witness an enjoyable show now, knowing that nothing will be said or done that will offend them. Our matinees, Mondays and Fridays, are a pleasure to be-

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Ed. Daley's "Broadway Brevities"
on the Columbia Circuit

New York, Feb. 8.—By special request of those vitally interested in the activities of the Columbia Circuit shows who are cognizant of the fact that under ordinary circumstances we would not catch the "Broadway Brevities" for review until it made the Casino Theater, Brooklyn, the latter part of April, we made a special review of the show this week at Miner's Bronx for the reason that Ed Daley was a former American Circuit producer:

"BROADWAY BREVITIES"

"BROADWAY BREVITIES"—A Columbia Circuit attraction, with the original Winter Garden production; book by William K. Wells; lyrics and music by Al W. Brown; numbers and dances by Dan Dody. Entire production and presentation by Ed Daley at Miner's Bronx Theater, New York, week of February 5.

REVIEW

THE CAST—John O. Grant, Jay C. Flippin, Jasbo Mahon, Jack O'Malley, Lew Rice, Olive Kennedy, Richey Craig, Jr.; Althea Barnes, Babe Healy, Lena Daley.

PART ONE

Scene 1 was a blue silk drape in one for John Grant, one of the foremost straights in burlesque, to prolong the show and as an author opposed to jazzing girls, who in turn was opposed by Jack O'Malley, as the producer of burlesque with its attractive feminines, who shot Grant, thereby starting the laughs and bringing on a front line of prancing ponies and a back line of exceptionally attractive show girls in stunning gowns.

Scene 2 was a realistic scenic reproduction of Times Square, New York, at night, with its Great White Way, to introduce the entire company in various characterizations and songs appertaining to the show. Herman Rose, who is probably intended as a comic, appeared in a modified Jewish makeup and mannerism that may go over in other shows, but is unsuited for burlesque, as was made manifest by his first appearance. Babe Healy, the brunet ingenue-soubret, has improved greatly in physical appearance since last season, and in personality and ability leaves nothing to be desired in her dual role as an ingenue in clinging gowns of girlish simplicity and in soubret costumes that allow her to dance with pep. Althea Barnes, an intellectual, refined, pretty-faced, slender-formed, graceful ingenue-prima donna, sings in an exceptionally sweet voice of wide range. Straight Grant, as a uniformed cop chasing bootleggers, finds one in Jay Flippin, a black-faced comic. In an ash barrel with numerous bottles of gin and fall money to bribe the cop, who is jacked up on the spot by Jasbo Mahon, a well-dressed, clear-dictioned judge, and herein came the laughs that the audience had been holding back.

Scene 3 was the blue silk drape for Babe Healy, in soubret costume, to lead the choristers in a kiddie number for a fast dance.

Scene 4 was a pictorial cottage drop in one for Congressman Grant to engage Comic Flippin as a doorman to keep out intruders at a dollar a keep-out, scored on a blackboard—one on for those kept out and one off for those who get in—and herein Jay did some very clever comedy work for laughter and applause, with Prima Barnes starting the big laugh.

Scene 5 was the blue drape for Prima Barnes leading the choristers in a jazzland number, leading up to the entry of Lena Daley with all her blond personality for a continuous round of applause, for it was very apparent that there were many admirers of Smiling Lena in the audience, which is remarkable on her entry, considering that this is her first appearance on the Columbia Circuit. Be that as it may, Lena, in an ingenue gown, gave us another version of her as the "Ginger Girl", and she put it over for repeated encores. This was a quick transit change from a drape to a fancy interior for Scene 6. Prima Barnes, with a grip full of money, laid the foundation for Comic Flippin and Rose, as the noisy burglars, to bring on Straight Grant for a new version of the say "Fire" bit by having Flippin in the rear of Rose, with Grant ragging Rose to say "Fire", and it went over for laughter and applause. Richey Craig, Jr., in a singing and dancing number, proved conclusively that he is a far better dancer than a vocalist, for Richey can hoof to beat the baud in an artistic manner.

Scene 7 was a pictorial drop for Straight Grant and Comic Rose to put over a talking bit, with a combination of dog dialog, my brother and wouldn't lie about it, and other similar dialogistic bits, but Rose, in makeup and mannerism, was lacking and failed to make his points. Who ever handed him the line, "Go to the butcher and get it", must have had a grudge against him, for even a clever burlesque comic couldn't get anything out of its constant repetition, and to saddle it onto such a clever deliverer of lines as Lena Daley was a crime against burlesque, and the sooner Manager Daley sends the line to the butcher to be killed the better for the show. While there isn't anything suggestive of indecency in the line, there is nothing faintly suggestive of comedy.

Scene 8 was an elaborate setting of Spanish pretensions for Straight Grant, the jealous torreador, to frame up his sweetheart, Lena, in a scene with Comic Rose, and in this scene Lena, in Spanish costume, made a great flash, and, backed by eight prancing ponies as dancing Senoritas, stopped the show, not once, but several times.

Scene 9 was a stagedoor set of the Columbia Theater, New York, with Soubret Healy leading the choristers in vocalism on the "Stagedoor Blues" and giving the girls an opportunity to put over individual lines in song, which they did in a really talented manner, supplemented by the eight prancing, dancing ponies in another novel number for a great finish.

Scene 10 was a "Broadway Brevities" drop, with a pictorial centerpiece of Lena Daley, for Lena in person in a singing and dancing specialty, in which she stands out pre-eminently. Smiling Lena has evidently lost weight, thereby making her personal appearance more slender, or maybe we should say pleasingly plump form more symmetrical. Anyway, Lena put sufficient pep into her vivaciousness to make many a smaller soubret jealous of her personality, which is an optical delight.

Scene 11 was one of the most elaborate mountain sets we have ever seen, with a miniature house atop the mountain. The light-

ing effects are a credit to Meyer Harris, for seldom, if ever, has it been excelled upon any stage. The moving clouds over the horizon was a picture few artists can paint, and it made a fitting background for Prima Barnes, amidst the falling snow, to sing "My Snowflake Girl" in a voice that for sweetness is incomparable. Straight Grant staged a blind-pig-seeking expedition for Comic Flippin and Rose, and their imaginary drinking bout, fight with barkeeper, shooting of Rose and remorse of Flippin was a clever bit of burlesquing. Prima Barnes and Juvenile O'Malley, in a hand telephone, face-fashlighted song, "Rainy Afternoon", led up to a gorgeous ensemble under electric-lighted umbrellas on which rain (real water) poured in torrents, thereby making a picturesque finale.

PART TWO

Scene 1 was a realistic scenic set of the interior of a fashionable shoe store, with the girls as customers and shop girls, followed by a comedy bit between Straight Grant and Comic Flippin. Likewise between Comic Rose, as a salesman, and French Customer Lena, and herein Lena proved conclusively that, if given proper material and support, she could be a comedienne of remarkable ability. The scene is a clever conception, and, if the proper lines were given Lena and a better foil given her, it would be the big outstanding comedy feature of the show, but as it is now it is somewhat lacking in real comedy.

Scene 2 was a pictorial drop for a talking, singing and dancing specialty by Juvenile O'Malley, as the vocalist, and Richey Craig, Jr., as the dancer, and both are artists in their respective lines, and went over for a big hand.

Scene 3 was a drape for Comic Flippin in a song recital that had to be repeated several times ere the audience would let him go, for his personal mannerism and droll delivery of lines were par excellence.

Scene 4 was a wood set with fireflies in the foliage, and a prettier picture would be hard to find. This was enhanced by the dancing wood nymphs, with Prima Barnes in the foreground, and later on a rustic bridge vocalizing.

Scene 5 was a drape in one for a trio of juveniles in a singing and instrumental specialty in which their voices and guitars blended harmoniously.

Scene 6 was a blue drape for Charles O'Malley, in full evening dress, in a flirting song recital with Ingenue Healey as the shop girl, which, encoored, led up to his "Beautiful Faces, Beautiful Clothes", with Ingenue Healey, Prima Barnes and the choristers in gowns of exceptional costliness and attractiveness.

Scene 7 was the interior of a prison, with Straight Grant as the warden, Comic Flippin as the prisoner, visited by a blackface juvenile, who, to cheer up Flippin, tells him of all his losses—by death, fire and water—followed by Prison Angel Healey, who added to his miseries with religious books until Flippin makes his escape by a funny story to Warden Grant. This was another clever bit of burlesquing.

Scene 8 was an elaborate set for Lena in a singing and dancing number that held the stage for some time and led up to the close of the show at 10:50 p.m.

COMMENT

Scenery and lighting effects far superior to anything on the circuit. Costuming and costuming in keeping with the scenic effects.

Ed Daley, as a producing manager, and Lena Daley, as a star, are well known to everyone in burlesque, having had their own shows on the American Circuit for several seasons.

When the Columbia Amusement Company offered Daley an operating franchise with the understanding that Daley would give the circuit a production, Daley purchased the entire production of the original "Broadway Brevities" that was formerly a big drawing card at the New York Winter Garden. In the presentation Daley has spared no expense, and, for the most part, his company is well cast. His feminines leave nothing to be desired in personality or ability, and this includes the chorists as well as principals. John Grant, who carries the burden of the show, is one of the

foremost straight men in burlesque, for he has everything in his favor in personality and ability to humor his lines in feeding the comics, and if a comic falls down on Grant's lines it is the fault of the comic and not Grant's. In addition to being a clever straight man Grant is a light comedian and gets many laughs on his own account. Rose is a clean-cut chap with a distinct delivery, but evidences an unfamiliarity with burlesque that leaves him at a disadvantage.

The show is one of the cleanest that we have ever seen in burlesque, for there isn't a line or act that the puritanicals can object to. As a musical show it is a classic and compares favorably with any seen on Broadway, but there is much room for improvement along real burlesque lines, for low comedy burlesque is what is wanted and required on the circuit. While picturesque shows are pleasing to the eye, they lack laughs. NELSE.

CHANGES ON MUTUAL CIRCUIT

New York, Feb. 8.—There have been several changes on the Mutual Circuit during the past week or so that call for a radical revision in route. Likewise in the title of shows thru the show becoming repeaters on the circuit.

South Bethlehem, Pa., which was expected to make a profitable spoke in the wheel, opened January 29 and closed January 31. Several reasons are advanced for the closing of the town to Mutual shows. The consensus of opinion of those who are supposed to be familiar with the conditions is that it was owing to poor heating arrangements not only in the theater, but the hotels as well.

Springfield, which has been a spoke in the wheel since the middle of October, will play its last Mutual show February 10 and then go into the discard, due to lack of patronage.

Utica, which came in on the circuit November 25, will play its last Mutual show February 10, as business has fallen off until it ceases to pay.

Bridgeport, which came in on Christmas Day, looked for a time like a cooling station, but fell by the wayside during the past few weeks and ceased to exist for Mutual shows on February 3.

Something heretofore not generally known is the fact admitted at the Mutual offices yesterday that existing franchises only call for twenty weeks, subject to extension if conditions of cities, theaters and shows warrant. The elimination of several cities and theaters as being undesirable has cut the circuit down to twenty weeks, thereby causing the elimination of several shows in order that the others can play consecutive weeks.

Frank Damsel's former "Dacemakers", recently rechristened "Merry Maidens", will close its season at the Gayety Theater, Brooklyn, February 17, and Julia Michaels' "Runaway Girls" will close at the same time at Buffalo.

For the week of February 12 "Girls From Reno", "Band Box Revue" and "Town Follies" will lay off.

For the week of February 19 "Step Along" will lay off.

SEEN AND HEARD

Sam Raynor will replace Herman Rose as comic in Ed Daley's "Broadway Brevities" on the Columbia Circuit.

Albert Zottoroli, who for several years was assistant treasurer at the Columbia Theater, New York City, and exited at the time of the recent change in box-office attaches, has been reinstated and started on his ticket-selling activities as assistant to Treasurer Walter Greeves Sunday night. The Amalgamated Association of Boosters and Knockers who congregate on Columbia Corner are out boosting Walter Greeves and Al for their affable manners and the fact that anyone can now get front-row seats at the box-office, and ye scribe is now an ardent admirer of J. Herbert Mack and Fred McElroy.

Nelse has a letter on hand from James E. Heldbach for the Russell Sisters, Myrtle and Isabelle, formerly of the "Francis Farr Dacemakers" Company, that will prove interesting to the sisters.

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"MARY THE 3RD"

A New Play

By Rachel Crothers

CAST OF CHARACTERS

1870

Mary the 1st.....Louise Huff
William.....Ben Lyon

1897

Mary the 2nd.....Louise Huff
Robert.....Ben Lyon
Richard.....William Hanley

1923

Granny.....May Galyer
Mother.....Beatrice Terry
Mary the 3rd.....Louise Huff
Father.....George Howard
Bobby.....Morgan Farley
Lynn.....Ben Lyon
Hal.....William Hanley
Lettie.....Mildred Macleod
Max.....John Alexander
Nera.....Eleanor Montell

Miss Rachel Crothers has turned to the "younger generation" again for her latest play, "Mary the 3rd". This time she deals with their reaction, in the persons of a daughter of 20 and a son of 18, to their parents' marital life, their disillusionment when they find it is not what they thought it was and the attempt of the daughter to realize her ideal for herself.

This is told, with much deftness and considerable ingenuity, in a play that wanders somewhat from the beaten track. Miss Crothers, in order to make clearly evident that selecting a mate is much of a lottery, shows two sets of lovers in 1870 and 1897 vowing eternal affection. She then switches her story to 1923, and shows your modern girl, willing to experiment in a highly unconventional form with the selection of a mate, the discovery that her parents are not the ideal couple that she believed them to be, and her final choosing of a husband by the old blind plan of believing his protestations of all-enduring love.

Now this is the yarn that must have been very tempting to the author. All that it needed was a well-thought-out foundation of reasoning on the perils of the matrimonial sea and the complications would pretty nearly take care of themselves. It is this solid foundation that is lacking in "Mary the 3rd". There is nothing one can get a firm grip on or sink one's teeth into in the fabric of the play. As it is, it is all very entertaining and amusing, but the possibilities were there to make it thought-provoking as well. With all its merits, perhaps because of them, one feels that the author has left out something.

The part of the girl is played by Louise Huff in a very competent manner. She impersonates three characters and does all of them well. Miss Huff is crisp and distinct in her utterance and made her role seem very real. Morgan Farley was genuinely good as the son, making him the simon-pure article. Mr. Farley has more than a touch of fire in his makeup, and when it flashes out, it seems to promise much. May Galyer, as a garrulous old lady, did an excellent piece of acting. She got many laughs by the naturalness of her playing and the life-like touches she gave to the role. Ben Lyon, the lover, in all three stages of the cycle of lovemaking, was manly and entirely capable. William Hanley, Mildred Macleod and John Alexander, three other representatives of the "younger generation", were admirably cast. Beatrice Terry, in the role of the mother, was simply superb. Miss Terry registered an underlying pathos beneath her speech and action that made her a pathetic and sympathetic figure. This could easily have been overdone, but Miss Terry caught just the right shade to make the character exactly

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right. The father of George Howard was disappointing, mainly because of his mumbling of the lines. It was most difficult to understand what Mr. Howard was saying, and, consequently, much that he did went for naught. The small part of a maid was competently handled by Eleanor Montell.

Miss Crothers directed, as well as wrote, "Mary the 3rd", and she has done a generally good job of it. The sets might look better with less drapery and the lighting did not always obey the laws of nature. There is little action in the piece, dependence being put mostly on the strength of the dialog. This is well written. It is natural, sometimes smart, and every so often, positively brilliant. In my opinion, "Mary the 3rd" is Rachel Crothers' best work.

An entertaining comedy of modern life. So good that one wishes it might have been treated in a more serious vein and less attention paid to the comic aspects of the problem.

GORDON WHYTE.

GARRICK THEATER, NEW YORK
Beginning Monday Evening, February 5, 1923

THE THEATER GUILD Presents

"PEER GYNT"

A Dramatic Poem by
HENRIK IBSEN

Translation by William and Charles Archer. Music by Edward Grieg
The Production Directed by Theodore Komisarjevsky

Settings and Costumes by Lee Simonson

CHARACTERS

(In the order of appearance)

Peer.....Joseph Schildkraut
Ase.....Louise Closser Hale
Ingrid, the Bride.....Bertha Broad
Mads-Moeh, the Bridegroom.....William Franklin
Bridegroom's Mother.....Ellen Larned
Bridegroom's Father.....Philip Leigh
Aslak, the Smith.....Stanley G. Wood
Dancers.....Albert Carroll, Barbara Kitson
Bride's Father.....Stanley Howlett
Solveig's Father.....William M. Griffith
Solveig's Mother.....Elizabeth Zachry
Solveig.....Selena Royle
Helga.....Francene Wouters
Old Man of Hegstad.....C. Porter Hall
Another Old Man.....J. Andrew Johnson
Herd Girls.....

Elise Bartlett, Eve Casanova, Helen Sheridan
The Troll King's Daughter.....Helen Westley
The Troll King.....Dudley Digges
The Troll Chamberlain.....William Franklin
Troll Courtiers—Philip Leigh, Stanley G. Wood,
William M. Griffith

The Ugly Brat.....Francene Wouters
Karl, a Farmer's Wife.....Armina Marshall
Trumpeterstrale.....Philip Leigh
Mr. Cotton.....Stanley G. Wood
Monsieur Bailou.....Albert Carroll
Von Eberkopf.....Edward G. Robinson
Thief.....Romney Brent
Receiver.....Alfred Alexandre
Officer.....Charles Tazewell
Anitra.....Lillebil Ibsen
Begriffenfeldt.....Charles Halton
First Keeper.....C. Porter Hall
Second Keeper.....J. Andrew Johnson
Fellah.....William Franklin
Husseln.....Stanley Howlett
Ingrid's Son.....Philip Leigh
The Button-Moulder.....Edward G. Robinson
The Lean One.....Stanley Howlett
Villagers and Trolls.....Patricia Barclay,
Claire Bruce, Eva Casanova, Priscilla Platte,
Betty Robbins, Gladys West, Frances
Simpson, Ellen Larned, Elizabeth Zachry,
Adele Schuyler, Diane Seamon, Alfred
Alexandre, Luigi Balestro, Romney Brent,
Albert Carroll, Warren Hill, C. Porter Hall,
J. Andrew Johnson, Charles Tazewell, Bar-
bara Kitson, Craig Ellis.

Bedouin Girls.....Patricia Barclay, Claire
Bruce, Priscilla Platte, Betty Robbins,
Frances Simpson, Gladys West, Eve Cas-
anova and Barbara Kitson.
Lunatics.....Alfred Alexandre, Luigi Bale-
stro, Romney Brent, Wm. M. Griffith, War-
ren Hill, Charles Tazewell and Craig Ellis.

"Peer Gynt" is certainly the most ambitious production which the Thea-

ter Guild has attempted so far. It is played in five acts and fifteen scenes and has an enormous cast. Whether it is worth all the effort and toil which must have gone into its presentation, is another matter.

Nowhere does "Peer Gynt" disclose the close-knit dramaturgy which distinguishes Ibsen's later plays, but the reason for this is apparent when we remember that "Peer Gynt" was not written for stage production. It is a lyric-dramatic poem, but not a drama, consequently Ibsen could afford to be more diffuse than if he intended the poem to be used in the theater. This militates against its theatrical effectiveness, and there are long passages of dryness, even in the well-cut acting version prepared by the Theater Guild for this presentation.

I am frank to confess that "Peer Gynt" has always been more or less of an enigma to me. One can see that it is a telling of Peer's effort to realize "himself" to his fullest capacity. This is told with many caustic shafts directed against "the things as they are" and with much satire. But it is not clearly told, and one senses it thru a maze of high talk rather than knows it directly from the text. Perhaps I am a bit more dunderheaded than I have a right to be, but I will wager that most of those who see "Peer Gynt" feel much the same way about it. It is this quality in the play which makes for its theatrical ineffectiveness, and it took all that the production could give to make it mildly interesting. That the piece was as enjoyable as it turned out to be, must be considered a feather in the Guild's cap. The scenery was splendidly done by Lee Simonson, who with an almost stark simplicity made each of the pictures highly effective. The Linnetch lantern was used to good purpose and the lighting was exceptionally well done.

The part of Peer Gynt was played by Joseph Schildkraut, who compassed some of its difficulties and succumbed to others. The role is a tremendously long and difficult one, requiring everything that the trained actor can bring to it. One would have hazarded the guess that Mr. Schildkraut would be at his best as the boy Peer, where, as a matter of fact, he reaches the height of his performance as Peer, the old man. It cannot be said that Mr. Schildkraut at any time fully realizes the possibilities of the part, but he makes a sterling try for it. Much of the satirical touch eludes him; he is too boisterous as the boy. Peer in his middle age is made negative by him and he just touches the poetry of Peer's last days. Speaking in the broadest sense, Mr. Schildkraut's performance suffers from underplaying everywhere save in the youthful Peer, and there he tends to go to the other extreme.

All the other parts in the play are tiny compared to Peer, but some of them were made into little gems by good playing. Of those who did this, Dudley Digges, as the King of the Trolls, was the best. Mr. Digges brought out all the humor of the role, at the same time giving it the unreal quality which the part calls for. It was a first-rate bit of acting. Edward G. Robinson, doubling in the parts of Von Eberkopf and The Button-Moulder, was splendid, particularly in the last-named role. Here he made much of the biting philosophy in his lines by excellent reading. Selena Royle was good to look at as Solveig and made her simple goodness felt as well. Helen Westley, as the Troll King's Daughter, gave an effective interpretation of the part, and Lillebil Ibsen, as Anitra, danced gracefully. Bertha Broad played Ingrid, and would have done it much better had she been more distinct and precise in her speech. As it was, most of her lines were un-

understandable. Louise Closser Hale played Ase as a New England "granny" might be played. Her reading may have been intended as a comedy interpretation, but it missed fire as such and was utterly out of place in her death scene.

The direction of "Peer Gynt" is altogether good. Theodore Komisarjevsky, who was responsible for this, has done all that could be done with the play, and even a bit more than one would think possible. His groupings are picturesque, he has introduced action wherever he could and keeps the play jogging along at a good round pace. This is a feat to be proud of when one considers the unwieldy nature of the poem. Lastly, a word for the Grieg score. It is pretty high perfect incidental music, and was excellently played by an orchestra under the direction of Ladislav Kun.

A valiant effort made to galvanize life into a play that is theatrically ineffective. Production splendidly done; Grieg music and a large cast well directed.
GORDON WHYTE.

ASTOR THEATER, NEW YORK
Beginning Monday Evening, February 5, 1923

LEW CANTOR Presents

A Musical Rainbow

"SUN SHOWERS"

Words and Music by Harry Delf

Staged by Frederick Stanhope

Dances and Ensembles by Seymour Felix

Additional Dances by Larry Ceballos

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In the order of their appearance)

May Worthy.....Berta Donn	Minnie Silver.....Harriette Lee	Mrs. Thompson.....Claire Grenville	Bobby Brown.....Douglas Stevenson	Jerry Jackson.....Harry Delf	Allie Worthy.....Allyn King	Tommy Dugan.....Tom Dingle	Mike Rockwell.....Tom O'Hare	Joseph Green.....Eddie Winthrop	William Blue.....Mack Wells	John Black.....William Schutt	Ralph White.....Jack Kennedy	Pierre, Maître d'Hotel.....John Boswell	Francola.....Frank Anderson	Gaston.....Lee Houston	Loula.....George Berlow
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Specialty Dances with Tom Dingle, Fatsy Delaney, Sascha Platov and Lois Natalie

All the old musical comedy producers know that the first rule of the game is, "When in doubt, dance," and Lew Cantor, notwithstanding that "Sun Showers" is his first Broadway effort, has learned it too. If anything will put this show over it will be the dancing, but, good as that is, I doubt if it can do the trick. The trouble with "Sun Showers" is that it has nothing to pull it above a sub-Broadway level. There is no outstanding personality in the cast, there is no novelty in the staging and the book and music are without distinction. What the piece has is a hardworking and earnest bunch of principals and a mighty capable chorus, but it needs something more than that to make Broadway respond to the call of the box-office.

Harry Delf, who, besides writing the book and score of the piece, is also the principal comedian, made a spirited effort to keep the proceedings at a lively pace, but he appeared to be doing just that and thus largely defeated himself. He has not mastered "the art that conceals art," and, while his intentions were praiseworthy, they fell somewhat short of realization. This does not apply to Mr. Delf's dancing. There he is the master and scored without effort.

Harriette Lee, erstwhile of the vaudeville team of Ryan and Lee, brings to her part a breezy air of assurance and a keen sense of comedy. Berta Donn plays naturally and dances with much grace. Claire Grenville, in a character part, displays real competence, and Douglas Stevenson carries off the

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IN a paragraph which appeared in these columns and printed in the December number of "Equity", entitled "Inequitable Actors", it was announced that two of our members in Taft, Calif., had left a company under circumstances far from creditable to themselves.

The report which we received bore upon its face the stamp of fact, but we are happy to state that further investigation proved that it was a gross exaggeration and that no complaint could be justly made against our members' conduct. We are more than delighted to print this retraction as well as to apologize for the hurt that we may have unwittingly given to two artists whose names were not mentioned but who naturally knew that they were referred to.

New P. M. As.

The Producing Managers' Association has informed us of the election to its body of Frank Kintzing and Perry Kelly. Mr. Kintzing has an office in the Belmont Theater, New York, and Mr. Perry Kelly is located in Los Angeles.

Explaining Mr. Mears

Since the opening of "Blimp", under the management of John Henry Mears, there have been numerous inquiries in the office as to the status of certain claims against the "Marjolaine" Company. "Marjolaine" is owned by a corporation and not by Mears personally, and any claims against it cannot be regarded as a personal responsibility.

Umpiring Olivette

We are often called upon to decide friendly arguments on points of theatrical history. For instance, the other day we received a letter stating that there had been considerable opinion pro and con as to whether Fanny Davenport ever played in "Olivette".

Dress of other matters has delayed our looking up the records and "rendering a decision".

Different Countries—Different Customs

The fact that the Moscow Art Theater discourages applause during the progress of the play has started much discussion in American theatrical circles.

There is a good deal to be said for the elimination of the reception and for the stupid curtain calls which many managers at present encourage. These latter, however, are not the fault of the actor. Indeed he often feels humiliated at the curtain leaping up before it has barely touched the boards, and it makes him ridiculous in the sight of the audience to rush on the stage, his scurrying legs seen below the rising and falling curtain.

No actor with respect for his art, one who desires to uphold the dignity of his profession, approves of this. He does it because he is directed to do it. The manager thinks it is an additional tribute to the piece if he can say that he got ten calls after such and such an act, no matter how they were secured.

American audiences like to give vent to their feelings, and we don't know that it is particularly harmful to a performance for them to express their delight by a hearty round of applause at the exit of an actor after some well-played scene.

Other countries—other morals and other customs. We remember being present at a performance of "Hamlet" at the Comedie Francaise in Paris, and the French audience—of what is sometimes regarded as the capital of the world—broke into the "To-be-or-not-to-be" speech at least five or six times with rapturous applause. That, of course, would not be done here, and we are glad that it would not. But, at the same time, we are not sure that we wish to take away every emotional outburst on the part of the audience.

Stock Probation Possibilities

On previous occasions we have referred to the fact that there is no probationary period in the stock contract, but a reiteration seems necessary.

This rule has been no purely arbitrary action on the part of the A. E. A., but one formulated after due consideration by the council of the exigencies for that particular class of work and the responsibilities of the manager.

Let us say that there were a three-day probationary period in the stock contract, which we believe some managers would welcome. If the manager had the right to dismiss the actor within that period, the actor should also have the right to quit the company within the same time.

What a disaster that might prove for many a manager. We will say that a manager was

starting a stock company in New Orleans, that he had collected his company in New York City—or Chicago, as the case might be—and he had assembled them upon the stage ten days before the opening date. His theater was looked to open and he was under heavy penalty to the local manager to start his season. His advance advertising for the different people had been extensive. He had probably published their photographs and made the local citizens understand that every member was practically the best procurable in his or her particular line.

Then, after three days of rehearsals, should the leading man, having received a better offer, or perhaps not liking some of his companions, or for any one or a dozen reasons which the reader can easily supply, decide to quit, he would have the right to do so under the probationary clause. The manager would then be in the position, within seven days of his opening, a long way from the place where he could secure a successor, of having all his plans disturbed.

Let us say, for the sake of an example, that he could get another leading man to New Orleans within four days of his opening. The piece which he had selected to open might not be particularly suitable to the new leading man. In any case, the piece would have to be hastily studied. Other people in the cast would be upset, and the result would spell disaster for the manager.

We apologize for repeating some of the arguments used in this very column only some six or eight months ago, but it is essential that these points be brought to the attention of every manager as well as every actor from time to time.

To sum up, the council of the A. E. A. endeavors in every way to think of what is best for the good of the business—to make it economically safe for the actor and profitable for the manager.

More Old Stuff

While we are repeating old stuff let us remind members once again that if they don't receive their magazine "Equity" every month it is probably their own fault. In any case a postcard to headquarters will bring you, without delay, an additional copy.

Always keep us informed of your permanent address, and always instruct the people at

the permanent address to forward your magazine to you en route.

The House of Savoy

One of our representatives writes that the Savoy Hotel in Akron, O., is "unusually anxious to make the artists feel at home and give special rates to Equity members." Good for the Savoy!

By Laurette Taylor

We wish that our gifted counselor, Laurette Taylor, would write more about the art of acting. The following from her pen is clipped from The New York World:

"Somebody—Warfield, I think—said: 'Acting is a physical representation of a mental picture.' Most times it is only a physical representation. Once in a great while it is just mental. When the two things unite it is acting! Only a baby finds it difficult to accomplish the action of drinking. Acting is as easy as drinking, and therefore we only allow for promiscuous spilling when the actor is in the class of the baby. But babies drinking water without spilling are not any more astonishing than a baby presenting a perfect performance.

"Such things prove acting to be a gift that comes along at the same time that you push yourself off from your mother and start to scream for your first breath. Experience cannot breed it. Look at the actors, old in service, who never bring anything new to any role. Look at the astonishing performances of the young ones who seem hundreds of years old in their theatrical wisdom!

"The only thing experience can teach the youngster is the necessity of hiding his experience. The more experience he gets the harder he should dissemble in front of his audience. The thing is to preserve your imagination. Always think of preserving it, deliberately. For instance, when I go to a theater, and an actor is supposed to be playing a young, slim Spaniard. The actor is no longer young and not slim. I say: 'All right, that I see, but I dismiss it.' I listen. If he plays with fire and passion and movement I enjoy myself. In the last act—to me—he becomes a young and slim Spaniard. My imagination has had exercise.

"Don't ever travel with people who haven't enthusiasm. They have no imagination and

Chorus Equity Association of America

JOHN EMERSON, President.

DOROTHY BRYANT, Executive Secretary.

TWENTY-EIGHT new members joined the Chorus Equity in the past week.

We are holding checks in settlement of claims for Ann Smith, Charles Murray Blackwood, Larry Lawrence, Salome Clark, Royal S. Trott, Margaret Royce Collignon, James T. Sargent.

When the New York "Music Box Revue" opened this season there were fifteen members of Equity in the chorus and twenty non-members. Due in a large measure to the work of William Gaston, the Actors' Equity deputy with the company, there are now only three non-members. The Chorus Equity owes much of its strength to the splendid and unselfish work of Actors' Equity deputies, both in New York and in road companies.

Managers are not allowed the benefit of unused rehearsal time for the chorus, that is, if you rehearse three weeks instead of the four allowed by the contract, the manager cannot lay you off for a week of rehearsal before the New York opening unless he pays you for the layoff. Rehearsals are continuous from the date of the first REHEARSAL TO THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE. Within the past few weeks there have been several layoffs of this kind and members are reminded that it is their duty to report any infringement of their contract to their association immediately. Your present contract was won after weeks of fighting and sacrifice on the part of your fellow workers. It is not

the privilege of any individual member of the association to change any part of this contract unless authorized to do so by the council.

Thirty pupils took advantage of the opportunity offered by the Chorus Equity's dancing classes in the past week. These classes have been running a little over a month. Only Equity members are allowed the privilege which is given them at a charge of a dollar an hour, at least four dollars less than similar instruction can be obtained elsewhere. Since the beginning of the organization there have been plans for classes of this kind but, until this year, it has been impossible. Only the continued patronage of our members will make it continuously possible. The association does not receive any revenue from these classes. We are urging the establishment of a permanent class only because the experiment of the last month has resulted in several members obtaining engagements which they could not have held had they not had special instruction.

Do you hold a card good to May 1, 1923? If you are not in New York you may send your dues in the form of a money order made payable to the Chorus Equity Association. Members who are paid to November 1, 1922, and who do not hold an extension, owe a fine of 75 cents in addition to the \$6 due—that is, a fine of 25 cents a month beginning December 1. On March 1 the fine will be \$1.

DOROTHY BRYANT, Executive Secretary.

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they may make you work yours overtime to no purpose. Avoid rabid realists. They are slowly starving their imaginations by giving them the obvious.

"Sometimes in the theater one sees a fine performance without years of experience behind it. Sometimes that particular starter never finished. I think at first he feels and is the part. Later he acts. What I mean is you don't have to act if your imagination guides you. The state of perfection should be reached before you appear publicly. The queen or scrublady should be conceived 'mentally' and then your arms, limbs, voice and expression should automatically become queenly or 'scrubby'.

"It is a marvelous feeling, being somebody else for three hours, eight times a week—and knowing that feeling I have a great pity for the ones who prefer their own selves and give a physical representation of a mental vacuum!"

"I am in despair to explain my direct meaning. I never could take words and make magic."

No Foreign Entanglements

We are in receipt of requests from the American Committee for Devastated France to assist them by appointing a theatrical delegate to visit that country in the spring, presuming that the number of votes received places that member in the fortunate list.

The council is in great sympathy with all plans to help our former ally, but Equity has no organization which it can put to work to bring about the desired result. Besides, as we have previously stated in these columns, we endeavor to keep ourselves entirely aloof from all questions which have a regional, political, religious or other bias. In this stand we find we have the support of the entire membership.

William H. Thompson Dies

Our member, William H. Thompson, who died on February 4, a fine representative of the theatrical profession—a splendid actor with keen intelligence and a lovable personality. We deeply regret his loss and extend our heartfelt sympathies to his widow, Miss Isabel Irving.

Record Tent Boom

Our representative writes that in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia territories, thru which he has recently traveled, every stock company he visited was doing an excellent business. He also goes on to say that from all indications there will be more tent dramatic shows out this summer than ever before. He states: "Almost every company I have visited is making plans for a tent show this summer and also a number of artists with stock and rep. are arranging to take out their own companies."

The Zero Hour in Movies

One hardship, not to say danger, to motion picture actors has just come to our knowledge. (Continued on page 41)



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THE SPOKEN WORD

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Jane Cowl as Juliet

"HENRY MILLER'S Theater; The Selwyns present Jane Cowl as Juliet in Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', staged by Frank Leicher, in settings designed by Rollo Peters." These are the headlines on the program. They are faithful. This is Miss Cowl's event in that she has somehow inspired it. It is her event in that she has so fully realized a vision of high importance. It is Mr. Peters' event, both on account of his artistic designs for the stage and on account of his exceptional support as the Romeo to Miss Cowl's Juliet. It is a Selwyn event for this management has done a worthy thing in a worthy way.

The play begins. Soft music from the orchestra beneath the stage has created a receptive mood for lyrical beauty. The theater is not so dark as a magic-lantern show, and the stage is lighted. One feels, at least, that he is seeing in daylight.

In the division of scenes act one begins with "A Public Place", and it ends in scene 5 with the balcony scene. This is a good division. The audience needs a breathing space after the transport of the love pledges in Capulet's orchard. It is here that the splendor of the play casts its spell. Mr. Peters' voice is naturally heavy. On his first entrance (scene 1), his melancholy is somewhat low-pitched. His voice is neutral. The impression is that Romeo is but indifferently in love with Rosaline. He is "out of love", and life is dull. The conversation with Benvolio is carried on pensively and with a smile. It is calm sincerity without romance. We sense later that this is for a purpose; Romeo is not in love until he meets Juliet. There is a deeper impression in Mr. Peters' acting on the way to Capulet's house. There is a more ominous quiet in his manner and a soulful calling on the stars. Even in Capulet's house Romeo continues to show restraint. The love at first sight appears to be intended more as a preparation for something yet to follow than as a startling episode of itself. Romeo is manly. He speaks to the servant:

"What lady's that, which doth enrich the hand of yonder knight?"

This speech was not toned with special feeling. It was but the dawn of an experience that began to show more beauty in the voice at the end of the speech:

"For I never saw true beauty till this night."

The meeting with Juliet was done in good department rather than in fervent devotion. There was reverence and awe in the meeting more than eloquence. There was suppression that almost left the love note out. Yet there was acting that conveyed a message. There was a simple dignity that was eloquent, and it prepared—perhaps better than anything else could do—for the scene that was to follow.

Miss Cowl's first appearance in the part of Juliet had something of this same neutrality as far as the feelings of the audience are concerned. She came thru the tapestries, at the nurse's bidding, youthful and animated and pleading to look upon. Her voice was not Juliet's voice in particular and her few gestures were somewhat quick and "everyday". The same might be said of the meeting with Romeo in the scene after the dance. This scene ends with an immortal couplet:

"My only love sprung from my only hate!
Too early seen unknown, and known too late!"

Julia Marlowe realized such a tonal beauty and richness of experience in these lines that she has set them apart for some of us as a memory that cannot and will not be infringed upon. Miss Cowl spoke these lines in quiet voice, suggesting a girlish sigh rather than a fateful note of premonition.

It is the balcony scene that wafts us on a magic carpet. The scene is exquisitely conceived. The outline of the balcony window is high and narrow and it is lifted effectively above the ground. There is a sense of distance. The rays of light amid the shadows are soft and dreamy, giving the characters on the stage a splendid atmosphere to work in. Miss Cowl vibrates with this trembling beauty. Juliet stands against the light of her room, gracefully yielding to the rhythm of her mood as she looks upon the empty night. When she speaks—"O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?"—she has found a Juliet's voice of great delicacy. Its clear tone is warm with lyric beauty and imagination. Miss Cowl sings this voice pretty successfully in all the balcony scene and if she loses it from time to time, the odds are not against her. She is triumphant in that she takes us to heights not easily reached. We are so happy in our illusion that we refuse to forsake it, even when Miss Cowl for the moment forsakes us.

In this scene Miss Cowl is considerably indebted to Mr. Peters. Romeo "carries on"

the tonal effectiveness of this scene in the magic of voice more successfully than Miss Cowl. Mr. Peters has the balcony scene in his voice on the first note he utters, Romeo is in love! He is intoxicated with the vision that more nearly dazed him at Capulet's house. His heart is bursting with his story. His voice is steady with resolution, tremulous only with the throbbing of his blood. Nothing was more delightful in this scene than the naive frankness of Mr. Peters when Romeo said:

"By love, that first did prompt me to inquire;
He lent me counsel, and I lent him eyes."

This was a youth speaking. The saliency of these lines had the utmost simplicity. The intonations were eloquent in their youthful fearlessness and pleading. When Juliet said, "Sweet Montague, be true," Miss Cowl was again master of exquisite notes that melted from her lips. The scene ended in these high moods of lyric poetry. Its consummation so bound up this feeling of great illusion that we were almost willing to let the play end here: Juliet: "Good-night, good-night! Parting is such sweet sorrow.

That I shall say good-night till it be morrow."
Romeo: "Sleep dwell upon thine eyes, peace in thy breast!"

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high degree of dramatic tenacity without a suggestion of conscious effort. The critical faculty kept it fashioned to a delicate key that put more stress upon the inward struggle of Romeo rather than on the outward manifestations of madness. It was acting in this order—the spiritual sensing of the tragic current—that kept the play growing in largeness of

beaming with human love. I can never hear the word "lark" without feeling an extra beat under my vest and without taking a deeper breath of life because Julia Marlowe played Juliet. And this is criticism! Such is the power of the human voice! Miss Cowl hasn't a Marlowe voice. She hasn't the volume, and in this particular scene she did not have the largeness of conception of her predecessor in the part of Juliet. But that leaves Miss Cowl plenty of room to be herself and to find her own big moments as they come to her. The parting with Romeo was sincere and effective. After his departure Juliet's "O fortune, fortune! . . . But send him back!" was beautiful in voice and deeply moving in heart quality.

In the scene between Juliet and her father Miss Cowl was in that vein of her work that stands out with most individuality and distinction. After Juliet's love courage in bidding Romeo good-night, the inevitable reaction is tears, and these tears are doubly pathetic in the presence of a raging father and a patty nurse. Juliet's girlish helplessness is admirably portrayed. From this low ebb of despair she gathers her strength again. Her outburst against the nurse—"Ancient damnation! O most wicked fiend!"—is crammed with dramatic import. The quiet deliberation of picking up her cloak to go to the Friar, and the easy suggestion of the dagger, are all admirably presented on the stage, and Miss Cowl in these moments shows tragic genius. This was all very interesting to watch, but the best commentary on its effect was strangely noticeable several minutes later. When Juliet returns to her chamber after obtaining the drug the audience is so wrapped up in its illusion that if Miss Cowl had stood five minutes on the stage and not spoken a word after she was alone, I dare say the audience would have held its breath five minutes and there wouldn't have been a stir from any quarter until the potion scene was over and the curtain lowered to the floor. In the "carrying on" of the voice one could pick minor flaws here and there in the potion scene. As a picture of tragic beauty, in facial expression that was soul and nothing but soul, in acting that had sublimity in every concept of it, Miss Cowl gave us something in the closing scene of act three that speaks most promisingly of her future. I doubt if anyone will give us a more ideal conception of Juliet than Miss Cowl does as she sits upon that bedside looking straight ahead. This is a scene where Miss Cowl stands by herself.

The tomb scene, with its trappings, seemed a little noisy and cumbersome after these great moments. Mr. Peters was in fine form in the scene where he receives news of Juliet's burial. Life seemed to leave his body as the thought of Juliet's death penetrated his brain. In the speech that comes near the close of this scene Mr. Peters does something that he does especially well. In "I will lie with thee tonight", he makes a pause after "thee". When Mr. Peters make a pause he doesn't lose his emotion during silence. His emotion deepens. The way Mr. Peters blends his work after a pause is very pleasing. A pause with Mr. Peters is never a mechanical trick. It is an experience. His emotions and convictions deepen during the pause and he picks up his voice after the pause with more feeling and continuity than he had when he stopped.

The tomb scene has no individuality worth mention. It must come as a bit of an anticlimax to two people who have given their best to so much of the play, and who have had to wait in their dressing-rooms for the stage to be set for these last words. I am puzzled about a reading in the last line that Juliet utters: "There rest and let me die."

Both Miss Barrymore and Miss Cowl have said "rest", "and let me die." The Tudor Shakespeare edited by William Allan Neilson and Ashley Horace Thorndike is based on the

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The National Shakespeare Federation

THE National Shakespeare Federation is making itself felt in these days of English drama. The Tercentenary Chapter in St. Louis has a lively membership that is really doing things. One of the working principles of this society is that Shakespeare is as interesting to the every-day man and woman as he is to the scholar. To break down this impression that Shakespeare is over our heads, the St. Louis society has organized lecture courses that in various ways interest the man on the street. Dr. Z. R. T. Phillips, speaking at one of the popular lectures recently, said: "Shakespeare is not only a literary genius, but a philosopher; not only a philosopher, but a prophet; not only a prophet, but a priest; not only a priest, but a king. Translate the plays of Shakespeare into your own lives and thus become practical interpreters of the immortal bard."

These lectures are followed by a scene presented by the stock company. The work of five of these regular classes has been planned not for scholars, but for the average man and woman. A class of lecture readings deals with Shakespeare's poetry, the humanness of his characters and the gospel of his ethics. A class for discussion encourages individual observation and opinions. A reading section encourages reading aloud. A dramatic section memorizes and interprets scenes from the plays. A history section deals with the historical background that is necessary to understand the period in which Shakespeare wrote. This is the sort of work that many chapters of the National Federation are about. This work is preparing and cementing a national sentiment for the English poet. Several States are planning State conventions under the auspices of the Shakespeare Federation. These conventions arouse interest in the various literary clubs of the State, so that Shakespeare becomes a sociable subject in conversation.

The federation is enlarging its membership and increasing its funds for the purpose of publishing a monthly bulletin of these activities. This bulletin will include matters of general interest to the Shakespearean actor as well as to the general public. Now that John Barrymore's "Hamlet" and Warfield's "Merchant of Venice" are making records in New York, and now that Miss Cowl's and Mr. Peters' "Romeo and Juliet" is competing in popularity with "Seventh Heaven" and "Merton of the Movies", the Shakespeare Federation has its hour of opportunity to make its work of national importance. We need a publication to improve the spirit of fraternity between these various groups that are working in this common cause. One of the ultimate aims of the federation is to see a theater devoted to Shakespeare, and that appears to be a promise for next season. And its ever-present aim is to make every Shakespearean production that is worthy a community and out-reaching success. For information address the president, Mrs. James Madison Bass, 96 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. For membership blanks write to N. G. Blauvelt, Room 40, 202 West Seventy-fourth, New York, N. Y. Agnes Ruth Hoffinger, 5074 Catea avenue, St. Louis, Mo., is secretary of the St. Louis Tercentenary Society.

Would I were sleep and peace, so sweet to rest."

But that would have been a great pity. There were greater things in store. In the quarrel scene Mr. Peters showed the finest sort of discrimination. Tybalt's insult to Romeo—"Thou art a villain!"—was the key for a most significant reaction which Mr. Peters managed with superior skill. The nobleness of his indignation was true to Romeo's lofty character. It flooded Romeo's face both with stinging resentment and with tender compulsion. Romeo's love for Juliet was palpable in the speech that followed:

"Tybalt, the reason that I have to love thee
Doth much excuse the appertaining rage
To such a greeting."

It is Mr. Peters' fine feeling for passages of this sort that sustains his Romeo in our hearts, giving us the courtesy of gentle brooding, the sacredness of love, and the idealistic plain of this swift-moving story. It is only when Romeo's dearest friend has suffered death at the hand of Tybalt and only after Romeo has reasoned with himself that he is effeminate that he throws off all restraint and picks up the rapier. This last moment of the scene was made poignant with its brevity and it brought a compelling climax to this midsummer day which saw Romeo married and Mercutio silenced in death.

In the "banished" scene Mr. Peters was so perfectly identified with his part that his work was unerringly spontaneous. It reached a

feeling after many excellent scenes had seemed to reach the brim of our expectation. (This is scene 1 of act three.)

The next scene is Juliet's chamber, where the lovers part after Romeo's banishment. It was interesting to pick up a "Shakespeareana" of January, 1885, which discussed Mary Anderson's Juliet nearly forty years ago. In those days this scene was generally called "the second balcony scene", and Romeo descended on a rope ladder. Revolving scenery was an innovation of those days, and in Miss Anderson's production Juliet appears to have enjoyed a free ride while the balcony swung round for a "transformation" that revealed the interior of the chamber a moment later when the exterior turned its back.

This scene and the rest of the act, which ends with the potion scene, belongs especially to Juliet. Miss Cowl deserves special praise for this part of the play. One need not say that all the detail of her work was perfect, but the dramatic texture of it was so firm, and, step by step, it grew to such a lofty height in the potion scene that one recoils from the thought of looking at it only in spots. The parting scene where the lark "is herald of the morn" is another of those moments that Julia Marlowe touched with a tone that belongs to the universal harmony. It was a love note, a caress note, a mother note, a dread note, and a cosmic note that gathered the vibrations of the balcony scene and the tomb scene into one and struck it like a



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3.

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4.

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7.

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8.

Here is a REAL find for the actress! A beautiful black satin bag, oblong in shape and fastened on a belt, in which to carry one's valuables. It has chamol-lined pocket for coins, a larger section for a bank book and still a third section for miscellaneous papers. It is fastened with a deep flap with snapper and is so constructed that there is no bulkiness to destroy the lines of apparel. The price is \$7, but it is worth several hundred dollars in convenience and the feeling of security it gives one. Many a person has been robbed thru a careless, tho' unintentional, display of money and jewels while traveling, and, furthermore, it is wise to keep papers of a private nature on one's person. The Shopper will be glad to order this convenient bag for you.

SIDE GLANCES

Dear Grandmother's Shawl

is going to be in saucy company this spring, according to the Women's Garment Exposition held at Chicago recently. They say that grandma's shawl, reminiscent of Civil War days, will be worn with the sauciest of knickers! The cape is called "The Brighton" and is lined with jade green and other flamboyant shades. Bell sleeves will also be an accessory to this ludicrous ensemble.

Purple Eyebrows and Lashes?

The English women are experimenting with their tresses, their eyebrows and eyelashes. They are dyeing them to match their gowns. It is said that the most preferred shades in London are the tortoise shell hues, ranging from deep russet to amber. We feel rather dizzy as we try to imagine an English beauty with purple hair, eyebrows and eyelashes, to

say nothing of amber. But never mind, girls, keep right on sending for your Delica Brow, for no matter what the shade of Lady America's hair may be her eyebrows and eyelashes will always be dark.

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A Word of Caution

One of The Shopper's correspondents mixed her letters the other day, with the result that a letter intended for "Dearest Tweetums" reached The Billboard office and "Tweetums" probably received a request for the name of

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A costume for the maid who trips the "light fantastic", designed by Bayer & Schumacher, costumers, New York. (See Shopper's column for particulars.)

A Persia print hand-blocked Paletot for the actress who can wear gracefully apparel that is a wee bit bizarre. The Paletot is both irresistibly youthful and provokingly sophisticated.

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(a)

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(b)

No, of course, the nicest, most becoming wave or curl won't "stay out" for a satisfactory length of time without assistance unless you are born with naturally curly or wavy hair. There is, however, a New York hairdresser who gives a semi-permanent wave with the aid of a liquid, named "Curline". Her wave stays in for two weeks. For the benefit of those who cannot visit her salon she is willing to fill mail orders for the "Curline". It costs \$1 a bottle, is harmless and will not mar the natural gloss on your tresses.

(c)

When you are tired at night, after the final curtain, it is rather comforting to know that it is not necessary to sit before your mirror massaging and patting in cream to preserve your complexion beauty for the years to come,

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(d)

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(e)

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(f)

Would you like to purchase cake rouge in a black box? There is something infinitely smart about a gunmetal case, you know. This box has a fine French mirror and orange satin powder puff. Very nifty. Price \$1. Ask for the "Jenny" rouge compact.

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JANE COWL FITTINGLY COSTUMED IN SELWYNS' "ROMEO AND JULIET"

Jane Cowl is even lovelier than we anticipated she might be in the role of Juliet. The manner in which she is costumed reminds one of a flawless diamond that shines all the more resplendently because of the simplicity of its setting. Jane Cowl and her radiance constitute the jewel and its effulgence, and her costumes of artful simplicity emphasize her graceful lines and harmonize exquisitely with the medieval stage settings designed by Romeo himself (Bollo Peters).

All of Miss Cowl's costumes are made from costly fabrics, revealing graceful lines and softening folds. One gown of notable beauty, a Boudier creation of straight lines, falls from the shoulders into a train of soft folds and has long, tight-fitting sleeves. It is developed from silver cloth, with an emerald green fold encircling the neckline. A triangular medallion of emeralds decorates the bosom and the graceful skirt is finished at the bottom with a lace-like tracery of silver threads. Flowing panels of gold tissue, draped from elbow to wrist fall to the bottom of skirt, affording a pleasing contrast of gold against silver. Instead of the conventional Juliet cap Miss Cowl wears a wreath of leaves with this costume.

KATHERINE CORNELL IN PERIOD COSTUMES

Since variety is the spice of fashion copy, we looked in on "Will Shakespeare" at the National Theater, after feasting our eyes upon the lovely Cowl's sweet simplicity, and beheld Katherine Cornell in an elaborate period gown that was altogether charming. As Mary Filton, the madcap Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth, Miss Cornell wears in one scene a costume of rich black brocade, with a closely clinging bodice and a wide hooped skirt, which divides in front revealing a panel of red satin. Rows of narrow ribbon velvet outline the divided skirt and hem, the middle of the bodice and the oval neckline. A generous de Medici collar of dull silver lace and frilled wristbands of the same lace sets off her dark beauty to splendid advantage.

"POLLY PREFERRED" GOWNS PLEASING

Genevieve Tobin, who might be named "The Tinsel Lady" because her Dresden doll coloring is enhanced by pastel tints, is the center of sartorial interest in "Polly Preferred". When she is transformed from plain Polly Brown, chorus girl, in a simple frock of black crepe, to a young woman of dawning importance, she blossoms forth in a Boue Soures taffeta of harvest hue, with a picturesque apron outlined with lingerie and lace, with a saucy miniature bustle of taffeta.

When Polly becomes a film star her achievement is reflected in her clothes. She is seen in a luxurious Shallock frock of Cleopatra blue velvet, with a deep hem border of monkey fur, a chic hat to match the costume with a rolled-back brim, with two velvet loops sweeping one shoulder. Later she is seen in black velvet pajamas and in a Frances frock of mauve blue taffeta, adorned with wee, coquettish frills of lace, trimmed with rose-tinted ribbon. The lace is repeated in a shirred band at the bottom of skirt and elaborated with pastel-tinted, hand-made flowers.

SEA-SIDE STYLES

We went to Atlantic City February 3 to rest, far from the maddening styles, but the styles had preceded us, so we found ourselves sauntering from shop to shop to view the sea-side fashions. Plain knitted fabrics with contrasting borders lead the sports mode. Box suits, knitted of tweed and Jersey cloth, with extremely simple lines in collarless effects, are shown. Browns, grays, tan and rainbow tints are prevalent with chapeaux to match, and a cane-length awagger atick invariably accompanies the ensemble. The sack-like coats are said to be extremely simple to knit, and as the skirts are plain, fitted and—yes, indeed—quite short, it would be no difficult task to the woman who wields wicked knitting needles to fashion herself a seaside frock that will be the envy of all beholders. These little coats are effective with a contrasting border running about collar, front, bottom and sleeves. Often-times a bodice or blouse is fashioned to match the skirt and coat.

Large black millan hats, trimmed with dashing bows of black, or with knife-plated ribbon laid about the brim, are being shown in the windows of the smarter shops for dress wear. Ribbon withstands the effect of salt air better than plumes or feather trimmings.

"EGOTIST" COSTUMES ARE DISTINCTIVE

Altho "The Egotist", starring Leo Ditrichstein, of "Perfect Lover" fame, as an imperfect lover, will have passed from our midst and the 33rd Street Theater by the time this issue comes from the press, the costumes worn by the actresses of the cast will bear passing mention, as will the ludicrous program descriptive of each character.

Madel Turner, as a newspaper woman "whose first youth, talents and ambitions have evap-

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A Thirty-Year-Old Flapper

We happened to be spending the week-end in a quaint old New England hotel several weeks ago. The clerk phoned us on the morning of our departure, asking if we would chaperon a little girl to New York town. We agreed. When we reached the lobby we were introduced to a demure mite with bobbed hair, big brown eyes and a cupid's bow mouth. It had on knickers and a little boyish hat. On the way to the station "it" now led that it had just recovered from nervous prostration brought on by a love affair. "Why," said we with an elder sister air, "a little girl like you shouldn't have love affairs." "Oh," said she softly, "I'm older than I look."

"Well," replied we, "you might be fourteen." "As a matter of fact," said she seriously, "I'm thirty!" Then we fled to the nearest mirror to take a good, long look at ourselves. Did we look like the chaperon of a thirty-year-old flapper? And while we were looking appraisingly at ourself the thirty-year-old flapper had independently hoarded the train. Upon making inquiries for our charge we were told that she was in the smoker. And we've been wondering ever since if it wasn't all a dream!

Beauty Wins Fame!

Ann Cartere, the artist's model made famous by Neysa McMein's magazine covers, is posing in and about New York as a special attraction. You will probably remember her as "The Poke Bonnet Girl" on The Saturday Evening Post covers. She has as her own personal representative a young woman whose name is Sylvia Holmes, and we have been watching Miss Holmes' masterful methods of management for the past several weeks. She has succeeded in booking her beautiful celebrity in New York, Philadelphia and Washington at club affairs, etc., and is planning to present her on the stage shortly. The "wimmin" are certainly go-getters these days!

As a child Miss Cartere appeared in the lyceum field as a dramatic reader, and after traveling in the Middle West for several years she went to Philadelphia and started to pose. In a short time, however, she decided that New York had a larger scope for her work and went there an absolute stranger, and in the short space of three years she has so firmly established herself as a perfect model that in returning to her first love, the stage, her artist friends feel that they will have rather a difficult time to place her. They are all in favor of her following her ambition, however, to become a really great actress, and there is no chance in the world for her not to do so. There is no doubt of her immediate success, as she possesses personality, youth, beauty, charm and, last but not least, strong dramatic ability. What more to ask of Fate?

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orated and left behind a sort of mandarin enthusiasm," looked contrarily young and delightfully sane in a Copen blue tweed sport suit with a racoon collar, cut on three-quarter-length box lines. With this smart suit she wore a vestee of cream lace and a modified tam of Copen velvet, upturned jauntily at one brim and finished with a silver ornament. She wore gauntlet gloves piped with black.

Maude Hanford, as the wife of "The Egolist", was "a contained, capably mannered woman, somewhat cold but not intimidating, looking very, very inviting and warm in an evening wrap of rippled silver cloth lined with sapphire, a gray squirrel collar and a sapphire plume nestling in her glowing red-gold hair."

Catherine Carter, as "a widow of forty odd with an obsession to regulate the affairs of others," wears a costume composed of small alternating loops of fine crystal and jet beads, arranged tier upon tier. The making of this costume must have required weeks of patient effort, but the effect is well worth the labor. Over this gown Miss Carter wore a cloak of tangerine velvet, topped with a moleskin collar, a rhinestone and pearl tiara encircling her coilure. Needless to say, Miss Carter looked more like thirty minus than forty odd, and was such a charming busybody that the audience must have wished she would continue meddling like a beaver.

Mary Dunean, an extremely pretty brunet, appeared as Norma Ramon, an actress, "an interesting creature given to moods, which if verging on the artificial are nevertheless fetching, in short a pretty gal with a semi-theatrical soul, to whom life is a continuation of whatever second-act climax she happens to be playing." (Girls, if any of you answer this description, will you please explain just how it happened?) While Miss Dunean's eyes and mannerisms were interesting, her costuming was commonplace. She appeared in the first act in a dreary, dark-brown satin frock, draped to the front and secured with a bronze-bead medallion, while a tassel of the bronze beads weighs down the collar in back—a rather "choking" effect. The "interesting creature's" moods, however, more than atoned for the indifference of her costumes. In fact, her moods were so diverting that they diverted her lover from his intention to bask in the sunshine of her smile to a hurried exit via the fire escape, hatless and coatless, to the clanging music of

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LITTLE THEATERS

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The Little Theater, Fort Worth, Tex., presented "The Romantic Age" at the Junior High School Auditorium on February 2. Rosalind Gardner, director of the Vagabond Players, was in charge of the production.

Norman Lee Swartout, director of The Playhouse at Summit, New Jersey, spoke January 26 in Cleveland, O., before The Cleveland Association of Amateur Dramatic Clubs and Little Theaters on "Selecting a Play".

The Lenox Hill Players of New York are rehearsing for their second bill of the season, under the direction of Burton W. James. "Wappin' Wharf" is the play, a comedy of piracy. One more bill will be presented during the season, a program of three one-act plays, after which preparations will be made for a Shakespearean season.

Another active California group is "The Players", of San Francisco, which recently presented a bill of three one-act plays for ten performances, including two Saturday matinees. The entertainment offered included Lord Dunsany's tragic spectacle, "The Queen's Enemies"; Alfred Sutor's drama, "The Man in the Stalls"; and Booth Tarkington's comedy of boy and girl life, "The Ghost Story".

The Sequoia Little Theater, 1725 Washington street, San Francisco, Calif., closed its January season January 30 with a program of Russian and Scandinavian plays, all of which were new to San Francisco. The Business Men's Mutual Association attended the performance in a body. These players will fill several out-of-town engagements before presenting their March program.

The St. George's School Dramatic Association, Newport, R. I., staged "The Dictator" at the school on February 2. The leading roles were assumed by sons of prominent New York and Newport families, with C. H. Lyon, president of the dramatic association, in the leading role of "Brook Travers". H. T. H. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, played the leading feminine role, that of Lucy Sheridan.

The Trinity College Dramatic Club staged its annual production at Hart House Theater, Toronto, Can., on February 2, and repeated the show on February 3. Three one-act plays were given: "The Trysting Place", by Booth Tarkington; "The Shepherd in the Distance", by Holland Hudson, and "Silver Seas", by Gordon Spurling. Mr. Spurling is an undergraduate of Trinity College.

The Enclave Players, Fairhope, Ala., presented their first bill of the new year at Comings Hall on January 29. The plays presented were: "The Great Culpenter", by E. Yancy Cohen; "My Last Duchess", by Robert Browning, and "Suppressed Desires", by Susan Gaspell. The players taking part were Edward P. Totten, William McIntosh, Cornelius A. Gaston, Mary Quarles, Rose Kamper, Eleanor Wesley, E. L. Gordon, Margaret Nichols Gaston and Theresa La Grutta.

During the Minnesota State Dairymen's Convention, held in Owatonna, Minn., during the week of January 15, the dairymen were entertained on Tuesday evening by the dramatic students of the high school. Two one-act plays were given, "The Queen of Hearts" and "Fluorette and Company". These plays were staged in the high school auditorium to a capacity audience, which was quite a record-breaker, as the place has seating accommodations for 1,000.

The Players' Club of Glens Falls, N. Y., presented "The Lion and the Mouse" in St. Mary's Hall, that city, Monday evening, January 29, before a crowded house. The performance was under the direction of Beatrice Palmer Bannan, who staged the Players' successful production of "The District Attorney" last year. Vocalists and an elocutionist filled in the waits between the acts. Following the performance, a banquet in Miss Hannou's honor was held in a local hotel.

The League Players, of Finching, L. I., presented a bill of three one-act plays, under the professional direction of Sarah Crockett Paine and under the management of Mrs. W. W. Knowles, chairman pro tem, of the Drama Committee of the Good Citizenship League, on Friday evening, January 26, at the League Building. The plays given were "Cooks and Cardinals", a comedy, by Norman C. Lindar (originally produced at 47 Work Shop, Harvard); "The China Pig", by Evelyn Emlig, and "The Wonder Hat", a Harlequinade in one act, by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman and Ben

Hecht, the latter having been introduced at the Arts and Crafts Theater in Detroit, Mich., in 1916. The League Players have their own scenery and properties committee, and Herman Paine is scenic artist and in charge of lighting effects.

The third annual Knights of Columbus "Follies of 1923" was offered during the week of January 28 at the Columbia Theater, Alliance, O. Capacity business was reported both nights. The show was again produced under the direction of the Fraternal Producing Company of Columbus, O., with C. H. Todd in charge of the rehearsals and presentation of the show. Nothing in the way of home talent has ever excelled this production, it was said. The Fraternal Company has other Ohio cities to follow Alliance.

The Playcrafters of Los Angeles, Calif., have moved to the Top Shawm Studio Building, 932 South Grand Boulevard, Los Angeles. Lucy Field Greene is secretary of the organization. The most recent offering of the Playcrafters was a benefit performance on Monday evening, December 11, at the Gamut Club Theater, Los Angeles. Three one-act plays were staged, presented by a group of children's dances, musical selections and several monologs by Margery

H. Deltz, John Brown, Beverly Robinson, Edith Eberts and Eleanor Baker.

The General Electric Woman's Club presented "Springtime" at the Van Curier Theater, Schenectady, N. Y., the evenings of January 29 and 30, under the direction of E. H. Hill, a representative of the John B. Rogers Company. Ruth Hay, who played the lead in last year's production of the club, was again the principal, with J. F. Quinlan handling the leading male role. Others who had parts were: Alice Brown, Isabelle Franklin, Edith MacCulley Corlette, R. N. Munkelwitz, George Klumminzer, Anne Bond, Kathleen Cronin, Grace M. Smith, William Labkin, Alma Robinson, Geraldine Walsh, Jane Cartwright, Jeanette Gridley, Katherine B. Blodgett and Grace Salisbury. There was a large chorus. The production drew splendid audiences.

Here is something of interest to those in charge of lighting effects in little theaters—a letter written by Professor Samuel E. Elliot, Jr., in charge of dramatic work at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., to the Drama League of New York: "Our stage has been considerably improved; Footlights abolished, and the front of the platform lowered six inches, several Povear combination flood and spotlights installed, flies made more practical, and a ceiling piece used for the first time. We still have to struggle with a depth of only twelve feet behind the curtain and practically no wing space. For "Everyman", the old Moral Play which we shall soon produce, we are building a forestage before and below the main stage, and putting a high platform and steps at the back of the main

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O'Neill. The entire proceeds were turned over to the Milk Fund of Los Angeles Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, which fed 3,200 children daily in the schools of Los Angeles during 1922.

The Masque of Troy, Troy, N. Y., inaugurated its twelfth season in "The Thirteenth Chair" on January 31 with a private invitation performance, which was attended by three hundred representatives of all the dramatic clubs of Troy and vicinity. Bayard Veiller, Jr., son and namesake of the author, and Margaret Wycherly, who starred in the original production, were guests of honor and made addresses. Mr. Veiller is a student at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., fourteen miles from Troy.

The Masque's schedule, which we recently reported as including engagements up to April 1, was extended to June 1 before the curtain went up on the private performance of the play.

The American Legion Players of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., presented their annual production, "The Yellow Glow", in the auditorium of the Westchester Women's Club Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, January 25-27. The play required a cast of 65, including the chorus. It was written and staged by W. F. Stevens, with a large part of the music composed by J. E. Shuppon. Mr. Stevens has been the man behind the gun in a number of other plays given locally. Those taking the principal parts were: Ned Dooling, Vincent F. Mellon, Nestle Carroll, Eleanor Davies, Louis Kraz, George Sposato, Jennie Perry, Gertrude Woods, W.

stage, thus providing three levels; and I mean also to try to project angel wings on the backcloth at the end to accompany the angel chorus."

Following their custom of annually bringing an out-of-town theatrical organization to the city, The Players of Utica, N. Y., presented the Auburn Amateur Dramatic Club in "A Pair of Sixes" at the Utica Country Day School Saturday evening, January 27. The Auburn thespians "kept the audience in gales of laughter," according to a Utica paper. Among those who took part were: Kenneth Underwood, John Richardson, Charles W. Hills, Franke W. Kroone, Mary Day Hills, Mrs. Donaldson Clapp, Mrs. John Richardson, Harold L. Ferris, Samuel H. Adams and Geo. H. Leonard, Jr. Mrs. Samuel H. Adams directed the piece. The Auburn Dramatic Club started a year and a half ago, being a revival of a similar organization which existed for 35 years. Thomas Mott Osborne, noted prison authority, was one of the presidents, and last year the club gave a Spanish pantomime which he had put on at the Naval prison in Portsmouth, N. H. The Players will give a performance of their own in April.

Frank Badgley, film editor, of the Canadian Publicity Branch of the Dominion Government, Ottawa, Can., under whose personal direction and management the annual Rowing Club Revue is being staged this year at the Russell Theater for three nights, announces one of the biggest and best shows of its kind for its

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The Lupino Family's Link With Fair Ground of the Past

In 1784, at Mr. Flockton's Theater, at St. Bartholomew's Fair, there was advertised: "A Most Grand and Unparalleled Exhibition, Consisting First in the Display of the Original and Universally Admired Italian Fantoccini Chevalier Georges Lupino. Different from all Pretenders to the said Art, to which will be added an ingenious and spirited Opera called 'The Padlock'. Principal Vocal Performers: Signor Giovanni and Signora Virginia. Principal Dancers: An Inimitable Musical Clock—at first view a curious ocean Exhibited three times before their Majesties." This was the first advertised appearance of a member of the Lupino family. The Chevalier subsequently migrated to Richardson's Show and traveled with that renowned showman from fair to fair, eventually joining forces with the elder Grimaldi. They produced at Covent Garden Theater a pantomime absurdity, after the style of the plays performed in the night cafes of Italy, called "The Tavern Bikers". By this time the second "p" in the name was dropped and the name as now used by the numerous members of the family appeared upon the bills as "Lupino". Edmund Kean, the great Shakespearean actor, made his first appearance with the Chevalier in the character of a monkey in a play called "Abraham Saunders". Subsequently another Shakespearean actor played with a member of this family in the character of a policeman, namely, the late Sir Henry Irving. Harry, Stanley, Mark, Wallace and Lupino Lane are today worthily upholding the family name.

Mitcham Fair Green

A bill is to be introduced in the next session of Parliament seeking power for the transference of the Fair Green rights at present controlled by the Mitcham Common Conservators to the Mitcham Urban Council. At a meeting of the North and East Mitcham Improvement Association Lieut-Colonel Chart, clerk to the council, said that from 1239 Mitcham Common has been a frequent source of litigation, but in 1682 it was decided at Kingston that the Common was wholly in Mitcham parish.

If the bill were passed, Mitcham would have control of the fair. The Council approved the suggestion to remove the fair to the Three Kings Green. The Act of Parliament the council was endeavoring to obtain would be a real Showmen's Charter, for it would give them the right by law to hold the fair. There was no objection to the bill from neighboring authorities, the clerk added. It was anticipated that the cost would not be more than a penny rate, raised over five years.

Amusement Tax in France Causes Threat To Close All Entertainments

The complaints that have been made for some time past by the proprietors of places of amusement in regard to the heavy burden of taxation under which they suffer has resulted in the issue of a formal warning by the government that unless relief is accorded in the meantime the whole of the theaters, music halls and cinemas throughout France will be closed for an indefinite period as from February 15. Oscar Debonne, president of the Theatrical and Music Hall Managers' Defense Association, states in an interview that the amount of taxation now imposed on theaters and music halls is so great that the provincial houses are being crushed out of existence, and are one by one steadily but surely closing their doors. Theatrical art, he says, will soon be unknown in the French provinces. M. Henri Auried, Deputy for the Haute Garonne, who recently introduced a bill providing for a reduction of 50 per cent of the

State taxes imposed on provincial places of amusement, states that the situation of these establishments is much worse than that of those in Paris itself. The provincial theaters not only have to pay the State tax of 10 per cent, plus 6 per cent on their gross receipts, and music halls 20 per cent, as in Paris, but are also called on to pay additional local municipal taxation, which may amount to as much as 12 per cent. No other industry, he argues, could stand 30 per cent on its gross earnings. Other proposals submitted to Parliament are for the reduction of the tax to 3 per cent on the receipts of the departmental theaters, and to 5 per cent in the case of provincial music halls, and the entire exemption of provincial cinemas.

Film Trade and L. C. C. at War

There is to be a war to the knife between the cinema exhibitors of London and the L. C. C. over the admission to cinemas of children under sixteen. The L. C. C. has made a regulation under which children under sixteen may not see a picture only possessing an "A" certificate unless they are accompanied by their parents. The Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association has taken up the matter, and Gavazzi King, the secretary, says that the Council has notified members that should one of them be prosecuted under the regulation, the Council will fight the case on purely legal grounds, contending that the condition is unreasonable, and therefore ultra vires, and taking the case to the Divisional Court if necessary. Two certificates are issued by the Board of British Film Censors. One, the "U" certificate, is for universal exhibition, and the other, "A", indicates only that the picture is more likely to appeal to adults. The two classes were decided upon by the film trade, and were originally intended as a guide to exhibitors who could not see the films before booking them, as to what kind of pictures they were taking. Now the L. C. C. has come forward and used this arbitrary standard of classification as a test it was never meant to impose. For they have taken an "A" certificate to mean "unsuitable for children" whereas it means nothing of the sort. "And even so," says King, "the regulation is impracticable and silly. A child under 16 may see an "A" picture if accompanied by its parents. And where, I should like to know, is the difference? Again, take serial pictures. Some episodes are marked "A" and some are marked "U". A child, therefore, cannot see the whole thing. Children may also be admitted to topicals. Is a manager, then, to search thru his theater to see that he has no unaccompanied child when an "A" picture is to be shown? Some years ago we fought a case for a Halifax firm, and carried it to a Divisional Court. An attempt had been made to exclude children from the house, but the judges held that where the question became one of public policy the licensing authority had no power to make distinctions. The result of the agitation will be that the Board of Censors (a body to which the film trade voluntarily submits will disregard the present distinction and award "U" certificates to all pictures indiscriminately. At present, if a picture revolts one's morality, they withhold their certificate altogether.

London Zoo Exhibits Valued at \$90,000

On the last day of every year the curators of the Zoological Gardens are occupied in taking a census of the animals, and in making a valuation of their charges. On the last day of 1922 there were just over 3,000 wild animals in the Regent's Park menagerie, approximately the same number as on the same day of the previous year. Their value has been estimated at \$90,000. This figure is somewhat misleading, as it does not represent the full value of the exhibits to the Zoo authorities, or even their true market value, but is merely an estimate of the minimum sum the animals would realize if the Zoological Society were forced to sell its collection—a circumstance which is fortunately never likely to arise. The African rhinoceros and the hippopotamus are at the present time the most valuable animals, each being worth \$4,000. The full-grown giraffe, which is an even greater attraction to the public and an animal more difficult to procure, is unsalable, owing to the fact that its neck is just too high to enable the creature to pass thru railway tunnels.

A New Madame Tussauds

Among the new companies recently registered is Louis Tussaud's Art Wax Co., Ltd. The capital is \$125,000 divided into 50,000 preference and 50,000 ordinary shares of \$1.25 each.

The Late Madam Saroni

Madam Saroni, the oldest link with the old circus days, of which the present generation knows little, and who recently died at the great age of 91, evidently found the atmosphere of the sawdust ring and naphtha flares apparently a healthy one, for Madam Saroni had been connected with circus life for 75 years and it was only at the beginning of this year that she retired. Since then she had lived quietly at Blackpool, where the famous Winter Gar-

dens are as near an approach to the old-fashioned circus as can be found anywhere. It was in connection with Hengler's Circus, that stood on the site where the London Palladium now is, that she was best known. She was there, off and on, for half a century, in London in the season and traveling the country and the continent in the intervals. Circus performers are nothing if not international, for theirs is a form of elementary humor that is not bounded by the confines of any language, but makes the universal appeal. She could do anything and everything in the sawdust ring, and when she became too old for tight-rope walking and bare-back riding she acted as wardrobe mistress at Hengler's. If George R. Sims were alive he could tell many stories of her, for she was one of his many friends. Her resemblance in later years to Queen Victoria was remarkable, and when she and her husband, Saroni, the musical clown at the Royal Circus, once appeared at a command performance at Windsor Castle the likeness caused some slight embarrassment. The Duke of Connaught was so interested in the resemblance that he asked for her to be presented to him. A woman of remarkable energy and force of character, she was a cockney born and in private life was Mrs. Rosina Short. There are very few left nowadays of the old-time circus performers and even their names are not known to the present generation. Whimsical Walker, the clown, is perhaps the best known of them.

MUSICAL MUSINGS

By the MUSE
(Communications to Cincinnati Office)

Marion C. Pruitt, recently trombonist at the Arcade Theater, Salisbury, Md., is a member of the Club Southern Orchestra, which plays dances nightly at the Ghent Ballroom in Norfolk, Va.

Joseph Torreano writes from Huntsville, Ont., Can., where he is a member of the Anglo-Canadian Concert Band, that he will be back with the white tops this year as a member of Merle Evans' Band on the Ringling-Barnum Show.

Fred E. Myers and His Orchestra, of Canton, Ill., reported to be meeting with great success thru Illinois and Iowa, lines up with W. Ubell at the piano; F. Morse, drums; V. Denny, banjo and xylophone; C. A. Goff, cornet and violin; P. Melton, trombone and melophone. Myers doubles sax. and clarinet.

Benny Krueger, saxophonist and conductor of the orchestra bearing his name, visited a resort hotel in Maine last June and had to wait until ten couples registered before the pen was offered him. Krueger looked at the long list of names, each with "and wife" after it, and wrote: "Benny Krueger and sax."

C. A. C. Jan, violin-director of the Michigan Orchestra, informs that the orchestra is now at the Arcadia Dance Hall, Flint, Mich., after an eight months' tour of Wisconsin and Michigan. Charles Christian, Jr., plays piano; Harry Thompson, drums; Frank Lawrence, sax.; Leo Kiamert, cornet, and Mannie Mack, banjo.

An idea of the drawing power of The Billboard is reflected in word from Edw. A. Woelken, which states: "The ad of the Robinson Circus in the January 27 issue of The Billboard has brought about 250 letters to me from musicians and the applications are still pouring in, making it impossible to answer each of the writers."

The versatility and musicianship of Mabel Moran's Musical Maids are making many friends for them at the Hotel Mcurdy in Evansville, Ind., where they opened October 15. The personnel: Frances Calvert, violin; Dorothy Reitzler, cornet and mezzo-soprano; Vera Rasche, saxophone and bass viol; Marjorie Schobel, piano and soprano; Miss Moran, drums and contralto.

The Isham Jones Orchestra, of Chicago, took the place of Yerke's S. S. Flotilla Orchestra at the Twin City Automotive Exposition, held at St. Paul February 3 to 10. It was reported that members of the Yerke combination were quarantined in Terre Haute, Ind., when one of the boys became seriously ill from small-pox, thus necessitating an eleventh-hour cancellation.

Members of the Shamrock Orchestra, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., visited The Muse, February 5, before leaving Cincinnati on the Steamer Queen City for New Orleans, to play for a party of 200 excursionists to the Mardi Gras in the Louisiana city. Upon their return, about February 24, the combination is booked for fifteen weeks in Western Pennsylvania with an extensive tour of the South to follow. J. Lloyd Rock is pianist and manager; William J. Lilly, banjo, violin and sing-

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Editorial Comment

THE annual feast and homecoming—in other words the banquet and ball—of the Showmen's League of America draws apace again. For seven years this yearly party, staged on an increasingly vast scale, has been bringing together the men and women of the outdoor show world into a more social and intimate personal communion. It is a "blowoff" in a sort of happy farewell to each other as the managers, agents and the rest of each individual entourage mass themselves for the uncertainties of another tour. These tours are not a trip of continuous pleasure. Exigencies arise that make the iron seek the depths of harried souls. Hauling a big investment daily or weekly over the railroads is in itself a problem, as also is the handling of a varied corps of a hundred to a half thousand employees. Then there is the weather, fickle and changeable, and a long list of the things that MAY happen. Sometimes all of them and more happen. Other times the fair gods seem to smile all the season.

So the showfolks all meet at the annual spread and take another chance, hoping for the best and determined to battle for their rightful meed of success. It is a calling that must be "grown up with" in order to meet its demands unflinchingly. The annual ball and banquet gives everybody a pleasant perspective for the future—or ought to. The banquet and ball will be held in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, the night of February 21.

TWO hundred and fifty years ago, on February 17, 1673, Moliere died at Paris, when he was but 51 years old. During his short career he wrote a series of comedies that has stood the test of time to this day in his country. George Saintsbury aptly says of him: "Of all dramatists, ancient and modern, Moliere is perhaps one who has borne most constantly in mind the theory that the stage is a lay pulpit, and that its end is not merely amusement, but the reformation of manners by means of amusing spectacles."
This should be sufficient answer to those who hold that the stage's only function is to entertain. Something besides entertainment can be brought

thing else contrary to local laws, with a carnival, let the authorities close it up, have the necessary arrests made and penalize the offenders, the ones who have no regard for the future of carnival owners and managers who want to make the business one that nobody would be ashamed to be engaged in.

Action of that kind would soon put a stop to the cry on the part of certain elements against ALL carnivals after the bad ones leave town without having been interfered with during their stay by the local authorities.

Who was that said blackmail?

PEOPLE in all parts of the world seem to be getting more from American moving pictures than breathless entertainment, slap-stick comedy and so on. By this we mean they watch for ideas on clothing, automobiles, furniture, domestic conveniences and the like.

In the Government trade publication, called Commerce Reports, such a case is instanced as regards clothing in particular. A Buenos Aires citizen and his wife attend a moving picture made in America. The man takes close no-

SHAME! SHAME!! SHAME!!!

A DANCE that can better be imagined than described—that's the way The Star, of Cleveland, of February 4, speaks of one of the entertainment features" of a stag party given by some of the business men of that city recently. The expose appeared under a double eight-column streamer head ("Girls Dance Sans Clothes at Business Men's Frolic"), with a heavy three-line bank ("Gay Shindig Is Staged in W. Side Hall"), and reads:

"Presumably staid and respectable business men, who in their daily walks of life are irreproachable, set an example early last week in disgraceful parting that will stand for a long time without a rival.

"The staid business men, identified with the bottling business, staged last Monday night what was to be a stag party on W. 25th street.

"It was stag all right until about midway down the first cigar, when eight—count 'em—eight fair damsels, sans clothes, appeared one by one and performed on a row of tables such a dance as can better be imagined than described.

"The eight, of course, made their entrance one by one. First came a blond, whose beauty was unadorned. There was wild applause as the fair creature mounted the improvised stage and did her stunt. Several otherwise respectable business men, following the dance, raised her to their shoulders and carried her in naked triumph about the hall.

"After this wild and woolly demonstration a second damsel put in an appearance, going the first fair maiden several better in point of brazen temperance.

"The applause became deafening, and mingled with the said applause were sundry encouraging calls, inviting the fair dancer to 'Go to it!' 'Shake it up!' and so on.

"And one by one the others came on, girls of the town, brazen the pretty, hardened the youthful. Nothing ever staged in this city ever approached the spectacle for indecency.

"Another unseemly stunt was advertised, but at the last moment was called off when the two promoters of the party got a hint from some mysterious source that complaint had been made to the police and a raid was imminent.

"The advertised stunt, which failed of materialization, was a series of naughty motion pictures having to do with 'jungle love'.

"The eight prancing ladies uttered wild yells of dismay and fled to their dressing room, where they hastily donned their clothing and departed, automobiles whizzing them away ere, as it was feared, the police put in an appearance.

"The male contingent also became afflicted with frigidity of the pedal extremity, and there was an undignified scramble for hats and coats.

"The party was almost a parallel to those which The Sunday Star exposed a couple of weeks ago as having taken place in Ambler street, near Buckeye road."

Shame on the "dancers", more shame on the promoters, and still more shame on the business men concerned.
The "dancers" in question show folk?" Far be it from us to classify them as such. We would be ashamed to publish our opinion of them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

B. S.—Nat Goodwin and Nance O'Neill both played in Honolulu in the late nineties.

W. E.—The rate of duty is based on the foreign value and for violins is \$1 on each instrument and 35 per cent of the value.

T. T.—The Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia, Pa., is now playing its 11th season. James P. Beury is sole owner and C. C. Wansmaker manager of the playhouse.

J. W. C.—Only in cases of illness, accident or death will The Billboard convey thru the editorial columns one's desire to learn the whereabouts of another. Address your letter in care of The Billboard (Cincinnati) office and we will advertise the letter (free) in our Letter List. If this medium fails we suggest that you insert a classified ad under the caption "Information Wanted", the charges for which refer to The Billboard.

Q. V. A.—Katherine Agnes MacDonald was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1892. She received her early education there, afterward attending college. Her screen career began, without previous stage experience, in support of Douglas Fairbanks in "Headin' South". Elinor Fair is a native of Richmond, Va. She studied both violin and vocal music in Paris, Brussels and Leipzig. She made her first appearance in movies with Clara Kimball Young, and later went on the stage in musical comedies, which she left to appear in a picture with Charles Ray. She also appeared in "Kismet" with Otis Skinner.

"THE SHOW GOES ON"

A life and a show—such a strange metaphor,
But each sees each, they thrive on each other,
Their buffets and smiles they both have galore,
The show has its tradition, and a life—its
mother!

The crowds are going home, the gay day is
passed;
The jocular whoops of youngsters all have
found;
Where scarce six hours back hnge throngs
amassed
There are only dull rumblings, for the show
goes on.

The show goes on, the blare of trumpets short
ago
Is attiled by departure, and the scarred lot
is bare,
It moved as one, silently, in the moon's soft
glow,
Other dates are ahead, they're opportunities
—where?

Perhaps in its wake it left a smile, a tear,
Or a weeping heart with its sorrows all alone;
Maybe it left happiness or a dark crime dress,
And it may have left nothing, but the show
goes on.

We are here for a day, and tomorrow we're
gone.
Each day under storma and sunshine we
stand;
Our base is but clay and sand and stone;
Our steps are all dates leading to a strange
land.

That is life materially, and Fate is the guide,
Her helpers are few, and each deed is her
own;
We suffer under fear when unblessed with pride,
Yet time is our route card, and our show
goes on.

And we are here for a day, and tomorrow
elsewhere,
In mind, in adversity and in fair weather
we're shown;
We move on each night, from here we go—
where?

Who knows what awaits us as we go on?
That is the show, real, and men are its guides;
Daily countless throngs come its wonders to
view;
It looes when in storms, but its losses it hides,
And the show goes on where fortune's anew.
But all shall rest when the season is o'er,
The show goes home, perhaps with something
done;
And life—it rests, too, in its grave of ancient
lore,
But new replaces decayed—and they both
go on.

—JAMES S. LEAVELLE

to the theater if it is in the right hands. The long life of Moliere's plays shows that.
That the old idea of "the stage for amusement only" is not held by all our dramatists is becoming more evident daily. Right now on Broadway there are at least three successes which, besides entertaining vastly, are also making people do a little thinking. When this occurs the stage steps into its rightful place in community life. That way honor and fame lie. The rest are soon forgotten. Moliere will live forever.

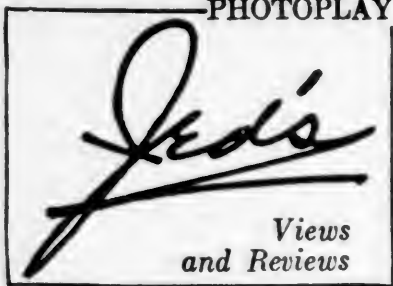
BEWARE of the man, no matter who he may be, who says that ALL carnivals are alike, so far as their conduct, business and otherwise, is concerned, when he has seen but one or two. Narrowmindedness is the most conspicuous thing about him.
There have been bad carnivals (and some will probably continue to be), we will admit. On the other hand there have been good ones traversing the country for years, but many people lose sight of that fact.
If there is an immoral show or any-

ing, and the missus studies the alluring gowns of the actress. (Most screen players know how to dress, even if some of them do not know how to act.) As a result both man and wife conclude that they want American-made clothes, and, naturally, the country benefits thereby.

THE subject of making another production center of Chicago has been thrashed out many times when no other theatrical conversation appeared to offer interest.
It has been pointed out that the prairie metropolis was once a producing center of proportions. Just why there is only about one producer left—we are speaking of one-nighters—is a matter of opinion. Some of the wiseacres say the pictures did it. Others say Chicago producers made a mistake in cheapening their shows when they found they could make money out of them. If true, this is anything but a Broadway trait. As a rule they don't consider that good policy down in New York. Some agents claim house managers in the Middle West say they are

open for any Broadway show, but have had enough of the Chicago brand.
There was a time when the musical productions of the Singer boys drew better in the Middle-West States than many New York productions. Rowland & Clifford made a barrel of money out of their productions, both of the above firms being Chicago producers. And there were a dozen other firms that either succeeded or at least "got by". If some of them have crabbled the game and left a stigma on any show bearing a Chicago brand, it is not a good state of affairs. Frank Flesher is nearly the last of the old brigade still doing business out of Chicago, but Flesher begins to spend money as soon as his show pays instead of cutting it down. Maybe here's something to think about.

PHOTOPLAY



(Continued from page 11)

Doug Fairbanks' dream of an association of independents for distribution of their own pictures seems to be coming true. In last week's BILLBOARD we suggested that Joe Schenck had something up his sleeve when he took over the United Studios in Los Angeles, and even while the type was hot came the report that Schenck is likely to be an important factor in the Fairbanks crowd, in that he will be able, as soon as contracts expire, to add the Talmadges and Buster Keaton to the list of stars already announced as including Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Charles Chaplin, Pola Negri, Harold Lloyd and Jackie Coogan, with D. W. Griffith productions thrown in for good measure. How some of the existing contracts will figure in this new deal, which seems to be pivoting on the reported organization of a million-dollar corporation, is not made clear, but the fact that Joe Schenck is at the helm leads us to believe he can find a way out. As an organizer he seems to be leading the field, keeping all of his horses—Metro, First National, United Artists and Theater Interests—abreast and under control. Some job.

How exhibitors who have been up in arms against rental charges demanded by United Artists, especially for Fairbanks' pictures, will view this move if it ever materializes remains to be seen.

Looks like this Fairbanks upheaval may have been responsible for the recent earthquake rumbles along the West Coast.

Before we stray too far from the subject of charges for United Artists' productions it might be well to publish in part a resolution passed at the recent Ohio exhibitors' convention, sent to us at the time by Martin G. Smith, of Toledo, the president of the M. P. T. O. of Ohio. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Michigan are now engaged in a controversy with Douglas Fairbanks and United Artists' Corporation because of the unfair tactics pursued by them in booking and selling of the film "Robin Hood" in Detroit to a non-theatrical and fraternal organization without giving all of the theater owners an opportunity to secure the production . . .

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Ohio, in convention assembled in Columbus, January 17, 1923, pledge the moral support of this organization to the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Michigan in this controversy until fairer business methods characterize the conduct of this corporation.

The resolution seems to speak for itself. So.

Those Pat Sullivan cartoon comedies in which Felix, the cat, is "starred" are winning a good share of laughs. There's one on the program at the Rivoli, New York, this week called "Felix Lends a Hand".

Hugo Riesenfeld is working a good stunt at the Rivoli, New York, this week, where the latest Marion Davies

feature, "Adam and Eva", tops the program. With the widely advertised Einstein theory film, which was shown at a special performance at the same house recently, the Rivoli management is opening the theater at 11 o'clock and inviting those who are attracted by this novelty to remain thru the regular performance to see Marion Davies, a Pat Sullivan comedy, another shorter Einstein theory film and the music, which always is good, under the capable direction of Frederick Stahlberg. Good idea.

"Java Head", George Melford's Paramount production, which showed at the Rivoli, New York, last week, being reviewed at the time in The Billboard, has been moved to the Rialto for a second week on Broadway. "Dog Sense", that top-notch Cameo Comedy, also has been carried down to the other Paramount house, which should help a lot.

has signed Macklyn Arbuckle for "Broadway Broke". . . .

"Fury", the Richard Barthelmess picture which we have boosted repeatedly, is the current attraction at the Strand, New York, this week. Even with that excellent Goldwyn attraction, "The Christian", competing at the Capitol nearby, "Fury" ought to crowd 'em in and send 'em away happy.

William F. Seitz, manager of the Star Theater, Sandusky, O., turned his other cheek to reformers recently when he invited the Rev. N. H. R. Moor, rector of the Grace P. E. Church, Sandusky, to preach his Sunday evening sermon in the theater, taking for his text the theme of the feature picture, which was "To Have and To Hold". The clergyman got such an audience, the theater being jammed, that he promised to repeat the stunt.

of life with a viewpoint that is more understanding than of preaching."

Sounds like a good idea for a change

Here's a bit of Chaplin's own comment on "Public Opinion":

I believe that "Public Opinion" will be the most important work of my career, and no one realizes more than I what a revolutionary step I am taking in adhering to the original style of construction which I am using. But I have the utmost confidence in the public. I shall never try to talk down to the public or up to the public. The public doesn't need such questionable consideration. I am trying to portray, as far as my ability will permit, an intelligent and sincere story, and if I succeed in keeping faith with myself I have no fears as to the reception by the public. Whether this will be a great picture or just as great a failure, there will be originality in story treatment and acting. There will be no armies, no huge sets and no elaborate mechanical effects, but thru it all will run a poignant note of human suffering, joy, tragedy and humor. I have no idea what the production will cost and won't know until it is finished, but I expect to make it as near perfect as I can, no matter how much the cost. There have been a number of queries as to whether I intend to act in the picture or not. I am not going to act in it, not from any policy, but because in the story, as I truthfully see it, there is no place for my character. And I am rather glad there isn't, because the story is something that I wish to say without its being stunted by injecting my own character into it. There would always be the temptation to make the story fit my character, and as a story it does not concern me, but life. However, I have no intention of giving up acting, and as soon as this production is made I intend to start making my own pictures immediately.

Playing opposite Edna Purviance will be Adolphe Menjou. Others in the cast are: Carl Miller, Lydia Knott, Harry Northrup and Malvina Polo.

Edward Dillon has captured Elaine Hammerstein from Selznick, Miss Hammerstein having succeeded in having her contract canceled so she could go on her own. Metro will release the Dillon picture and Elliott Dexter will be co-starred.

Martha Mansfield represented the new J. A. Fitzgerald Productions outfit at the movie ball in Dayton, O., this week. . . . J. A. Fitzgerald and Carl A. Theobald have been in New York on business. . . . Jacqueline Logan has been signed for George Melford's production of "Salomy Jane". . . . Abe Warner is planning to go to London. . . . W. H. Dunbar is in charge of Connecticut distribution for Hodkinson and J. M. Dillon is representing the W. H. exchanges in South Brooklyn. . . . Agnes Ayres has been assigned Bebe Daniels' part in "The Exciters" because of the latter's illness. . . . Miss Daniels will have Miss Ayres' role in "Contraband". . . . Adolph Zukor and Sidney R. Kent were guests at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore, New York, prior to their departure for Europe. . . . C. C. Burr promises eight more features this year for State-right release. . . .

J. A. Fitzgerald writes that under his own name he is to make four features for the Carl A. Theobald Producing Co., for release thru the Lee Bradford Corporation. Work will be done at the studios of the Theobald Company in Dayton, O.

John A. Murphy, president of Abbey Pictures, Inc., 1674 Broadway, announces that he has engaged Peggy Worth for a series of twelve two-reel comedies.

Flashbacks on the Films

- "HUNTING BIG GAME IN AFRICA"—So good exhibitors have lost chance of getting in on rental basis.
- "ROBIN HOOD"—Douglas Fairbanks turning 'em away.
- "DR. JACK"—Harold Lloyd's sure Coue for the blues.
- "WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER"—Marion Davies dazzling in a Tiffany setting.
- "THE PILGRIM"—Further proof that one touch of Chaplin makes the whole world grin.
- "FURY"—Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Gish in a whale of a sea film.
- "SALOME"—Nazimova posing in Beardsley-Rambova settings.
- "THE TOLL OF THE SEA"—Sure-fire color feature that promises better things in this line of production.
- "HEARTS AFLAME"—Frank Keenan and Anna Q. Nilsson and a thrilling forest fire.
- "PEG O' MY HEART"—Laurette Taylor in a double-A-plus box-office story.
- "THE CHRISTIAN"—Be sure and put this in your BILLBOARD date-book.
- "THE DANGEROUS AGE"—Lewis Stone at his best. 'Nough said.
- "THE POWER OF A LIE"—With more like this one exhibitors would not need to complain of hard times.
- "OMAR, THE TENTMAKER"—Flashy and trashy. Guy Bates Post making Omar look like a spearcarrier.
- "THE VOICE FROM THE MINARET"—Norma Talmadge proving that without a story beautiful gowns are just beautiful gowns.
- "THE RUNAWAY DOG"—That same Fox short we've been boosting. Book it.
- "JAVA HEAD"—Fair program picture. Not up to Melford standard.
- "NOBODY'S MONEY"—Good Jack Holt picture. Lots of fun.
- "PROF. EINSTEIN'S THEORY"—Publicity puller novel enough to please.
- "MONEY, MONEY, MONEY"—Not at the box-office.
- "THE FLAME OF LIFE"—Fine Priscilla Dean feature. Should pay.
- "POOR MEN'S WIVES"—See it first. Not up to its advertising.
- "GIMME"—Not as good as Rupert Hughes should do, but fair entertainment.
- "ONE WEEK OF LOVE"—Just a movie, with Conway Tearle finally proving he's a screen actor and Elaine Hammerstein charming, as usual.
- "THE STRANGERS BANQUET"—A Marshall Neilan feature crowded with stars. Despite jumbled story should get the money.
- "MY AMERICAN WIFE"—A Gloria Swanson fashion (?) show, saved by Antonio Moreno.
- "DRUMS OF FATE"—Mary Miles Minter and a lot of men. Only fair.
- "SECOND FIDDLE"—An entertaining Film Guild attraction, with Glenn Hunter and Mary Astor.
- "THE SCARLET CAR"—Not as good as some Rawlinsons.
- "THE HERO"—Good program picture.
- "DAY DREAMS"—One of Buster Keaton's laughgetters.
- BRUCE WILDERNESS TALES—Latest series. Excellent.
- "THE WORLD'S APPLAUSE"—The applause is in the title.

One way to make a picture stand up when it needs crutches or auto-suggestion, or something besides good photography, is to hold it on Broadway and make the out-of-town exhibitor pay the excess.

"The Flirt" and "Human Hearts", two music numbers hooked up to current motion picture titles, are getting over big. Milt Hagen writes us from the Green Room Club, New York.

Sylvia Breamer is the lucky screen star chosen for the title role of "The Girl of the Golden West", which Edwin Carewe is preparing for First National release. J. Warren Kerrigan and Russell Simpson also have been signed for this one. . . . Ruth Clifford will play opposite John Gilbert in "Truxton King". . . . Wesley Barry will appear in George M. Cohan's "Little Johnny Jones" for Warner Bros. . . . Rex Ingram has been assigned to make "The World's Illusion", rights to which have been bought from Charles Bryant by Metro. . . . Conrad Nagel has been signed by Goldwyn. . . . Al Lichtman is planning to sail for Europe next week. . . . J. Searle Dawley

The Schlesingers—M. and M. A.—have organized the Middle East Films Corporation, capital \$1,500,000, to combine their Far East picture interests. M. A. Schlesinger has departed for the Orient in the interest of the corporation.

That Missouri censorship bill sponsored by the Committee of Fifty from St. Louis has been presented to the Legislature. Exhibitors, take heed.

Charles Chaplin is announcing that "Destiny", the feature he is making with Edna Purviance in the stellar role, will be called "Public Opinion" and will be in ten reels. He also announces that the production will be revolutionary and his most important contribution to the screen, which is saying considerable. The story construction and the form of acting will be new, says the world's champion comic, "and will deal with the basics and fundamentals

"The Christian" is being featured at the Capitol, New York, this week and "Fury" is at the Strand.

Cinema comics will have to watch out or some screen Volstead will put over a Constitutional amendment prohibiting laughter. Just the other day a patron of a Yonkers theater was fined \$10 for laughing at a fun film.

Too bad the name of the film wasn't mentioned.

Michigan and Iowa exhibitors are up in arms against the sponsors of censorship bills. These \$3,000 jobs for looking at films seem to be very popular everywhere.

"The Ghost Patrol", Universal, is a human story, done better than underworld stuff usually is made in the movies. Bessie Love and Ralph Graves are the names used to sell, and, while their work is pleasing, George Nichols, who plays the old cop who settles all the differences in the crowded section of the city to which he is assigned, is the picture. He lives the cop and IS the cop, and deserves to be starred in the lights by every exhibitor who plays this better-than-usual program picture.

The outstanding scenic feature in "Lady Butterfly" at the Globe Theater, New York, is worked with a motion picture projector. Louis Macloon says that since Oliver Morosco, the producer of "Lady Morosco", has been making feature pictures for Associated First National release he has been working on a number of screen-stage combinations for scenic effects.

William Gould, of Winnipeg, has quit Hodgkinson for a job with First National. John Colton, author of "Rain", a Broadway stage hit, is at work on the continuity of "The Exciters", which also hit Broadway this season, for Bebe Daniels and Tony Moreno. Anna Q. Nilsson and Cyril Chadwick have been added to the advertised all-star cast for "Rustle of Silk", which also includes Betty Compson and Conway Tearle. Herbert Brenon will direct this Cosmo Hamilton story for Paramount release. Nita Naldi is in George Melford's "You Can't Fool Your Wife". Paul McAllister ditto.

If all the "dope expose" pictures promised get to the screen some of us may have to change our minds about the sense in censorship. Let's not wait for Hays or any leader to put a damper on this sort of trash. Let each exhibitor resolve to run his house on a basis of CLEAN ENTERTAINMENT, turning a deaf ear to "crusaders", and these dope pictures won't get far.

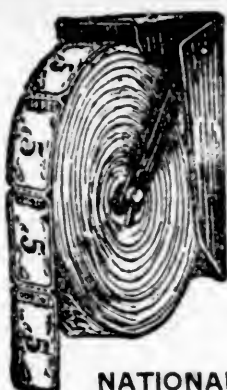
William Nigh has started work on "Marriage and Morals" for Welber & North, with Tom Moore and Ann Forrest featured. Al Mertz has been given charge of the Universal Detroit office, Joe Friedman having been transferred to New York for the time being. The four leading players in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be Lon Chaney, Patsy Ruth Miller, Raymond Hatton and Norman Kerry. Raymond Hatton plays a drug addict in George Melford's "Java Head", a current Paramount. John Hill, who is in Metro's "Hearts Aflame", which stars Frank Keenan, should be given a real chance in comedy.

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Leatrice Joy is a charming Chinese Princess in "Java Head". E. E. Shafer, director of foreign distribution for Famous Players, has returned to New York from Cuba. Goldwyn has borrowed Johanne Walker from R. G. to play the lead in "Red Lights", which also features Alice Lake. Chester Bennett is starring Jane Novak in "Divorce", a feature in the making for F. B. O. Andrew Ben- nelson is the author of "Divorce". Lynde Donig has resigned as assistant director of the Goldwyn publicity department. Montagu Love suffered a nervous breakdown and had to be taken to Lexington Hospital, New York, while working with Marion Davies in "Little Old New York". Henry McRae has gone to the Orient to make pictures.

Film Men in Los Angeles are getting busy on the American Historical Revue and Motion Picture Exposition scheduled for next summer in the Cinema Capital. President Harding has signed Senator Hiram Johnson's bill providing for the coinage of 300,000 half dollars to be sold thru banks at one dollar each to help finance the exposition, planned to be in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine.

"Broken Chains", the widely advertised prize story sponsored by Goldwyn and The Chicago Daily News, is about as violent a movie as we've seen in many a day. But it will get booking and sell tickets, and, if this is the big idea in motion pictures, "Broken Chains" is a fine feature. If the good old-fashioned chase, the death-defying leap across the chasm on horseback, the battle between the hero (suddenly freed from the chains of cowardice) and the brute to release the child-wife of the latter from the chains by which she is held captive in his cabin, and the plunge thru the deathtrap into the roaring river, are features that win thousands of dollars in scenario contests and pull thousands more for exhibitors, then "Broken Chains" is a rip-roaring box-office fillum. Colleen Moore does some great mugging in this one, at times hitting on all six, regardless and because of the cruel chains. Claire Windsor looks charming for a few hundred feet. She has only a bit. Malcolm McGregor takes a fine licking before he conquers Ernest Torrence, who, as the brute, makes Wallace Beery seem as gentle as a Podunk parson. Lincoln J. Carter, in his palmist days, couldn't have done better.

Some of the neighborhood houses in New York might do well to heed Carl Laemmle's advice about cutting box-office prices. That 50-cent charge is keeping many away from the movies.

"Reunion", an Out-of-the-Inkwell cartoon comic, while not as good as some of Max Fleischer's delightful short films, will please most patrons.

"Looks like Richard Barthelmess and acts like John Barrymore" is the line being used to boost the work of Charles Mark in "Driven". Some line. Corinne Griffith is getting set for her first production for Hodgkinson release. Irving Thalberg has resigned as general manager at Universal City to become vice-president and manager of productions for Louis B. Mayer Productions.

"Wolf Law", featuring Frank Mayo, doesn't seem up to the standard set for this Universal star. It's a story of early Missouri and the outlaws of the Ozarks. Only fair.

Pennie Zeldman is making his headquarters while in New York at the Algonquin. C. H. Christie also is a New York visitor from the Coast, having traveled to Broadway to confer with E. W. Hammons, head of Educational. Charles Hatton has been engaged by Julius Stern for a part in Buddy Messinger's next Century comedy.

"The Gentleman From America", a charming comedy feature, starring "Hoot" Gibson as a doughboy, A. W. O. L. after the armistice, is good entertainment for all classes and should go in the exhibitors' Billboard date-books. The story, by Raymond L. Schrock, gives Gibson an opportunity to add to his following. Nicely photographed, edited and directed, it is all the time pleasing. It is one of the "Laemmle Nine" and is worthy of this special classification. Just in passing, the story has the makings of a better-than-average musical comedy. Ed Sedgwick directed.

The new Bushman-Bayne producing unit organized by Whitman Bennett is called Francis X. Bushman Pictures, Inc.

"Dog Sense", a Cameo comedy released by Educational, features one of the cleverest dogs we ever have seen on the screen or anywhere else. Here is a fine short subject that will brighten any program.

At the Rivoli, New York, "Dog Sense" aroused an audience that had refused even a ripple of approval for "Java Head", a Paramount special. The dog featured in the comedy got round after round of applause.

Robert Edeson, having left "The World We Live In" to return to the screen, promises to star in "Othello" for C. C. Burr after working in a feature with Norma Talmadge. H. B. Somerville has written "Ashes of Vengeance" for Norma Talmadge. Frank Lloyd will make it after he finishes "Within the Law". Pola Negri has started work on Hector Turnbull's "The Cheat", with George Fitzmaurice directing. Maurice Tourneur is using Anna Q. Nilsson, Milton Sills, Frank Campeau, Walter Long, Bert Woodruff, Aggie Herring and Hershall Mayall in "The Isle of Lost Ships". Victor Herman is preparing to begin work April 1 on a Constance Talmadge picture which has been written by John Emerson and Anita Loos. Jeannie Macpherson, author of "Adam's Rib" and other screen plays, has been giving Broadway the once over. Pauline Dempsey, a colored motion picture actress who has specialized in "mammy" roles, suffered a broken leg while working at the Whitman Bennett studios, Yonkers, N. Y., in a scene for a Bushman-Bayne picture. Willard Mack is sitting in at the advisory table on all Norma and Constance Talmadge pictures and said to be getting a nice salary for it from Joseph M. Schenck. John Emerson and Anita Loos are adapting "Duley", the play by Mark Connelly and George Kaufman, in which Lynne Fontaine is starring, for a Constance Talmadge feature. Lee Moran has had himself incorporated and will make some more pictures. R. H. Cochrane has gone to Universal City to join Carl Laemmle, who is supervising production there for the moment. Adolph Zukor and Sidney R. Kent are on their way to Europe. Richard Barthelmess is arranging to appear in "The Fighting Blades", a story of the days of Oliver Cromwell. Rita Welman's play, "The Acquittal", is announced as Priscilla Dean's next starring vehicle for Universal release.

Exhibitors who played "The Spoilers" when that Rex Beach story was made some years back will be interested to know that the tale is going

into production again, this time for Goldwyn, thru arrangement with Jesse D. Hampton, who has acquired the motion picture rights to all of Rex Beach's works. Remember that fight in the Selig production? And how it used to get 'em in? Wonder what the next one will be like and who'll have the parts Bill Farnum and Tom Santschi played. This story pretty nearly made these two on the screen.

That forest fire in "Hearts Aflame" should get a lot of money for exhibitors.

Will Rogers says he's going to make those thirteen Hal Roach-Pathe two-reel comedies funny if he has to use Harold Lloyd cutouts to do it.

Adolph Zukor is credited with saying that Rodolph Valentino can return to Famous Players-Lasky at a salary commensurate with his present earnings and that if he returns he will be given the best in stories and direction. That's good.

"As a Man Lives", featuring Robert Frazer and Gladys Hulette, is so serious in intent it becomes comic. J. Thornton Baston runs away with acting honors. Faint praise. The story is jumbled and unreal. Exhibitors should see this one and not take the salesman's word for it.

With the release of "When Knighthood Was in Flower", starring Marion Davies, and "Dark Secrets", the Victor Fleming feature, starring Dorothy Dalton (February 4), Paramount introduces its "Super Thirty-nine", the second half of its program of features for the current picture year, according to Paramount publicity sent out this week.

The foregoing news note substantiates reports of several weeks back that Paramount was waiting to get all Broadway would give "When Knighthood Was in Flower" before letting loose the "39", of which, it was said, the Marion Davies picture had to be the first.

The Paramount "39" releases for February also include: Gloria Swanson and Antonio Moreno, in "My American Wife"; Mary Miles Minter, in "Drums of Fate"; Jack Holt, in "Nobody's Money"; and George Melford's "Java Head". Paramount claims to have completed 21 of the "39", these, in addition to the ones already mentioned, being "Adam's Rib", "The Covered Wagon", "The White Flower", "Bella Donna", "Racing Heart", "Mr. Billings Spends His Dime", "The Glimpses of the Moon", "Prodigal Daughters", "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine", "The Leopardess", "The Tiger's Claw", "The Law of the Lawless", "Adam and Eva", "The Nth Commandment", "The Enemies of Women" and "The Go-Getter".

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"Mister, d'ye reckon ye'll ever come back again? I sure enjoyed myself this night!"

And with eyes that spoke volumes his unlettered little lips could not express, a wee, jeans-trousered lad leaned against a lamp post and waved me a good-bye, following my program in a little sawmill town of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The story of "Burns of the Mountains" is universal lyceum history since that epochal day when the sage of Oneida Institute brought a sob to the throats of the pious ones at the I. L. A., proving for all time that the real oratorical thrill comes not in studied platform panegyrics, but in the life-story of men and women who walk in the Valley of the Shadow.

And there are those of us who pose and strut in swallowtails, and smirk from ronged faces beneath bobbed and marcelled waves, who have not yet entered the kindergarten of human understanding.

From far-away Korea I got the lyceum call of the mountains, when a missionary on furlough, hearing my modest platform story over the seas, was kind enough to blaze the trail for me back to the simple mountain folk of Northeast Georgia, where one of his brothers was giving a life of service to them—taking the barefoot boys from the depths and setting their feet upon the sure foundation-stones of character-development, and their faces toward the stars of a Better Citizenship.

The Nacoochee Institute, under the sure guidance of Prof. and Mrs. John Knox Coit, Miss Clayton and a coterie of as noble and unselfish instructors as I have ever seen, is a leavening power that is transforming the picturesque, rugged region of the Southern Blue Ridge from a virgin wilderness of dwarfed mentalities. While the cities are seething with the unrest that spells Old World filth, Christlessness and Anarchy, they are doing their part in saving America with her native-born.

A hundred and fifty boys and girls will walk forth from the walls one of these days, sheepskin in hand, with hope and happiness inexpressible written in faces that a few years ago had known little but the drab atmosphere of extreme upland poverty, blue homespun, bare feet, snuff-sticks and squalid inertia.

And when the epic of Nacoochee is written, there will be the story of John Leonard, aged eighteen, who a few weeks ago did not know his A B C's, and has never seen a real railroad train. Thrilled by the simple life-story of a lyceumite who had risen from the ranks, John confided to his teacher: "Miss Hill, if that man could git thar, I kin, too—and I'm a-go'nt' to do my best."

Then there is Edward Durand, of Boston—the direct personal antithesis of John—clean-shaven and clear-eyed—who has lately entered the school to "make a man of himself" after buffeting about over the big seas for years. In the service of Uncle Sam on battleship after battleship, he has weathered the gales of the Seven Seas, and in far-off South American ports he awoke to the primal urge, and so he

finds himself far from the roar of the seas, at quiet Nacoochee—the Nacoochee that sweeps up close to the stars and the sunny skies—away from the bedazzling banquets of garish vice, drinking in the life-giving ozone of the mountains, doing menial chores about the school, in the joy of making his way. Born in the "Athens of America", he is finding the school of his soul in the great outdoors.

I have mentioned only the two contrasting types as concrete examples of the real constructive work of Nacoochee. Those who know the story of Burns of Oneida can get a faint imaginary glimpse of the soul-hunger in the faces of the audiences he meets here and at the other mission schools—for there is a fine group of them, all representing a toll of human effort, toll and sacrifice.

To Mr. Coit belongs the distinction of introducing the lyceum to a number of these institutions. I shall long cherish the memory of my visit among them—and I will soon forget the occasional catcalls and the stamping feet of the roughnecks, wedded to their moonshine, in the joy of the many hundreds of hungry eyes and wistful faces, and the heart-overflowing hospitality.

Occasional appearances on "star courses" in metropolitan centers and in some of the world's biggest Y. M. C. A. auditoriums are soon forgotten in the tear-compelling eerie hush of a little barefooted mountain lad:

"Reckon ye'll ever come back agin'?"

WORK OF AMERICA IN THE NEAR EAST

Platform speakers who are eager to know what America is doing in world welfare work

NEWS NOTES OF THE PLATFORM

The Brooklyn (La.) Chronicle reports that the students of the high school in that place are taking a rather novel way to finance their lyceum course. They have taken a course of salesmanship given by the Curtis Publishing Company, and will canvass the entire county for subscriptions for the magazines of that company. The commissions will go into the lyceum fund.

The Cambres Concert Company seems to have received the largest number of flattering notices in the press this week. There is a large pile of comments before us and all of them fine. The company is at present on its fourth concert tour. The personnel includes Joseph Andrews, tenor; Ruth Young, soprano; May Vesle, contralto; Carroll Ault, baritone, and Miriam Welty, pianiste.

The Lyceum committee of Mendota, Ill., reports that it has a very nice balance left in its treasury as a result of the winter's course. It says: "Other cities cannot make these courses pay, because they charge too much and do not work hard enough in the sale of tickets." All would agree with the last half of the statement, at least.

The Spring Valley (Ill.) Gazette reports that Strongheart, the Indian lecturer, gave the first number on the course in that city and that this lecture was "worth more than the whole course of last year." Strongheart is another platformist who shows up strongly in the clippings that come to our desk.

Fairbault, Minn., has selected a fine course for next season headed by Judge Marcus Kavanaugh and Frank Dixon, with the Dunbar Male Quartet and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells for entertainment. It also has Ira Hilton Jones in one of his scientific lectures. That sets a fine standard when one course of five numbers contains three solid lectures.

Hon. J. N. Tincher, member of Congress and joint author of the Capper-Tincher grain bill, is going to lecture over the West Coast circuit of the Cadmean chautauquas during the coming season. Mr. Tincher is one of the members of Congress who is achieving results for his agricultural constituents, and he should be a headline attraction for chautauquas everywhere.

One book table in a Chicago book store recently revealed books by Will Irwin, Valjimir Stefanov, Sydney Greenbie, Ralph Parlette, Dr. Steiner, Edgar A. Guest, Edmund Vance

will be glad to get the following figures in regard to the Near East Relief. It is well for speakers to give this publicity wherever possible. The figures were furnished by our old friend, Dr. Lincoln Wirt.

The Near East Relief maintains 176 orphanages; one of the largest in the world at Alexandropol, shelters 20,000 little ones; 63 hospitals and 128 clinics care for the most urgent cases of illness.

The Near East Relief has already saved 1,000,000 women and children from death by starvation and there are 110,000 boys and girls in orphanages; about half a million are still outside, and daily some of them die.

The children study half day and spend the other half in training for self-support by means of cabinet-making, weaving, dress-making, millinery, shoemaking, tailoring, lace-making.

President Harding has authorized Near East Relief to make a nation-wide appeal for funds because this permanent organization, already functioning on the scene of the Smyrna disaster, is the logical body to meet the present emergency.

This organization, like the Red Cross, is specially chartered by, and responsible to, the United States Congress.

The cost of feeding a child for one year is \$60, but \$100 a year is the average cost of providing not only food but shelter, clothing, elementary education and industrial training.

All relief workers are Americans.

The Lyceum and Chautauqua Managers' Association spring convention will be held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, May 4 and 5. President Paul M. Pearson is arranging an interesting program.

Cooke, Major Powell and Carl Akeley, all lyceum and chautauqua speakers. Not bad for a platform showing!

The February Century Magazine contains an interesting letter by Albert Edward Wiggam, with comment by the editor, Glenn Frank. Those who are not getting every number of the Century since Mr. Frank took the editorial chair are missing the best magazine literature of America.

Those speakers who are specializing in themes dealing with the future of America will find a wonderfully suggestive article in The World's Work for February, entitled "The Menace of the Polish Jew", by Burton J. Hendrick.

Mrs. R. E. Chandler is the president of the Women's Club of Freeport, Ill., and in that capacity she has much of the charge of the Freeport chautauqua. That club also sponsors a splendid course of lectures and musical programs. There is no other organization in America doing a greater work for the cultural life of their communities than do the women's clubs. We shall be glad to hear from the clubs and to know what they are doing. It is safe to say that a very large percentage of the platform engagements in this country are with these clubs, and they certainly should have a nook in the Platform Department.

A copy of "Public Opinion and World Peace" is to be sent to each member of the I. L. C. A. whose membership dues are fully paid up, i. e., to June 30, 1923. Look at your membership card and see to what date you are paid up, and, if in arrears, give the matter prompt attention in order to be in line for the book. And while you are looking at your card change the address of the I. L. C. A. Headquarters from Room 742 to Room 1118 Marshall Field Annex Building, Chicago.

Beginning with March 15 platformists will be able to secure mileage books at a discount of 20 per cent. That is a great step toward bringing the chautauquas back to normalcy. If someone will now convince the outlying hotels that rooms might be profitably let at one dollar a night, another step would be taken. It may yet be necessary to go back to the old plan of asking the committee to furnish the hotel entertainment of the platformists. Twenty-two years ago the Lowell Lyceum Bureau was started in Iowa, and a circuit course of five numbers was sold at \$150 and "keep". The horrors of the "guest chamber" were fully

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FITS AND MISFITS

There was a young lady of Freeport
Who said: "If Freeport were a seaport
I'd sit on the sand
With a snipe in my hand
Until I became a real she-sport."

Very little of that'll go a long ways. But if that isn't a fit, what is it?—Homer.

The Great American Joke—Americans have an idea that they can always see a joke and that the Englishman is slow to catch the point. Yet I am told there are no cafeterias in England. It has been left for the American to take the great American joke, the cafeteria, seriously. No one but an American would be willing to stand in line with a tin tray in his hand, be poked in the ribs by other strugglers, smeared with butter and greased with gravy, bewildered with an array of food and figures, carry away the same bun which others have thumbed to determine its freshness, finally to be sized up by a checker to estimate the probable contents of his pocketbook, wearily find his way to a vacant table, wait on himself at the water stand and finally pay at the counter a sum fifty per cent higher than he would be charged at a restaurant. If one orders meat, seventy-five cents will not pay for a meal at a cafeteria, while many of the department stores offer better meals, with good service, at from thirty-five to fifty cents. Yet, after several years of experiment, America does not seem to see the joke.

"Twenty tall trumpeters taught ten timid tomkiss to twiddle their thumbs." Quick, bring the campbor. Another fit is coming.—With apologies to the tongue twister editor of the Chicago Tribune.

You who are travelers from necessity—the necessity of the platform—might well learn one great rule of travel which will save you many and many a weary hour. "Always look for the funny side of life." Fun is the lubricant of life. It smooths away the rough edges. It saves worry. It banishes trouble. Before it the annoyances of the road take wings and are gone. If you close your eyes to the fun of the road, all the pinpricks of perversity become dagger thrusts of malice. The roughness of the road, all the pin pricks of perversity become annoy, become like a rough shoe, and we rub ourselves upon them until we raise a blister. But look for the funny side of life, and you will find also the sunny side of life. The road ahead will lose its terrors. Success will come and bow to you. Joy will carry your grip. The impossible meal will become a banquet. Everywhere you will meet with friends and all the roadway will be bright with good will.

A famous guy is Arthur Wells.
He plays 'em all from horn to bells.
It's strange a man as large as he
Can furnish such sweet melody.—Homer.

We usually get about what we pay for in this life—in the long run. The "Let-'em-come-without-guarantee" towns always get the "Have-better-in-our-town" talent.

Bill Botkina says: "The biggest man in our lull town to date is not the banker nor the mayor. Let me elucidate. James Huniker's a millionaire and deals in real estate. But Huniker is little stuff in bein' really great. Jim Watson has the general store and rich as he can be. It wouldn't worry him at all to buy up you and me. Why, Jim's so busy selling goods he has no time to see the good he might have done right here in this community. Bill Bevers hasn't much to do. He's plumb discouraged, too. He sits down in Jim Watson's store and isn't worth a sou. He sits upon a cracker box from morn till setting sun and tells the other restful guys what this town should have done. The man who really takes the bun in your home town and mine is the one who does the dirty work and keeps us folks in line. He heads the list for this and that. He bustles for the fair. He sells the tickets for the course and gets the people there. He boasts chautauqua and the schools, the church and better shows, and somehow people start to boast wherever Booster goes. He isn't rich, he isn't poor, he's neither up nor down. But Booster is the biggest man we have in all our town."

Home Talent Notes

A wonderfully successful production was the "Casey Revue", which was presented by the Hennepin-Minneapolis Council No. 435, Knights of Columbus, on February 1, 2 and 3, under direction of Francis W. Steele, of the John B. Rogers Producing Company. About \$3,600 was realized for three nights. The program was one of the best amateur entertainments ever given in Minneapolis. It is hard to understand how so much could have been crowded into one program. It speaks volumes for the ability, as a director, of Mr. Steele that such a program could be presented without a hitch from start to finish. Nearly twenty musical numbers were scattered thruout the program, selected from the music of over twenty of the leading publishers of popular music. The battle of the publishers to have their music properly presented upon the home production stage, as well as upon the lyceum and chautauqua platform, is one which the public does not see, but is an intensely interesting one to those who see the game. It would be still more interesting to be able to follow the sales of these popular selections after they have been given in an entertainment such as given above. The idea that the home production entertainment is a competitor of the lyceum and chautauqua platform is rapidly being exploded. Every community needs both and the one is the complement of the other. The home production entertainment brings an education to those who are taking part and becomes an intensely interesting feature of community life. Moreover, by its success it frequently brings success to what would otherwise be financial failure. The lyceum and chautauqua can well afford to go hand in hand with the home production entertainment. They do not compete, but do help to enrich the home community. Remember, you chautauqua and lyceum committee men, the Platform Department of The Billboard is here to be of help. We shall be glad to co-operate. If your chautauqua or lyceum needs a boost, let us hear from you. We shall be glad to put you in touch with some of the many enterprises which will enable you to put on a bigger and better chautauqua or lyceum course another season.

"Campus Nights" is the title of the third annual revue being given by the Michigan Agricultural (Lansing Mich.) College this week. The dates and places are: Oswego, February 12; Gladner Theater, Lansing, February 13 and 14; Grand Rapids, February 15, and Jackson, February 16. The production is an elaborate one, with songs and dances, special costumes, scenery and electrical effects. Miss Katherine Kennedy coached the college players.

The Academy of Music at Richmond, Va., was given over during the week of January 29 to "The Phund Phest", a mammoth amateur production of vaudeville in which more than 100 talented amateurs appeared. The show was for the benefit of the general charity fund of the city. The receipts will be divided between the various organized charities. Jake Wells,

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head of the Wells theatrical interests, which include most of the motion picture theaters in Richmond, and Harry Bernstein, general manager of the Wells picture houses, acted as general manager and stage director, respectively, carrying the show to a splendid success. Loney Haskell, who was playing at the Lyric, appeared the first half of the week in "The Phund Phest".

The Elks of Henderson, Ky., are preparing for their fourteenth annual show. This year it will be Zirkel's Old Virginia Minstrels and Wee Gee Islands. It is being rehearsed under the direction of Ray Zirkel, of Columbus, Ohio.

NEWS NOTES FROM ELLISON & WHITE

Merwyn Paget, who was announced in our last issue as directing an intensive contracting campaign in California, returned home the other day to take up the work of organizing not only his own five-day circuit, but also the Coast Sixes. New contracts on the sixes, sixes and festivals are coming in slowly, yet progress is really being made, and the towns we have not been serving in California are necessarily not easy towns to book.

Miss J. M. Gray, our chief accountant, left Portland last week for a visit of two or three weeks to the Calgary office, reconciling the various inter-office accounts, and otherwise giving our Canadian cousins such assistance with their accounting problems as is possible by reason of the very excellent system in use here.

Miss Loseth, president of the National Association of Junior Chautauqua Directors, left Portland February 1 on an official three weeks' visit to Eastern points, during which time she will attend the National Conference in New York, February 16 to 20. The new Junior program assumes greater and greater significance as its possibilities develop, and eventually we are expecting real big things of the Junior department, under Miss Loseth's direction.

The sympathy of all platform people goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parnell in the loss of their little daughter, Colleen, on January 23. The Parnells were filling lyceum dates in Montana, and little one-year-old Colleen was home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Parnells will resume their lyceum schedule at Hobson, Mont., January 29. If the sympathy and good wishes of their friends can be of any real assistance in such a trial, we are sure the Parnells will find plenty of encouragement with which to resume and carry on their work.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, now filling a lecture tour for Ellison White, was recently given an opportunity to see three men, four dogs and a moving picture operator catch cougars alive. After observing the process for some time, during which at least one good specimen was rounded up and captured, he concluded that catching mountain lions is almost as exciting as lecturing. At Boulder, Mont., he was asked to make addresses at the two local State schools, one for the blind and the other for deaf mutes. Endeavoring to fit his entertainment to meet these unusual conditions, he lectured and sang to the blind, and gave a chalk-talk program for the deaf mutes. From what Mr. Fitzpatrick says, it must have been a strenuous session; yet certainly those unfortunate children derived enough pleasure to offset any handicaps that might have been encountered by the entertainer.

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explored by the writer at that time, and his adventures would fill a volume. The next year Charles Ferguson, of the Chicago Lyceum Bureau, improved upon that plan by hiring his platformists at a salary plus "expenses", including hotels. His agents were required to secure special hotel contracts in each case. A rate of one dollar per day, including three meals, was not uncommon. I remember one place where a rate of seventy-five cents per day had been secured. The landlady reneged, however, and asked us to raise the rate to eighty-five cents, as eggs had gone up. However, in bringing platform expense back "to normalcy", no one wants to go back to those old days. But three-cent fare and dollar rooms would be a huge help.

The Twenty-First Annual Convention of the I. L. C. A. will be held in Chicago, September 18-21, inclusive. The Managers' Association will meet in connection with the convention on September 17. A feature of the convention will be the celebration of the semi-centennial of chautauqua. It is hoped that Dr. George E. Vincent will be the speaker on that occasion. All the familiar features of former conventions will be continued. The Lecturers' Round Table, The Informal Hour, The Original Night, Joy Night, etc., and a new feature—The Musicians' Round Table—will probably be added.

The item in regard to Colonel Bain struck a responsive chord in the hearts of his hosts of friends. Jas. H. Shaw, of Bloomington, among others, wrote of it as follows: "It

was a pretty little gem, that picture you gave us of Colonel Bain. You certainly did not overstate it any. What a beautiful character, and what a real service he made along his line." The following letter from Colonel Bain in regard to it explains itself: "I cannot tell you how your tribute went to my heart. While I feel I fall short of your estimate, such a flower from such a friend means more than a wagon load on my pulseless breast when I can't see their beauty or smell their fragrance. It put a lump in my throat as I read it to my granddaughter. I hope you will like The Billboard work. I imagine it will keep you busy, but your past life work has fitted you for the job."

Dr. Cook, of Polar fame, has now been sent to a warmer region by his wife, who is suing for divorce. Cook has had many warm friends in platform circles who will regret this latest difficulty.

Chas. Bernard, formerly press agent for a well-known circus, writes from his home in Savannah, Ga., that hereafter he will devote his time to promoting the travelogue lecture, "Scenic America", by Henry Warren Poor, of Medford, Mass. Mr. Poor is already booked for a long season in the larger cities of the East.

Galen Starr Ross, the educational director of the Business Science Club, of Columbus, O., writes: "I am finding that including five lyceum numbers in my course of fifteen meetings each season is a very wise policy, as it injects the popular element into what otherwise might be a heavy educational program. I am delighted to give the Kendree Concert Company a 100 per cent rating. It appeared upon our course recently. Its stage appearance is fine and the work of the men, both in Scotch costume and in evening dress, is professional and well bred. Mrs. Kendree sings well and gives excellent support to her husband and brother-in-law."

The business men of Hutchinson, Kan., will hold a Pageant of Progress May 5. It will be under the direction of J. A. Darnaby, of Chicago.

The Interstate Platform Service has sent out copies of the Will Hays letter which was published in The Billboard recently to all of its chautauqua committees. Nelson Trimble, in writing about it, says: "I want to thank you for the good way you are running the platform. I'm for you."

The recent convention of the Southeastern Iowa Lyceum Dealers proved to be almost a lyceum convention as well. There were present among the entertainers and speakers, High, Wassman, Taggart and the Cambrea Quartet.

Dr. Russell Conwell, of Philadelphia, announces that he is preparing to publish a biography of John Wanamaker. Such a book should be doubly interesting on account of the notable character of both Mr. Wanamaker and Dr. Conwell.

Salina, Ia., held a "Winter Chautauqua" February 6, 7, 8, 9, using two musical companies from Parsons College, of Fairfield, Ia., and two professional lecturers. The winter chautauqua promised at one time to become an important feature of platform life, but the smaller summer chautauquas seem to have discouraged it. There are many things in favor of the winter chautauqua, however.

Paul Sunshine Dietrich had four solid weeks in January with the Antrim Bureau, and 24 lectures were delivered in 24 days. On February 1 the Kansas University wrote him that his time with it for 1923-'24 had all been sold. Dietrich has started an eight weeks' trip with the United Bureau, of Columbus, O. This is his ninth year with Ferrante and his tenth season with the United.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Toy are touring thru Kansas under the direction of the Extension Department of the University of Kansas. They write us in regard to Lieut. J. Dunton Sherman, who is traveling with them, and mention him as being a lecturer with a strong message and as being a speaker of commanding personality and strength. We are glad to get these good words from the road and to know of new speakers who have genuine messages.

Private Peat spoke before the Chicago Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel La Salle on February 7.

The Midland Lyceum Bureau, of Des Moines, Ia., J. Robert Cornell, manager, offers on its circuit for 1923-'24 the following features: George C. Aydelott, lecturer; Charles Edwin Shank, entertainer; The Seller-Young Company, The Dorothy Ellen Cole Company and The Bubble. The Billboard, in its issue of January 27, gave the circuit being presented by the Holladay Lyceum Bureau as being that of the Midland. The mistake often occurs, because Mr. Holladay has been managing the Midland Chautauqua.

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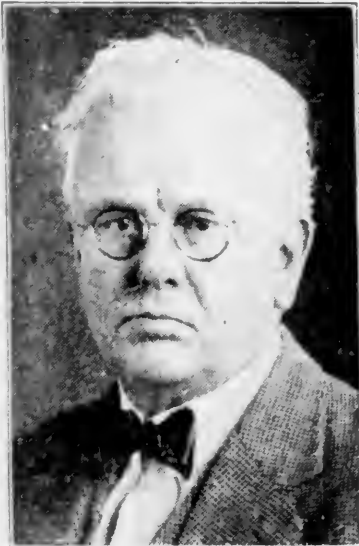
AH! THOSE WERE THE DAYS

By W. M. MORROW

Ah! Those were the days. You young folks with your mechanical amusement devices born of a motor age know nothing of the unalloyed pleasures of the early eighties when amusement, from necessity, was the creation of its devotees.

Young folks of those days did not require the present complex schedule of amusements that now is the demand of the average American boy or girl. Their pleasures were not only occasional but simplified. The present taste is not natural, it is acquired. Is it any wonder then that when a minstrel show contest was arranged for between Grove City, Pa., and Jamestown, Pa., in 1880, it was acclaimed as the event of the year in both communities?

Joe R. Ketter, well-known playwright and entertainer, of Grove City, was the sole mem-



ber of the dancing team that contested for Grove City that night. He danced against three teams, and while the "Minstrel Groves Team" would not be laid to the charge of Mr. Ketter, if the reports of witnesses be true he sure put over some exhibition of clog dancing. Of course you must be informed at once before you begin to doubt that in those days Joe was not carrying around the avoidopolis with which he now dignifies his old age.

test still lingers as fresh in his memory as the night of its happening as the most spectacular of a lifetime of thrill.

LITTLE THEATERS (Continued from page 43)

annual event. In addition to 200 of a cast of local talent several outside professional acts have been booked, notably that of Jules Brazil, of Toronto, Canada's premiere comic, in songs and monologs; Gus Hill, of Montreal, songs and patter; Marjorie Hallick, of "The Canadiana Trio", who is staying in Ottawa for a short holiday; Cliff McAdam, soloist, of Acollan Record fame, and Orville Johnston's Orchestra and Melody Boys. The book and lyrics for the revue are by Frank Badgley, assisted by Marjorie Hallick, and not the least feature of the three-day engagement is an apache dance by these two artists.

The Philoexia Society of Columbia University, a dramatic organization, presented "Julius Caesar" in the Town Hall, New York City, on February 8, 9 and 10, with special Friday and Saturday matinees. The students were coached by Louis Calvert of the Theater Guild production, "R. U. R.", and Moffat Johnston, now appearing in "Six Characters in Search of an Author", with the result that a very distinguished audience was regaled with a highly finished performance.

Moved by the desire to perpetuate the picturesque Spanish life of early California, Holbrook Bilia, the well-known actor and native of San Francisco, canceled a season's engagement in New York to present to San Franciscoas "The Bad Man", a typical Spanish play, with a Mexican borderland setting, feeling that since he had the ideal play for the purpose there was no time like the present. So Mr. Bilia, who has been starring successfully in the play, arranged with Thomas Wilkes, owner of the Alcazar Theater, Frisco, to present "The Bandit" at his theater beginning February 4. This arrangement also enabled Mr. Bilia to visit his father, Colonel Charles H. Bilia, who, at the age of eighty, has recently completed forty-four years' service in the San Francisco Custom House.

"Upon the successful development and expansion of the little theater movement in America depends almost solely the extent to which the drama will be able to stage a comeback and once again offer competition upon even footing with motion pictures, the musical comedies and the burlesque shows," said Otis Skinner in addressing members of the Akron (O.) Civic Drama Association at the Akron Little Theater January 25.

"The actor decried the dearth of good manuscripts for the legitimate stage and declared that this scarcity of acceptable plays is responsible for the sudden reversion to Shakespearean drama as a sweeping New York. "New York is choked with actors, bad, good and indifferent, who are making apathetic attempts to play Shakespearean manuscripts," he said. "We shall soon be overrun with companies putting on Shakespearean drama unless playwrights shall come forward with conceptions of their brains that will enable the legitimate

stage to present the sort of drama that will be attractive and will be able to compete with motion pictures and musical comedies."

The Akron Little Theater is now being used for the presentation of plays by local talent.

In spite of a severe blizzard, which crippled the electric power, the Community Players of Middleboro, Mass., went ahead with a scheduled performance at the Towa Hall. They improvised lighting by means of lamps. Three one-act plays: "The Shepherd in the Distance", by Holland Hudson; "Dust of the Road", by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman, and "Neighbors", by Zona Gale, were presented. Mrs. Frank A. Crosier, Mrs. Edith Flaney and Elin Rosen directed the plays. They were rehearsed during the laboratory periods of the drama institute held by Middleboro Community Service under the supervision of George Junkla. The Community Service Players of Seattle, Wash., have for a year and a half been demonstrating the community drama idea to organizations and neighborhoods. Now they are turning their attention to organizing and supervising the groups they have interested in dramatics.

Warren, O., is soon to organize a permanent dramatic group as the result of a program of one-act plays recently presented under the direction of Community Service. "The Florist Shop", by Walfrid Hawkrigde; "The Maker of Dreams", by Oliphant Downs, and "Neighbors", by Zona Gale, were chosen for this first venture in community drama. Negley K. Teeters directed, and was assisted by William Konold, Mrs. Frank Rose and Mrs. Arner Clark. Warren is enthusiastic about the quality of the amateur talent displayed.

The dramatic Club of Yakima, Wash., which is under the auspices of Yakima Community Service, presented its first bill of plays in the high school auditorium. "Joint Owners in Spain" was on the program.

As a result of the Community Drama Week and the dramatic institute conducted in Jackson, Mich., in November by Nina Lamkia, a Dramatic Council with five departments has been organized under Community Service. Among the departments are a Biblical drama group and a group interested in promoting children's dramatics. The council meets each Tuesday evening, when the program includes the reading, rehearsing and production of a one-act play each month. The productions will not be made public as yet.

The Community Players of Visalia, Calif., have affiliated with Community Service and will give regular performances in the municipal auditorium.

MUSICAL MUSINGS (Continued from page 45)

er; George Strothers, trumpet, drums and marimba; Edw. K. Eagan, sax, and clarinet, and W. Glenn Hoffman, trombone and xylophone.

Ted Carlson, formerly clarinetist with the Sells-Floto, John Robinson and other shows, recently arrived in Seattle from a tour of the Orient with the Jazz band on the S. S. President Jefferson. Engagements were played in Yokohama and Kobe, Japan; Shanghai and Hoag Koag, China, and Manila, P. I. Other musicians who made the trip are F. Campbell, viola; R. Raathum, piano; S. Denhoff, sax, and trumpet, and O. Davis, drums. Carlson played sax, and clarinet.

R. G. Snyder, former tromper, is now located at Frankfort, Ky., where he plans to open a studio of music in the near future, which means he will not be on the road this year. He plays trumpet in the Gobber-Triplett Orchestra, a fast-stepping dance combination well known in and around Frankfort. Frank Golden, pianist and violist, is leader; Eugene Triplet, manager, plays sax, and trombone; George Caplinger, sax, and piano; Ernest Hope, banjo and cello; Virgil Gaines, sax; Claude Stone, bass; Harry Triplet, drums, and Hardin Shaw, singer.

Walter Schofield, of the Palace Theater Orchestra in Burlingame, Ia., has to say about the cornet and trumpet: "Those who have heard Herbert L. Clarke will say that the cornet is the king of brass band instruments. All big bands use a cornet in the first chair, not a trumpet. The cornet is a far better instrument for solo work in band than the trumpet. But the trumpet is a beautiful instrument in the orchestra—its tone is lighter and penetrating and blends nicely with the strings and reeds. Such artists as Clarke, Ernest Beckin, Bert Brown, Frank Simoa, Chas. W. Storm and Bohumir Kryl prefer a cornet. As one who has had twenty years of experience as cornetist and trumpeter with various bands and orchestras throuth the

United States, I believe the artists previously named would class the cornet best as a solo instrument in band and the trumpet in orchestra."

Thos. W. Bulger, bandmaster of the Skiff & Gaylord Minstrels, is conducting a tailor shop in Uniontown, Pa., where he is president of the Triangle Band. Bulger accounts for the presence of former trompers with the following on some of the members of the thirty-five-piece organization: "F. M. Johnson, cornet and conductor, formerly was with the Chautauqua Orchestra, of Chautauqua, N. Y.; C. B. Price, cornet; F. M. Carothers, clarinet, and Ames Thompson, drummer, are of the Buffalo Bill Band; P. H. Heckenbry, baritone, was with the Buffalo Bill Show and also on Nell O'Brien's Minstrels; Arthur Riddle, cornet, was with the Ragging Show; O. I. Stone, baritone, is of Reach & Bowers' Minstrels, and H. H. Bulger was bandmaster of the Haverly-Cleveland Minstrels. The band is three years old. Price and Thompson are still in regular harness as members of local theater orchestras. Heckenbry is a practicing chiropractor here."

Bulger concludes with the information that the recently organized fifty-five-piece symphony orchestra of Uniontown, under direction of J. Perigre, violist, was scheduled to give its first concert February 11 in the new \$750,000 State Theater in that town.

Herbert L. Clarke, celebrated cornet soloist, has resigned as conductor of the Anglo-Canadian Concert Band, of Huntsville, Ont., Can., and in April, when the resignation becomes effective, will make his home in California. At that time he will have completed an engagement of five years in the Northern town. The following is quoted from a Huntsville paper:

"Mr. Clarke is easily one of the best-known musicians on the American continent, and has for years held the unchallenged title of 'The World's Premier Cornet Soloist'. He was for twenty-five years with Sousa, as personal agent and assistant conductor, and with that famous musician traveled around the globe. Prior to associating himself with Sousa he was soloist with Gilmore, with whom he remained until the latter's death.

"During his five years in Huntsville Mr. Clarke has raised the Anglo-Canadian Concert Band into a place of prominence with the best musical organizations in America. As a concert band it has few equals on the continent. Mr. Clarke, who came to Huntsville to create something new in band organization, has demonstrated to the music world of America what can be done in wind instrument orchestral development, even with amateurs constituting the bulk of his organization."

A few weeks ago O. A. Peterson expressed an opinion in these columns in which he regarded the tone of a cornet more highly than that of a trumpet. In a subsequent issue Chas. A. Luse made reply to Peterson, taking an opposite view, and suggested that they engage in a contest, the outcome of which, Luse predicted, would be in favor of the trumpet. Now comes Peterson with his reply: "The contest proposed by Luse would hardly prove anything as to the merits of the trumpet as compared to the cornet. A solo played by myself on the cornet and by Luse on trumpet would only be a test of the individual musicianship of the participants.

"The better way would be for the same man to play the instruments alternately; say, a song melody, first on the trumpet and then on the cornet. Let the listeners be such as we find in a theater audience, music-lovers, who have so opinion formed in advance.

"I am quite sure that the verdict would be unanimous in favor of the cornet. It could hardly be otherwise, because a cornet has a more pleasing and more musical tone.

"All great artists use a regular cornet in band work. No bandmaster of any note would permit a trumpet to occupy first, second or third chair.

"A trumpet is useful only in depicting scenes of violence, tumult, trouble and storms; or in representing martial conditions and patriotism in military episodes.

"It is not a solo instrument only inasmuch as a fanfare or grand flourish is a solo.

"It is decidedly out of place in playing a simple pastoral or song melody.

"There is where the beauties of a cornet stand out.

"The trumpet is too shrill on the high tones and raspy on the low tones. It approaches more nearly to the jazz effect than does the cornet."

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William A. Brady announces a presentation of "La Flamme", an adaptation of Charles Mery's French play, at the Playhouse, New York, for February 10. In the cast are Jane Grey, Kenneth MacKenna, Helen Bolton, John Cromwell, Frederick Graham, Nellie Bent, P. H. Crosby and St. Claire Hale. It will be presented as a regular Broadway attraction as soon as Mr. Brady has completed negotiations for a house.

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C. L. Alderfer, owner of the Alderfer Show, writes that they put up all tents February 1 in ideal circus weather, and had everything in line shape for the opening, February 3, near Hotwell, La., but that there was a cold rain all day, which turned to sleet by night, resulting in one of the worst snow and sleet storms that that part of the country has had in years.

AMERICAN TENT CORP.

Increases Facilities of Establishment

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Edward P. Neumann, of the American Tent Corporation, told The Billboard this week that he is increasing the facilities of the establishment, adding machines and other equipment, and that it has been found necessary to put more girls and tent finishers at work.

EDWIN CAPPS SEEKS AID

The following letter from Edwin R. Capps, Jasper, Ark., is self-explanatory: "I am in jail and want to acquaint my many show friends of my condition and the situation as it stands. I do not dream it out of place to give a short biography of my past life. I went on the road with the W. C. Clark Circus as musician in 1896. From that time to 1912 I trouped with various circuses and carnivals as a handman, usually as bandmaster. In 1914 I entered the show business as owner of a small traveling show, featured moving pictures and have been operating my own enterprises since then.



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SAM BURGDORF IN CHICAGO

TO ARRANGE SUMMER PLANS

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Sam Burgdorf, who has signed as general agent of Sull's Bros. Circus this season, arrived from New York Tuesday and is beginning to figure on the new season. While on the way to Chicago Mr. Burgdorf stopped off at Beaver Falls, Pa., and visited Harry Traver, of the Traver Engineering Company. He was entertained for dinner in Mr. and Mrs. Traver's home, located on an eminence commanding a view of the Susquehanna river for many miles.

MILLER'S DOG AND PONY CIRCUS

Manager Miller is getting the Miller Dog and Pony Circus ready for the coming season. Mechanics are working on three trucks and three trailers, the show going out with seven trucks and three trailers. A six-pony drill will be added to the performance. The show will carry a lighting plant and will tour Michigan, Indiana and Ohio territory and then go South, remaining out all winter, only stopping long enough during the holidays for overhauling. This show will be remembered as the Robbins One-Ring Overland Show, Mr. Miller having bought Mr. Robbins' interest last August.

KELLY'S ONE-RING CIRCUS

Captain W. O. Kelly, of Washington, D. C., is busy breaking new animal acts for his new one-ring circus. Recent additions are a troupe of trained dogs and a pony act. Most of the artists have been engaged and work around the quarters is proceeding with speed, as the show opens early in April. According to Captain Kelly, this show will be a real outfit and will play some good spots. While on the road Kelly will break a big lion act, to be used in the performance.

TWO OLDTIMERS MEET

A very interesting meeting occurred recently in the Kansas City office of The Billboard. R. L. Atterbury, owner of the Atterbury Wagon Show (dog and pony circus), was in the office visiting while en route from his winter quarters in Sioux City, Iowa, to Indiana to secure and ship back some equipment he had stored there, when in came Miles Berry, well known agent, last season connected with the Al G. Barnes Circus. These two "old cronies" had not seen each other in 14 years, the time of their last meeting being at Hober Springs, Ark., where Berry was managing an opera house and Mr. Atterbury was just organizing his wagon shows, which opened at Monett, Mo., shortly thereafter. There was much "kidding" and general goodfellowship.

SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS

To Open in Chicago April 7 for Sixteen Days' Engagement

The Sells-Floto Circus, subtitled "second largest circus in the world", opens the season at the Coliseum, Chicago, Saturday, April 7, for sixteen days' engagement. This show will have forty-seven cars back and three in advance, according to an official report.

WALLIS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 10.—H. E. Wallis, contracting press agent seasons 1920-'21 under Ed Knupp on the Hagenback-Wallace Circus, was a Chicago visitor this week.

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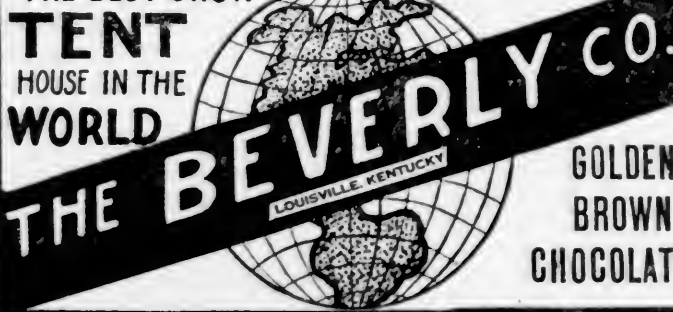
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UNDER THE MARQUEE

By CIRCUS SOLLY

Frank Cook, of the Ringling-Barnum executive staff, is in and out of New York as is necessitated by his connection.

J. H. Russell, of Russell Bros.' Shows, who has not been on the road for some time, informs that he will go out in April.

Joe Lattus, who has been away from the circus field for three seasons, will be on the No. 1 car of the Sells-Floto Circus this season, says J. Gathus.

High (Silvers) Goldsberry has signed with the Wm. Schulz Circus to do his wire act and work in clown alley. He was with the Wade and May (Carnival) Shows last season, doing a free act.

Leahy Bros. played the Hippodrome, Youngstown, O., week of January 22, and were sorry they didn't see their old friend, Bob Thatcher. They have not met since they tramped together on the LaTeza Circus in 1913.

C. W. Sells recently clowned at the Shrine Indoor Circus for Jack Lyles in Washington, N. C. Sells will be with the Sells-Floto Circus this season.

Gordon Morehouse and Eddie Orth, of Kenosha, Wis., who have been wintering at the trouper's hotel (Flacher), will be with the Ringling-Barnum advance this season. George Orth will also be with the show.

Latest reports from Great Klills, Staten Island, N. Y., have it that Stanley Dawson, of the Ringling-Barnum Circus, is still resting comfortably in his winter quarters at that place.

Memnonia, Wis., has available ten acres of level land joining pavement, suitable for circuses and carnivals, informs H. C. Inenfeldt, chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Commercial Club.

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making its first stand at San Diego, says Prince Elmer, press agent. Frank Haner has the band, Joe Bradley the canvas, and George King is in charge of the ponies.

Mayor Evans, of Geneva, O., has extended a free license to the Walter L. Main Circus in the event that it shows there. "If you come, make it a Walter L. Main Day," says the mayor. The Main show was in Geneva about twenty-five winters.

Chas. Eugene Dearth, the electric clown, who

was in clown alley on the Sells-Floto Circus for five seasons from 1916, was married at Memphis, Tenn., February 7 to Jeannette Musso, cashier of the Pantages Theater, that city.

Joe D. Cramer, P. T. Barnum's Original elastic skin man, and Betty, Alligator Girl, called with Manager H. W. McGeary from San Francisco for Honolulu, February 5, for the Elks' Exhibition. They will return some time in March and put in the season at Venice Pier. Mrs. McGeary accompanied her husband. Business was good at Venice this winter for the

McGeary attractions, says Cramer. Cramer has been in the show business since 1881. Says that he proved a drawing card on the West Coast, it being his first trip to California.

Lemnal Tobias Hemmingway informs Solly that the following will be in the cookhouse on the Sparks' Circus this season: Charles Pease (Band Wagon Fat), steward; John L. Downing, head waiter; Paddy Nolan, first cook (chef); Jim Mullen, pantryman; Joshua Brown, campfire man; James Malloy and Mother Flynn, waiters.

Orlando Martin, master mechanic of the Spaul Family Show, now in quarters at Adelphia, O., writes that he has completed a stage on a truck, size 15 by 22, with footlights installed and that it can be folded and used to carry reserved seats and poles. It can be placed in position and ready to work on in fifteen minutes.

A few "remembers" by Doc Whitham: "When Lee Smith was producing clown with Kinzie's Overland Shows? When Doc Whitham and Hank Phillips were with Sneed's Vaudeville Show? When Chas. Riley and Dan Border were with Carl Clark's Circus? When Couchman and Craig had their vaudeville show? When Joe Witherstone made openings on the Empire State Shows?" Doc says that Chas. Riley, formerly blacksmith with the Ringling Bros.' Circus, will not troupe this season. Riley is located at the Grand Opera House, Syracuse, N. Y.

The Novelty Larkins (Kari and Della), with the Sparks Circus last season, are playing the R. F. Keith Vaudeville Circuit out of Chicago. They had their route so arranged that they could play the Wichita (Kan.) Shrine Circus week of February 12, and the Pure Food Show at their home, Springfield, Mo., the following week. They then go back on their vaudeville route at the Columbia Theater, St. Louis. The Larkins had an enjoyable winter, playing many cities where they were entertained by friends. At Middletown, O., they were royally treated by Bee Jung and parents, and at Detroit, Mich., by Tommy Mullens and Kid Hamilton. Mrs. Larkins' brother, Honest Bill, visited the Larkins at Wichita.

From C. M. Corwin: "Many thanks to Joe Artress Belmont for his 'Who remembers the Mabury, Pullman & Hamilton Show in 1852.'"

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THE CORRAL

By ROWDY WADDY

Tex. Crockett—A few lines from you, old boy.

Julia Allen—Will your outfit troupe this season?

Colorado Cotton—Where and when for you in 1923?

Bryan Roach—Where are you to be found this year?

Tex. Cooper—Will you be with the H. & W. Circus in 1923?

Pete Morrison—How goes everything in the movies with you?

George Barton—Will it be a wagon Wild West, or what, in 1923?

Dakota Max—How about your carnival Wild West the coming season?

What ever happened to Buck Yarbough, T. Y. Stokes, Pablo Martinez?

Inquiries for Frank Maish, well known in Wild West circles as "S-out".

Lulu B. Parr—Are you still "with it", and, if so, where the coming season?

Jimmy Kinney—Hear you are Wild Westing in the movies. How about it?

Joe Greer—How about your Wild West concert with the circus this season?

Johnie Mullin—Where are you wintering, and will you "Judge 'em" in 1923?

Vern Tantlinger—Let us have the news of the Tex-Alex Wild West for 1923.

Jack King—Let's have the news on the I. N. L. outfit for the coming season.

Barney Damerest—Let us have the news relative to your 1923 Wild West plans.

Wild Horse Mike Brahm—Let us hear what you and your outfit will do during the 1923 season.

Bob Anderson and Orly Eagles—Hear that you will Wild West 'em thru California this season.

California Frank Halfey—The news of your activities for 1923 should be announced. Let's hear of them.

Hank Darnell—Rumor has it you will be with Tommy Kernan's outfit the coming season. How about it?

Cy Compton—Let us have the dope on the Wild West concert layout for the 1923 season with the R. B. & B. Show.

Cuba Crutchfield—Hear you are around New York City. Let us hear from you as to your plans for the coming season.

Milt Hinkle—What lineup have you in the way of folks for your 1923 season? Hear you go back to Zeidman & Pottle Shows.

Jason Stanley—We learn that possibly you may leave your law practice for the summer

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months to be a Wild West hand again. Is that true?

Tommy Kirnan is wintering at Dallas, Tex., where he has his stock quartered in one of the barns on the State fair grounds.

Fred Burns—Many of your old-time cronies of the Buffalo Bill Show and later of the Ringling Bros. Shows, would like to read a few lines as to how things are with you and if you are still in the movies.

Some fellow wrote a letter from Alabama, giving some news notes on himself and family, and without giving his name or signing the communication. (Can't pass it on to the folks, pard, as we don't know who to talk about.)

Bill Penny advised from Denver, Col., that he had closed a contract with Harry N. Shafer, manager of the Pageant of Progress to be held at Denver in a few months, to furnish his Bill Penny's Wild West Attraction at the event.

Then Bill (Tex.) Sherman, who is still in Chicago, Powdy was last week informed that while "Cheyenne Days" was playing Panhandle Theater, Oakland, Calif., two weeks ago, Gus Hornbrook, owner of the act, suffered the loss by death of his valuable blind leg-walking horse, Delmar, which was worn

to thousands of persons throuth the country. Hornbrook had held this animal as not for sale at any price.

How about letting us know your whereabouts, you contestants? Inquiries received every day for some of you. Why not keep the Mail Forwarding Department of The Billboard posted as to where mail will reach you promptly?

Walter (Kid) Eagan writes that he has been doing nicely in New Jersey. He wants to know if "Shorty" Butcher, Tad Barnes, Frank Stanley and other rappers have "run out of ink" and wants them to "kick in" with some news of themselves.

A reader from Waco writes: "Until your proposed association is an accomplished fact championships in cowboy sports are a joke. All contestants who are not afraid of honest decisions are with you and for you in your agitation for a REAL ASSOCIATION."

A reader from Hiram, Mont., says: "We in this state have seen and participated in many contests. Some were all right and others were not. One of the poor ones has had the game in this section to a greater extent than you can imagine. A REAL association, the members of which represent the little contests as well as the big ones, is what is needed, and until such an association is formed and run

properly the contest as a genuine, honest competition cannot be considered seriously."

It would seem that opinions regarding the association to govern competitive cowboy sports generally favor the organization of such an institution. Now is the time for those who are considered leaders in the business to go on record as to their sincerity in effecting such an organization.

Guy Weadick paved the way for frontier contests in New York with his 1916 Stampede. Tex Austin had his Rodeo in Madison Square Garden in 1922. Now a rumor has it that John Klingling and Tex Rickard expect to stage a cowboy contest in that building, on their own hook, during the coming fall.

There will be a special car of contestants' stock shipped from Ft. Worth to the San Antonio contest. It will return, leaving San Antonio by passenger service, the night of March 4, arriving in Ft. Worth the morning of March 5, which is the date of the opening of the rodeo there. Two contests so early in the season seem to point to increased activities in the contest game during 1923.

Doubtless many friends of John Fuller, the well-known Wild West entertainer, who suffered severe injuries in a railroad wreck about a year ago when an elephant fell on him (according to report), and now is partially paralyzed on one side, and cannot see to read and write very well, would appreciate dropping him a few lines now and then to aid in driving away loneliness. He is said to be receiving watchful attention and it is understood that his condition is improving. Letters from friends will be read to him. Address John Fuller, 1345 Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

From a reader in California: "Those who want to see the buckaroo sports continue and be appreciated at their true value—whether they be promoters, committees, contestants or the public—will have to adopt the methods your paper has so long and earnestly fought for, namely, an official association, the members comprising representatives from practically every contest, large or small, who are sincere in the continuation of this form of sport and entertainment. The checker in all branches of cowboy contest business has to go. The association is the proper, legitimate and logical way."

The Ft. Worth Rodeo, which will be held in connection with the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, at Ft. Worth, Tex., March 3-10, will present novel certificates to winners in the form of ribbons for the winners of day moneys and finals of each event. These ribbons will be similar to those presented to winners in the live stock division, according to Fog Horn (Clancy, manager of the rodeo, who also states that while the Ft. Worth Rodeo is considered one of the largest in the United States, there does not appear on any advertising connected with the show or in any other manner any claims to world's championship events or titles.

Already Guy Weadick has started the publicity campaign for The Stampede he is staging in conjunction with the 1923 Calgary Exhibition. It was first thought that the first week in July would be the dates. It has been changed. The dates now are week of July 9 to 14. The event will be widely advertised, announcements having already been made in England regarding it. Large delegations of prominent people, both socially and politically, from the "Old Country", are expected to witness the celebration and participate in the reproduction of the historical signing of the Indian Treaty of 1876. There is a possibility that the Duke of York, brother of the Prince of Wales, may be visiting Canada at that time, and if so he will be asked to officially open the celebration.

From Cleve LaRue (written at Defiance, O.): "While playing Eagles' Theater, Wabash, Ind., recently, we learned that Miss Marie Stevenson, a former rider with the John Robinson Circus, was confined to her room with illness. Doubtless many will remember that this little lady received a bad fall with the Robinson Show two years ago, receiving a broken leg, several ribs broken and otherwise bruised, at her home town, Wabash. A few lines from her friends would be greatly appreciated by Marie. She can be addressed to Postoffice Box 58, Wabash, Ind. Our engagement at the Temple Theater, Ft. Wayne, Ind., last week, was very pleasant. The Indian act, John and Princess Two Eagles, was on the bill. They had a very pleasing act and it was well received by the Temple patrons. Also, at Ft. Wayne, we enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allman. Here's best to all the boys and girls of Wild West and The Corral."

A few words of assurance: So far Rowdy Waddy has not written so much as one letter to any contest committee or member thereof, nor to any contestant, urging or soliciting cooperation toward getting an association started. All that Rowdy Waddy and The Billboard have had to say on the matter has been done right in public print and under the above (The Corral) heading, "BILLBOY" is of the impression that CONFIDENCE and SUPPORT of the various event heads and contestants can

Here is a sample of communications for publication (that count right now toward the forming of an Association of Frontier Sports Events) let's have more of them—write them at once and get the big ball of progress under way!

Ft. Worth, Tex., Feb. 6.
Editor The Billboard—The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show has authorized me to tell you that this organization will send a representative to a meeting anywhere in the United States, and will join and take an active part in any organization that really has the elevation of the contest game as its objective. (Signed) "FOG HORN" (CLANCY (Manager the Rodeo Department)).

WESTERN CANADA FAIRS FORM TWO ASSOCIATIONS

Will Have Separate Organizations, But Continue To Co-Operate

At the annual meeting of the Class "A" and Class "B" Fairs of Western Canada, held in Calgary, Alta., January 25 and 26, many changes of importance were effected...

The Class "A" fairs will in future be known as the Western Canada Association of Exhibitions while the Class "B" fairs will retain the name of the Western Canada Fairs Association...

The Western Canada Fairs Association will in future comprise the fairs at Estevan, Weyburn, Red Deer, Camrose, Lloydminster, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Melford and Lethbridge...

A rearrangement of dates for the big fairs was effected which it is hoped will work out to the satisfaction of exhibitors...

This eliminates the backward haul which has been necessary in past years, and should result in considerable reduction in railway expenses.

It is worthy of note that never before in the history of organized exhibition activity in Western Canada had there been offered for the consideration of the members such a splendid array of feature attractions as this year...

COLORADO COUNTY FAIRS' SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The sixth annual meeting of the Colorado County Fairs Association will be held at Rocky Ford February 16 and 17, and during the four sessions a large number of subjects will be up for discussion...

Roud McCann, who is at the head of the extension department of the Colorado Agricultural College, will tell of the relationship of the county agent to the county fair...

On Friday evening the delegates will be guests of the Arkansas Valley Fair Association at a banquet and entertainment program...

It is announced that an opportunity will be given advertising men to display their goods and there will be a number of looking agents present.

The morning of February 16 will be devoted to registration and appointment of committees and discussion of general fair topics...

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Of State and District Associations of Fairs

International Association of Fairs and Expositions, spring meeting, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, February 21 and 22...

International Motor Contest Association, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, February 19

American Trotting Association, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, February 20; W. H. Smolinger, secretary, Chicago

Colorado County Fairs Association, Rocky Ford, Col., February 16 and 17. J. L. Baman, secy., Pueblo, Col.

Association of Georgia Fairs, Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., February 14 and 15. R. M. Striplin, acting secy., Atlanta, Ga.

Michigan Association of Fairs, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich., February 27 and 28.

Colorado County Fairs Association, Rocky Ford, Col., February 16 and 17

National Assn. of Colored Fairs, Norfolk, Va., February 22. Robert Cross, national secretary, 1008 Church street, Norfolk, Va.

Other association meetings will be listed as the dates are announced. Secretaries of State, District and Racing Circuits are invited to send notices of their annual meetings to be included in this list.

THE THAVIU BAND AND ORIGINAL MUSICAL SPECIALTIES. A. F. THAVIU, 303 STEINWAY HALL, CHICAGO

Circuit of South Louisiana Fairs Commencing September Thirty, Ending November Seventeen. Including LaFayette, Donaldsonville, Franklinton, Covington, Hammond, Jennings, Lake Charles, Want Independent Riding Devices, Tent Shows and Concessions. No Carnivals Wanted—Everything Must Come Clean. Address A. A. ORMSBY, Sec'y, Florida Parish Fair, Hammond, La.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY FAIR LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., October 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. LITTLETON AGRICULTURAL FAIR LITTLETON, N. C., October 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1923.

TAX LEVY REPEAL BAD FOR TENNESSEE FAIRS. A recent issue of The Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tenn., contained a strong protest against repeal of the one-mill tax levy for fairs of Tennessee...

OHIO HAD "NO-PASS" FAIR. J. W. Fleming, manager of the South Carolina State Fair, writes as follows in regard to "no-pass" fairs: "Have just read with interest story of 'no-pass' Montana Fair. Well, the original no-pass fair was your own Ohio State Fair."

E. NORTH CAROLINA FAIRS MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS. A meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Fair Circuit was held at Rocky Mount, January 29. The following fairs were represented: Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Raleigh, Kinston and Greenville.

ERIE EXPOSITION TO HAVE NEW BUILDINGS. Frank Baeder, who has made such a splendid showing as secretary and manager of the Erie Exposition, Erie, Pa., has been re-elected for the ensuing year.

IOWA-ILLINOIS CIRCUIT. At the annual meeting of the Iowa-Illinois Fair Circuit, held in Burlington, Ia., recently, there were representatives from Mt. Pleasant, Eldon, Columbus Junction, Burlington, Ia., and Carthage, Quincy, La Harpe and Macomb, Ill.

RUFUS CATES HEADS FAIRS OF ALBERTA. Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 6.—Rufus Cates, of Oyen, was elected president of the Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association at the conclusion of the two days' convention here, January 27.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF STATE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS OF FAIRS. International Association of Fairs and Expositions, spring meeting, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, February 21 and 22.

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E. F. EDWARDS RE-ELECTED As Secretary-General Manager of Rochester Exposition—Fair Has Had Wonderful Growth

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Edgar E. Edwards was re-elected secretary and general manager of the Rochester Exposition Association at its annual meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 7. He had held this position since the inception of the enterprise in 1911...

The outstanding features at Rochester are the wonderful modern Horse Show, headed by everyone to be one of the greatest exhibitions of its kind in the country...

The 1923 exposition will be held during Labor Day week, September 3 to 5.

KANSAS OIL BELT CIRCUIT. Parsons, Kan., Feb. 6.—Members of the Kansas Oil Belt Racing Circuit met here January 25 to select racing dates for the circuit...

USUAL DATES FOR THE SPOKANE INTERSTATE FAIR. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 9.—The Spokane Interstate Fair will open on Labor Day as usual this year...

DATES FOR FAIRS OF THE EAST TENNESSEE FAIR CIRCUIT FOR 1923. Tri-County Fair Association—Lafollette, Tenn., Aug. 29th to Sept. 1st.

DATES FOR FAIRS OF THE EAST TENNESSEE FAIR CIRCUIT FOR 1923. East Tenn. Fair Association—Sweetwater, Tenn., Sept. 11th to 14th.

DATES FOR FAIRS OF THE EAST TENNESSEE FAIR CIRCUIT FOR 1923. Newport Fair Association—Newport, Tenn., Oct. 3d to 5th.

DATES FOR FAIRS OF THE EAST TENNESSEE FAIR CIRCUIT FOR 1923. I. N. TAYLOR, Secretary East Tenn. Fair Circuit, SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

For Southwest American Live Stock Show and Industrial Exposition

The eighth annual Southwest American Live Stock Show and Industrial Exposition will be held in the new \$300,000 Coliseum Building, Oklahoma City, Ok., for seven days and nights, March 11 to 17, inclusive.

It is announced that \$25,000 in cash premiums will be given in the live stock division and \$20,000 will be spent for free attractions and amusements, making this a \$50,000 show.

In the merchants and manufacturers' division the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce is squarely behind this project and has guaranteed the sale of at least two hundred booths.

Draftsmen are now engaged in allotting the necessary acreage in addition to the Coliseum Building and Annex. The exposition will be staged in a building to be constructed west of the Coliseum.

A large amusement program will be presented with acts from the United Fairs Booking Association. "The Terrace Garden Revue" from Chicago, Lydia Van Gordon, contralto from the Chicago Grand Opera Company; Kuhn Chaquette Musical Entertainers, The A. and M. Band of eighty pieces, and others will go to make this one of the biggest amusement programs ever witnessed in an enterprise of this nature.

A state-wide advertising campaign is now in progress and direct results in attendance are assured, according to Henry B. Marks, general manager and director. He says prospects never were brighter, Oklahoma was never in a better condition, and from an educational and amusement standpoint this show will be one of the finest ever given in the great Southwest.

A fare and one-third for round trip has been granted by all the railroads, the first time since before the war.

MAINE FAIRS MEETING

Representatives from eleven fairs, out of a membership of thirteen, attended the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs, held in Lewiston, January 26 and 27. Many horsemen and showmen also were present, and at the annual banquet held on Wednesday evening more than 200 were assembled.

President J. Frank Gulou, of the Northern Maine Fair, Presque Isle, was in the chair and after the reading of reports of the secretary, R. M. Gilmore, and the treasurer, James S. Butler, officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: President, J. Frank Gulou, Presque Isle; vice-president, Dr. R. N. Randall, Lewiston; secretary, R. M. Gilmore, Waterville; treasurer, R. J. McKown, Portland. Mr. Butler declined re-election as treasurer.

There were several practical talks by men in various lines. H. W. Tucker, of the Department of Agriculture, made an address on "Live Stock Industry in Maine". E. H. Crawford, secretary of the Maine Sheep and Wool Growers' Association, urged better conditions for exhibiting sheep, and W. H. Goehler, secretary of the National Trotting Association, gave one of his characteristic talks on racing problems. William G. Hutton, of the Maine Central Railroad, talked on shipping problems.

The banquet on Wednesday evening was in charge of State fair officials, Dr. R. N. Randall, president of the Maine State Fair, acting as toastmaster. His introductions of the various speakers were made in a happy vein. Hon. Louis H. Brann, Mayor of Lewiston, spoke; Dr. Randall delivered a recitation in French dialect, and Walter Rapp, of the Brockton Fair, recited "The Pelican and the Egg". Harry C. Briggs, superintendent of grounds at Brockton Fair, told of the fair's half-century of progress. Following this there were a number of pleasing entertainment features. The evening's program was arranged by James S. Butler, secretary of the Lewiston Fair, and he was highly commended for its excellence.

Delegates met on Thursday and arranged the circuit dates for the year. A motion was adopted to have uniform race conditions, with a three per cent entrance and a seven per cent deduction.

The next annual meeting will be held in Portland in January, 1924, as guests of the Cumberland County Fair Association, of Gorham.

VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER SCORES VULGAR MIDWAYS

Richmond, Va., Feb. 10.—Hard upon the heels of the sixth annual convention of the Virginia Fairs Association, Col. George W. Kolner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a statement in which he declares war against what he terms "the vulgar midways that infest and pollute agricultural fairs in Virginia."

In his lengthy statement Col. Kolner, addressing himself to the farmers of the State, says such performances as have been given in late years "are a menace to good morals and to the home."

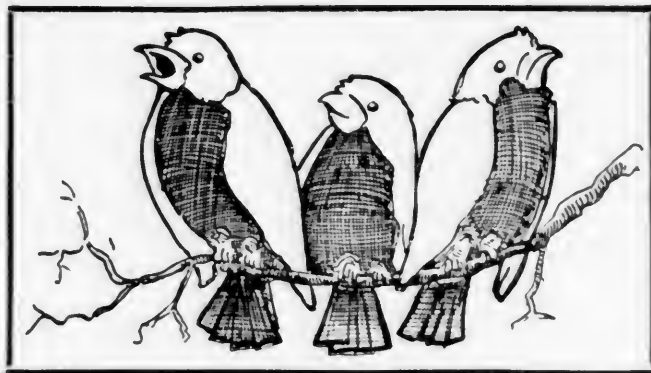
He says further: "Fortunately such conditions are not universal. There are fairs where midways have been excluded and they are making valuable contributions to farm community progress. These clean fairs are valuable stimulants to greater endeavor among the young folks of the farm."

"All good fairs should be encouraged and sustained and all those that do harm should be made to conform with restrictions that contribute to progress and prosperity."

TILLSONBURG (ONT.) FAIR

A record was made by the Tillsonburg (Ont.) Fair in 1922, according to the report submitted by Secretary A. E. Raynes at the annual meeting of the association held recently. Premiums were increased from \$170 in 1921 to \$250 in 1922. Last year there was a deficit of \$150 while this year the cash balance is \$375.00, and in addition over \$150 was spent on improvements at the fair grounds.

Harry C. Robert, recently elected year-round manager of the Chattanooga Valley Fair at Columbus, Ga., is on the job there and busy with plans for the forthcoming fair.



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SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

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Tampa, Fla., Feb. 6.—There are bigger fairs throuth the country, but never was a better one promoted than the 1923 South Florida Fair which opened here February 1 for a ten-day engagement. The present fair is not only very much larger and more complete than any of the previous remarkable exhibitions, but at the opening hour every section of the grounds, every booth and display was complete and ready for the visitors. To keep pace with the unprecedented demand for exhibit space the fair association this year undertook and completed the greatest building and improvement program in its history, involving approximately \$75,000. The buildings and improvements as appended: Grand stand of steel and reinforced concrete with a seating capacity of 4,000, new poultry building, new Streider Building (named in honor of I. I. Streider, manager of the fair), brick pavement circling race track, new fire station, beautification of main entrance and numerous minor improvements. An international tone is lent to the fair by the presence of an immense exhibit from the Dominion of Canada, arranged by L. H. White for the Canadian Government. It is exhibited in a new building 50x100 feet, named Canada Building, and approximately six carloads of materials were received from Canada. The poultry and dog shows probably have never been excelled south of the Mason-Dixon line.

There was a huge military parade to mark the opening day. Each day is designated as follows:

February 1—Military Day: Opening of fair and dedication of new grand stand at 10 a.m. Huge military parade at 1 p.m. followed by sham battle, exhibition drills, aviation sensations and fireworks.

February 2—Children's Day: All children admitted free. Special free-act program for kiddies at 10 a.m.

February 3—Canada Day: Address by Bruce Walker, of Canada, and free-act program.

February 5—Gasparilla Day: Capture of city by Gasparilla Krowe, and parade thru city. Governor Hardee and military staff arrive. Annual Rotary Press breakfast at Tampa Hay Casino in evening.

February 6—Governor's and Farmers' Day: Address by Governor Cary A. Hardee at fair grounds in afternoon. Luncheon for Governor and staff at noon. Gasparilla coronation ball at Tampa Hay Casino in evening.

February 7—California and Tourist Day: Special program for visiting delegation from California.

February 8—Shriners' Day: Parade and coronation by Shrine. Second annual Dog Show opens at fair.

February 9—Tampa Day: All Tampa stores and business houses close for fair. Dog Show classes.

February 10—Florida Day: Final announcement of awards.

There are some 25 big free acts, including sensational aviation stunts. Johnny J. Jones for the twelfth time is furnishing the amusement features and in the words of his famed "Hired Boy", Ed R. Salter, they are "Bigger, Greater and Better than ever."

CENTRAL MICHIGAN FAIR

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 10.—The 1923 Central Michigan Fair will be held in Lansing August 28 to September 1, the dates being announced today by Bert Eckert, promoter. The premiums will be about the same as last year. Extra display space is planned for exhibitors. The program will include harness races each afternoon, running races at twilight, and special fireworks.

FAIR NOTES

Officials of the Lincoln County Fair Association, Troy, Mo., announce that the fair dates recently given to the press for publication were incorrect and that the fair will be held August 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Plans for the 1923 Mississippi Valley Fair and Exposition, Davenport, Ia., will be formally launched at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company this week. Amendment of the by-laws, increasing the directorate from twelve to sixteen, will be voted upon.

The District Fair at Galesburg, Ill., went out of existence last week with the announcement that the 112 acres held by the association had been sold and would be platted in the spring for building lots or truck farms.

Reorganization and rehabilitation of the Kewanee District Fair, Kewanee, Ill., were enthusiastically approved at a meeting of the Kewanee Agricultural Board and it is proposed to increase the present capital stock of \$15,000 to a \$37,500 stock proposition. This latter amount represents valuation of the twenty-eight acres of land and the ten buildings. A meeting will be held February 21 to launch this plan.

The Maxwell Trio, comedy bar artistes, write from Dallas, Tex., that a fire caused by burning trash in the back yard adjoining their home completely destroyed their practice barn and all its contents, which included bar riggings, trampoline and other show property. They stated that their new apparatus has been purchased and they will open the first week in April for a Shrine Circus at Muskogee, Ok.

Uncle Hiram and Aunt Lucindy Hirdseed (Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis) sent the following wire from Tampa last week: "Midwinter greetings. South Florida Fair getting better every day in every way."

Yes, Boy! That Spring Special is going to be a hummer. Among the special articles will be one by A. P. ("Put") Sandies, president of the Ohio Fair Circuit—and "Put" has an original and picturesque way of saying things that you'll like. Better get your order in now.

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MANY CHANGES TO BE SEEN AT WHITE CITY THIS SEASON

Management of Chicago Resort Is To Spend Big Sum for New Features and Improvements

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The White City Amusement Company announces that many thousands of dollars will be spent in making its park greater and grander than ever for the coming summer. Since the close of the outdoor season last September the ballroom, casino, roller rink, bowling alleys and athletic field have continued to operate.

In developing new and sensational attractions the management reports the following changes: Extensive boardwalk improvements, reshaping and change of locations for concession booths, increased and more wonderful electrical effects, including an arrangement that calls for some 25,000 lights in the famous White City Tower, measuring over 300 feet in height, and greater seating accommodations for the athletic field, which is expected to attract big crowds as the home grounds for a Chicago team in the proposed Mid-West Baseball League. At intervals the athletic grounds also will be the location for circuses and fireworks displays.

About \$50,000 has been expended, it is stated, on decorations in the ballroom, and the floor of the roller rink has been resurfaced and an entirely new equipment of skates procured. The cyclone bows, a thrilling ride now in course of construction, is to be ready for the resort's opening date.

Numerous leading business houses of this city have contracted for special week night picnics and outings, the management advises.

The company's staff, which has undergone a few changes, is named herewith:

Herbert A. Byfield, president; Frank W. Berlin, vice-president; Ernest L. Byfield, secretary-treasurer; H. W. (Buck) Plain, manager; Frank Santechi, superintendent; Alex White,

auditor and assistant secretary-treasurer; Wm. Higgins, manager of dancing and skating; James A. Tinney, advertising and promotion manager; Frank Berk, manager of roller rink; Bert Moore, manager of ballroom and casino; Morris Fitzgibbons, floor manager of ballroom; Richard Starr, floor manager of casino; Claire (Sandy) Lang, floor manager of roller rink; Eddie Martin, manager of rink skateroom.

OPERATING PROFIT OF \$24,707 FOR CINCINNATI ZOO IN 1922

Increased Patronage Urged To Make Gardens a Continued Self-Supporting Institution

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cincinnati Zoological Park Association held last week it was reported by C. G. Miller, business manager, that a profit of \$24,707.54 was realized from operation in 1922. The sum does not represent a cash balance, as various permanent improvements and additions are treated as capital expenditures rather than operating expenses. Such improvements during the year cover an investment of \$54,537.45, of which only \$6,047.51 was charged to operating expenses. This must be paid off from future profits.

Visitors who paid admission to the Cincinnati Zoo last year numbered 548,489, an increase of 17,233 over 1921. The gross operating income from all sources for last year was \$22,950.37, total operating expenses being \$98,947.83, of which amount \$94,772.56 was expended for entertainment features during the summer. Receipts from day and night rate admissions represented 50.3 per cent of the net income from all sources, day admissions alone representing 60 per cent of that total.

The total increase in net income last year over 1921 was \$14,452.13, while the total increase in operating expense was \$9,414.73. The increase for amusement features alone was \$9,253.12 over the preceding year.

The report of Sol A. Stephan, general manager, places 1,638 as the number of living specimens maintained in the Zoo, including 132 mammals, 1,135 birds and seventy-one reptiles, valued at \$35,382. The sale of thirty-five mammals, thirty-one birds and 400 pheasant eggs last year brought \$2,948. During the same period there were eighty-three animals, 350 birds and eighty reptiles added to the Zoo collection thru purchase and fifty-seven animals and eighty-eight birds were born. Presentations included twenty-six birds, thirty-six animals and eleven reptiles.

The several deaths during 1922 included an old kangaroo, one llama, one ebu, a cinnamon bear and one camel.

Messrs. Miller and Stephan were appointed to continue in their respective capacities for 1923 and the election of trustees resulted in the naming of Walter A. Draper, August Herrmann, Charles J. Livingston, Alfred Mack, Chris H. Rembold, Charles P. Taft and George P. Carrel, Mayor of Cincinnati, ex-officio.

A campaign again is to be conducted for the sale of season coupon books at \$5 each, and it is hoped that over 5,000 will be disposed of.

The agreement which expired December 31, 1922, under which any deficit from operation would be paid, has been renewed by the same local public-spirited guarantors for 1923, but it is pointed out that increased patronage must be forthcoming if the Zoo is to be continued as a self-supporting institution.

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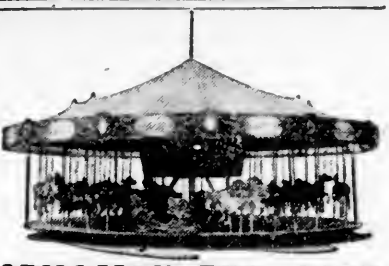
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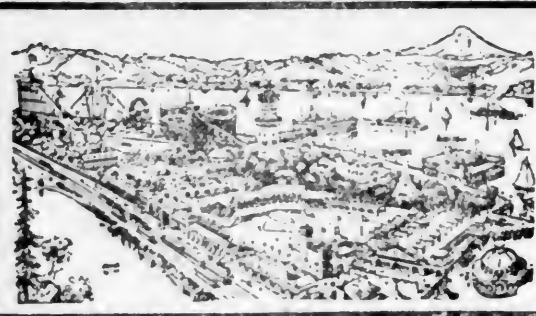
Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—A group of outdoor showmen, headed by V. J. Morgan, of Pittsburg, Pa., as president, has taken over the Maricopa Country Club under a ten-year lease from the owner, M. J. Morley. The venture is to be known as the Joyland Amusement Company, an Arizona corporation. The park includes twenty acres of prettily shaded property.

Harry Robinson, late of Palisades Park, in New Jersey, will manage Joyland this year. He has been connected with Horne's Zoological Arena, of Kansas City, and the Wortham interests and also has been an independent showman for twenty years.

Among the amusement devices that are to be installed, according to the management, are a miniature railroad, a Ferris wheel, a scenic railway; the concrete plunge is to be enlarged to four times its present size, new bathrooms are to be added, the beach improved, the picnic grounds will be equipped with brick ovens to enable visitors to heat their lunches, the children's playground is to be remodeled and an electric plant installed to supply current for all the riding devices and the many lights that illuminate the park at night.

A new cooling system will be installed in the clubhouse, which has what is considered the best dance pavilion in Southern Arizona. An open-air theater will allow for the presentation of musical shows, and the management also announces that in addition to numerous concessions free attractions will be offered at frequent intervals during the summer.

A fleet of sight-seeing cars, it is said, has been contracted for, to be delivered before May 1. They will have prominent downtown corners every ten minutes and haul passengers to the park for a fare of five cents. Special attention will be given by the management to picnics.



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Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—With a week of probably the worst weather in the history of Los Angeles, everything of an outdoor nature was at a standstill. However, all the theaters in the city did their usual good business and if one wants to know just how good business is let him wait until the night of any show and try to get a seat. It will be found that this is almost impossible. At the Mason Theater, where Kolb and Bill are holding forth, as late as Friday night of the second week it was hard to get anything that would look like a good seat. This same condition prevails at most of the others, especially in the vaudeville field. These houses are sold out every night and most matinees. It reminds me greatly of the old days of the Tabot Hippodrome in St. Louis, when a line a block long could always be found on Sixth street. The Hill Street, the Junior Orpheum theater, is always catering to a line at the box office before each performance. "Robin Hood" at Grauman's Egyptian Theater, is entering its eighteenth week and still playing to good business. "Three Live Hosts" at the Morocco, is in its sixth week and still going strong. "Suzanna", at the Mission, is in its seventh week. The stock company at the Majestic will next week take off "Climbing" and make "Nancy Stair" the attraction. Fritz Leder in a week of Shakespeare will be at the Mason. The event is the appearance of Harry Lauder at the Philharmonic Auditorium. Today the Mission Play will again open for a season at the San Gabriel Mission Theater. With Monroe Salisbury in the leading role this year new and added interest is created and it is safe to say that another season of this play will be both artistic and profitable. The amusement piers are preparing for their openings which will come about March, or just as soon as the rains are over.

The California Orange Show will open in San Bernardino February 16 and will run to the 26th. The Snapp Bros. Shows will this year furnish the midway attractions and, barring rain, should do well.

Irving Thalberg, film director, has left the Universal studios and joined the Louis H. Mayer studios. Financial inducement was the chief reason, so it is said.

Claude Lanes and George H. Harris, both showmen who have saved money, are building a court of houses in Maywood, just outside of Los Angeles. It is expected to have them completed about the first of March.

Marie Yvonne Davis, of Los Angeles, motion picture actress, has returned from Australia, where she produced and starred in three films of Australian life.

D. L. Doyle, of the Minde World Shows, now wintering in Texas, writes that he will go out this season with a much improved show.

Adele Von Ohl, famous Los Angeles horse-woman, will, it is said, join the "Frontier Days" rodeo act when it reaches here next week at the Pantages Theater. Miss Von Ohl was formerly a member of the company and has a host of followers who will be glad to see her return with them.

Invitations and announcements are out on the opening of the Snapp Bros. Shows on the 5th at San Diego. The crowds are expensive in their getup and show both the Mardi Gras of San Diego and the Oranges of San Bernardino. The design is by William F. Farley, of the Glass Printing Company, this city.

A group of business men has offered \$200,000 for the replica of the amusement park district of Vienna, which was built for the "Merry-Go-Round" being filmed at Universal studios. It was refused.

Mabel Thomas is busy these days at the Charles Ray studios arranging the wardrobe for his new production now filming. The \$100,000 ship set is attracting much attention from outcasts and those passing the studio.

Harry Mann, the comedy star, has been added to the staff of actors at Universal City and will appear in "The Hunchback" for his first under the new management.

Frank W. Babcock has offered all of his show property for sale. In the lot are his cars, dramatic sets and a complete carnival equipment, including rides and animals. Frank states that he will devote all his time to his hotels, which are now demanding most of his attention. A good opportunity for some one.

Mike Donlin, the ex-baseball star, is in Los Angeles and will enter pictures, supporting Lee Moran in "You Know Me, Al" stories.

Dare-Devil Raymond has just completed five acts that can be placed either in the theater or outdoor arena. This little dare-devil has some most daring features among his repertoire.

Antonio Moreno, screen actor, has signed a

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contract to play in Paramount pictures for the next five years. His first will be in support of Bebe Daniels.

Charles Chrysler is again looking for a summer home on the beach. Charles is a regular resident of the Venice ocean front every summer.

Plans are already being made for the first annual American Historical Review and Motion Picture Exposition to be held in Los Angeles this summer. Many cities of Southern California have been invited to select a queen from their cities to reign on the particular day set aside for these communities. And it has caught the popular favor.

A. H. Barkley, the genial agent of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows, is a visitor in Los Angeles this week and he sure has been welcomed by the show fraternity. Al came to visit his relatives, joined the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association and promised to spend all the next winter among them.

Evelyn Vaughan and William B. Rainey, who have made such an enviable record at the Egan Theater here in "The First Fifty Years", have to leave owing to other engagements, and the

press and public have used every possible persuasion to keep them here a while longer. Willard Mack in his new play, "The Red Bull-dogs", is booked.

Charles Keeran left Los Angeles today, sailing for Honolulu, and will be gone for the best part of the month. Mrs. Keeran left with him.

Cliff Thompson, the popular member of the Majestic Stock Company, has returned from a five weeks' vacation in Northern California and will rejoin the Wilkes Players with next week's attraction.

Lee Parvin, who is holding down the management of the Egan Theater while Manager Frank Egan is away, is making many friends among the patron. Lee is all hospitality and if it is like visiting your old home to pay a visit to the Egan.

Bert Earl, who has been here for a week, met his entire family when the Santa Fe train pulled in this week. Bert and his family will become residents of Los Angeles in the near future.

Joseph Jackson, head of the publicity staff at the Goldwyn studios, has appointed the fol-

lowing assistants: Thomas Engler, as general assistant; Jim Tully, novelist, will write special feature articles; Ted Taylor, Mona Gardner, Milton Howe and Lois Hutchinson, all publicists.

Viola Dana, the dainty Metro star, is getting along nicely at the Good Samaritan Hospital here, having undergone a successful operation for appendicitis.

Sam C. Haller has been entertaining visiting showmen all week.

A special train has been chartered to take the Philharmonic Orchestra from this city to Santa Barbara, where the orchestra will give a special concert. This orchestra numbers 127 members and is one of the best in the United States.

John T. Backman left Los Angeles for San Diego, where he will play a few weeks with the Snapp Bros. Shows before leaving for San Antonio and the Wortham Shows. John will take care of the animal show for the Wortham outfit this year.

Walter Van Horn is still knocking 'em dead down on Main street at the Burbank Theater. His H. Jinks Company of dancers, singers and funmakers is drawing immense business and is easily the best thing on the street for amusement.

J. B. Miller Simpson came into Los Angeles this week from Kotzebuk, Alaska, and found more showmen here than on any of his recent visits.

Application to the copyright office in Washington has been made by the Warner Brothers for a copyright on their trademark, "Warner Brothers' Classics of the Screen".

J. Sky Clarke and his daughter, Jeanette, have been having great visits in and around Hollywood mountains this winter. Sky purchased a typewriter for Miss Clarke at Christmas and she is getting to be quite an essay writer.

The Coliseum is fast nearing completion out at Exposition Park. It will seat 75,000 people.

Harold "Eid" Johnston, formerly of the team of Clifford and Johnston, playing the Orpheum Circuit, is back in Los Angeles, his home, recuperating from a recent illness. He will take a trip abroad shortly to be gone some time, and it is expected that he will again be part of the Orpheum entertainers when he returns.

Universal studios has changed the title of Edith Barnard Deland's story, "When Cary Came to Town", to "Gossip". Gladys Walton is featured in it.

Harry McGeary and his troupe of attractions will sail from El Paso for Honolulu February 5. They will be featured in Aloha Park there for a season of three weeks.

Walter McInley is under a physician's care in the California Hospital here, having broken his leg in getting out of his automobile. He is in no danger at present and everything points to a recovery.

The matter of giving road shows a night at the Venice Beach has been tried and has not worked out well. The reason is that the Auditorium at Ocean Park, while a splendid place for a concert, is not adapted for speaking drama. One of the other theaters along the beach could be made large enough to stage the shows with but little addition, and if this were done the Sunday night appearance of these traveling shows could be put on profitably.

The House of Propa Ia still donating furniture to the headquarters of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association, and two beautiful chaises were added to its list of favors during the past week.

NEW RIDES AT MISSOURI PARK

At Washington, Mo., Feb. 8.—Work on the giant dipper at Fairmount Park will be completed before Manager G. C. McInley inaugurates the new season. This ride, being installed by H. S. Smith, of New York, is 4,780 feet long; has thirteen dips and is equipped with four trains of three cars, each carrying twenty-four passengers. Entrance to the giant dipper will be made thru a 500-foot tunnel. A new Parker Ferris wheel is to replace the old one and the gababout will be remodelled.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF COMA IN CHICAGO

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A meeting of importance and one that will doubtless ultimately render valuable service to the interest of show owners, executive heads and the show business as a whole is to take place next week in Chicago. At this gathering a very important matter pertaining to railroad cars operating over the various lines of the country will be brought up. Probably the best way to explain this meeting is to reproduce a letter from the president of the Fair-owning Managers' Association, which is as follows: "The eighth annual meeting of COMA will be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., February 20 and 21. "All executives and those interested in shows moving in their own or leased equipment, in passenger or freight service, are urged to be present. "While our real purpose is the standardization and unification of just and equitable tariffs on moving shows in freight or passenger service, other subjects of interest will also be discussed. "So all please come prepared to take an active part in these meetings, and join in the

DONALD MCGREGOR SHOWS Opening Set for First Week in March at Hillsboro, Tex.

Hillsboro, Tex., Feb. 7.—Having arrived in Hillsboro, the writer, who has been engaged as general agent for the Donald McGregor Shows, was treated to a real surprise when he visited the winter quarters of the shows here. Everywhere about the place there is nothing but bustle with the rebuilding and habbing and painting, and the condemning of anything that would look bad on the midway. Mr. McGregor will doubtless have the cleanest and most attractive gilly show the writer has ever seen. He has added four new attractions, making the lineup number nine shows and three rides. Among the new shows to be added are Prof. Peary's Spanish Troubadours, numbering

twelve Spanish singers and dancers; Sam Harris, fat man; Superba and "Smallest Jockey and Pony". There will also be Texas Tom, the cowboy giant; Kala Pasha, handling the Athletic Arena, the Pat show and McGregor's Sunny Southern Minstrels. These with the three rides and other paraphernalia, if on wagons, would equal what is commonly called a fifteen-car show. The McGregor Shows will gilly get this season, but will doubtless be on its own train next year. The season for this company starts here the first week in March, under the auspices of the City Park Board, boosted by the Lions and Rotary Club. HARRY BADGER (for the Show).

MORASCA SOLE OWNER

Buys C. W. Hart's Interest in United Amusement Company

J. V. Morasca, of the United Amusement Co., recently purchased the half interest in the organization owned by C. W. Hart and is now sole owner of the show, which will the coming season operate under its old title.

Mr. Morasca intends somewhat changing the booking policy of his company, however, with the idea of playing mostly block parties, festivals, etc., with merchants' display booths greatly in evidence on the midway; he will also play fairs. The majority of people with the show the past several years, will again be listed on the roster, these including J. J. Keller, who will have the cookhouse and refreshment stands; Harry Hoffman, five concessions; Al Campbell, five concessions and a couple of shows; Joe Decker, three concessions; Mr. Broadway, two; J. C. Renches, two; Mr. Horton, who will again have his Big Ell wheel in the lineup, and "Whitey" Hewitt, who will again have the Athletic Show.

Work at winter quarters at East Brady, Pa., will soon be started, and the opening will be at East Brady under the auspices of the firemen. Mr. Morasca states that he will not tolerate grit or so-called "grill shows" and will court inspection along this line at any time, saying: "It will be a clean outfit, if it only lasts a month on the road."

C. W. Hart is now connected with Jack's Comedy Players, which at present is playing theaters and halls, but will go under canvas for the late spring and summer seasons. All of which is according to an executive of the above shows.

C. G. DODSON'S WORLD'S FAIR SHOWS

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7.—Work at the winter quarters, on the paraphernalia of the World's Fair Show, at the Maryland Shipyards, is progressing at a great deal faster than anticipated and the outfit will be ready for the road long before the opening date, April 2. Manager Dodson will undoubtedly have the finest looking show leaving here that has ever toured under his banner. Some new ideas have been used in the building of new fronts and wagons that will save much time in erecting and dismantling each week, besides adding more to the attractiveness of the midway.

General Agent Mel G. Dodson left recently for the Central States and to attend the Wisconsin fair secretaries' meeting, at Chippewa Falls, in the interest of the show.

Among the winter quarters visitors lately were Buck Weaver and wife and daughter, and "Joe" Janger, who motored here from Richmond, Va. Buck was unsuccessful in his attempt to purchase a hotel here, with the intention of retiring from the carnival business. F. S. Wright, of Paragon, Ark., has booked a new Caterpillar ride with the show, which will be delivered to the winter quarters in the near future. This will Manager Dodson's four rides brings the number to five and before another week is over another new ride will probably be added. To date, twelve shows are under contract and about forty concessions are now expected to be in the lineup at the opening.

Signed contracts were received the past week from E. R. Guilford, of Dayton, O., who will furnish a fifteen-piece all-American band. Prof. Guilford now has the band at the Dayton National Military Home.

Mrs. C. G. Dodson, wife of Manager Dodson, has been confined to her apartment for the past few days with the "flu". A. E. Dodson, brother of C. G., is sporting around in a new touring car.

W. J. KEHOE (for the Show).

JOHNNY WALLACE ADDS TO HIS PIT SHOW

Johnny Wallace, the well-known Circus Side-Show owner, recently purchased the performing ponies, dogs and monkeys of the Eldridge & Littleton Wagon Circus, according to a report from the winter quarters of Billie Clark's Broadway Shows, at Wilmington, N. C., to be added to his attraction with that organization. Further advice was that Mr. Wallace had added to the size of his Circus Side-Show, making it 20x150 feet, with a large roller organ on the front, and had received the second of his twenty-foot wagons from Maple Shade, N. J.

ON BUSINESS TRIP TO CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Tracy C. (Jimmy) Hleky, president of the Pan-American Doll & Novelty Company, of Kansas City, was in Chicago this week, buying supplies and looking over the market.

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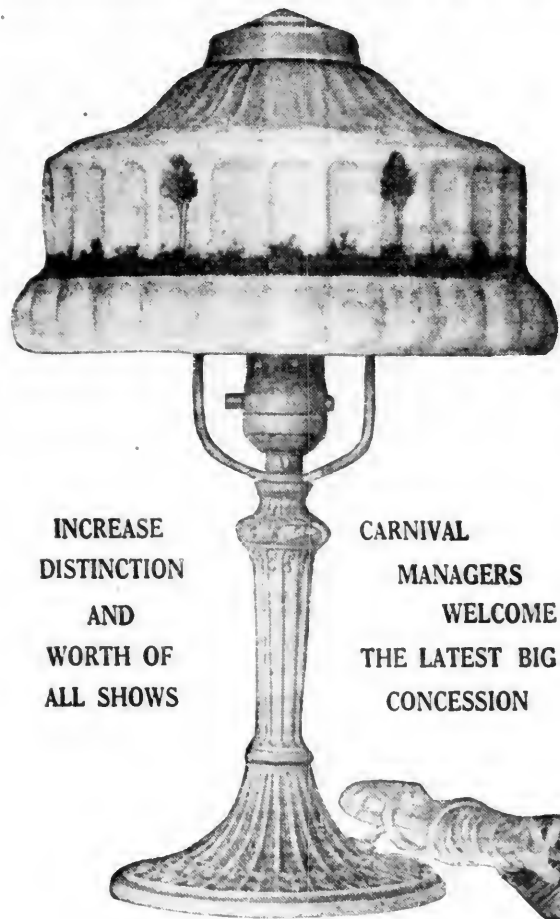
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Recent report had it that Jim Schneek will be assistant manager of the John T. Wortham Shows this year.

"Joe E." Philly—Yes, Ali has also been doing some "wondering" and thinking, but—well, all of one's thoughts would hardly look good in print.

Sort of reconstructing an old "saw", Harry A. Rose opines that "Rome was not booked in a day," as he had to return and do some "cementing".

"Whitley" Smith says he is wintering in Detroit, and while he did not state the caravan, infoed that it would be a "fun show" on one of the "big ones" again this year.

Isaac M. Monk is still in Pittsburg, Pa., still decidedly under the weather and would greatly appreciate letters from his old friends of the show world. He may be addressed to 415 Penn avenue.

Johnny Bejano, having his four shows signed with Morris & Castle and his equipment and

Rockwell, from San Juan, Porto Rico: "Playing about eight weeks thru the island here with Ben Krause and doing fair business. Wearing straw hats and July clothing. Expect to return to the States about March 15."

George W. Robertson is to serve as general press representative for the Zeldman & Pollie Shows this season, and already George W. has been actively engaged in arranging his publicity campaign. Robertson has a matter-of-fact method of writing that is both pleasing and interesting.

Quite a number of "troopers" joined the San Antonio lodge of Elks recently. When the "gang" heard that they were going in a big bunch of those already members were on hand to see that the Italy Elks got all that was coming to them. (Doc' Flagg says he ate his meals standing for several days.)

James (Jimmy) O'Brien, announcer and special agent, and his wife (Peggie) are spending the remaining time until the caravans in the North take to the road in Chicago. Jimmie writes that he has been promoting and installing fun stuff in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois this winter.

Report from Detroit had it that Teddy Bayer has had his thinker working and has evolved a practical idea in the way of a new "stringer" for show front, ride, concessions, etc., electric lights, that will dispense with the cutting up of wire when an unusual voltage is met up with during the year's engagements on the road.

Harry Ramish, one of the operating heads of the Keystone Exposition Shows, has conceived

HOLDING THE EVIDENCE



The above is a reproduction of a photograph of H. T. Pearson, owner of the Great Middle-West Shows, and son, supporting a string of over 300 fish, mostly trout and sand-perch, which they recently landed at Miami, Fla.

animals in winter quarters at Shreveport, left the first of the month to spend a few days at home in Dallas, Tex.

Dorothy Connell, the "mile-a-minute-girl" driver in the late Will G. Jones' Motordrome, was seen in Shreveport, La., and stated that she had completed plans for a new and novel act for the coming season with the Morris & Castle Shows.

Ches Reehol, the welter-weight wrestler, advised that he will be connected with the H. T. Freed Exposition the coming season. Ches is one of the best known athletic show men in the Central States, having had charge of that attraction with various organizations.

Frank Redmond, erstwhile concessionaire, with the Greater Alamo Shows, is now in the restaurant business in San Antonio. He has a dandy little cafe, located near the court house on Main Plaza, and invites all his friends to visit him while in the city.

Box Ingram last week substantiated the assumption that he and Mrs. Ingram will be with their Circus Side Show on the 29th Century Shows this year. Box says they will have everything brand new and that the new animals to be featured in the big pit show have been contracted for.

If the closures provide as many new attractions in their programs the coming season as do the carnivals, then they will be doing their share in the way of entertainment and having that old saying of "same old thing, every year," eliminated.

Next Wednesday (February 21) all showfolks will have opportunity to say "howdy" and enter into the spirit of good fellowship with brother and sister showfolk at the annual Showmen's League Banquet and Ball in Chicago.

James L. Pilly, wintering in Three Rivers, Que., Can., wrote that a report that he might be with the Canadian-American Shows was erroneous, as he contracted with Manager M. J. Lapp, January 24, to be on the staff of the American Exposition Shows the coming season.

A postcard from Mr. and Mrs. E. W. (Luke)

and produced a very neat idea for introducing himself to prospective committees, etc., in advance of his booking calls. It is a nifty 4x9 1/2 pink card, giving the titles of various attractions he represents, and stating he will call on a specified date.

Charles DeKreko didn't go to Florida this winter, nor did he ramble down to Havana, Cuba, again. Neither has he been sending friends in the North boxes of oranges, altho he has proffered them bunches of cactus from the Lone Star State (blossoms and all). Charlie hasn't decided which caravan he will troupe with, but says it will be "one of them".

M. H. (Hairpins) Cook postcarded from Indianapolis, Ind., that he was at the time working at the Rialto Theater there. Also that there are quite a number of showfolks in the Hoosier State capital city, a jolly lot of folks, and he joined the "bunch" in stating all were awaiting the "bluebird" song of spring", to again be with the caravans on the road.

Some press agents imagine that in order to be a "top ranker" they must "put over" a pack of lies and that rank exaggeration is remunerative to the management and shows they represent. Nowadays the people read and then decide for themselves after looking the show over. This caliber of "story teller" is really a top "ranker". (Now don't "holler" unless the shoe fits too snugly.)

"Bill" Rice, naturally, could not be "on time" with his Christmas Greetings card, but it came to The Billboard last week—mailed at Honolulu, Hawaii. It was really unique. It bore, in addition to the "Greetings", a 48-point printed, heading, "HOWEVER!", to the left of which was a framed picture of a glass and contents, beneath which was printed, "Very Rare. From an old print".

With the closing of the J. P. Murphy Grand Street Museum, Norfolk, for the season, a rendezvous for numerous showfolks, hibernating in that neck of the woods was "disrupted", so to speak, but everybody has been busy getting ready for the forthcoming season, and haven't time to "cut up old dough" no how. "Ta said the museum closed with the balance neatly on the profit side of the ledger. The closing also allowed the manager, Tom

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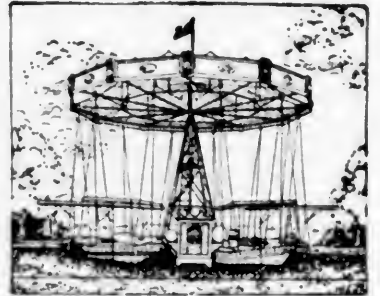


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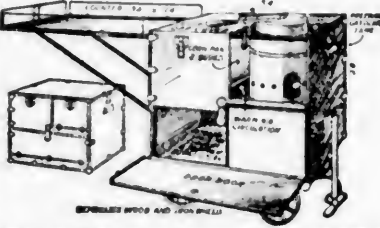
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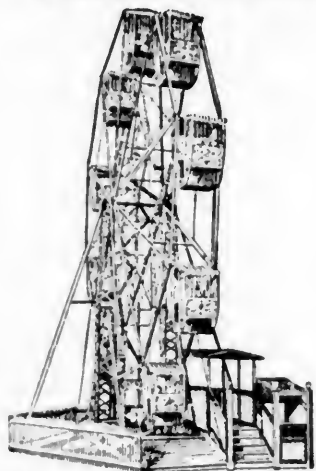
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F. J. (Mike) Troy says he has been busy during this winter with staging bazaars, minstrel and other local talent events in the East. Mike had his Troy Outdoor Bazaar Co. out last season and from the accounts he gives of some incidents with "chasing lucky boys" of the lots, etc., he surely is conscientious in his declaration that he is emphatically strong for the clean-up campaign.

Mrs. Small, sister of Mrs. Capt. Jack Lorenzo, informs by letter to All that Mrs. Lorenzo is convalescing at the Kingston Avenue Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., after a severe attack of scarlet fever which kept her abed for eight weeks. Mrs. Small adds that her sister, known as Pauline, the Leopard Girl, is anxious to hear from some of her friends and relatives who have not been aware of her illness.

Telephones were utilized between towns last season quite frequently. The coming summer and fall they will be working sort of "cover time" and doubtless many "eleventh-hour" bookings (and rebookings) will have to be made—provided shows don't live up to their promises regarding cleanliness, etc. Some will pronounce that a "bum steer"; all right, let them act indiscreetly and learn to their sorrow.

"Kidding" about "using of the telephone" (at K. C.) will probably have to subside now, as R. C. Elgin will be too busy with his new business affiliations to be a party to it—since he is one of the Shells for the coming season with the Royal American Shows, along with Gladstone Harvey and the regular "boss", C. J. Sedlmayr. Here's hopin' for the lately formed operating combination!

There is one quantity not yet in evidence in pictures from a certain winter resort to All, this winter. Refer to that "old boy", the prop, shark that has been doing duty at a photograph gallery for several winters. What's-ya-matter, didn't they have time to paint "him" up last fall? Gee whiz, but a lot of folks (including "sawsetty") have had a part in "catching" that "man eater"!

Word from the Pacific Coast had it that Captain George Bray, the veteran and widely-known sensational water performance artiste, was negotiating with a film company to "shoot" thru Cascade Rapids, at The Dalles, Ore., for a picture, in the spring, using one of his "water suits". The mention of Captain Bray inspires recollections of Niagara Falls and the days of Capt. Paul Boyton, with whom Bray was associated for a number of years.

"Blackie" Smith writes from Toledo, O., that he has been confined indoors for some twelve weeks with rheumatism and is in dire financial straits, altho the city doctor visits him twice a week. Last year Blackie was a concession operator with the Great Middle West Shows. He wishes to be remembered to Messrs. Ed Jessop and George Cole, concessionaires with the K. G. Barkoot Shows. Smith may be addressed to 392 Wabash avenue, Toledo, O.

Joe Oliveri infoed from Washington, D. C., that there is no "guesswork" about his again being with the Zeldman & Pollie Shows with his eating emporiums and soft drink stands, and that he is building a larger and even more up-to-date cook house and dining tent than he had last year. Joe also states that a number of improvements are to be made in the dining car, owned by himself and W. H. Price, one of the leading concessionaires with the Z. & J. caravan.

Jack Faust advised from Toledo, O., that he doesn't expect to sign up this season with any caravan, but intends promoting indoor and outdoor amusements of high caliber. Says he has formed a partnership with The Teachers, who have been operators of picture houses in Toledo, for the production of these events. Their first is a "Festa Zar", under the auspices of the Protected Home Circle, February 25 to March 4, Toledo.

Buck Weaver, one of the most widely known wrestlers in the outdoor show business, was a visitor to the World's Fair Shows in winter quarters at Baltimore, Md., February 5, and contracted to handle the Athletic Arena, also booked his string of concessions with that organization for his coming season. After concluding his business at Baltimore, "Buck" and his family immediately left for an auto trip to Washington, D. C., and other points.

Joe C. Herbert recently advised that after closing with the M. J. Riley Shows at Conway, S. C., he and Mrs. Herbert went to Tampa, Fla., to spend the winter, and that he has signed with the K. G. Barkoot Shows, with the dining car and several concessions. This winter is the first Mr. and Mrs. Herbert have been "down South" for four years, and Joe says they have been enjoying the fishing, etc., at Tampa immensely.

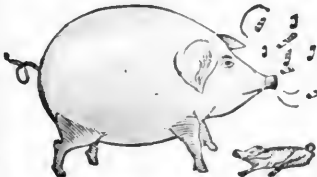
Prince Elmer, the "dilatantive press agent" and entertainer, wrote All from San Diego that he had taken an "evening off" recently from the great Western Dog and Pony Show, and made a trip to Venice, Calif., as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Rogers Midgets fame, who are located there at the pier with their own show and doing nicely. Miss Rogers is attending school at Louisville, Ky. Prince says he found weather on the Coast about "half and half".

E. R. Guilford, director of Guilford's Overseas Concert Band, advised last week that he had contracted with Manager C. G. Dodson, of Dodson's World's Fair Shows, whereby his musical organization will provide the feature concert and midway music with that caravan the coming season. Prof. Guilford states that the membership of this band is composed of ex-soldiers who saw actual service in the trenches and that it has a representation of seven different divisions.

Harry Cohen, mind-reading demonstrator, stopped over in Cincinnati one day last week, while en route from New York City, on a business and pleasure trip to cities of the Central States. His next stop was to be

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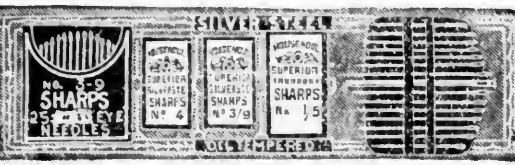
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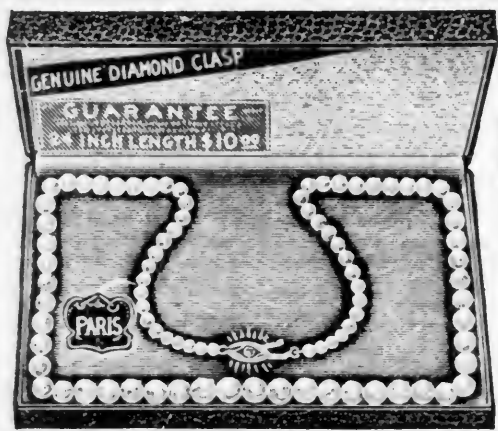
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CARNIVAL CARAVANS
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Louisville, Ky., with Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Chicago and some other cities to follow. From Chicago to Cleveland and back to the Metropolis. He was last year with the World of North Shows. Harry had a pictorial postcard, with some written comment, from King Karlo, now exhibiting in Ecuador.

Some conflict in summing up "Mr. Ground-hog" seeing his shadow (February 2) in and around Cincy. The weatherman says "he didn't," while the veteran animal man, Sol Stephan (he's general manager of the Cincinnati Zoo), says "he did" and a local daily published a photograph to substantiate Sol's contention. By the way, a couple of local "kid-ners" suggested something about there being electric lights at the Zoo, but, granting that Mr. Stephan is chock full of humor himself, All seriously doubts that he would try to put one over on Brer Groundhog and believers in the latter's weather prognostications.

A rumor was heard on Broadway recently that J. C. Simpson, Steve A. Woods and Wm. J. Hillier were about to leave the Rubin & Cherry Shows. There's not one iota of truth in it, take it from "Bill" Hillier, who wired the editor of The Billboard last Thursday, in response to a request for affirmation or denial: "Your letter received. Broadway rumor about Simpson, Woods and myself leaving Rubin absolutely untrue. Woods is getting good spots. Simpson is busy here (Savannah, Ga.), and I mailed your story this morning to the effect that gold leaf was flying faster than ever before and that all was wonderful with the Aristocrat."

Seen hobnobbing around among the folks at West Palm Beach, Fla.: Happy H. Hubbard, the veteran announcer and publicist. Wonder if Happy recalls when he was host to about 75 carnival folk at a big spread at one of the best eating places in Savannah, Ga., on his birthday, fall of 1904? He was then dealing out his heavy street advertising for Almee, who appeared for her first performance there on Thursday night of the week. By the way, from Savannah the Almee show went to the Tampa Fair that fall, where the net receipts were \$2,800 and, but—if the reader should meet Ralph and Almee, get them to finish the story.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Reed, who are again wintering in Cincinnati, have been frequent visitors to The Billboard. The past three seasons they were with the C. M. Negro Great White Way Shows, last season in charge of the Circus Side Show. Sam is again managing and directing one of the Jamea Nova circle stock companies, playing city and suburban theaters, which same position he filled last winter. Mrs. Reed is to visit their young son, Johnny, and home folks in Pittsburg, Pa., in about two weeks, and after the circle stock season closes she and Sam will motor to the "Smoky City" for a brief rest before starting their outdoor show activities.

H. B. Danville was seen in Houston, Tex., recently, and 'tis said the "old boy" looked ten years younger. He had just lately arrived from Matamoros and was wearing a big, almost white, hat that set his rotund figure off to a T. Doc is already on the job booking the John T. Wortham Shows, opening February 8, in the Valley and will gradually head thru Texas. Doc was the proud possessor of a new "brief case" with all new modern improvements, including a gold fountain pen and pencil, a Christmas gift from the "Hosa". The trunk and handbag that came along with it were not seen, but from the description they must be wonders. "Some birds are real lucky," remarked the informant.

A letter from Irving Kempf, of Kempf Brothers, informed that their Model City-Swags Village had arrived in Shreveport, La., with the ten-car shipment of show equipment from San Antonio, Tex., at the Morris & Colette Shows, and that they are adding some improvements to their wonderfully constructed attraction. The Kempfs showed their Model City at a V. of F. W. bazaar in San Antonio, also gave a special exhibition at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce in the same city, and have been negotiating for a special exhibit of it at St. Louis, to be held in a few weeks. Jack Kelly, formerly with Kennedy and Zedeman & Pille shows, will handle tickets for the Kempfs this year.

A Redoubt writes that he recently ran across the following showmen during a visit to San Antonio: Walter Stanton, Jim Hill, James Lusk, Charles Wodger, John Dektorski, Bert Pate, Maban Morris, Fred Beckman, Barney Gerrity, Meyer Twiler, Charles Dektorski, "Red" James, Paul Hunter, Louis Weller, Johnny Bando, Jack Hayden, Charles Lindson, "Red" Reed, Harry Gilbert, Joe Connolly, Bruce Kempf, Irving Kempf, Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs.

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Some notes sent recently from Toledo by Gene Golin; Robert Brenson, for a number of years with the Barkoot Shows, has been busy as manager of the Toledo Terminal Auditorium and preparation for the auto show, February 5-10. Bob is sure some hustler, and he sold every inch of available space. Frank Hamilton, concessionaire, and his aide, Benny Bernhart, are busy with their umbrella sides—almost trading each day for rain. Babe Barkoot stopped off here a few days recently. He told the writer that he would stay in Detroit a couple of weeks before going back to Tampa, Fla. R. C. Rockwell is busy with a circus-carnival he intends launching this year. "Hamme" Allen, the blind news agent, selling The Billboard to the folks here in Toledo, has about sold out with tickets for his benefit dance and has a fine hall and orchestra engaged. Allen intends taking the proceeds and going to Chicago for an operation on his eyes. About all one can hear among showfolks here is "this and that" about the coming season.

According to a press report the Illinois Chamber of Commerce recently sent out letters of inquiry to the various Chambers throughout the State relative to the "traveling carnival" question. The Bloomington (Ill.) Bulletin of January 30 published an article in which extracts from replies received from executives of the chambers of the following Illinois cities were contained: Springfield, Monmouth, Belleville, Ottawa, Mt. Vernon, Kewanee, Crete, Lincoln, Shelbyville, Danville, Freeport, East St. Louis, Aurora, Rockford, Waukegan-North Chicago, Rock Island, Streator and Palatine. While it is to be assumed that the sentiment expressed in these replies were Chamber views—without vote or voice of the general populace—some of them teemed with "elimination" propaganda, while others figured themselves as handling this form of out-in-the-open entertainment in summers to their own satisfaction, while others seemed to suggest that "entirely too much legislation is being passed on every conceivable subject." One of the published replies was: "We do not think much of some (get that 'SOME'!) carnivals. This year we decided not to tie up with any one carnival company or let any exclusive rights. We draw a lot of individual concessions and plenty of high-class attractions. To date all reports are in our favor." Of course, the Bulletin article gave "extracts" from replies from but eighteen of the many, many Illinois cities, and if replies were received from other Chambers extracts from them were not published. However, here's a point that comes to All: Has any Carnival Owners "Chamber", or association, represented to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce (or anywhere else) the outdoor showmen's point of view?

BAY STATE SHOWS

Boston, Mass., Feb. 7.—Progress is being made assembling the Bay State Exposition Shows. The office of the company on Tremont street seems a mecca for showmen and concessionaires, where Chas. Metro and Thomas Metro, the owners, are busy arranging their business matters.

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BARKLEY IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 7.—A. H. Barkley, general agent of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition, was in Chicago Monday between trips. Mr. Barkley told The Billboard that things in general look fine and point toward a good season. He said he has booked some wonderful spots for the Jones organization.

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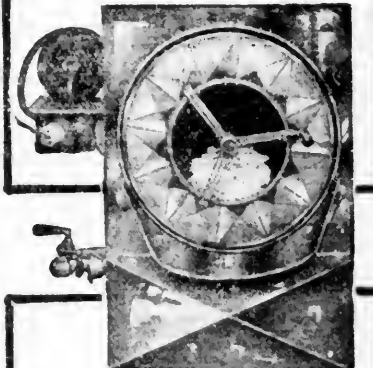
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San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Eugene H. Roth, who for eleven years has been connected with the Herbert L. Rothschild interests, has announced his resignation as managing-director of the Rothschild enterprises, of which J. A. Partington was co-managing-director.

As soon as he can wind up his affairs with the Rothschild interests he will go to New York for a conference with a number of motion picture magnates in regard to the Snow animal picture and other important enterprises in which he is interested.

Roth had such faith in Snow's animal picture of his two-year hunt in Africa that he backed its exploitation heavily with his money, which is now, he says, coming back in a steady flow; the picture, which was seen here at the Century Theater for four weeks, being the talk of the city.

William "Josh" Daley, advance man for the Sir Harry Lauder show that is coming here next week, was a caller at The Billboard office today.

John Q. Wilson writes The Billboard from Santa Cruz, Calif., that he has arrived there from Los Angeles, and reports all concessions in order for the summer season, which, he adds, will be one of the best ever.

Mr. Oukon, late with the Sullivan & Considine people, was a visitor in the city during the week.

The Lowe State Theater in Oakland was robbed of \$4,200 last evening when cracksmen entered the place after the night's performance, bound and gagged two janitors and a plumber who was at work there and cracked the safe.

Irene Gray, dainty comedienne, dropped in The Billboard office today to say an revoir, as she was leaving for an extended trip to the City of Mexico, where, under the management of Mr. Brady, she will head a revue of eight people.

Matt Gay, known as the "Volcan", has returned from Aloha Park, Honolulu, where he created quite a furore by his feats of high diving. Mr. Gay reported the trip a most successful one.

As a result of intense feeling among the colored race over the exhibition of the "Glossman" film, Assemblyman Frederick M. Roberts, colored, of Los Angeles, has declared that he had prepared a bill to create a Board of Review to censor all motion pictures exhibited in the State, which will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature when it convenes next month.

Mrs. J. J. Cuddy, whose Children's Theater is to be revived on February 10 at the Plaza Theater in this city, with a performance of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", has been called to Chicago to make final arrangements for the publication of her plays for children and her manuals on production of plays.

There was none of the make-believe about the one-act melodrama staged by Larry Richardson and his wife, vaudeville performers, when they discovered and captured a burglar who had entered their room at the St. Mark Hotel, Oakland, last week. They were awakened by someone prowling about the room, looking from his bed, Richardson grabbed the intruder and a real fight was started.

Remorse to the effect that Paul Hartmann, son of Ferris Hartmann, comedian, and Grace Barrett of the Rivoli chorus, were married several

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months ago seem to be borne out by the fact that the couple took out a marriage license in Sacramento, November 31. Both have refused to affirm or deny a romance. Shortly after rumors of their marriage were circulated in the theater, Paul Hartmann, who had been playing with the Rivoli company, returned to his studies at the University of California, while Miss Barrett remained in the chorus.

RINKS & SKATERS

LETTER AND BETTER IN BALTIMORE
In the belief that roller skating has become popular with all classes in Baltimore, Md., Arthur Rawling, manager of Carlin's Rink, says...

'RUBE' WHITE JUMPS TO CALIFORNIA
H. E. (Rube) White, well-known St. Perkins instructor, writes that after concluding his engagement at the Winter Garden Rink in Independence, Kan., February 10, he would leave for California to be with A. S. Rohlf...

WHEELERS HAVING GOOD SEASON
Wheeler and Wheeler visited the Coliseum Rink, now run by Russell & Brown, in Bay City, Mich., recently while presenting their roller skating act at the leading vaudeville theater there...

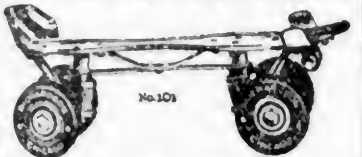
SKATING REVIVED IN SCRANTON
Max Hess, known as the 'world's one-arm wonder, and champion skater of Scranton, Pa.,' conveys the glad tidings that roller skating is again in vogue in his home town...

FEATURE'S DOUBLE RINK'S BUSINESS
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ADELAIDE D'VORAK MAKES 'HIT'
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Hazle Park Rink in Hazleton, Pa., is regarded as one of the finest rinks in the Keystone State. The floor space, 50 by 118 feet, is enclosed by a six-foot promenade. There are five rooms for ladies and gents, cloak room, skate room and refreshment room in addition to a hospital room, where first aid is administered to any injured visitor. The building is steam heated and there is an emergency light plant in addition to the regular one. Nick Cerco, Jimmie Stefan and A. Ferro are the owners, Mr. Ferro acting as manager. Jimmie Beckley is cashier and Sam Bartlett, who has had years of experience in the rink game, is skate man and announcer. Reese, Brozt and Georgette are instructors. At present the rink is decorated in white, to represent the polar regions, with decorations of large icicles, bells and festoons. The lights are covered with light blue paper and give the effect of moonlight on ice or snow.

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St. Louis, Feb. 11.—Olema, the modern mental mystic, reports that business has been exceedingly good through Illinois. He is routed thru Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio with good prospects ahead.

St. Louis' newest theater, the Aubert, at Auburn and Easton avenues, opened February 8. The theater was erected at a cost of \$250,000, seats 2,500 people and will be managed by Samuel H. Brentley. There is an open-air theater joining.

Constantin Kabeleff, a former partner of Anna Pavlova, solo dancer and director of several Shubert productions and at present chief assistant and solo dancer in the Adolph Helm Ballet of the Chicago Grand opera Co., will open a two weeks' course in Russian and ballet technique in St. Louis beginning February 12. Mr. Kabeleff has been in the United States eight years and was trained and graduated from the Imperial School at Petrograd.

Abna Menze, St. Louis soprano, was the soloist at the Sunday afternoon 'Pop' concert of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at the Edison. Miss Menze, who is one of the most promising of the St. Louis singers, sang with 'Poco Mio Mio' from 'La Forza del Destino', 'Do Not Go, My Love', and 'Love's on the Highroad'.

The second and last concert of the famous Eckstein National Chorus, under the leadership of Alexander Koshetz, took place at the Coliseum last Tuesday evening. The chorus contains forty-seven members. The soloist was Mme. Nina Koshetz, leading prima donna soprano of the Moscow Opera.

James B. Miller, who had a pleasant visit in St. Louis for two weeks, left last Tuesday evening for Fort Worth, Tex., where he will join his partner, Young Herman, to promote wrestling bouts until the summer season starts.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Valentino will open a six-day engagement at the Belmont Theater, Monday night, February 12. Valentino will deliver a speech on 'Americanization', while his wife, Winifred Hubert, will give a solo dance.

James P. Sutherland, well-known agent in the carnival world, is assisting in the promotion of the Carnival of Youth to be held in Coliseum week of February 12.

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Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—'Humoresque', with Laurette Taylor, appeared for the first time at the Broad Street Theater and scored finely. The surrounding cast was excellent and the stage settings true reproductions.

'Molly Darling', at the Forrest Theater, repeated its success on this week's return date.

'Blossom Time' is still blooming fine at the Lyric. At the Walnut is 'Kempy'; 'Peaches' is in its final week at the Garrick, and 'The Cat and the Canary' at the Adelphi is in its second week.

Paul Specht and His Jazz Orchestra were a hit at the Keith Walnut Street vaudeville house.

'Robin Hood' at the Stanton and 'The Hottentot' at the Stanley are fine, and despite the bad weather had big houses.

Emmet Welsh Minstrels at the Dumont Theater had a great success on the 'Monster Play' this week that was a scream.

Ralph Dalton, the violin director of Fay's vaudeville house orchestra, is giving some excellent musical programs during the feature picture. His surrounding orchestra men are real artists, and under Ralph's able leadership also give due support to the various acts on the bill.

Joe Herne, the popular stage manager of Fay's, who has been in that capacity for years, is well liked and has a host of friends in the profession gained by his unflinching efforts to help them put it over.

Trovato, the genius of eccentric violin playing, was a riot hit at the Globe Theater this week.

The German Opera Festival which opened this week for a stay of two matinees and six nights scored big. All the radio fans listened in and a large number of restaurants equipped with radio instruments gave the diners free opera music.

The Hegman String Band, which won several prizes in the last Mummies' Parade, was a hit at the Keystone Theater this week.

From Clearwater, Fla., comes a friendly letter from Major W. P. Miller, treasurer of the Keystone Exposition Shows, who is resting there prior to the opening of his show. The major says the bluebirds will soon be singing and the honest and clean carnival again got over to delight the town folks.

A small-sized blizzard struck Philly Tuesday that gave amusement places a setback. Traffic was blocked and the streets are covered with a hard, dry snow.

WOLFE GETS THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

A telegram from T. A. Wolfe, from Augusta, Ga., stated that his T. A. Wolfe's Superior Shows had been awarded the contract to play the South Carolina State Fair, at Columbia, this year.

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By GASOLINE BILL BAKER

You will find many more open towns the coming summer.

Again—figure on saving a b. r. the coming Spring Special Issue—get your pipes for that number together.

The fellows who work clean and keep towns open deserve praise, while the others—you tell it!

But a few weeks now until the big annual Spring Special Issue—get your pipes for that number together.

"A guilty conscience needs no accuser." Well, some folks don't seem to have conscience or be exactly "conscienceless."

Doubtless, as this is being written, the fraternity is being well represented in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Somebody kick in with the list.

Heard last week that Eddie Bedell had left the ranks of subscriptions and was holding down a position with a paper mill at Delanson, N. Y. Permanently, Eddie?

Figure out the various things against the prestige of Pitchdom and do your best to put 'em all in the discard—they don't mean a thing but worry and ultimate loss to everybody.

With a political scrap on in Chicago one of the local dailies recently made extensive comment on Fred Ludon, former medicine showman and of late years quite a big figure in political circles in the Windy City.

Sam Freed postcarded from Schenectady, N. Y. that after selling his theater and buying it back he has again sold it and is taking life easy there for the remainder of the winter. Wonder if Sam will again take up the "sheet"?

An ordinance at Columbus, Miss., which was prohibitory to all traveling shows and "theaters" exhibiting to the citizenry there, was completely wiped off the official slate recently. Poss by the "powers that be" found an unjust foundation for the former ruling.

A progressive business man listened attentively to a pitchman explain the merits of his article, "Wonderful selling ability," he remarked to a nearby friend, "I believe I'll put that fellow on my force." Did he? He didn't—he couldn't hire him (an actual occurrence).

Sunshine Rowell postcarded that he was leaving Boston town to "paper" Western Massachusetts and a few Vermont communities on a "farewell" trip. Yessir, he said he will then retire for a while, "at least until some 'shady artists' pack their tents for other haunts."

The "Pipes" department of last issue was completed and ready to print when the news was received by the Obituary Editor of the death of John Marshall in Texas. The Billboard, especially "Bill", joins with the many friends he left behind in regret at his passing and offers sympathy to his mourners.

Warren E. Lewis, the "International Auctioneer", is still holding sales in Ypsilanti, Mich., and from newspaper reports coming from that city he has gained a world of friends in Ypsilanti and vicinity. Warren has been for several years "knocking it down to the highest bidder" there, his lines including—everything.

Careful, fellows, some of you—everybody does (or should) enjoy good-natured kidding, but personal "slams" to get back or "get even" with someone else don't look good in print! "Bill" has held out several the past few weeks that savored very strongly of personal slams. Let's all be agreeable and friendly and work toward everybody's welfare and—well, mental equilibrium.

Her, some fellow in Frisco! "Bill" has received pipes written in German, French, Italian, Hebrew and almost all "languages" and had but little trouble getting someone to read and translate them—but, boy, he was sure stumped last week on getting that one "painted" in Chinese. Up to this writing all Chinamen approached "no savvy" (or something meaning that answer).

Rex Evans a couple of weeks ago arrived in Jamestown, N. Y. from Buffalo. Said he found more snow there than he had seen in two years. He added: "I am pushing subscriptions to papers, but, Bill, you can tell the boys that I am trying to convince the natives that there is no 'Santa Claus' added for their subscriptions—in the way of gifts." Tell Jack Simpson, Tom Rainey, Buck Trainer, Harry Carson and Jack Farrington to shoot in pipes."

Encouraging reports were registered by George T. Miskell, of Miskell and May, entertainers, the fore part of last week when he reported that the Mrs., who recently underwent an operation in St. Louis had been pronounced out of danger and with her expected recovery they would again be able to deal out mirth to the public in the spring. Doubtless many friends of Mrs. Miskell would like to drop her a few lines during her illness. Address her to 4154 Maffitt avenue, St. Louis.

Among the boys of the paper frat, reported to be at the Cheese Makers Convention and the Milwaukee Auto Show: Harry Stackey, George Jones, Mike Murphy, "Soup Intender" Carroll, Izzy Kemp, "Cincinnati" Jim Bakley, Jimmie Smith, Art Drugan, Bob Hogan (the "Baharet Kid"), S. K. Werner, Homer Armfield, Freddy Myers, F. C. Greenwald, "Hic" Hogan, Mark Phelps, Tom Melrose, J. Ed Murphy, of Escondido; Captain Conley, Sam Yrdon, D. I. Kuffer (known as "The Heav"), Doc Kohler and Jake Jacobs. Quite a few of the boys attended a banquet.

Dr. J. W. Burke pipes: "After over forty years on the road I met up with two interesting

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Incidents the last week in January. One was the worst hotel ever, in one Pennsylvania town, and the other a wildcat move in Danielsville, Pa.

Mark A. Steele informed that he had worked the Ho Grand Valley with subscriptions to very fair business. Says he met several crews of workers and all seemed to be getting by nicely.

Notes from the Wren Wa-Ne-Ta Medicine Show: Manager Billy Wren is just up from his sickbed after being confined for about six weeks and under a physician's care in Terre Haute, Ind.

Mrs. Dr. Sidney Hirsch is "bright on the job" when it comes to dealing out smiles. She wrote from Denver, Col. (received too late for last issue): "Noticed in last week's 'Pipes' where some of my husband's friends figured him a 'proud daddy' and 'walking on air'."

Lew Conn and family, who since closing the past season for their Congo Entertainers have been resting in Cincinnati this winter, along with making preparations to again open early in the spring, are now helping to entertain the natives with Bickton's med. show in Kentucky for a few weeks.

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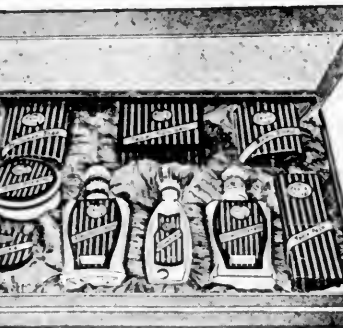
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From Tommy Hughes from Rome, Ga.: "I am not getting 'all' the money in the State of Georgia, but I am getting so good—hard fact that Doc Kinby, with whom I have been stopping for two months, advises that I 'go in training' at once. I was on the Pacific Coast for ten years and never weighed over 150 pounds and now I'm up to 165 and still increasing. Of course, Doc's Missus is some cook and his tonic helps a great deal. Dr. Kinby has both his laboratory and a rooming-house here and is doing a fine business. The holidays proved good for all the boys who stopped off here. The lineup comprised Dr. Kinby, medicine; myself, nasal and penic; Chandler, cuff buttons; Shorty Ross, tire patches, and a couple of others whose names I did not get, working pot lifters and plants."

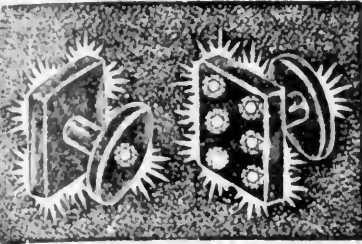
Dr. O. M. Hunter piped this communication was enclosed with some other data for another department of The Billboard and "Bill" did not learn the city that he is taking things sort of easy until spring opens, when he will start playing New Jersey towns again. He adds: "While walking down Broad street the other day my eyes caught a catharine and a suspicion arose. Yes, sure enough, it was a jan man, working in the shed with razors, watches, etc., and right in the heart of the business section. Is it any wonder some towns get hostile with such representatives calling themselves salesmen? He clean, boys, and work straight. Oh, yes, Doc Boswell and his brother, of mineral salts fame, are working in a storeroom on Market street and doing a nice business. Doc is a clean worker and a fine fellow."

From Ed Foley: "I am still out after business in my line (therms, cement and cleaner) and outside of a few days of rain the past two weeks I have found business good—at Toronto, Mingo Junction and Billonvale, O.—the latter town is good to either pitch or canvass in. Practically all the towns in this valley are open to clean workers, with goods that will stand the test of public approval, and the officials I have met so far on this trip have treated me fine. I arrived at Martin's Ferry, O. February 2, and met Dr. Thurber and his partner, George Yeo, both of my home town, Cambridge, O. They opened here that week with a fine window display of their goods at the Parker drug store. Will be glad to read that pipe from Chas. Stahl, also one from Dr. George Wine and wife and Little Jack."

Doc Noonan and wife are in MacFarlan, W. Va., where they have a picture show. Doc writes that he played the Peerless Hawaiian Quartet recently and it was a good turn, altho business was not the best, probably because (Continued on page 96)

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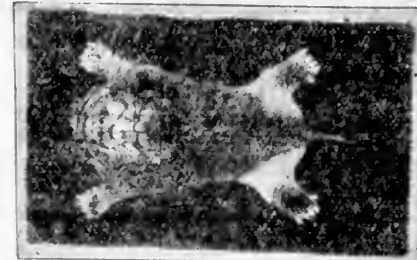
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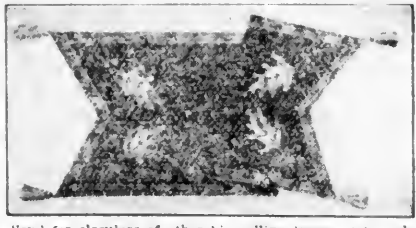
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BRADFORD & CO., INC., St. Joseph, Michigan.

That in most instances wherein the salesmen actually do work clean and explain to the authorities that the good fishermen through the various last features foisted on the public by some of their ranks, permission is being given them to work and prove their claims. On the other hand, Jim artists, sidewalk blockers, fresh guys, local merchant knockers, etc., are being handed "packages" far from their liking. Of course there will always be knucklers among the citizenry, and especially a selfish class of town merchants, against street salesmen, but any branch of business is up against the same proposition and it is up to the boys themselves to gain favor with the masses. Show the people that you are "on the square"; don't you don't have to humble yourself to do so the respect of the town or city business men and officials; encourage others to do the same, and it is not farfetched to predict that pitchdom will gain favor and obliterate unjust prejudice and oppression.

H. B. Gilman, Adrian, Mich., referring to his advertising in The Billboard, wrote: "I received an order for herbs from M. Enos, who was then in Honolulu—some circulation has 'Billboard', I'll say." Doe pipes some "I wonder?" as follows: Would like to know what my friend, E. J. Robbins is doing in San Antonio, and if he's still passing out can openers? What O. A. Matthews is doing over Waco way? If G. O. Worledge is to work out of Philly this spring? If T. H. Love is handing out soap around Baltimore, as usual—on his old stamping grounds? If Long Star Jim is fixing up the natives around Jamaica, N. Y., with his Indian oil and herbs at present? How F. C. Thomas is coming along with his Magic Sales Company in Charleston? If C. E. Malone is still working Kansas City with his Herb Renovator Tablets as before the holidays? If C. B. Hale is still rustling on his cotton farm near Joplin, Tex.—and getting the "cover" for spring plaidism? If Doc Jim Walker still specializes on colored folks around Moon? Why Harry C. Griffin is spending so much time in 'Old St. Louis'? If E. H. Hanson hasn't about got the folks around Ardmore, Ok., supplied with health books and left for new territory? If C. H. Waldorf hasn't about finished up around Middletown, N. Y.? What Doc Burns sees to keep him so long at New Castle, Pa.? And last, but not least, if Dr. Chas. Thurmer's good right arm can still stir up as good a mulligan as when he visited my show in Indiana (think it was Millersburg a few years ago and showed my steward the proper way to mix 'em (you tellum, Doc)?"

GEORGE (BINGO) RICHARDS ASKS AID

George Richards, for many years a concessionaire and show talker with various caravans (better known to friends as "Bingo") is confined at U. S. Veterans' Hospital, No. 63, Lake City, Fla., and requests that his friends of the show world send him some cash donations, as he states he is totally without funds and needs articles of various kinds. Mr. Richards states that he has already undergone three operations and still has another to undergo before he can hope for complete recovery. He hopes to be out on the road and among the Bedonkos the coming summer. At present he is aided and dependent upon hospital attendants for taking medicine and treatments. He appeals to the following showfolks to aid him, should they feel so inclined: James Patterson, Johnny J. Jones, Rubin Gruberg, K. G. Barkoot, Wm. Strode, J. A. Maey, J. F. Flynn, T. O. Moss and any others who know him or wish to assist him. Address care of the above institution.

WORLD AT HOME SHOWS

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 7.—Scene artists, under the direction of "Dad" DeArmo, are holding the spotlight at winter quarters of the World at Home Shows here and fronts of all the attractions are being rebuilt and repainted.

All cars and wagons are to be relettered and as fast as the train gang, under Ed Peyton, turns them out of the shops they are taken in tow by DeArmo and rushed thru the paintrooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton returned last week from Lancaster, Mo., where they went to visit Mr. Peyton's homfolks and boyhood friends.

Altho the date of opening is yet several weeks away, preparatory work is being rushed thru to completion. Thirty-five of the management's sixty-two cars on the track here, including flats, stock cars, stateroom and berth cars, have been selected to comprise the rolling stock of the World at Home Shows in 1923. The flats will again be painted snow white, the same color selected for the stock cars, and the coaches will be dark maroon. The lettering on the flats and stock cars will be black with a gold shading and on the coaches will be gold leaf. All of the rides have been overhauled and are being painted. Charles Anderson, ride superintendent, is in charge of the work. Five rides are already in winter quarters. The Caterpillar is to be delivered later.

Harvey Demarest is expected in winter quarters within the next few weeks to begin work on his Horse Show which has been engaged as the feature attraction. Joe Dobish has completely overhauled the melodrome and his machines and with Mrs. Dobish (Irene Dore) will make a short visit to homefolks in Chicago Heights, Ill. Sydney Paris has promised an innovation in his Dixieland Minstrels show this

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NOTES FROM N. TONAWANDA

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Richard Brothers, of Everett, Pa., and operators of Spillman carnivals for the past eighteen years, just paid the Spillman Engineering Corporation a visit and placed their order for a Caterpillar ride. Richard Brothers expect to play in the vicinity of Pennsylvania and practically the same route they have made for many years.

D. B. Stock, Tampa, Fla., and now with the K. G. Barkoot Shows, placed his order for a Caterpillar ride, and H. F. Hall, of the California Shows, also placed his order for a Caterpillar ride. P. M. Rumble, another old Spillman carnival operator, gave in his order for a Caterpillar, and Hugh Phillips, Cincinnati, O., placed his order for early spring delivery.

Spillman's new factory is practically completed. Several carloads of machinery have arrived, and within the next ten days or two weeks the firm will be working day and night forces.

PROGRESSIVE AMUSEMENT CO.

Belding, Mich., Feb. 8.—The Progressive Amusement Company is making extensive preparations for the forthcoming season, and on Mr. Cramer's arrival here about March 1 work will be speeded up on getting the rides, shows, show fronts and other paraphernalia ready for the opening. The management considers itself fortunate in securing the Inquette Flying Building, which is about one city block square, as there will be ample room for the building, rebuilding and painting of shows, rides and concessions. Mr. Cramer will motor from Buffalo, N. Y., to Belding to supervise the work of construction. All of which is according to an executive of the above show.

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Circus and Carnival News

JOHNNY J. JONES' EXPOSITION CHARLES POWELL IS ADJUDGED INSANE

Plays Eighth Consecutive Engagement at South Florida Fair

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 8.—That great proponder of optimism and grace of the present day, Professor Jones, of Nice, France, must have gotten his doctrine explicated very thoroughly into the systems of each and every director of the South Florida Fair, and Manager P. T. (Barnum) Stroder evidently took an extra dose, for the now familiar saying was never stronger exemplified than is now in evidence at the eighth annual South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Exhibition. The Johnny J. Jones Exposition seems virtually part and parcel of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla festivities, they having been companions each consecutive year (eight years) since the inauguration of the present fair association. The 1923 record for this event will beat everything of previous years. Exhibits, races, free acts, concessions and Johnny J. Jones' Exposition is so increased in growth that it was impossible to place three of the attractions.

Manager George Keatley had to put on extra men to handle the patronage on the Caterpillar, and Col. Wm. Pratt, of the Butterflies and Sealplane rides, also has had some extra help. Capt. Wm. Wecker has put on a grand water spectacle, with twelve girls, swimmers and divers, and three male aquatic artists. Beatrice Kyle makes an 8-foot dive, Betty Richardson, 40 feet, and Norma Kelly, 20 feet. Col. Artie Wells has a midjet horse, about 20 inches high, and Col. Sam Kaplan has a European novelty called "The World's Wonder", a mystifying and pleasing illusion. Aggar caters to the better element of male patrons and ladies and children. Colonel Dunn has added many improvements to Mabel Mack's Wild West, and Captain William Sigbee brings forth many new animal acts in conjunction with his wonderful horse, "The Captain". In the trained animal stadium Captain James J. Doolley is the new chief elephant trainer, Manager William Bozelle has many new features added to the Johnny J. Jones' Exposition Circus Side-Show. An extraordinarily funny new trick horse is called "A Good Time", built under the supervision of C. Frank Stillman. Johnny J. Jones' "Way Down South" was an instantaneous hit here. William Lynch Roberts, a relative of General Leonard Wood, has an Igorrote Village and will apparently do a fine business. There are a fat boy (Henry Barnett) and girl (Margie Doyle) whose combined (actual) weight is over 1,300 pounds. The Seminole Indian Village made a splendid impression. Members of the Seminole tribe are native Floridians, and they are popular in this State. Rajah, supposed to be the largest living snake, is exhibited here.

All the old standbys are getting their share of good business and approval. The business is proving the greatest that Johnny J. Jones' Exposition has ever enjoyed in the State of Florida. Weather has been ideal, with the exception of Tuesday. Gasparilla Day (Monday) the crowd was enormous; also today (Shriners' Day). Big parades marked both of these occasions and both parades ended at the fair grounds grand stand. ED. R. SALTER ("Johnny J. Jones' Hired Boy").

HICKS RETURNS TO K. C.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 7.—Tracy C. (Jimmy) Hicks, president of the Pan-American Doll and Novelty Company, this city, returned Monday from a three weeks' trip East. Mr. Hicks visited Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York, and came back with a fine big line of novelties and carnival supplies to offer his trade. The Pan-American Doll and Novelty Company is one of the largest jobbers and manufacturers in this line in the West or Southwest, and always has a large stock of new and choice goods to offer. They are getting out an extensive and elaborate catalog. Mr. Hicks is enlarging and rearranging his building and show rooms so as to give more space to the business. When the Kansas City representative of The Billboard called there this week he proudly displayed his "first desk", a table affair, and the one he had when he opened up in business in Kansas City not quite two years ago. It is far from the class of equipment now used by his company, which has grown in prominence yearly.

HARRY A. ROSE IN CINCY

Among visitors to Cincinnati and The Billboard last week was Harry A. Rose, general representative for Norder's Majestic Shows. He came from Dallas, Tex., where his shows open later than March 12. He stated that he already had the Majestic Shows booked up into the spring and summer at all under auspices. When asked what prospects for the forthcoming season, Harry had this to say: "To me the country is good, basically, and the people want amusements of the carnival character, and therefore, arrangements that have attractive rides, clean show attractions and good concessions, as well as people help, will surely close their book for 1923 with the balance on the profit side of the ledger—provided the weather man is kind. Also, much depends on the agents and the kind of contracts they make for their organizations."

JOHN FRANCIS SHOWS

Open at Oklahoma City, Ok., March 17

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 7.—Reports coming to the local office of The Billboard from Oklahoma City and the John Francis Shows state that Mr. Francis secured a newly-built garage there for his winter quarters, and is speeding up the work of getting the paraphernalia rebuilt and painted for the 1923 season. Everything is said to be about ready for the opening there March 17. Further advice on these shows follows:

Mr. Francis has just bought a fine new tractor and this will aid materially in moving. He has also purchased eight new cars from the Patterson Shows, consisting of three sleepers and five flats, and these are being shipped to Oklahoma City. Harry Sanford, general agent, has been out since January 1 and reports excellent progress with contracting of dates, including fairs.

Tom Hamilton is getting his rides all "spruced up", and Ross and Bill Heath are building their act show, in which they will have a 7-piece Scotch band. Arthur Martin is in charge of the winter quarters and is a busy man. Mrs. John Francis, after spending Christmas at the old home in Decatur, Ill., came to Kansas City recently to remain a couple more weeks before going to Oklahoma City. Mr. Francis has been wintering in Kansas City, going to winter quarters at frequent intervals. He will leave here to "get on the job" in Oklahoma City about February 10. He has been taking the Consistory in the Masonic organization here, and now is a 32nd degree Mason, with a beautiful diamond emerald ring, given him by his wife. The management states that it is the endeavor to keep the John Francis Shows up to date and clean, morally and physically. It is a fifteen-car show and is to be one of the niftiest of its size on the road.

air calliope, also a band organ to be placed on the ferris wheel. The latter will be something out of the ordinary, but Mr. Gerard said he was going to have plenty of music for the coming season, also good free acts. CHAS. L. COHN (Special Agent.)

GERARD'S NOVELTY CIRCUS AND EXPOSITION

R. C. (Bob) Crosby, widely-known general agent, signed a contract February 6 to handle the advance of Gerard's Novelty Circus and Exposition (formerly known as Gerard's Greater Shows). Mr. Crosby will have a special billing crew and four promoters, including two young ladies, to handle contest work only.

There will be entirely new methods used in the exploitation of the show, with a great deal of attention being paid to special advertising along novel lines. The concessions also will be handled in a different manner. There will also be carried a spacious white top wherein, to free admission, will be displayed the varied exhibits of merchants and manufacturers. This comes under the listing of "special events", and is expected to have a virile appeal to local business concerns.

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THE DANCE AND THE FEAST

S. L. A. Annual Function Becomes of Absorbing Interest as Date Draws Near

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The members of the Showmen's League of America grew enthusiastic at the regular meeting last night when continued progress was reported in the maturing of plans for the annual banquet and ball. Chairman Edward P. Neumann, of the banquet and ball committee, said that few details remained to be worked up and that the work is well in hand.

The assurance was given that plenty of entertainment will be on hand at the banquet and ball which will be held the night of February 21, in the Pabst Room of the Hotel Sherman. Mr. Neumann agreed that everybody coming get busy and get their reservations, also that others settle in and aid the committee in keeping its work well in hand, rather than have a mass of details accumulate.

The subject of the proposed new radio set came up and Beverly White, speaking for the committee, reported that what the committee believed was the best set obtainable had been purchased and would be installed by next meeting fully guaranteed.

A. H. Barkley, quite a time absent from the meetings, was called on and spoke pleasantly, describing his induction as a member recently in the new showmen's organization in Los Angeles.

The relief committee reported that George Meyer is showing continued and substantial improvement under the care of Mayo Ross, in Rochester, Minn. Felix Rieh was reported able to walk on crutches and go to his office. George Friedman was reported better and Charles G. Kilpatrick had gone to a hospital for a minor operation.

RUBIN & CHERRY SHOWS

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 7.—As this is being written the historic cannon presented to the Chatham Artillery Company by George Washington is being fired, whistles are blowing, sirens are screeching, houses and streets are handsomely decorated, the St. Michael with the last of the American troops from "Over There" has entered the Savannah River, and the oldest city in Georgia is alive with senators, congressmen, newspaper people, movie weekly cameramen—all striving to make the returning doughboys realize and appreciate the fact that they are "home" once more. Savannah has been signally honored.

Savannah is also the winter home of the Rubin & Cherry Shows, and a favorite pilgrimage for the Savannahian, on Sunday especially, is to take his family out to the Tri-State Fair grounds, visit the various buildings, and note the work that is going on. New fronts are being constructed and new wagons are being built; in fact, E. A. (Baldy) Potter is building four wagons at one time just now, while Sam and Josie Nagata are making their six rides more beautiful than ever. Carl J. and Mrs. Lauther have returned from Cuba, and everything is ready for the opening with the "world's biggest side-show". Among recent visitors were Col. C. W. Parker, Chris M. Smith, Frank West, of the West Shows, who purchased four cars from Rubin & Cherry Shows; Nat Narder, who bought several wagons, including last year's oblong wagon; Jack O'Brien, of minstrel fame; Mr. Schaefer, of "Shuffle Along" Company; Virginia Pearson, movie actress; Gene Nadreau, T. A. Wolfe and others. Charley Youngman has returned from the Pacific Coast, and Mrs. Youngman is with him from her home in Minnesota.

President Rubin Gruberg and General Manager James C. Simpson have just returned from a 7,000-mile trip. Mr. Simpson will probably remain here until the opening, as he and Mrs. Simpson have taken an apartment until April 1. Mr. Gruberg will make several trips, although most of his time will be spent

with the show, as much work has yet to be done at winter quarters before Angelo Mammolo's Band plays the first concert of the season. In addition to playing at least ten big fairs, Mr. Gruberg is devoting quite a lot of thought and attention to big things for the spring and summer, and General Representative Steve Woods is now at work on certain plans which when announced doubtless will cause a stir in outdoor show circles.

Lita Louise Blake is expected in any day and her offering with Rubin & Cherry will be a distinct advance upon anything this famous producer of "Shows Beautiful" has ever before attempted. D. T. McDaniels is here with his "Rocky Road to Dublin" and is making his headquarters at the Savannah Hotel, which, by the way, is doing everything in its power to make the visiting showmen feel at home, and Guy Lavender, the courteous, genial manager, goes out of his way to see that the showfolks are properly catered to. Room 523 is occupied by Secretary Frank S. Reed and is also the official Rubin & Cherry office. Manuel, the artist, arrived yesterday. He will start in a day or so repainting and putting new gold leaf on the fronts.

WILLIAM J. HILLIAR
(Press Representative).

TORRENS HAS "FLU"

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 7.—W. J. Torrens, of the Torrens United Shows, recently arrived here for a rest and recuperation, but has been suffering an attack of the "flu". At this writing, however, Mr. Torrens is convalescing, although his physician has advised that he must not leave for the North for about three weeks. He will be at Dugger, Ind., after March 1, to get everything in shape for their opening date, which has been set for April 11.

CASE WITHDRAWN

York, Pa., Feb. 5.—Fifteen minutes before the case of Felix Ibel against Al Bernberger and B. M. Turner was to go to trial the attorney for Bernberger and Turner settled with the attorney for Ibel and the case was withdrawn. Mr. Ibel's suit was on a promissory note given him by Bernberger and Turner, and after this note was protested for nonpayment Ibel attached some of Al Bernberger's show property while the Ibel and Dyer Shows played at the York (Pa.) Fair.

OLD CIRCUS MAN ILL

George "Pop" Coy, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, boss canvasmen in the circus business, now in charge of the repair work at the Walter L. Main Circus winter quarters at Havre de Grace, Md., was taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning, February 6, and was removed to his residence. General Superintendent Claude Orton, of the Main Circus, who has been confined to his bed for several days with an attack of the grip, has sufficiently recovered to be up and about.

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S. W. BRUNDAGE SHOWS

News Notes From Winter Quarters

St. Joseph, Mo. (Lake Contrary Driving Park), Feb. 7.—The weather man has been handing out a different brand of his products than the folks have been accustomed to most of the winter, the past few days being rather choppy and frozy. The sun is out and shining over all parts of the spacious quarters at this writing, the indication being that the thermometer will shoot up and milder weather again prevail. Hope so!

Since the return of Manager Brundage from his business-pleasure trip he has been a busy man and can be seen in all parts of the winter quarters of the S. W. Brundage Shows, looking over the extensive repairing and constructing program which has been on the move ever since the show train arrived from its last season's trip.

Master Mechanic Harvey Miller and his aids have accomplished much this winter. Rumor has it that a combination day coach and café car is to be added to the train and that more baggage stock will be carried.

Never has the S. W. Brundage Shows gone forth from winter quarters in a better physical condition than it will this spring, it being the plan of Seth W. Brundage to spare not a dollar where it will tend to improve the makeup and general appearance of the paraphernalia.

From the many promises of dates, and the list already closed, Manager Brundage says he expects the coming season to be good for all the shows, the general improvement in the industrial regions forming part of the basis on which he places his predictions.

Mrs. Harvey Miller was called home to Leavenworth, Kan., this week on account of the serious condition of her mother, who is suffering with a bad case of "flu".

"Trapper" Joe Goshert returned to the camp one day this week from an inspection of his many traps set around the "wilds" of Lake Contrary. He had a big rat, Juley ("away down South") opossum as the capital prize for his morning's inspection. Joe says he was followed for over a mile by a gusky son of ol' Missouri pleading and begging for that 'possum, but it had no effect, as Joe was 'possum hungry himself.

Several trappers are already here and they can hardly stand to be "hitched"; they're "havin' the ground" and "farin' to go." "JONSEY" JONES (Show Representative).

T. K. EDWINS AMUSEMENT CO.

The T. K. Edwins Amusement Co., at this time a small caravan, has been playing Georgia since September. The route has led as far south as the Florida line, but the show is now winding its way Northward. A great deal of rain and cool weather have been encountered lately. South Georgia had an awful blow from the boll weevil, but money conditions have been found about the same over the entire route so far.

Week ending February 5 the show played Sylvester, Ga., with Tifton to follow. The caravan remained in Albany two weeks, for Christmas and New Year's weeks, but business was slow, standard due to almost constant rain. Almost every town where this show has appeared has a "slut out" spot. In instances there has been no traveling amusement show in five years. The reason for this is getting on so that it carries nothing but an entertainment, and the writer feels that it can return for exhibitions as far as far paved.

BILLE EDWINS (for the show).

LION ATTACKS KEEPER

James Andrews, of Walter L. Main Circus, Victim of Serious Accident

Havre de Grace, Md., Feb. 8.—While attempting to drive Helen a partially blind business from the arena this morning this morning, James Andrews, an animal man and war veteran, was seriously injured. He was taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital, where it was found both arms had been badly lacerated and one leg badly torn. Fortunately, several of the men were assisting him from the outside, and when the lioness attacked him and knocked him down they drove it off with iron rods and pulled him out of the arena. It is expected that he will be confined in the hospital for about a week.

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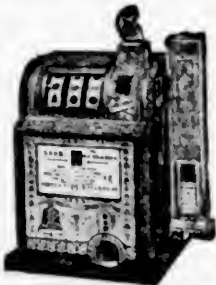
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PLANS ABOUT COMPLETED

Syrian Temple's Second Annual Shrine Circus at Music Hall, Cincinnati, February 26 to March 3

Final plans are being whipped into shape for the Syrian Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, second annual Indoor Circus, at Music Hall, Cincinnati, February 26 to March 3, inclusive.

John G. Robinson, the widely known circus man and owner of Robinson's Famous Military Exhibitions, as well as a member of Syrian Temple, who collected and engaged the circus nets and directed the program last year, is found again in the same capacity. Last year's show was a big success. It was purely circus, with no by-product shows, except a side-show and some refreshment concessions operated by the Shriners. The program was excellent and Mr. Robinson has announced that there will be an almost complete change in the presentations at the forthcoming event, also more nets are to be offered. William J. Howard is president of the circus committee and he and his co-workers are hustling tirelessly toward making it the biggest of its kind ever staged before Greater Cincinnati audiences. The affair has the interest and support of practically the entire city. Among the acts announced as so far engaged are the following: Robinson's Famous Military Exhibitions, the Orrin Davonport Troupe of Equestrians, the Manganon Troupe of Acrobats, the Lester-Bell-Griffin Trio of Comedy Acrobats; the Flying Valentinos, aerial casting act; Fisher Sisters, aerial butterfly (iron jaw); Beatrice Jung, the "Loop-the-loop girl", on trapeze; while among the clowns (all professional) will be Art Adair, who will direct the Clown Band, and Lorette, noted as the Clown Policeman. Negotiations are at this time under way for additional feature acts and additions to "clown alley". As before, there will be no booked shows or concessions. Children from the orphans' homes of Hamilton County, O., and Kenton and Campbell counties, Ky., will be guests of the Shriners at specially appointed matinees.

OKLAHOMA CITY DECIDEDLY ON THE EXPOSITION MAP

Oklahoma City, Ok., during the next few weeks, is to be the scene of four shows of major importance, especially to the city and vicinity, all of them being endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, which body, thru its organization and committee, is directing all Oklahoma Cityans to put forth their best efforts and assistance toward making them 100 per cent successes. In fact, all four shows are practically in cooperation and not in either competition or opposition.

The first of the events is a Homebuilders' Show and Exposition, February 16-24. Next comes the Automobile Show, February 26 to March 3. March 5-10 will be the Oklahoma Times' Pure Food Show, and March 12-17 will be this year's dates for the Southwest Live Stock Show and Exposition.

Incidentally, in connection with the above mentioned, a remarkably well-organized article appeared in The Daily Oklahoman, February 6, cleverly connecting the four events referred to and dates given, by Ed Overholser, president-manager of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Overholser was formerly owner of the Overholser Opera House there, was also Mayor of the city and, besides being president of the Chamber of Commerce, is one of the most progressive "five wire" citizens of the Oklahoma capital city. J. M. Clark, formerly engaged in outdoor show business, the past two years, having business connections in Oklahoma City, is also lending his support and executive experience toward the success of special events in aid of the city's progress.

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CIRCUS CLUB FORMED

By Socially Prominent Suburban Families at Frisco

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 7.—What is probably an innovative movement on the part of fashionable suburbanites is the formation here of the Menlo Park Circus Club, prominent men and women of Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Redwood City having formed an organization and purchased a twenty-five-acre tract of land at Menlo Park.

There are to be a half-mile race track, tennis courts, a baseball field and other outdoor sports equipment, and the dedication will probably be made at the annual Society Circus, which will be staged this year June 23 and on a larger scale than ever before will present an elaborate program of free attractions, circus concessions, side-shows, etc. As usual the proceeds of the June circus event will go toward the maintenance of the Stanford Hospital Convalescent Home for Children. Last year the proceeds of this show amounted to almost \$10,000, and the amount is expected to be greatly increased this year.

As soon as the club's grounds are in order a series of sports tournaments will be started, including polo matches, paper chases, etc. Some fifty families have donated sums of money to finance the circus club, the idea of which was promoted by a group of society women of the peninsula. Among the women to the fore in promoting the project, financially and otherwise, are Mesdames A. G. C. Hahn, Timothy Hopkins, Ell Well, Charles Merrill, J. G. Sharp, Selah Chamberlain, Charles Woods, Robert S. Moore, R. E. Fraser, Augustus Taylor, William Weir, Harry Sears Bates, Delaney Lewis, Charles McCormick, Stewart Lowery, Henry Rosenfeld and Leon Douglas.

GOVERNOR HAD REPRESENTATIVE

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Adirondack Post, No. 70, of the American Legion, is holding a Fair in Convention Hall this week. State Treasurer George R. Shuler, who has a distinguished war record, attended the opening night as personal representative of Governor Alfred E. Smith.

INDOOR FAIR-FESTIVAL

Under Auspices of I. O. O. F. Committee at Dayton, O.

Dayton, O., Feb. 7.—A mammoth Indoor Fair and Festival, sponsored by the Montgomery County I. O. O. F. Committee, has been arranged here at the fair grounds for February 26 to March 3. It is estimated that there are over 7,000 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in this county and it has been announced that practically all of them are selling tickets in advance for the event, which will probably be the biggest of its kind ever staged in Dayton.

There will be exhibits from schools, farms, manufacturers and merchants, and a limited amount of space has been set aside for legitimate concessions and demonstrations of wares. There will also be numerous free acts and a big pageant every night and Saturday afternoon. The first five days will be given over to State and national educational and agricultural speakers, for which there will be no admission charged. Several special promotions are being put on by the committee in charge, also a fine pictorial review and program of Dayton and Montgomery County is being gotten out by R. C. (Doc) Allen, who also has charge of the popularity contest, with which he is already meeting much success. J. L. Shaffer is director in charge of the show.

FAIR REPORTED SUCCESS

Fosteria, O., Feb. 7.—The recent Indoor Fair held at Portland, Ind., in the Armory, was proclaimed a success. It was staged by H. C. Bynon and Charles Langstaff for the Klwanis Club.

Music was furnished by the Perry, Lewis and Smith orchestras. All the concession wheels were operated by members of the club and were well patronized. Wm. Nelson, veteran candy maker, had his "stand of sweets" there and Mrs. Earl (Violet) Reid had a palmistry booth. Ralph Buss had charge of George Butterworth, the fat man, also the Zeena show. Twenty prizes were given away each night and on Saturday night an automobile. At the close of the fair Messrs. Bynon and Langstaff stated they were leaving for Canada to stage an indoor show.

COLEMAN'S INDOOR CIRCUS

Reports Success in Central States Cities

The biggest indoor affair ever promoted by Geo. H. Coleman was at Kenosha, Wis., under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, for the benefit of St. Catherine's Hospital. The affair was staged in the Coliseum, which building is 125 feet long and 75 feet wide, with balconies on each side seating 1,000 people. The Coleman Circus was credited with putting the largest crowd inside that hall ever known. On the last night of the engagement 6,500 people passed thru the doors from 7 o'clock to midnight. Ten acts were used in this engagement, an eight-piece orchestra furnishing the music and eighteen booths being operated by the members of the K. of C. Lodge. There was a \$10,000 advance ticket sale which alone was remarkable for a city the size of Kenosha. The several contests, including the automobile contest conducted by "Curly" Smith, a protégé of Mr. Coleman's several years ago, also went on record as the biggest ever conducted in Kenosha, the gross of the several contests running over \$4,000. This was probably the beginning of an annual affair of this kind to be held by the K. of C. Lodge, as the results went several thousand dollars over the expectations of this lodge. Mr. Coleman was assured of the contract for next year by the committee in charge. The engagement was for eight nights, starting January 22 and closing January 29. This date included Sunday matinee and night, which was the second largest night of the show.

The Coleman Company left Kenosha January 30 for Chicago Heights, Ill., where it is putting on the Knights of Columbus Circus in that city starting Saturday, February 3. From here the Coleman Indoor Circus plays Racine, Wis., under auspices of the Odd Fellows, where it is said that another big advance ticket sale precedes the company. Milwaukee, Wis., follows Racine, then this company goes into Chicago, where it is to open up a new Maxwell Temple, which is said to be one of the finest lodge temples in the State of Illinois. All of which is according to an executive of the above company.

KAABA TEMPLE CIRCUS

At Davenport, Ia., in March

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 7.—Kaaba Temple Shriners will stage their annual indoor show and circus in the Coliseum March 16 to 27 and representatives of the John W. Moore Company, which will present the attractions, have been in conference with temple officers upon the plans. It is said it will be the largest that has ever been offered in Davenport. R. M. Lawson, San Francisco, agent for the show, has established headquarters here, and M. D. Maundall, who is representing the show to be staged in Des Moines, is at work there.

PLANNING HEALTH SHOW

National Health Exposition for Louisville

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 7.—Plans are going forward for the National Health Exposition which will be held here April 25 to May 5, inclusive, at the Jefferson County Armory. Officials of the State and city health boards expect the health show this year will be practically double the size of the exposition held last February.

EXPO. BUILDING FOR YORK

York Pa., Feb. 8.—Plans for a large exposition building are in the making here. The York Exhibition Association, recently organized with C. B. Maul as president, is sponsoring the movement. The idea is to construct such a building that would furnish adequate facilities for indoor fairs, exhibitions and circuses. According to present tentative plans, the proposed structure would contain between 60,000 and 70,000 square feet of floor space.

SHOWS AT LANSING

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 7.—Capillary crowds viewed afternoon and night performances of the Indoor Circus staged here this week, under the auspices of the local Gns-Nal Grotto, in the riding hall of the 19th Field Artillery.

Probably the most extensive automobile show in Central Michigan opened in Lansing Wednesday night to continue four days. One-half million dollars' worth of cars were on display, including exhibits which have not heretofore been shown outside of the national exhibitions at New York and Chicago.

THOMAS ACCOMPANIED ACTS

New York, Feb. 7.—J. P. Thomas, of the Wirth, Blumenfeld & Company offices, in New York, informed The Billboard that Frank Wirth accompanied the acts for the Detroit Shrine Circus to that city with special Pullman and baggage cars, full to the capacity of each, over the Lahigh Valley Railroad. Among those on board were May Wirth, Phil and family, Aerial Shawa, Selrist-Silbon Troupe, Spader Johnson and twelve clowns, Bill Rice, comedy acrobat, and the Earl Brothers, acrobatic comedians, the dates being from February 5 to 17.

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AUTO SHOW AND BAZAAR

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The ninth annual Troy Automobile Show is being held at the State Armory, this week, under the auspices of the Troy Used Sales Car Corporation, with Frank M. Baucus in charge. The crowds Monday and Tuesday were big. Lectures and films were given by the management Wednesday afternoon. Dancing is enjoyed in the Winter Garden Room. The Troy Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, is holding a Fair and Bazaar at its rooms this week to raise building funds.

FESTIVE WEEK SCHEDULED

Mahogany City, Pa., Feb. 8.—City Council last night, at its regular meeting, gave the Mahogany City Baseball Association, composed of business and professional men in town, the right-of-way to conduct a monster Block Party on the streets of this city, beginning week of May 27. They plan to have another old-home-week celebration and Marill Gray, John A. Kellar, who put the big celebration over for St. Michael's Church, three years ago, is chairman of the general committee. Shows, riding devices, etc., will help to make merry.

MARDI GRAS TO BE FILMED

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—Mardi Gras will be filmed in all details this season, to be used as an advertising idea by the Association of Commerce to show New Orleans as a tourist center. A local firm will do the work and it is said that over 300 contracts have already been signed for the production. Heretofore only portions of the main parades have been featured in pictures.

HARTFORD AUTO SHOW

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 8.—The annual Automobile Show here will take place this year at State Armory February 11-24. Plans are to make it a record show and space has been booked by some of the leading makers and dealers.

Grand O. H., St. Louis

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tion. Effective and good-looking, but not starting. Nine minutes, in one; two bows.

"Current of Fun", an electrical novelty offering a little after the familiar hypnotic demonstrations. The act made a good start and evoked considerable laughter, but unfortunately something in the equipment went wrong and the artists were forced to close in the middle of their performance.

Harry Beverly and Company. A tiresome travesty between a drunk, his wife and a traffic cop, with an afterpiece of weird horse-play on grand opera. The jokes were as engaging as this: "The garbage man is here." Answer: "Tell him we don't want any today." The whole act was just like that. Fifteen minutes, in one; one bow.

Sternad's Midgets gave a marvelous exhibition of society dancing, boxing, acrobatics, a brief act excerpt from "Madame X", ballet dancing, animal training—all with fine showmanship and spirit. Thirty-nine minutes; many scenes; numerous curtains.

ALLEN HYDE CENTER.

Lafayette, New York

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and J. A. Moberly, scored heavily in the third spot, and just a little short of stopping the show. With a bigger audience it would probably have happened. "Dixie", "Amen", "Tomorrow" and "New Orleans" were the quartet offerings. Mitchell rendered "Mary, Dear", as a solo. The act went very well, but the lead tenor was a bit too enthusiastic and the bass just a trifle too reserved. With these minor improvements their technique will be much improved. It's a good act as it is.

Tenderloe and Silverstone, a pair of Indian baritones, one of whom could do some clever work on the trapeze and Roman rings, opened the show. The act established a high standard for the others to shoot at.

Stern and Rosa, man and woman, worked in one with a S. D. and T. offering that went for a hand when their Bowery closing number was presented. They did fourteen minutes, the first four of which could be spared and improve the act, which has an excellent finish.

Ina and Elenor, a clever dancing girl with a handsome but otherwise unimportant male partner, working full stage, put over a series of dances, using ten minutes. The opening and closing numbers were especially good, but the male member certainly made a mistake in trying to do an interpretative dance to the music of "Bandana Days" in this house. Too many first-class dancers have preceded him here.

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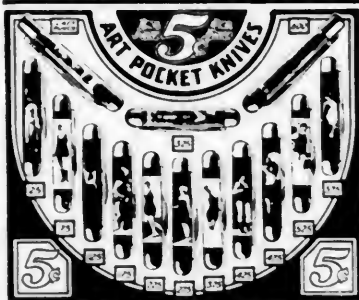
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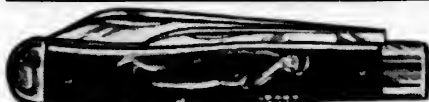
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while, got a fair hand for her efforts. She sang "Southland", "Chicago", "Sister Kate" and "Dada Strain", drawing a hand on the latter two numbers. She overacted a bit and spoiled her status as a singer by doing a dance for an encore.

The Paramount picture, "Manslaughter", completed the program. J. A. JACKSON.

ED WYNN STILL TOURING

New York, Feb. 12.—Ed Wynn and his company of "The Perfect Fool" are doing so well here at the Colonial Theater in Boston that he has

decided to tour all New England until June 16. During the summer months he will sojourn in Atlantic City and Great Neck, and will again start work with "The Perfect Fool" in August, opening in Pittsburg on August 27.

"MARGIE" IN SOUTHEAST

Chicago, Feb. 10.—McGregor & Co., of New York, are now booking "Margie" in West Virginia and Indiana, with a cast of twenty-five people. James Wingfield is arranging the booking.

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ARREST TEX. THEATER OWNERS

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 8.—Eight proprietors of theaters were arrested here Sunday charged with violation of the closing law. Those conducting tobacco and drug stores and filling stations were not molested, although some are known to have remained open for business. It was said to be the intention to make test cases in the instance of the theater men, the result of which probably will determine continuance or abandonment of the crusade.

All those arrested demanded trial before H. H. Reeves, justice of the peace, instead of Thomas Brown, the justice responsible for enforcement of the law which was enacted in 1890. Their attorneys signified their intention of demanding trial by jury.

BIDE DUDLEY, DEFENDANT

New York, Feb. 10.—Bide Dudley, author, lyric-writer, show producer and newspaperman, was sued this week by the Beaux-Arts Scenic Studios for \$638 alleged to be owing for scenery purchased by him for his musical comedy, "Sue, Dear", which played in New York last summer. The papers filed in the Third District Municipal Court allege that Dudley purchased scenery valued at \$1,628 on July 8 and paid \$990, leaving unpaid the balance sued for. Answer filed by Dudley makes a general denial of the allegations set forth in the complaint.

STAGE DIRECTOR SUES

New York, Feb. 10.—Edgar J. MacGregor, the stage director, brought suit this week against Edgar Whiteside, the producer of "The Doormat", which had a short life at the Punch and Judy Theater, for \$600 alleged to be due for staging that play. The summons in the action was served on Whiteside at the Hotel Colonial, where he lives, and filed in the Third District Municipal Court.

NEW HOFFMAN COMEDY TO OPEN

New York, Feb. 12.—A. H. Woods will place Aaron Hoffman's newest masterpiece, "Light Wines and Beer", in rehearsal today, with an opening in the Cox Opera House in Cincinnati in view for the night of March 4. This play will probably fare towards the West, playing Chicago for the spring and coming to New York next fall. However, nothing definite has been decided as yet, for Woods wants to see the play in action first.

Mathilde Cottrelly has been engaged to play a principal part.

\$3,000 THEATER ROBBERY

Detroit, Feb. 10.—The safe of the Colonial Theater, Woodward and Sibley avenues, was cracked early this morning by yeggmen who, according to Manager Edward Frank, escaped with \$3,000. The loot is said to represent yesterday's receipts of the Colonial, Globe and Coliseum theaters, owned by Louis and Ben Cohen.

BRANNAN A CHICAGO VISITOR

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Ed Brannan, general agent of the combined Gentry Bros. and Paterson Animal Circus, was a Chicago visitor this week.

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CARNIVAL COMPANIES

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Gray Shows, Roy Gray, mgr.: Westwego, La., 12-17. Jones, Johnny J., Expo. Shows: (Fair) Orlando, Fla., 12-17; (Fair) Bradenton 19-21. Shapp Bros.' Shows: San Diego, Calif., 12-15.

BAZAARS-INDOOR SHOWS

(ROUTES FOR THIS COLUMN SHOULD REACH THE CINCINNATI OFFICE BY SATURDAY MORNING TO INSURE PUBLICATION)

Agce's All-Star Circus: Duluth, Minn., 12-17; Milwaukee, Wis., 19-21. All Nations' Rally, ausp. American Unity League: (Coliseum), Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26-March 3. A. F. Sheehan, dir., 333 S. Wabash ave. American Legion Bazaar & Carnival, Phil Shor, mgr., care Frontonic Hotel, Detroit. Hamtramck, Mich., Feb. 17-25. Coleman's Indoor Circus, H. H. Coleman, mgr.: Madison, Wis., 17-26. Community Fair and Indoor Festival, Dayton, O., 26-March 3. J. L. Shaffer, mgr., Odd Fellows' Temple. Elks' Indoor Circus: Denver, Col., March 19-24. Ryley Cooper, eques. dir., care International Productions Co., Elks' Bldg. Indoor Circus, Otis Loretta, mgr., 458 E. Main st.: (Armory) Cory, Pa., Feb. 12-17. Indoor Society Circus: Daytona, Fla., Feb. 19-24. James E. Fleming, mgr. Indoor Circus, ausp. Municipal Band: (Armory) Ft. Dodge, Ia., Feb. 22-24. L. C. Spray, supt. Indoor Fair: (Convention Hall) Rochester, N. Y., March 5-10. Wm. W. Cohn, dir., 279 Central Ave. Moose Indoor Festival and Jubilee, Logan, O., 21-March 3. I. G. Baughman, mgr., care Central Hotel. Shrine Indoor Circus: Wichita, Kan., Feb. 12-17. Address Midian Shrine Circus. Shrine Circus, John G. Robinson, mgr.: (Moose Hall) Cincinnati, O., 26-March 3.

ADDITIONAL ROUTES

(Received Too Late for Classification)

Himp, The, with Herbert Corthell: (Grand) Cincinnati, O., 12-17. Boy & Boyer: (Palace) Pittsfield, Mass., 15-17; (Palace) New Britain, Conn., 19-21; (Empire) North Adams, Mass., 22-24. Carter Dramatic Co., J. E. Carter, mgr.: Gowen, Mich., 12-17. Gilbert's Art, Revue: (Lyric) Anniston, Ala., 12-17. Hampden, Walter, Co., Harold Entwistle, mgr.: Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 19; Easton 20; Altoona 21; Wheeling, W. Va., 22; Canion, O., 23; Youngstown 24. Herridge's Novelty Co.: Glidden, Ia., 19-20; Woodward 27. High Speed Co., Fred Norman, mgr.: (Temple) Temple, Tex., 12-17; (Ideal) Corsicana 18-24. Larazolas, Flying: (Grotto Circus) Portsmouth, O., 17-21. Mack, Hughie: Hancock, Mich., 12-17; Ishpeming 19-24. Mack, Grace, Stock Co.: Galax, Va., 19-21. Poole Shows: Taylor, Tex., 12-17. Stout, L. Verne, Players, in His Father's Business: California, Mo., 19; Herman 20; Jonesburg 21; Leadwood 22; Bonne Terre 23; Aurora 24. Thurston, Magellan: (Grand) Cincinnati, O., 18-24.

"ICEBOUND"

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with nearly every one of her speeches by deft playing.

The settings of "Icebound" leave nothing to be desired and the lighting was good thruout. The staging of the piece has been done with a full appreciation of its values and every point is taken advantage of that might heighten the playing value. There is nothing to cavil at in either the direction or the casting of the play. Its success will hinge on its appeal as drama. My opinion is that this appeal has been largely dissipated by concessions and compromise.

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"La Flamme", a drama, in four acts, by Charles Mere, author of "The Masked Woman", was presented by William A. Brady for a single performance, with a cast recruited mainly from "Up She Goes", and with makeshift scenery. It was probably done to get a line on its possibilities for Broadway. Under the circumstances it would be unfair to treat the performance as tho it was offered in the regular course of events. This much can be said, tho: "La Flamme" looks as tho it had possibilities for success if produced in the regular way.

The play has a good plot and several stirring situations. Its greatest faults are a weak last act and several arid places that need pruning and tightening to make them theatrically effective.

The cast which played the piece for this performance was not the ideal one for the play. Jane Grey played a bit too vigorously and John Cromwell monotonously. Kenneth MacKenna was splendid, as was Frederick Graham. Helen Bolton had a showy role and made a lot of it. These were the principal parts in the long cast, the other roles being bits.

"La Flamme", as presented at this performance, was played at the wrong pace. Doubtless this will be remedied

if the play is put on for a run, and playing at the right tempo, will make for a much better performance. Mr. Brady has a good piece of theatrical property in "La Flamme" if it is cast and mounted with care. If his object in playing the piece for this one performance was to find this out, the experiment may be said to have been a success.

A play from the French, which, with some necessary alterations, looks as tho it would succeed on Broadway.

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WHAT THE NEW YORK CRITICS SAY

"Wildflower" (Casino Theater)

POST: "Wildflower" blossomed at the Casino into one of the prettiest musical comedies of the season."

GLOBE: "A very tedious book, two stranded comedians, a little music, and a charming star."—Kenneth MacGowan.

WORLD: "It is a musical comedy of delightful manner and really gorgeous melodies."—Quinn Martin.

TIMES: "An adroit and workman-like example of the genus musical comedy."

BROADWAY PLAYERS MAKE TRIP THEY WON'T FORGET

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Nine performances a week, plus morning rehearsals, do not make the easiest schedule in the theatrical world, but there are others far worse, take it from the Broadway Players. The experienced one of the latter kind last week when they went on the road for two days while a local attraction held sway at the Van Curler. "Scrambled Wives" was the piece presented but the main part of the trip was tough drama. The sixteen members of the company encountered many difficulties, among them poor train connections; train stalling; cold sleeper, and other unpleasant experiences. They played Ticonderoga and Troy.

"THE STORM" IS BIG SUCCESS IN HALIFAX

James Carroll To Have Stock Company in St. John, N. B., Rumor Says

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—"The Storm" is the offering of the F. James Carroll Players at the Majestic for the current week.

The original electrical and mechanical effects were secured from Bonton, N. J., so that the production was on a par with the original; the fire scene and the falling tree brought forth rounds of applause. While this scene was the punch of the performance, there was something tremendously effective about the bleak charred landscape in the last act after the fire. Unanimous verdict—one of the best shows in many seasons; on a par with "The Broken Wing".

A well-founded rumor says that Mr. Carroll is going to open another stock company at the Opera House in St. John, N. B. It is several years since St. John has had a legitimate show house, and there is every reason to believe that a company of Mr. Carroll's standard would be a success there.

Next week—"Oh, Lady, Lady".

MANY CHANGES IN EDMONTON STOCKS

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 8.—A number of changes have been made in the two Edmonton stock companies. Margaret Robinson and Norman Wendell, both of whom have done good work while here, closed Saturday night and left for New York. Taylor Bennett, a great local favorite, and Ivy Bowman transfer from the Allen Players to the Metropolitan Company, with which they opened this week. Mr. Bennett and Miss Bowman have established what is probably a record in stock circles, having so far played for 70 successive weeks in three companies in the one city, the Temple Stock, which closed; the Allens, and now the Metropolitan, and have not missed one day's work in that time. Verna Felton, than whom no player has more admirers thruout Western Canada and the Western States, severed her long association with the Allen Players, which is controlled by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Allen, last week, and left immediately for New York, where she assumes the position of leading woman with Leo Ditrichstein. Miss Felton has been the leading woman and featured player of the Allen Company since she was sixteen years of age, and during most of the time has also directed all of their productions. After her two performances last Saturday Miss Felton went over to the New Empire Theater, which has been her home for the past sixty-five weeks, and came on the stage during the last part of the "Dumbbells" revue to say good-bye to her friends and patrons. She received a remarkable but well-deserved ovation on both occasions.

STOCK NOTES

Lillian Desmonde, leading woman of the Westchester Players in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., until they were forced to close recently thru the illness of Manager B. L. Feinblatt, gave a box party at a performance of "Extra" in the Longacre Theater, New York, several weeks ago. Chester Morris, a former leading man of the Westchester Players, is taking the lead in the piece. In Miss Desmonde's party were J. Dallas Hammond, Virginia Duncan, Jessica Paige and Seth Arnold, all members of the Mt. Vernon Stock Company. Miss Desmonde is living in the city with her husband, Mr. Hammond.

William Townshend, character man with the F. James Carroll Players, in Halifax, N. S., was with the Proctor Players in Albany, N. Y., during the fall and winter season. Following the Albany engagement he played in Union Hill, N. J., and Atlanta, Ga.

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ADDITIONAL CONCERT AND OPERA NEWS

COMMUNITY MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

(Continued from page 31) singing at the meetings of the County Medical Society.

Wilmington, Del., has joined the ranks of the cities in which Sunday afternoon concerts are provided for residents of the city. Under the auspices of the Wilmington Music Commission, a series of three Sunday afternoon concerts will be given in local theaters.

The All-Huntington Chorus recently presented "The Messiah" before an audience of 2,500 persons, in the City Auditorium of Huntington, W. Va. Hannah M. Cundiff directed the chorus and Mrs. Helen Tuft-Laubien was the accompanist, and in addition the chorus was assisted by the local orchestra.

The Board of Education of Lincoln, Neb., has instituted a series of Sunday Vesper Matinee concerts. The concerts are given under the direction of H. O. Ferguson, supervisor of music, and the singers are students in the music department of the schools of the city, and also various local artists and groups.

The Modesto Choral Society, of Modesto, Calif., has been reorganized under the direction of the local Community Service. Carrol E. McKee is now the conductor and rehearsals have been started for a Vesper service to be given at Easter and preparations are being made for the presentation of a cantata in the spring.

CONCERT AND OPERA NOTES

Gladiée Morisson will make her first New York appearance this year at the Belmont Theater, Sunday evening, February 25, in a program of French period songs, in costume.

On February 19 Olga Samaroff will be heard in Philadelphia, and on the 20th in Beaver Falls, Pa., and a recital is announced by the noted pianist for Niagara Falls for February 24.

Ossip Gabrilowitch will give a recital in Aeolian Hall, New York, the afternoon of February 17.

An all-Chopin program will be played by Josef Hofmann, in Chicago, at the Studebaker Theater, the afternoon of February 27.

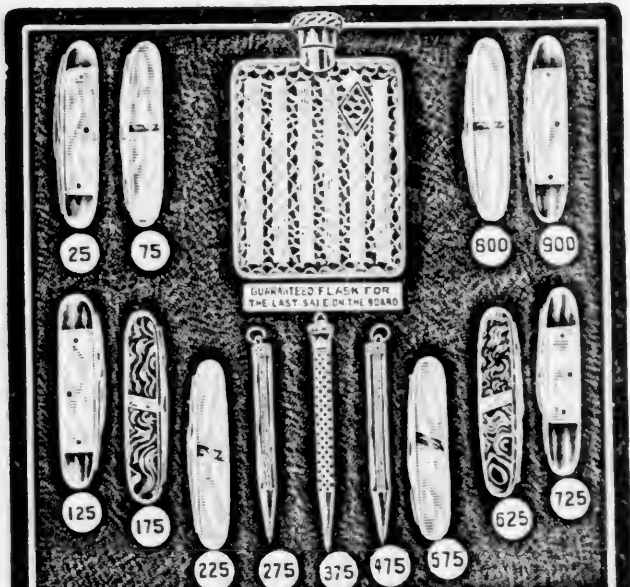
The Winnipeg Male Chorus will be heard in a concert in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Wednesday evening, February 21. The choir, directed by Hugh Ross, will have as soloist Alberto Salvi, harpist.

Alfred Cortot, French pianist, will appear as soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Boston, on February 23 and 24, and

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On February 15 John Barclay, Canadian baritone, will appear as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The University of Illinois Concert Band, under the direction of Albert Austin Harding, has announced its annual concert for February 27, in Orchestra Hall, Chicago. The band, which is composed of ninety pieces, is said to be the largest college band in the world.

Owing to the rearrangement of his schedule, Josef Hofmann will have but one recital in San Francisco, that date being announced as February 18. It was previously announced he would also be heard in that city on February 11.

MOTION PICTURE MUSIC NOTES

A special musical setting was arranged by S. L. Rothafel, of the New York Capitol Theater, before he left for Europe, to be used this week with the production of "The Christian". The program opens with the overture from "Tannhauser", played by the orchestra, with Erno Rapce conducting. An original orchestral prelude, by William Axt, associate conductor of the orchestra, which introduces the atmosphere of the production, is the first number. This leads into Bruno Bluhne's "Invictus", sung by Erik Bye, baritone, a favorite of patrons of the Capitol.

Jean Young, soprano, was soloist at the Chicago Theater, Chicago, at a recent Sunday noon concert. Miss Young sang Puccini's "Vissi d'Arte" from "La Tosca". Proceeding the feature film at Hugo Hosenfeld's Rivoli Theater, in Manhattan, this week, is a charming pastoral with Miriam Lutz, soprano, Susan Ida Clough, mezzo-soprano; Inga Wark, contralto, and four dancers. Selections from Puccini's "La Boheme" is the opening orchestral number.

James Stevens, of the Princess Theater, San Francisco, is making his appearance at the Sheridan Theater, in Greenwich Village,

New York, in a series of recitals of popular and classical songs. Managing Director Edwin T. Emery has engaged Mr. Stevens for an indefinite period.

As a part of the musical program at the New York Strand this week, a prolog divided into three episodes is being presented by the Strand Male Quartet.

Emma Nee, soprano, is soloist at the New York Rialto this week, singing the "Dream Melody" from Herbert's "Naughty Marietta". Beethoven's "Egmont" overture opens the program.

NEW TURNS AND RETURNS

(Continued from page 10)

tion that her name was Lida Gardner and that she was seventy-two. She danced in a manner that would have delighted the heart of Coney, the long drawers of a past period being in evidence. All dance for the finish. It was just one of those things.

WILLING AND JORDAN

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, February 8, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing. Setting—One. Time—Fourteen minutes.

Man at piano and woman in low-cut gown of corse velvet and gold displaying beautiful neck, shoulders and arms, sing "Walt Till the Winter Comes Around". Woman is of the robust, well-developed and symmetrically proportioned type, with lots of personality. "He Gave Me All Those Things You Promised Me", written by Harry Carroll and used by him in the former Wheaton and Carroll act and more recently in the Segal and Carroll act, was the next number. It was not well delivered and failed to get over.

"Suzanna Sue" was productive of better returns, the woman looking very well, indeed, in an effective and refined creation of lavender and silver, as she rendered for the second chorus. Followed "I've Got a Love for You", which was first delivered straight, then as an Englishman would do it (this was very clever), next an Italian vocalizing the same number. This was productive of definite ap-

plause at this house, which is in a section where the Italians present would appreciate it. For a finish "That Loving Rag" was sold very well and worked up to a good conclusion for definite returns.

The woman's voice is very pleasant and she is artistic in her work. The man's voice harmonizes well, but his indifferent manner reacts to their disadvantage. Act shows class and could play the better houses nicely, but could stand a stronger routine.

THE FALCONS

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Local's American Theater, New York. Style—Acrobatic. Setting—Three. Time—Five minutes.

A very good act of gymnastic tricks on Roman rings, well staged, executed with technique and with no stalling. One fellow dresses as an athletic youth, the other after the manner of a college student, and the two do several very neat tricks, including a good climb up the horizontal poles supporting the apparatus, a jump to a one-foot catch to a tape held by the other while suspended head down. For a finish a swing thru a wide arc and a drop to and slide along the stage to the footlights, brought good returns. Would make a good opener in the big time houses if the running time were lengthened somewhat.

ANGLER'S ENTERTAINERS

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at Local's American Theater, New York. Style—Trained dogs. Setting—Three. Time—Eleven minutes.

With beautiful stage setting and well-polished apparatus looking spic and span, a troupe of dogs is put thru its paces much after the routine of similar acts. The answering of questions, evidently cued from the wings, was rather drawn out too long. The sign dropped after the dog climbs the spiral pole, "We Do Our Best To Please You", is small time—very. The girl could improve her dressing and the man in shirt-sleeves held up by sleeve-holders looked very unclassy. Wearing a coat would improve his appearance greatly. Lacks the class and showmanship, also punch, for the finish, if the big time houses are aimed at.

ALLEN AND JONES

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, February 8, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing and comedy. Setting—Special in one. Time—Thirteen minutes.

Before a drop representing a railway station Allen and Jones, two colored fellows, enter as porters dragging a trunk. Some talk preceded "All Day Long", which was harmonized well. A parody on "It Takes a Good Man To Do That" registered, as did "That's

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How I Believe in You", by Jones. The number was sold in fine style, the rather old. A newer ballad would be better at this point. "Mummy's Little Coal Black Rose", well harmonized, sent them over for an encore. "Pada da da Pada", in which the orchestra was lost, proved the boys could put it over despite the pit opposition, and they took bows to the music of Gallagher and Shean. If the boys would get some new numbers they could play better houses easily.

JACKSON AND O'BRIEN, WITH HELEN O'SHEA

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, February 8, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing and dancing. Setting—Specials in one and two. Time—Sixteen minutes.

Warren Jackson and Eddie O'Brien open in one with a special introductory number after which, in two, with a girl seated at the piano, "Who Cares?" was vocalized. There was a small bench, a number of cushions and two fronds of flowers, but the stage looked bare. A wellbuilt and pretty blond girl of youth did a dance to the music of "My Buddy", the orchestra not helping much in the tempo. Helen O'Shea, in a short dress of black and spangles, tried to sing—she should not attempt this, as it is unparadoxically weak—but confine her efforts to dancing. In the effort which followed there were splits, cartwheels and hitch-kicks displayed. The backbands are poor.

Following, a vocal solo in a constricted tenor with a weak falsetto finish, did a flop. The pretty blond miss, in a very low and quite short dress of metallic silver-cloth and blue, displayed pretty legs, shoulders, arms and bust, but she cannot sing either, and shouldn't try. "Sweet One" did not register and her dance was not essentially different from the preceding one she did. "Carolina in the Morning", by the two boys, received the best hand in the act up to this point and was succeeded by Helen O'Shea, who danced to the music of "Sheik of Alabama". The blond returned in a dress similar to the one worn by Miss O'Shea and did a number of whirly and rolling splits. All dance for the finish to the music of "Chicago".

The similarity of the routine could be broken up to better advantage. The boys' singing is good for the most part and the girls look well. Needs rearrangement.

EMMA EARLE

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, February 8, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing, talking and plant. Setting—One. Time—Fourteen minutes.

Attired as an old woman with white wig and glasses, Emma Earle opened with "It Was Not Like This in the Olden Days", after which she monologued about the difference between methods and customs of today and those of long ago. Illustrative of the style of songs she sang "In the Gloaming".

An obvious audience plant next entered into the proceedings and engaged in the dialog, giving lollipops to persons in the audience. The talk was puerile and cheap. "Smellin' collars", "Girls' calves are what we want to see", "Salam! dancers", etc., which had about the average effect of "Topics of the

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proceeds to jig. The century plants are old and their jiggling was productive of hands such as would be given any old people. All danced off. It seemed like old home week—and weak.

THE PICKFORDS

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, February 8, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Juggling. Setting—Three. Time—Ten minutes.

The Pickfords appear to be two men, the maid giving the impression of masculinity. The act opens with a fellow in sailor costume doing a hornpipe, after which he dives underneath a tablecloth, emerging from the other side. This is a neat trick, but could be sold to more advantage. Some plate-juggling followed, one plate being broken and the pieces thrown over a cabinet above a cupboard, where they appeared to be joined together, much after the fashion of the plate and watch target formerly used by magicians. This drew a fair hand. A hand-stand on a cane, atop a table, preceded a back-leg chair-balance atop another chair, while a cue bearing four glasses and four eggs on a board above the glasses, was balanced on the chin. Striking the board precipitated the eggs into the glasses, which contained water.

Between juggling feats there was some good tumbling by the maid (?). For a concluding trick a hand-stand on a table while holding a large champagne glass in the mouth, the feet the meanwhile grasping a bottle containing imitation wine. Bending the legs over the head, the liquid was poured into the glass held by the teeth. This proved a good finish, but the turn is only for the smaller houses, lacking class, polish and dressing.

CALIFORNIA SHOWS

H. F. Hall recently returned to the headquarters of the California Shows from North Tonawanda, N. Y., where he placed an order for a Caterpillar ride to be with the shows the coming season. He also purchased an organ from the Spillman Corporation.

While on his trip Mr. Hall visited Montreal, Can., where he closed a deal to have the shows play a "Home Week" in August, also closed with three fairs in Vermont. Sam Anderson is also a busy man and is finishing a new concession game which he intends to later put on the market. Mr. Anderson is also completing his new show, called the "Puzzle House", to be added to the shows' lineup of attractions. "Bill" and "Ma" Tannerbring visited the shows' headquarters to say hello and booked their two concessions. Both looked in excellent health. The Seaplane ride, which was sent to the Traver Co., at Beaver Falls, is finished and will be at winter quarters in a few days. The show will carry ten shows, five rides and about twenty concessions, and will open in Boston, Mass., week of April 7. All of which is according to an executive of the above shows.

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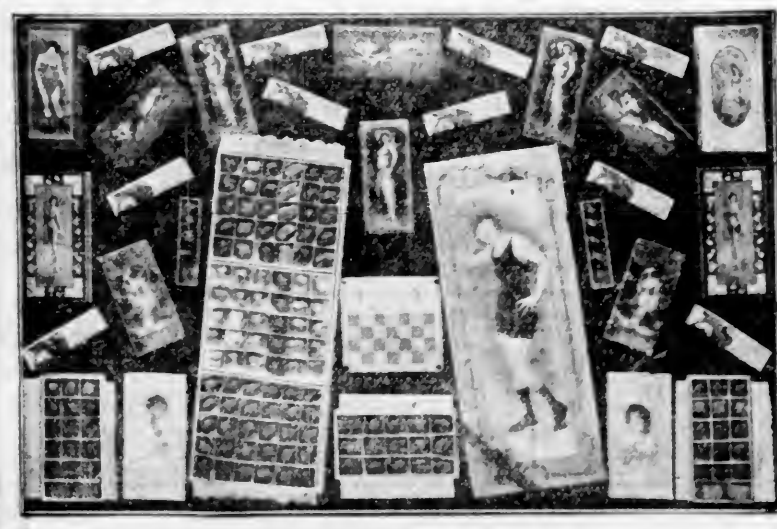
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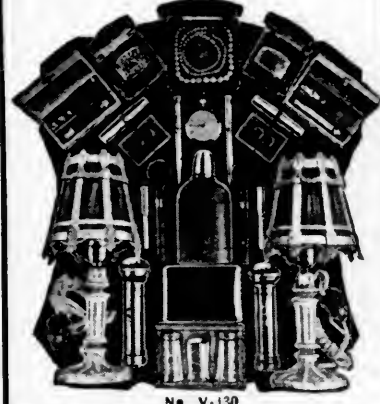
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