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"Uncle" Dan Mcciary, editor of the Houston (Texas) "Age," was as
 Ond untll his retirement one of the best clrcus agents, blew into Houston in Rdvance of Sells Brothers and began
masing his contracts. He finlshed up with the two principal papers, the "Telegram" and the "Mercury," and went to cinner. "Uncle" Dan was fond price provided the cuts were furnished and the tickets were freely given. But durlng that dinner hour, he had discovered that Dingess had made
very llberal contracts with the other papers, and the wiley "Danlel" decided that he was going to have a part of the circus money or know the reason not The "Age" possessed a large press and severai weekly papers that were them being the "Volksblatt," a German weekly with a circulation of several thousand. It was the style in those days to print one side of the paper paper had been printed on one slde and as the paper used was the same size as that of the "Age," the latter's paper was piled on top of the bigger quantity for the German. This gave an ldea to "Dan," and when Dingess had finished his dinner and called at the "Age" office to make a contract, he was surprised to find the rates exactly the same as those for the larger
papers and he protested that with a circulation of ten quires that the charge was outrageous. not the most widely circulated in all Texas, and after making the statement that his circulation was several thousand per day, he followed up by denouncing Dingess as a fool for being led astray by jealous rival publishers, and-wound up by saying that he could prove his circulation and he defled any other paper in liouston to attempt to do so. He then sald that he pre-
ferred not to deal with the circus at all, and as he was a busy, man he asked to be excused
By this time Dingess had become impressed with the evident sincerity of the old man and began to smooth things over and joined in condemning the aforesall "jealous rivals" and asked as a matter of form, and to protect himself, if he could see the proof of "Uncle Dan's" statement. Certalnly he could, and he was at once shown into the press room and there found plled up the paper for the evening edition with one side printed, and the plle was about four feet high. He looked at lt, and after examining the top the paper was the real thing and made the contract at terms offered by the old Texan. Rob Dingess forgot to look deep enough and falled to fin
the German edition for which he was paying without getting the benefi.

In the spring of 1886 , Frank Small was business manager for the emirepertoire of Camille, Mlss Multon,
had recelved authority to promise
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Oh, give them the best thing in your repertoire," replied the agent,
"The fourth act of Alixe," and as the words escaped him, Small hat to dodge a heavy copy of Shakespeare that came hurtling his way, propelled by the indignant lady. Small turned, to find Miss Morris convulsed with laughter, for no one enjoyed a joke more than did the greatest of all emotional actresses. Where was the foke? Oh, that was in the fact that in Alixe. the heroine commits suicide by drowning at the end of the third act and her

Few people enjoy a clean opposition fight better than does General Agent Ed. C. Knupp, of the Cole Brothers ${ }^{\circ}$ Shows. Sig. Sautelle, before who ever stole a march on him, and story, he did not laugh at the time of the occurrence. Knupp was glving Sautelle about as much as he could handle, and while sautelle was showblew into town and went up ko pp show lot to see what kind of business the show was dolng. The show Knupp
was plloting was due to show the
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grammers were busy and one of them grammers were busy and one of them strolle programmer came on the lot and seeing hls general agent there called him to one side to ask him if it would be right to program the crosed on the iot He had his programs well concealed and when Knupp told him to "program the audlence" "f he could, Sautelle walked up and asked if the young man
wanted to spe the show. General agent and programmer answered in the affirmative at once and Sautelle shouted over to the front door: "All right, Charlie," and pointed to the programmer. "l'll tell him," volunteered "inupp and taking the programmer by the arm, led him over to the front door, culars for some store down town." "Yes, I know, he just officed me," replled Charlie, as the programmer passed Inside and got busy.
people get wise, and then the programs had been glven out did the clrcus In the ticket wagon with Knupp telling how he loved a fair opposition fight. When he was told of what had happened, Sautelle tore his halr for a few seconds, and then turning to Knupp, sald: "What the hell's the use? I could get it if I put my finger up. Sautelle passed the "segars" but did not Ight his own. Leon Washburn's Uncle Tom's Cabin was showling in the Norristown opera house the same day and night and had a programmer to catch

 When Lauder closed his New York stars, wanted to show his appreciation of help given by the stage carpenter, the property man, etc. Any one else-woutt have "sllpped" each
one a dollar or so, but not Harry, nor any other Scotchman. Calling customary tip, Lauder handed him a bottle containing about three inches of Scotch whisky and asked him to "see that each of the boys got a wee "What do I care about his scotch whisky? I've been drinking it all week."

Such a variety of souvenirs has been used to signallze memorable dra matic runs in New Yerk that it is difficuit to devise anything new for these
occasions, but Henry E. Dixey certainly dispiayed the same graceful cunning that marks his artistic impersonathat marks his artistic impersonathons when he hit upon the novel idea
of giving away iadies' fine silk stockings at the 100 th performance, recently, of Mary Jane's Pa. Mr. Dixey plays Pa in his big comedy success that Edith Ellls has written, and Pa shows that he understands women in his silkstocking gift.
This recalls a charming story, told
 meinory. Miss Anthony was a woman of slmple tastes in dress, but her close friends knew of one pretty feminine vanity that she always held to.
She had a weakness for silk stockings. Being pressed on one occaslon for an explanation of what most women at one tlme regarded as an unnecessary extravagance, she laughingly exclaimed: "Oh, I just love em! They
are an inspiration. If I have my silk stockings on when I rise to make an address, I feel just like I am walking among the clouds. They help me to soar away on flights of eloquence. I wouldn't be without them."

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GAIN comes the clever press agent,
New Eng!ish Play a Stirring Drama-Cartoon Comedy Comes Here-John Considine Ill-Mrs. Leslie Carter in Summer Stock-Mantell as Louis XI.-The Week's Gossip of Plays and Players. Sencins heast hita of work, but the wong Mot When anmething less tertible ts hilled.


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## THE WEEK IN CHICAGO





The Great John Ganton Makes its Chicago Premiere at the Garrick-The Family is Successful at Powers' Theatre-Olga Nethersole at the Illinois, Playing to Big Houses-Cameo Kirby Makes Good at Studebaker

DUSTIN FARNUM.









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Two New Vaudeville Theatres to Open Soon in Erie, Pa -The Policy in Vogue at the American Music Hall, New York, Sets a Pace for Other Houses - Tommy Meade to Enter Vaudeville in an Act by Ed. Paulton.

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In view of the wide interest manifested in this particular case and the
zealous efforts of such Influential journals as Collier's. The Iiterary Digest and The Ladles Home Journal, to projudice the court against the case of
the plaintifs in this particular bearing, as well as against the industry of bllyosting in general, the verdict eonstitutes a distinct and gratifying victory. Nor will the result be limited to the case in point. It will serve as a country where there is local opposition to this most venal and harmless of industries.

At Paterson, N. J., instead of attempting to prohibit the erection of billboards, generally, a board of censors has been appointed for the consideration of all pictorial and printed posters to be displayed in that city. The frst
meeting of this board was heid last week and couid scarcely Censorship be called a success, but the stap was in the right direction, Of as tlme progresses.
bscene and iascluious posters in eliminate objectional. obscene and lascivious posters from the bllboards in Paterson. The rules governing this censorship are broad and liberal ennugh to satisfy the most captious, and it is only to be hoped that the men constituting the are broad as the princlples which are to govern their actions. For Instance: No scenes depicting murder, hloodshed or extreme vlolence
in any form will be tolerated, whille the question of obscenity is to be left in any form will be tolerated, while the question

If this plan were followed generaily throughout the United states, It in the first place, it contribute to the beneft of the amusement proression for opposition on the part of such jourtals as Collier's. The ladies' Hoine Journal and The Literary Digest, which have heen most active in exciling public opinion and civic leglalation againsi bilibourds. It would, furthermore, elevatte the esteell in which the thealre is held by those whose modesty Is sometimes offended by the ndvertising displays. The wise showinen of the country are begluning to wake up to the fact that censorship of posters
not only desirable, but is necessary to their own best welfare, and they themselves will, it is belleved, before a great while has elapsed, inake a concerted effort toward the establishmenl of a general and unlformly ap. proved censorship.

It seems somewhat remarkable that the important state of Peutsyivanle has never had a State Fair. It is further interesting that a bill is now before the legislature of that state, providing for tite establishusent of such an Pennsylvania State Fair
A Probability pillboard. We reproduced all the articles of this bill. A Probability. They are now beling consldered by the legislators of the able that the bill will be passed the tions committee, and it is more than probchinery and signed by the governor who, it is generally belleved, favors the Inauguration of a State Fair
It is not quite clear why Pennsyivania has so long delayed giving serloue consideration to this important factor in her agricuitural and commercial development. County and district fairs, there are, which have not the support and co-onerative influence of the state itself. In other states, the
fairs that are held under the direct auspices of the State Boards of Agrl culture, and which are in a measure institutions endowed by the stater cuiture, and which are in a measure institutions endowed by the stater.
themselves, have proved to be of infmite value and iniportance in the amelloration of agricultural, manufacturing and comimerciai conditions.
The fair, as an institution, is a growing enterprise. It is educational it the facilities it affords for the comparison of products. The amusement feature, with which, of course, The Blllboard's readers are most deeply interested, while merely incidental and subservient, we firmly belleve that
the show feature interpolated into t'se agricultural fair program, has been just as important as any other factor in effecting the wonderful growth and just as important as any other factor in effecting the wonderful growth and
increasing influence that the fair has achleved. It is, therefore, Incumbeni upon each of The Billboard's readers interested in this ilne of amusement to contribute his modicum of influence toward bringing about the establishment of a State Fair for Pennsyivania.
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This may be done in numerous and varied ways. Citizens of the various communities represented in the legisiature may be induced to interesi themselves in the project, and Indifference may be superseded by a real
desire to have their state establish an institution simllar to those that have been of such vast beneflis in other commonwealths. Their interest will induce them to communicate with their representatives in the legislature and through this legitlmate process, which partakes in nowise of the invidlous character of lobbying, a result that must be for the common good and can not possibiy be detrimental in any way, may be brought about.

The moving picture situation presents many phases, not the least inter
esting of which is that most closely identifled with the exhibitor of the esting of which
big city theatre.
From the Is it a permanent form of amusement? Will public in From the $\quad$ ierest continue or will it lapse?
Fxhibltor's $\quad$ From our own observation, we feel justifed in declaring Fiewpoint. that the motion picture theatre, as an institution, has it dure for an indefingltely long time.

But it will be the showman, the man of wide experience in the amuse ment business, or of innate genlus and ability in this line, who will continu in prosperity: Already we hear the complaint that competition is reduclng rofts and that there is danger of its eventually ellminating them entirely Let us take a retrospect of theatrical and eircus history. There was A
ne, not very many years ago, when local theatre men predicted an uttei failure of the business because of the strength of the compretition exlstint fallure of the business because of the strength of the competition existite
therein. Instead, however, this very compctition has been the means of ncreasing the popularity and perpetuating the prosperity of the business lllustrations are scarcely necessary. Every reader of this article can lonk around him and draw his own mental comparisons.

As for the circus fleld, a kimilar complaint to that of the theatre mati ager was made when those enterprising pioneers of the railroad show como the menagerie. far ahead took a most pessimistic view of the situation. He complained that the public was being spolled, that their demands for a bigger show, growing versal disaster to circus uroprietors. They averred that increasing expenses conspquent to the enlargement of the show, would eliminate the oronts and involve circus men in ruin. It is nredless to lllustrate the falliblity of the judgment manifested by these complaining spirits. The circus, as an instltu tion to-day, is in the acme of lis success. The big shows take the big clties and
tion.
So it is with the motion picture business. The theatres in the heart of the blg towns, to be succemaful, will be compelled to give long, meritorious picture theatre in the suburhan dlstrict and smaller town will occupy the kame relative fosition that the small circus dors in its fleld.

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