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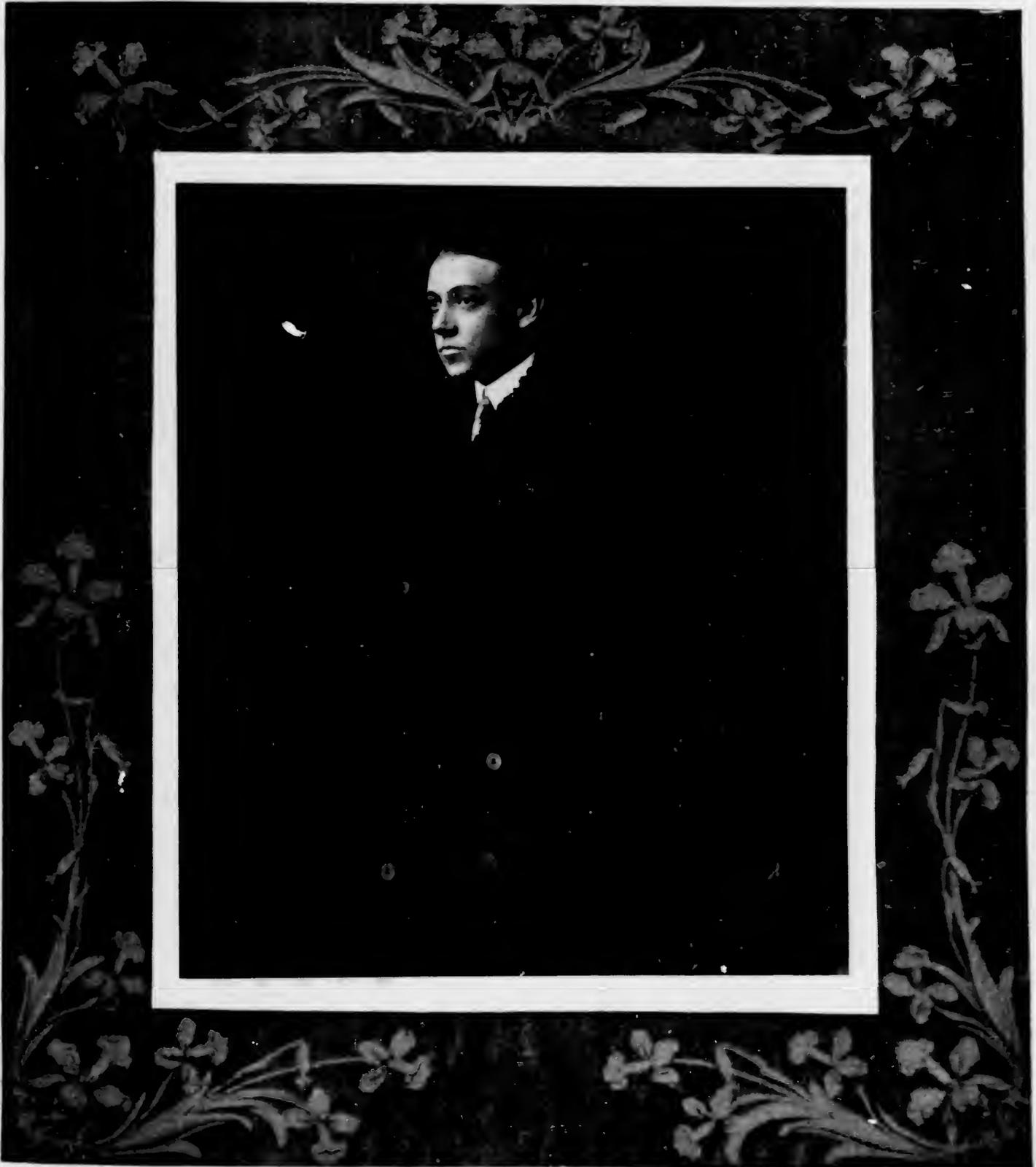
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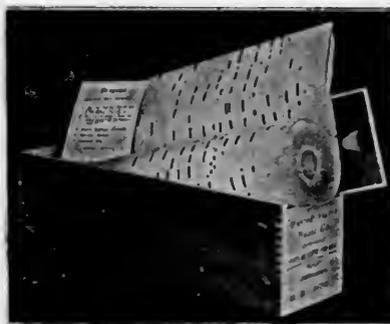
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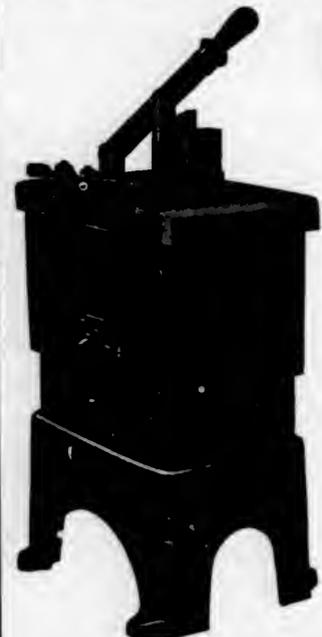
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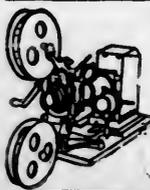
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On Amusement life and Environment



STORIES & ANECDOTES



It was while Irving was rehearsing "Becket" that he told a story of Tennyson that has both a pathetic and humorous significance. In the earlier days, when "The Cup" was in preparation, he had been to see Tennyson in the Isle of Wight to discuss his ideas for its presentation. After dinner the dessert and wine were set upon a separate table, and when they were served the poet asked Irving if he would have a glass of port.



"Yes, I like a glass of port," replied the actor.

Upon which Tennyson, taking him at his word, poured him out a glass of port, and, all unconsciously, finished

the remainder of the bottle himself.

Next morning the actor had to leave early, and had therefore taken leave of his host overnight. But he had scarcely awakened when he saw Lord Tennyson sitting at the foot of his bed.

"How are you this morning, Irving?" he inquired, anxiously.

"Very well, indeed," was the guest's reply.

"Are you?" came the response, with just a tinge of doubt in the tones of his voice. "You drank a lot of port last night."

"That was Tennyson's way of repenting after a bottle of port.

Naturally, one who has traveled so extensively as John D. Carey, of the Cole Brothers' Shows, would be the fund of reminiscences, and that clever "Toured Shows" is no exception to the rule. Carey relates many amusing incidents concocted during his roams over this broad land with the Cole aggregation, but he says the climax for humorous situations was reached one day last summer.



The Cole Circus had been showing through the West at the time, and on this particular day, in a small town, Carey, after a day out, was returning to the car, when he was accosted by one of his assistants, and in the course of the conversation that followed, Carey inquired of his man whether or not he had ordered a certain ad killed that was to have appeared in the local daily.

Put the "rube" sheriff was on the job.

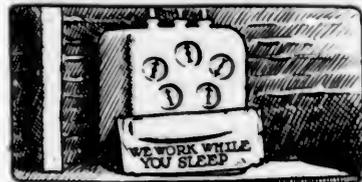
Yes, he overheard it—that part of the confab relating to the "killing." Cautiously advancing to the would-be "killers," gun in hand, the officer of law, determined to make his catch, expostulated:

"Hold on, yet; no killin' people kin git away from me."

Before the two dumfounded press men could protest, the sheriff had assembled about half the male populace of the town, and the supposed malefactors were hustled off to the lock-up.

After considerable wrangling with the town's entire police "department" (the sheriff), Carey and his assistant went free, having explained the harmlessness of their "killing."

The man who pulled off the joke was no doubt a householder. He had had some experience with the extortion practiced generally by lighting and water companies.



face of the largest meter: "We Work While You Sleep."

During the recent baseball carnival held at Decatur, Ill., and of which Leslie's Trained Animals were the feature, the extra space was sold to merchants for exhibition purposes. One booth was taken by an electrical concern, who gave a fine display of meters. At the close of the carnival, the owner of this particular booth was amazed to find that some wag had pasted the important part of a Cascaret sign on the

Charley Grapewin didn't want the secret to leak out, but it's out, nevertheless. The comedian who has been waking up Mr. Pipp up and down the land for the last couple of years didn't want his friends to know of the predicament in which he found himself just a few days ago. But since Charley's secret isn't confined to his bosom alone—well, here goes:

As every one knows, the man with the nom de plume of Mr. Pipp is the proud possessor of a big, snorting "red devil." Charley makes his way to and from the theatre in his car, and the other day, just as he was alighting from it in front of the playhouse where he was appearing, he was accosted by a friend, who asked him if he wouldn't let him use his car, also the services of the chauffeur. The ever-accommodating Charley assented, and off sped Charley's friend.

After about half an hour the friend returned. He wanted to "tip" the chauffeur, but, upon examination, found that he had no change. Turning to Grapewin, he said:

"Say, lend me a half a dollar."

Then Grapewin went through his pockets—he didn't have a red copper in his clothes.

Calling the driver of the car, Grapewin borrowed fifty cents from him, gave the money to his friend who, in turn, handed the coin back to the chauffeur as a "tip."

The next stop was at the corner drug store, where the chauffeur was being revived.

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Mme. Sembrich, at one of the dinners in New York that the unwelcome news of her approaching retirement elicited, vivaciously related stories of the stage.



"I know," said Mme. Sembrich, "that you have in America a tragedian who plays Hamlet behind a screen, selling to grocers after each performance, the fruit and vegetables that have missed their mark."

"This tragedian must be amusing. I regret I have never seen him. I have, though, in Texas, seen Callo. Callo sings in falsetto the tenor role of Puccini's Tosca."

"The public, especially in the 'star' song, makes a target of poor Callo, and the afternoon I heard him sing the creature was pretty badly bruised."

"In the midst of his 'star' song some one hit him with a turnip. His nose began to bleed, and he held up his hand for silence. When the music stopped, Callo said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, in the last act your missiles were chiefly eggs. Eggs are messy things, they make one's costume so stiff and sticky; and it's awfully odd, but I was just about to remark, when that turnip struck me, that I preferred turnips to eggs—only would it be asking too much of you to boil them first?"

To strengthen his contention that all women are victims to their own curiosity, James Emerson Cooke, press representative for David Belasco, related the following incident:

"We have two youngsters in our office at the Stuyvesant Theatre," said Mr. Cooke, "who are forever and eternally playing jokes either upon one another or upon anyone else who comes within their scope. One of the boys' name is Jack, but the other calls him Algernon, always. Jack left the office early one evening, and as Freddie did not expect to see him the next day as he had procured leave of absence, he left a note on his desk. Of course he started the communtication 'Dear Algernon.' Several days later the scrub-woman who cleans up the office every evening after we have all gone, was working about when Jack started out and dropped his glove unobserved on the floor. The scrub-woman saw it. 'Oh, Mr. Algernon,' she called, 'you dropped yer glove.'"



"Had she read that note?"

IN NEW YORK PREMIERE OCCURS IN PHILADELPHIA

Musical Farce By Franklin Winter Scores

After Twenty Years' Continuous Management of the Montgomery Theatre in Alabama Town of That Name, The Hirschers Retire---Richard Clinton Dies

WALNUT ST. THEATRE—Philadelphia—In New York, a musical farce in two acts, by Franklin Winter. Song lyrics, by George Totten Smith. Music by George L. Spaulding.

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Ma-ree Plavetsky, her maid of all work.....Belle Gold
"Mister" Remulder, stage carpenter and a privileged boarder.....Sam Morton
Mlle. Duntoll, a self-alleged prima donna.....Adelle Oswald
String Bean, of Bean Brothers, vaudeville dancers.....Joseph McDevitt
Fatty Bean, of Bean Brothers, vaudeville dancers.....Andrew Kelly
Clissy Tiny, of the Tiny Family, refined entertainers.....Clara Morton
Theodore Tiny, of the Tiny Family, refined entertainers.....Major Jas. D. Doyle
Emmett Tiny, of the Tiny Family, refined entertainers.....Julia Frary
Mac Montmorency, posing as a singing sketch artist.....Phoebie Loubet
Herr Hochelm, an artistic beggar for revenue, not needed.....Cliff Gordon
Lena, his daughter.....Greta Grew
Signor Paulo, tenor of the opera and chief of the hotel.....F. Giannini
Sig. Griffo, of the opera.....Herman Tipper
Theresa Taxicab, leading lady of No Mother to Support Co.....Nellie Beaumont
Addie Palte, with money and hot-house brains.....Paul Morton

In New York, the two-act musical farce, was given its premiere performance at the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, February 8, 1909. It was staged by Ben Teal and the orchestra was under the direction of Gus Salzer. The new offering proved to be a hodge-podge of music and comedy with numerous vaudeville specialties interpolated. It is a light entertainment with a host of pretty girls in the chorus and with many musical and dancing specialties numbers to give them a chance to display their abilities.

Nellie Beaumont, The Four Mortons, Cliff Gordon and McDevitt and Kelly did their usual vaudeville specialties and were received with favor. After in New York is sharpened up a bit, some superfluous dialogue cut out, and new business substituted, it will make a very good show for the spring and summer season. It will remain at the Walnut Street Theatre as long as business is profitable.

THE HIRSCHERS RETIRE.

After twenty years continuous management of the Montgomery Theatre, Montgomery, Ala., Messrs. Sam and Arthur Hirscher have resigned to enter into other business. Hirscher Brothers were managers of the Montgomery Theatre from 1888 until last year when it was closed to give way to the Grand, owned and controlled by the Jake Wells syndicate. They assumed the management of this house and it is needless to say that they were most successful. The Hirschers are well known among the profession and will be missed by many traveling managers and others. Mr. Jack Young, formerly secretary of the Grand Theatre of Atlanta, has been appointed manager of the Grand Theatre.

For the past three years all three playhouses in Montgomery, the Grand, the Montgomery Theatre and the Bijou, have been under the control of the Wells syndicate, but only the Grand has been open for the past two years. The lease on the Montgomery Theatre expires very shortly and it is rumored that this house will be remodeled and rented.

DEATH OF DICK CLINTON.

Richard Clinton, past exalted ruler of the Portland (Ore.) Lodge of Elks, and at one time prominent as a theatrical manager in Portland, was found dead in his bed at 8 o'clock A. M., January 31, at his residence in that city. Death is said to have resulted from an attack of heart trouble.

He was 64 years of age, and came to Portland in the early '70s as a member of a theatrical stock company, of which Annie Pixley was also a member. He was also connected with the company in which the parents of Miss Blanche Bates appeared.

Clinton located in Portland and became manager of the Orofino Theatre at First and Stark streets. He afterward took charge of the Elite Theatre on First street, near Alder, and later started the Standard Theatre, at First and Madison streets. His last theatrical venture was the management of the Theatre Royal, that was located at Third and Alder streets.

He is survived by a widow, who is visiting in the East.

DENMAN THOMPSON ILL.

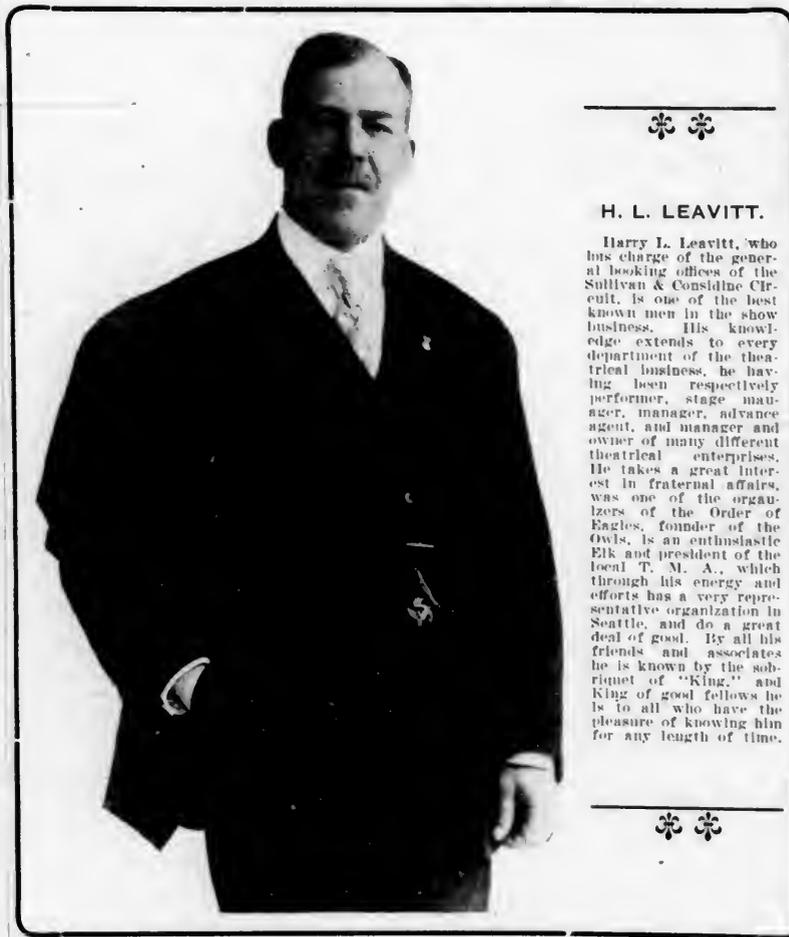
Denman Thompson, the veteran actor of The Old Homestead, was critically ill at his home in West Swanzy, about six miles from Keene, N. H., Sunday, February 7, with pneumonia and his children were summoned. His son, Franklin Thompson, was at his bedside and his two daughters, Mrs. E. A. McFarland and Mrs. A. I. Kilpatrick, arrived in Keene on the express that night and were driven to the home of their father.

Mr. Thompson was taken ill the previous Thursday, but his condition was not considered serious until Sunday, when he had two sinking spells. He was attended by Dr. J. B. Hyland, of Keene, who administered oxygen, and from that time has slowly but steadily improved.

Mr. Thompson was taken with pneumonia three years ago in Boston, which affected the same lung, but his condition was not as serious as in the past week.

BELASCO LEASES HARTFORD OPERA HOUSE.

David Belasco has leased the Hartford Opera House, at Hartford, Conn., for a long term, and will install a permanent stock company on February 15. The names of the players have not yet been announced, but Charles Emerson Cooke will be the manager of the house.



H. L. LEAVITT.

Harry L. Leavitt, who has charge of the general booking offices of the Sullivan & Conside Circuit, is one of the best known men in the show business. His knowledge extends to every department of the theatrical business, he having been respectively performer, stage manager, manager, advance agent, and manager and owner of many different theatrical enterprises. He takes a great interest in fraternal affairs, was one of the organizers of the Order of Eagles, founder of the Owls, is an enthusiastic Elk and president of the local T. M. A., which through his energy and efforts has a very representative organization in Seattle, and do a great deal of good. By all his friends and associates he is known by the sobriquet of "King" and King of good fellows he is to all who have the pleasure of knowing him for any length of time.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Tom Norton, who has piloted the Gentry Brothers' Dog Opera, will this year become part of the staff of Ringling Brothers' Circus.

Miss Anna Cameron left the stage here this week and became Mrs. Edward W. Bender. She bade farewell to all members of her company and will retire to private life.

Delmar Garden will be entirely remodeled for this summer and the theatre stage enlarged to provide for the production of the largest dramas and comedies. They will this season play the highest priced stars. They will have two theatres. One will carry musical comedies and the other dramas. D. E. Russell will manage the dramatic theatre.

Blanche Walsh passed through St. Louis last week en route to Kansas City, dangerously ill. Miss Walsh was conveyed to University Hospital. She is suffering from a complication of stomach and liver troubles.

Johnny Young was this week engaged by the Oppenheims, to be one of the principals in his company at West End Heights here this summer. His great popularity here will make many dollars for the Heights this summer. There are to be sixteen principals in the company. His contract calls for sixteen weeks, commencing May 16.

The annual election of Local No. 5, of the International Alliance of Billposters, and Billers of America has been held and the following was the result: C. G. Moon, president; Joseph Murray, vice-president; Walter Gazzola, Fin. Sec. and Secretary; James Gilmore, recording secretary; William Blake, treasurer; S. S. Murphy, business agent. John Brunning, sergeant-at-arms; Frank Smith, Geo. Brunning and Jack Tesser, trustees. Local No. 5 is in the most prosperous condition of its existence.

Alexander Francis, of the Coming Thru the Rye Company, suddenly disappeared from the company while playing in St. Louis last week.

His wife has been unable to find trace of him up to the time the company left the city.

Mr. Charles Showbill, member of Local No. 5, I. A. B. P. & B., leaves St. Louis February 20, with his brigade, for New York, where they will bill the opening of Ringling Brothers' Circus this spring.

One of the particular favorites of The Time, the Place and the Girl Company, playing here this week, is Bonnie Baughey. She has been made a special favorite all week at the Grand.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Local No. 5, I. A. B. P. & B., leaves St. Louis next week with a brigade of billposters for the West. He joins Mr. Frank Lin for the Sells-Floto Shows.

The big Automobile Show opens at the new Coliseum February 15th. Mr. Lloyd Pickert and Mr. Guy Goltzman have made a wonderful picture of the decorations for this event, and it promises to excel anything ever held here.

Mr. Savage, manager of the Temple Theatre, Alton, Ill., is in St. Louis this week and states that his business this season has passed all record and it is almost impossible to believe the big receipts the companies have been playing to, but his books show immense business.

Mr. Charles H. Tompkins, here this week with the Round-Up, has had a jolly time visiting friends made by him during his connection with the late World's Fair, and it has helped receipts at the Olympic.

Dan S. Fishell is still wearing a smile that means big business at the Garrick. The Newby-weeds and their baby has proved another big one for Dan.

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INTERNATIONAL

Reputation Possessed By Actor

Charles Warner, who Dies in
New York—John W. Al-
baugh also Dead

—Notes

Charles Warner, the English actor, who won fame in Europe and America through his production of Zola's tragic drama, *Drink*, was found dead in his apartments at the Hotel Seymour, New York City, February 11. When hotel clerks burst into his rooms at half past 5 o'clock in the evening, they found his body lying across an escritoire. In the room was a pile of paper on which he had written: "I am bound to my death by thieves, blackmailers and liars. Fischer Hansen, the criminal lawyer, principal rogue, who proffered to save me from ruin—they fooled me out of thousands and thousands."

"Now he is in prison.
"God bless you all.
"God bless you all length.
"O dear one, O my beloved, Good-by!"

Coroner Acritelli was unable to get any explanation of this rambling message from the dead. As soon as Coroner's Physician Schultz had pronounced the actor dead his son, Harry K. Warner, was summoned from the theatre in the clothes he was donning for his appearance in *The Rattle*. From him and from his wife the authorities tried to get some light upon the strange letter the suicide had left behind, but the young man was too shocked to tell.

Warner was 66 years old. He played *Drink* 5,000 times in London; then brought it to an overwhelming success in this country, and never went back to his native land. Between the *Zola* play and his vaudeville engagements he was supposed to have amassed a competence. He was a member of the Lamb's Club and several other prominent organizations in New York and London.

JOHN W. ALBAUGH, SR., DEAD.

John W. Albaugh, Sr., long a prominent theatrical manager, died February 11, at the home of his daughter at 391 York street, Jersey City. Death was due to acute indigestion.

Mr. Albaugh built the Lyceum and Holliday Street Theatres in Baltimore and the Lafayette Opera House in Washington, D. C. He was a member of the Players' Club. Albaugh and Mary Mitchell, a sister of Maggie Mitchell, were married in 1866. They starred throughout the country, playing legitimate roles in the Shakespearean and classic drama, embracing such parts as Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, Iago, Romeo, Richard III., Edgar and Edmund in *Lear*, Jaffier in *Venice Preserved*, a noted play of the time, Louis XI., and the like parts. Albaugh is survived by one son, John W. Albaugh, Jr., and two married daughters.

SEMBRICH'S FAREWELL.

Amid a stage setting more picturesque than Meyerbeer ever devised and more graceful than the fancy of any skilled scenic artist could have imagined, Madame Marcelle Sembrich, Saturday night, at the Metropolitan Opera House, received the tributes of every interest associated with the Metropolitan Opera House, and bade farewell to audiences that she has delighted for nearly a quarter of a century. When, after the first act of *Traviata*, which was the last portion of the triple bill, being Madame Sembrich's farewell program, the curtain finally swept apart to the music of the march from *Le Nozze di Figaro*; it did so to disclose the scene above characterized.

The stage was filled with all the prominent artists of the Metropolitan Opera Company, garbed in their best and waving flags.

GOOD YEAR FOR MUSICAL COMEDIES.

From all reports from musical comedies playing in the various parts of the country, this season, is proving a remarkably prosperous one for them despite the cry of some pessimists to the contrary.

The Top O' The World, The Alaskan, Marcelle, The Gay Musician, Three Twins, West-ern Company; The Prima Donna, The Fair Co-Ed, Bates in Toyland, The Red Mill, The Pied Piper, Mary's Lamb, The Newbyweeds, The Soul Kiss, The Prince of Pilsen and Ragged Robin all report that they are making money wherever they play. So what's the use of being discouraged.

MINNELLI BROS. ACTIVE.

F. P. Minnelli, of the Minnelli Brothers' Attractions, is spending the winter in Phoenix. In addition to their summer attraction, the Shubert Theatre in Des Moines, and other interests in the East, the firm will operate a number of vaudeville houses in Arizona and New Mexico the coming season.

IT MADE A HIT.

Phillips and Jones, black-faced comedians and banjoists, made a hit at the Bijou Theatre, in Iowa City, Ia., during their recent engagement there. One of their best jokes involved a kindly reference to "Billyboy" and the audience applauded as if every auditor in the house were a subscriber to *The Billboard*.

THEATRE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Columbia Theatre at Bath, Me., managed by H. A. Huse, was visited by fire on Sunday morning, January 31. The stage was partially burned and the scenery was totally destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. No definite plans have been made in regard to the repairs.

OUT TO STAY

Says Mme. Sembrich of Grand Opera

Blanche Walsh's Illness Necessitates her Retiring for Balance of Season—Shea Rejoins Cohan and Harris

"My decision to quit opera for good is irrevocable. I am sorry to leave so many good friends, but I am going away for good."

Mme. Sembrich wept genuine womanly tears in bidding good-bye to Andrea Dippel, who presented her with a big bunch of flowers and a letter of farewell signed by all his colleagues of the Metropolitan.

BLANCHE WALSH WILL RETIRE FOR THE SEASON.

In all probability Blanche Walsh, who is confined at the University Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., suffering with a severe attack of stomach trouble, will not be seen on the stage again this season.

THOMAS E. SHEA BACK WITH COHAN & HARRIS.

After a season of fifteen weeks in vaudeville, Thomas E. Shea has been re-engaged by Cohan & Harris to appear in three great plays: The Counsel for the Defense, The Belle, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

NEW NATIONAL THEATRE, CHICAGO.

The National Theatre, located at the East side of Halsted street, between Sixty-second street and Sixty-third place, Englewood, Chicago, is a model of modern theatrical construction.

The ground area comprises 55 feet of frontage on Halsted street, with a depth of 124 feet. All of this is covered by the building, with the exception of two passage spaces, for light, air and ingress and egress, on either side of the inner portion.

J. E. O. Pridmore is the architect. He was selected as one who had made a success of the College Theatre and the Hush Temple of Music.

The lighting system is made an important part of the decoration. Electric globes are arranged, singly and in clusters, on brackets with art glass shades.

high order, maintained throughout the entire season. Their quality may be judged of when it is known that they are the same as those presented at the Great Northern Theatre, Chicago.

Possessing a perfect theatre, both as to stage appointments as well as auditorium, Manager Clifford has determined that every production shall be an event notable in the amusement calendar of the city as a whole.

JIM BLACKES GETS APPOINTMENT.

Jim Blackes, of the team of Blackes and Leslie, has been appointed general manager of George H. Webster's Circuit of Vaudeville Theatres, with headquarters in Chicago, Ill., and can offer forty consecutive weeks to vaudeville artists in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana and Canada.

WILL SHOWMAN HANS WAGNER PLAY BALL.

A report from Pittsburg credits Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburg National League Baseball Team, with the statement that Hans Wagner will be in his old position as shortstop of the Pittsburg Club the coming baseball season.

GANTON AND CO. APPROVED AT OPENING IN BALTIMORE

J. Hartley Manners' Dramatization Pleasing C. Emerson Cook, General Manager for David Belasco, Branches Out as Theatre Manager on His Own Account—Ira W. Jackson Leases Bridgeport Playhouse.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Baltimore—Ganton & Co., a dramatization in four acts, of Arthur J. Eddy's story, by J. Hartley Manners.

- THE CAST: Will Ganton A. Van Buren Allan Borlan Jack Webster Laurence Delaney Edward Emere Browning Frederick Burton John Wilton Lucius Henderson Dr. Morton Geo. Morgan Dr. Shields W. H. Sadler Secretary of Golf Club H. Frederick Millerton Clerk Jack Barnes Head Walter R. A. Breece Norberg Jack Leslie May Keating Lauretta Taylor

will be at Bridgeport. The staff at the Smith will remain practically the same as during Mr. Smith's regime, but A. E. Culver, who was business manager of the house under Mr. Smith will be promoted to resident manager. Mr. Smith will go abroad for a year or two to take a complete rest.

CLAIMS COPYRIGHT.

Hibbing, Minn., Feb. 5, 1909. The Billboard. Gentlemen:—It has been brought to my attention that someone is appearing in a piece called in Wyoming. Now, I happen to have exclusive rights to that title, having, according to an act of Congress, at Washington, January 23, '07, copyrighted an original melodrama written by myself, under that title.

Yours sincerely, GRACE HUNTINGTON, Bijou Theatre, Superior, Wis., week Feb. 8.

ARCHIE EUGENE ROBINSON.

Archie Eugene Robinson, a young actor whose home was at Minneapolis, Minn., died of tuberculosis, January 20, at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Robinson, of 3308 Elliott avenue, that city.

S. CAHN & MACK'S ACTIVITIES.

Two prominent theatrical promoters, Cahn and Mack, from San Francisco, have negotiated for twelve plays, which include musical comedies and melodramas equipped with special lithograph printing and complete scenery with each company on the following plays under copyright: The Isle of Nippon, The Jolly Vassar Girls, Brownie in Toyland, The Puppi and the Gay Musicians, Honey-mooners in Happyland, A Jolly Wedding, The Royal Comic Opera Singers, Robin Hood Merry-makers, The Wolf at the Door, The Telephone Messenger, The Girl Detective, The Girl and the Governor, Our Village Minister and The Saleslady.

THE PROTEST UNHEEDED.

Oscar Hammerstein was, on February 11, confronted with a protest from thirty-audience women against the production of Salome at the Philadelphia Opera House that night.

VIOLA ALLEN—PREMIERE OF THE WHITE SISTER.

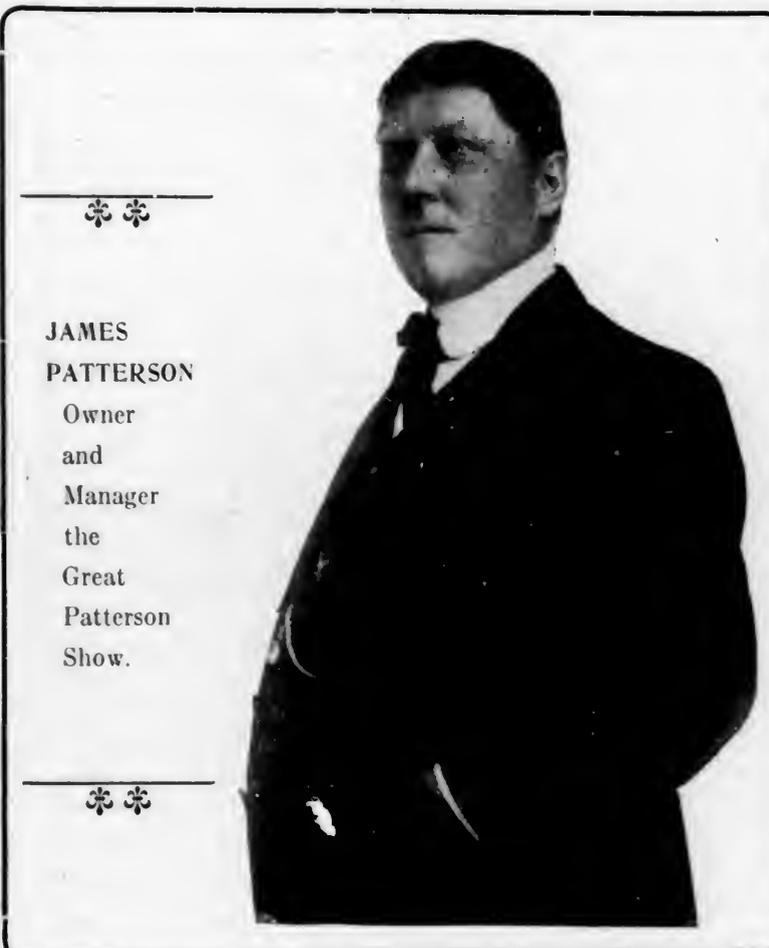
Viola Allen's new play, The White Sister, had its premiere at Birmingham, N. Y., February 8, 1909, playing to an audience that taxed the capacity of Stone Opera House.

THEATRE COMPANY INCORPORATED.

The Elite Theatre Co. has been incorporated and papers filed with the county recorder at Davenport, Ia. The capital stock of the organization is placed at \$10,000, all of which is paid up.

E. F. ALBEE RECOVERED.

Mr. E. F. Albee, who has been confined to the Albany (N. Y.) Hospital since November, as the result of an automobile accident, left that institution, cured, on February 6.



JAMES PATTERSON Owner and Manager of the Great Patterson Show.

GEORGE EVANS UNDERGOES AN OPERATION.

George Evans, the minstrel, while playing in Pittca, N. Y., was taken ill with appendicitis after the performance February 10, and was operated upon February 11. His condition is reported to be favorable.

A NEW "WORLD" SONG SUCCESS.

To the End of the World with You, is the latest world song to be offered to the public by that trio of song writers, par excellence, Ernest H. Hall, Dave Reed and George Graff, Jr., authors of Love Me and the World is Mine, and As Long as the World Rolls On.

LURAY, VA., OPERA HOUSE.

A beautiful new opera house has just been completed at Luray, Va. It is one of the best equipped theatres in the state, having steam heat, electric lights and other modern conveniences.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Wehmeyer's Big Electric and Vaudeville Shows are working through Louisiana this winter, and report big business. The vaudeville bill is headed by the Musical Wilmaths. Frank Dennis is managing the advance while Karl Wehmeyer is handling the managerial reins.

Mrs. Jack Wilton Jane Peyton Miss Hester Ganton Mary Ceill Stenographer Malvina Longfellow Nurse Edith French John Ganton George Fawcett Ganton and Co., dramatized by J. Hartley Manners from Arthur J. Eddy's story of the same name, was given its premiere, February 8, at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Md. The story of the "king of the stockyards" is one that is fairly well known and the play does not offer anything startlingly new.

LEASES HARTFORD THEATRE.

Charles Emerson Cook, general manager for David Belasco, has leased the Hartford Opera House at Hartford, Conn., which will hereafter be known as the Hartford Theatre, and will install a permanent stock company there on February 15.

LEASES BRIDGEPORT PLAYHOUSE

Through an arrangement consummated February 6, Smith's Theatre, Bridgeport, Conn., passed from the control of Edward S. Smith to Ira W. Jackson, of New London, Conn. In taking over the Bridgeport Theatre the number of houses under Mr. Jackson's control was increased to five. Mr. Jackson's headquarters

GREATER NEW YORK NEWS BY OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE BILLBOARD SUITE D, HOLLAND BLDG., 1440 BROADWAY

THE WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Faule Ward in The New Lady Bantock, a comedy in four acts by Jerome K. Jerome, Wallack's Theatre. Konrad Dreher in Mathias Gollinger, a German farce by Max Bernstein and Oscar Blumenthal, the New German Theatre. Jas. T. Powers in Havana, a musical comedy in three acts, by George Grossmith, Jr., with music by Leslie Stuart and lyrics by Adrian Ross and George Arthurs, the Casino Theatre.

THE NEW LADY BANTOCK

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—The New Lady Bantock, a comedy, by Jerome K. Jerome.

THE CAST:

- Fanny Vernon Wetherell John W. Dean Martin Bennett Charles Cartwright Susanah Bennett Terese Deagle Jane Bennett Margaret Fuller Simon Bennett Frank Jackson Ernest Bennett Harold De Becker Honoria Bennett Perilla Hudspeith The elder Miss Wetherell Lella Repton The younger Miss Wetherell Margaret Gray Dr. Fremantel T. J. McGuire George P. Newte Robert McWade, Jr. "Our Empire."

England Mabel Norton Scotland Mabel Earle Graham Ireland Stella Maltrevers Wales Edna May Oliver Canada Marie Messner India Sybil Radcliffe

THE NEW LADY BANTOCK is in four acts and two scenes, and is said to deal with the servant problem in a new way. Fanny is an orphan daughter of a musician who is taken in charge by her uncle, Martin Bennett, a butler. Finding her relatives and their ways unbearable, she goes on the stage in Paris and makes a name for herself. There she is married to Vernon Wetherell, who represents himself to be a handsome painter. When she arrives at her English home with her husband Fanny is astonished to discover that it is Bantock Hall, and that she is the wife of young Lord Bantock, whom she believed to be a poor artist. He had concealed his identity in order to be sure that she was not marrying him for his title.

To Fanny it is a shock in more ways than one, for her butler proves to be her uncle, and the twenty-three servants in the house are all Bennetts and relatives of hers. For three generations the Bennett family has served the Bantocks, and Martin not only holds complete sway over the servants, but his despotism extends to the family itself. Lord Bantock, like his wife, is an orphan, and during his youth his house had been in the hands of the Bennetts, so that even in private matters the butler's influence is felt. When the butler finds his new mistress is his disobedient niece there is trouble, and he frightens her into submission by threatening to expose her to her husband, who does not know of her relationship to his servants. After a quarrel Fanny discharges all the servants, confesses to her husband her deception about her family, and announces her intention of returning to the stage; but her husband forgives her and peace reigns once more at Bantock Hall.

NEW GERMAN STAR

The German actor, Konrad Dreher, began his starring performance at the New German Theatre, on Madison avenue, Monday night, with the four-act farce, Mathias Gollinger, by Max Bernstein and Oscar Blumenthal. The farce shows the difference between northern and southern German ways. Mathias Gollinger, a rich Munich brewer, through the marriage of his daughter comes to Berlin. He is fascinated by the charms of the metropolis, and decides to open up a "beer palace." He is unable to adjust himself to conditions there, and his bluff and hearty Bavarian manners are especially displeasing to the conventional family of his son-in-law, and a number of disagreements result. After a general reconciliation he decides to remain in Munich the rest of his life. Dreher plays the part of Gollinger. Heinrich Marlow that of Carl Krueger, and Blanca Froehlich plays Therese.

AN ERROR IN STATEMENT

Hugh H. Huhn, writing in The Memphis Commercial-Appeal, erroneously says the season of Mrs. Flske is to be terminated in Salvation Nell, that she may appear in Hannele. Mrs. Flske never has had a more successful play than Salvation Nell, and she has had no idea of cutting short its legitimate term on the American stage. Harrison Grey Flske has secured the Hauptmann play for Mrs. Flske's future use, in line with the policy that makes provision ahead for future seasons, and in accordance with Mrs. Flske's desire—which has marked her for years—to amplify and give artistic diversity to her remarkable repertoire.

PRESS AGENT RETIRES

On Monday, William W. Aulick, who for the past year has been acting as general press representative for Charles Dillingham, assumed the post of general press representative for Leith and Company, replacing Campbell MacCulloch, who has held this position during the last four years, and who retires to accept a position with The Century Syndicate.

MARIE DORO COMING

Charles Frohman has decided upon Monday, March 1, as the date of Miss Marie Doro's first appearance in New York in her new play, The Richest Girl, which was written for her in collaboration by Paul Gavault and Michel Morton, the authors of My Wife, John Drew's vehicle last season. Miss Doro in The Richest Girl will succeed Mr. William Gillette at the Criterion Theatre, and will in turn be followed at the same theatre by the new Clyde Fitch comedy, The Happy Marriage. These plans are expected to complete the arrangements for the balance of the season at the Criterion Theatre.

CHANGES IN SHUBERT THEATRES

Owing to the contract existing between the Messrs. Shubert and the authors of Havana, the English musical comedy success from the Gaiety Theatre, London, specifying that the piece must have its New York premiere the first week in February, and the inability of the Messrs. Shubert to obtain any postponement, James T. Powers made his first appearance in Havana in New York Thursday evening, February 11. Eddie Foy in Mr. Hamlet of Broadway therefore ended his engagement at the Casino, and immediately went on tour, moving to Philadelphia, and taking the place of Havana at the Lyric Theatre in the Quaker City.

Also the engagement of The Vampire at the Hackett Theatre ended and was followed by a return New York engagement of Clyde Fitch's noted comedy, Girls, which opened Monday, February 8, for one week only. On February 15 Girls was followed in turn at the Hackett Theatre by Grace George, under the management of William A. Brady, in her new play, Miss Julia Marlowe's New York engagement in The Goddess of Reason began at Daly's Theatre on Monday night, February 15, and will be limited strictly to four weeks.

GARDEN THEATRE

LINCOLN AT THE WHITE HOUSE.—A drama in four acts, by Benjamin Chapin.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- Abraham Lincoln Benjamin Chapin Edwin M. Stanton Secretary of War Thomas Williams Walter E. Flood, General of the Secret Service L. Rogers Lytton

Al. H. Wilson, the comedian and tenor, appeared at the Metropolitan Theatre Monday afternoon in his new four-act play, When Old New York was Dutch. The show, a sort of combined musical comedy and drama, was well received. Mr. Wilson has included everything in his play, from much fiery talk about "those papers" down to four or five good, catchy songs and dances. Everything was well done.

CLASSY PRESS MATTER

Kyrle Bellew, at present appearing in Churles Frohman's production of The Thief, has just received the following letter from President Roosevelt. In acknowledgment of a gift of a peculiar revolver especially useful for the character of the President's coming trip to the African jungles, Mr. Bellew presented the revolver to the President during his recent Washington engagement.

The White House, Washington.

My dear Mr. Bellew: I thank you heartily for the revolver. It seems to me a peculiarly good type of weapon, and it is most kind of you to have remembered me in so delightful a fashion. Will you accept the accompanying photograph? With hearty regard, believe me, Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

Upon the photograph which the President gave Mr. Bellew is written:—

To Kyrle Bellew With the best wishes of Theodore Roosevelt.

FIVE OF A KIND.



The only way the Schlesinger boys ever take water. The above picture represents five brothers who are prominent in theatricals. In the water at Atlantic City. Reading from left to right, the brothers can be picked out as follows: Richard S. Schlesinger, Manager Blaney's Theatre, Yonkers, N. Y.; Morris S. Schlesinger, Representative Chas. E. Blaney Amusement Co., and Manager Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre, New York City; Jack Schlesinger, Traveling Representative Imperial Curtain Co., New York City; Gus S. Schlesinger, Treasurer Colonial Theatre, Chicago, Ill.; Leon Schlesinger, Assistant Treasurer Colonial Theatre, Chicago, Ill.

Ralph Bixby, a Captain in the Secret Service Daniel Jarrett, Jr. Tad Lincoln, the President's son-in-law Mary Todd Lincoln, the President's wife ... Helen Holmes

Place—A room in the White House, Washington, D. C. ACT I.—The Man, The Flag Down. (Intermission of ten minutes.) ACT II.—The Friend and Master. (Intermission of eight minutes.) ACT III.—The Hero in the Dark Hour. (Intermission of ten minutes.) ACT IV.—The Victor and Martyr. The Flag up Again.

Benjamin Chapin scored heavily with his masterly portrayal of Lincoln. It is one of the best and quaintest character studies on the American stage to-day. Capacity houses ruled during the engagement.

METROPOLIS THEATRE

WHEN OLD NEW YORK WAS DUTCH.—A four-act comedy drama by Sidney R. Ellis.

THE CAST:

- Metz Von Freiligh Al H. Wilson Gov. Richard Nichols Fletcher Harvey Lord Edward Grey Wm. Baifour Henry Nichols Richard Milloy Capt. Schonthaven Row O'Neal Myneher Pelt Lew Wallace Admiral De Sazan Jack Brady Spiegler Kinderchoeck Arnold Meyers Kiddo Kipp Little Olive Wright Fisherman Kloots Kenneth MacClenne Lady Helen Bert Sheridan Mate Bobstay Lemuel Lendis Lady Helen Irma La Florre Katrina Chattercop Julia Batchelder Lady Nichols Florence Snaver Fran Klooth Mary Whiting Ida Edith Wright Grizell Lillian Van Arsdale Gretchen Florry Sloan

GRAND STREET THEATRE

For the week of February 1, 1909, A. H. Woods presented Miss Louise Beaton in the good drama of the East Side, entitled Rachel Goldstein in four acts and eight scenes, by Theodore Kremer.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- Joe Rubens, a young chieftain Ralph J. Herbert Malcolm Bradley, an adventurer Arthur Gillard Harry Gould, Joe's friend Herbert K. Betts Samuel Goldstein, Rachel's father C. Colton White Mike O'Hara, an immigrant Edward Namery One-Eyed Pete, a crook Robert Laverling Walter Max Brahan Brophy, a policeman Howard Bronwell John, a servant Mortimer Harrison Mrs. Augusta Gould, Gould's wife, but in love with Bradley Miss Lella Davis Mrs. Gobalski, an East Side woman Miss Honriette Winter Mrs. Jefferson Miss Maude McEvoy Rachel Goldstein Miss Louise Beaton

It was whoop 'em up for fair at the Grand last week. Incidentally the first time in five years that Miss Beaton has been on the stage and thereby melodramas is the distinct loser. Miss Beaton has talent that could be well placed in something classy. Needless to say that the big patrons of the Grand turned out in full force. It was the biggest week in the theatre's history.

BROADWAY NOTES

Bob Mercer and Ted Miller, two well-known advance agents reached town last week. Grace Hazard, Elve Feet of Comic Opera, was not allowed to do her turn last Sunday night. Improper? Not a bit—too much police and Sundayism. But Harry Lander told the police something: he wore kilts and the cops didn't even boo. Somebody must have spread Lander's rep. as a fighter. Miss Veryl Hoyt, chorus girl, was found unconscious at Fourth street and the Bowery at an early hour yesterday morning. She was sent to Bellevue Hospital, where it was found that she was suffering from chloral poisoning, such as is administered in knockout drops.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Musical comedy was the offering at most of the Kansas City theatres for the week of February 7, and where that did not hold forth, it was to laugh at every theatre in town that week, with the exception of the Woodward Stock Company, at the Auditorium, where the massive scenic production of Cleopatra was the attraction.

Mr. E. Allen, genial "Ed. Allen," as he is known, is the press agent for the Willis Wood Theatre, and while this house, with its fine management, is endeared and appreciated by Kansas City, Mr. Allen's efficient services have brought more fame and business to the theatre. Mr. Allen is connected with the Kansas City Journal in an editorial capacity, and also has charge of Mr. O. D. Woodward's theatrical sheet, "The Spotlight," which is published in Kansas City and distributed to the patrons of Mr. Woodward's houses, so that they may keep pace with all local news, items, etc., as well as stories about well-known professional people.

By a decision of the United States Circuit Court, handed down recently in St. Louis, where the case was taken for hearing, the Shubert Theatre has reverted to the management of Lee and J. J. Shubert. Mr. O. D. Woodward, of the Willis Wood and Auditorium theatres, has been in charge of the Shubert since the theatrical season opened in September, having entered into an agreement with the Shuberts whereby he became manager of the Shubert Theatre in conjunction with the Willis Wood, the Shuberts to have a share in both the business of the Shubert and Willis Wood. The theatre has not been formally turned over to the Shuberts, but it is expected to come under their management this week. Mr. Earl Steward, the Shuberts' personal representative in Kansas City, who has been treasurer under Mr. Woodward's regime, is still at the theatre, and has been spoken of most favorably as the new manager. If the Shuberts should not send some one from New York. The house, during the remainder of the season, will put on only first-class attractions and those with drawing power. The Shubert, when first erected in Kansas City, became known as our "House Cozy," and now will have the best of the Shubert attractions. The Land of Nod, the attraction the week of the 7th, did a land-office business. Knox Wilson was seen in his original part of The April Fool, and he is ably assisted by other capable principals. The Warriors of Virginia, with Frank Keenan in the lead, comes to the Shubert the week of the 14th. The Orpheum Theatre celebrated its eleventh anniversary as a vaudeville house February 5, and during all these years of catering to Kansas City's pleasure, has nothing but a record of success to its credit, and this is due to the splendid management of Mr. Martin Lehman. Mr. Lehman has been resident manager since the house opened, and year after year has insisted upon giving to Kansas City the best theatre possible with the highest class of vaudeville.

CLEVELAND, O.

Musical shows of the lightest kind gave way to straight drama at the Opera House and Colonial last week. The Thief and The Devil, bringing here well-known players. The triple alliance of the famous stars, Kyrle Bellew, Herbert Kecey and Ethel Shannon, proved a feature in the former piece. In The Devil, George Arliss made his initial bow as a star before Cleveland audience. Both attractions drew immense crowds, and were highly appreciated. A thousand members of the Cleveland Athletic Club attended the performance at the Hippodrome last Wednesday night. In addition to the regular program the C. A. C. Glee Club offered several songs, which were loudly accorded.

After several postponements on account of the wild weather, the children's ice skating races, under the city auspices, were held at the Elysham rink. President D. H. Humphrey, of the Humphrey Co., offered the use of their palatial rink and for two nights great interest was manifested in the youngsters' sports. There was in all over 1,800 entries for the different events.

Eddie Foyer, well known through his connection with the old Cleveland Hippodrome Company, has signed a forty-week contract to appear over the Sullivan-Conditine Circuit. He opened last week at Chattanooga and will tour all of the Southern cities, presenting his familiar monologue, including his Black Sheep recitations.

At Keltia Hippodrome, W. J. Wilson has in preparation a melodramatic spectacle which will be shown for the first time, March 1. It promises to be a great thriller for the big stage. The story will tell of the capture of a bicycle mail carrier by Indians and his escape from them. In "Dare Devil" Schryer will be the mail carrier and he will end his bicycle flight with a plunge into the immense tank.

Max Faetkenheuer was in town a few days last week, leaving his Madame Butterfly Company at Erie, where they played two engagements. The company, which Mr. Faetkenheuer is piloting, is composed of almost entirely of former members of the Hippodrome Grand Opera organization. The road tour has been confined to Pennsylvania and New York and business is reported as being good.

CHICAGO AMUSEMENTS

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CHANGES this week at the various theatres have materially strengthened Chicago's amusement program which offers a varied array of entertainment of exceptional class and merit. Mrs. Fiske comes in at the Grand Opera House in the stead of The Vampire, which moves this week to the Garrick, where Lulu Glaser has been holding forth. Kyrie Bellows in The Thief, follows John Drew as Powers; Marie Cahill is at the Colonial, in The Boys and Betty; Viola Allen, in The White Sister, is the attraction at the Studebaker; Lillian Russell in her success of last season, Will-fire, is playing to big audiences at the Illinois; Peggy Machree holds the boards at McVickera, and the new play, The Golden Girl, has started its anticipated run at the LaSalle. The hold-over attractions are The Prince of Tonight, second week at the Princess; The Follies of 1908 at the Auditorium; The Melting Pot, at the Chicago Opera House, and A Broken Idol continues to break records at the Whitney Opera House.

Among the vaudeville houses, changes occur as usual and the new American Music Hall, Majestic and the Haymarket have bills that are replete with new headliners. The Olympic Music Hall has eliminated the forty-five-minute playlet with music that has been their feature of late and has reinstated a program of entirely variety features.

SALVATION NELL.

Mrs. Fiske in her big success, Salvation Nell, is the current attraction at the Grand Opera House, and, as usual, is playing to capacity business. The company in support of the star, render a well-balanced assistance that rounds out perfectly the dramatic effect. The engagement is for two weeks.

THE THIEF.

The Thief, at Powers' Theatre, is the real crowd magnet of the week and the fame of this great international drama is being daily emphasized and enhanced. Kyrie Bellows plays the husband, Effie Shannon, one of the most prominent of America's younger actresses, is cast for the part of Marise, the wife. The entire company seen in support of Mr. Bellows and Miss Shannon, is of well-balanced selection and includes Herbert Kelcey, Sidney Herbert, Isabel Richards and Eugene O'Brien.

THE WHITE SISTER.

A cleverly conceived story, The White Sister, by Marlon Crawford and Walter Hackett, is being brilliantly enacted this week at the Studebaker Theatre, by a company headed by the distinguished American actress, Viola Allen. This offering is of the usual high standard, associated always with Lichner and Co., and is being capably enacted by the cast of prominent players who are in support of the star, Charles A. Stevenson, Frank Gillmore, Richard Pittman, Julius McVicker, Fannie Addison Pitt, Belle Warner, Alfred Fisher and Minna Gale-Warner, who was leading woman for Booth and Barrett, are among those best known in the company.

THE VAMPIRE.

The enormous success of the Vampire, at the Grand Opera House, has caused the Shuberta to transfer the play to the Garrick Theatre, where it will remain throughout the week. The one week that it has already been in this city has caused comment and discussion of its theme and purpose that shows an interest profound that continues to be evidenced at box-office and by the press.

THE BOYS AND BETTY.

Marie Cahill's new play for the season is at the Colonial Theatre this week. The Boys and Betty is the name of the starring vehicle that has been provided her by George V. Hobart and Marie Hein. The prevailing opinion is that they have in this surpassed their previous efforts in her behalf.

The strong supporting company includes among its members, Eugene Cowles, Harriet Rurt, Edgar Atchison Ely, Macey Harlem, Wallace McCutcheon, Jr., Anna Mooney, Sam B. Hardy, Margaret Binford and W. G. Stewart. Scenically, The Boys and Betty is of the quality known as "beat."

THE GOLDEN GIRL.

Another run is started at the LaSalle Theatre, where another new musical play by Adams, Hough and Howard is the attraction. The play, is staged with all the ingenuity of Ned Wayburn and the lavishness of Mort Singer, so what more may be desired. It is replete with the tunes called "humming" and possesses enough witty dialogue and amusing situations to insure its success. The excellent company of players included in the cast shows such names as Winona Winter, William Robinson, James Bradbury, Harry Tighe, Helen Cullinan and Hamilton Coleman.

PEGGY MACHREE.

This is the first week of the McVicker Theatre engagement of the new Irish star, Mr. Joseph O'Mara, in the delightful musical comedy, Peggy Machree. Mr. O'Mara has made good in the East, his right to the title of "Ireland's greatest singer," and is here being acclaimed as one of the best of tenors.

THE MELTING POT.

It is now announced that on February 27 the last performance of The Melting Pot will be given at the Chicago Opera House.

THE FOLLIES OF 1908.

The second week of The Follies of 1908 at the Auditorium Theatre, finds the big Zigfield production playing to audiences that will test the capacity of Chicago's largest show house.

THE AMERICAN MUSIC HALL.

One of the most remarkable features of the program of unusual contrast and balance that this week is to be seen in the new American Music Hall, is the performance of the Zanzigs who transmit thoughts to each other at long range, read cards, name dates on coins and do many other mysterious tricks that defy anybody to penetrate their methods. Two of

last week's best offerings have been retained, Ross and Fenton in their amusing sketch, and "Juliet" in her faithful pictures of stage celebrities. Ed. Mondell and Company have a lively little act and Sidney Grant has a fund of stories that are new. Others on the excellent bill are Breng's Bronze Beauties, who pose artistically in statuesque groups; The Wartenburgs, marvelous jugglers, and Blake's Comedy Annual Circus, with the famous mule, "Maude."

THE MAJESTIC.

John T. Thorne and Grace Thornton, the Fadette Orchestra, under the leadership of Caroline B. Nichols and Henry Lee, in his famous novelty act, Speaking Likenesses of Great Men, Past and Present, are some of the headliners that embellish the bill at the Majestic Theatre this week. The Millman Trio, with Little Bird Millman, James Thornton, the famous humorist and song writer, and The

Record Trio, Williams and Gilbert and Wellington Brothers.

HEARD ON THE RIALTO.

It is heard on the street that a new play by George Cohan will be the next vehicle for Raymond Hitchcock.

A. L. Wallrup, manager of various street films and carnies is and director of the Imperial Minstrels, was in the city last week on a short business visit.

A new play by the author of Chinmule Fadden will be seen at the Grand Opera House the middle of March. This latest effort of Edward Townsend is called The Head of the House.

The Three Twins will be seen at the Grand Opera House for two performances next Sunday.

Barnum and Bailey will open in Chicago this season instead as heretofore in New York City.

MRS. FISKE.



Mrs. Fiske is now appearing in Salvation Nell, at the Grand Opera House, Chicago.

Operator, a sketch presented by Lyster Chambers and Clara Knott, are others of the big features on the program. The entertainment is further completed by Lizzie Daly in a dancing specialty, and Ollie Young and Brothers in a novel hoop-rolling exhibition.

THE OLYMPIC MUSIC HALL.

All vaudeville bills have been reinstated at the Olympic Music Hall and the revival of this policy is being enthusiastically welcomed by large and appreciative audiences. The bill for this week is without doubt the best of those heretofore offered in that playhouse and presents an entertainment of more than unusual merit and worth. Emmett Corrigan, with the assistance of 13 young men, presents a delightful little travesty, entitled, The Thirteen Club, with the Austrian heroine, Arthur Hahn, in the cast. The Grassys have an interesting combination of melody and mystery called An Piousness Musical Novelty. Others on the bill are Valadon, the magician; Knight Brothers and Sawtelle, La Petite Milgnon, LaVine and Leonard, the Swor Brothers, two of the best of black face artists, Zechariah Stevens, Willard and Stevens, and Maude Searlea.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

The vaudeville entertainment offered to the patrons of the Haymarket Theatre last week was furnished by Raymond and Carverly, Gil Brown and 10 Fire-Flies, Henry Horton and Company, Carter and Blinford, Mary Ann Brown, The Vikings, Bayler-LaVelle Trio, Ernie and Mildred Potts, Earl Flynn, Don Carney,

Allied Up-to-date, a musical skit by George L. Stevenson, made a big hit at the Chicago Charity Hospital benefit at the Colonial. This act employs the services of two real Chinamen who handle their parts in a manner truly artistic and play well on their native instruments. James Cassidy completes the trio in the novelty act which, in its entirety, is much above the average of such entertainments.

An innovation in Chicago society and theatrical circles was the stunt of Mr. and Mrs. John Burden, who purchased the entire seating of the Great Northern Theatre and then took the Williams and Walker Company of players to their home, where was given an entertainment in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Soriano. The colored artists made a big hit and were repeatedly encored by those present.

The associated theatrical managers of Chicago are planning an attempt to repeal the senseless restrictions that are placed by law on the stage appearance of children under sixteen years of age.

Norman the Frog Man, one of the best of contortionists, is in the city playing a series of club dates, but will soon leave to fill the big time that he has booked on his calendar. Norman has just placed an order with a local scenic studio for a new set he will use in his act this season. Depend on him to be live and up to the minute on all the features that go to embellish a good act. He has at his disposal several offers from the big circus people. Norman bears the distinction of being the heaviest contortionist in the world, weighing 190 pounds.

Cleo, the Girl in Red, Joe Callis, her manager, and I. M. Weingarden, manager of the Trocadero Theatre, received a little courtship

before a jury and Judge Newcomer. It was charged that Cleo dances in open violation of the law and that—well anyway, the crowds at her performance have been bigger since it was suggested that the dance was a bit risqué. Arnold Daly, the star in The Strong People, was seriously ill at his apartments in the Virginia Hotel last week and for a while it was feared that he was suffering with appendicitis. He is greatly improved now and beyond danger, according to his physician.

A new park to be called Roosevelt Park is announced for Chicago by Morris Loeff, who is in charge of the project.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

A small fire took place last Sunday night when some unknown person threw a lighted match and set fire to the wall paper in the lobby of the Finhope Theatre. The blaze was soon under control, and the performance was uninterrupted.

Mr. T. L. Trexler, who has been spending a few days in Minneapolis, left this week on a trip to Chicago and New York, proceeding from the latter point to Seattle and Spokane. While on the Pacific Coast, Mr. Trexler will negotiate for stock horses in the interests of the people he is representing.

Harry Durner revisited familiar scenes in Minneapolis last week, being employed as a master of properties with A Girl at the Helm Company, which played an engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The University of Minnesota band has entered the vaudeville field, and will make its initial bow to the local public at the Princess Theatre, February 16. Several University acts will also be put on, one of the most entertaining of which will be Hyser and Cosgrove, and the evening will be filled with "college" spirit. This is the first University Night in a series that has been inaugurated by the management of the Princess Theatre.

Daniel Frohman has just purchased a three act comedy from Mrs. Richard Burton, wife of the head of the English Department of the University of Minnesota, and this play will be given its premiere in New York City very early in the coming season and with an especially selected cast. The story deals with New York life at the present day.

Covenant Lodge No. 26, I. O. O. F., will hold a carnival and fair the first week in March at their hall, and they have started a contest for Queen of the Fair. It is intended to make this carnival something a little better than the average.

Pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Holt, of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, will soon present Sheridan's comedy, The Rivals, at the School Auditorium. The school is also planning to produce one of Moliere's plays, probably The Physician in Spite of Himself.

The Minneapolis Automobile Show plans are progressing famously. The Six English Rocker Girls will be seen at the Miles week of February 15. Rinaldo, the violinist, will also play a return engagement at this theatre week of February 22.

Adelaide Thurston, in The Woman's Hour, will be at the Metropolitan Opera House February 14. John Cort's Opera Company, headed by Edward Martindell, will present The Alan Van at this house the half week of February 21, and other bookings include Francis Wilson, February 25; The Thief, February 28; The Ironed Up, March 3, and The Soul Kiss, February 18.

The Bijou continues to draw excellent houses with melodrama, comedy and other popular entertainment. Thurston, the magician, comes next week. Other near dates include Huncie in Arizona, Rosabel Morrison and Yorke and Adams.

The Emmert Club, a social organization of the Minneapolis Tribune, was the guest of the Isis Theatre one night last week, over one hundred members being present. The Isis is presenting some excellent cameraphone attractions.

At the Novelty Theatre, The Peerless Stock Company is still presenting short playlets in connection with the vaudeville numbers, and crowded houses have been the rule. The Scenic Novelty and Wonderland Electric have adopted a mutual form of advertising, in which a colored slide, bearing the advertisement of the other houses is displayed at each theatre during the course of the program.

RODERIC STE. PIERRE.

GRACE VAN STUDDIFFORD HAS FAINTING SPELL.

Grace Van Studdifford, while appearing in The Golden Butterfly at Columbus, O., one day last week, was suddenly overcome by a fainting spell. Near the end of the first act, she lay face down on the floor, and was taken away by another maiden, Miss Van Studdifford fell backward, striking her head, in the fall, the curtain was lowered, while the audience marveled at the realistic fall and wondered to see a comic opera act end without a choral finale. Medical aid was called and Miss Van Studdifford finished the opera in splendid voice.

WILLIAM A. BRADY CONTRACTS WITH BENJAMIN CHAPIN.

On February 10, William A. Brady contracted with Benjamin Chapin, who is now producing Lincoln at the White House, at the Garden Theatre, New York City, to appear under the management of the former, for a term of five years, beginning February 15. Mr. Chapin, under Mr. Brady's management, will be taken to the Hackett Theatre, February 15, remaining there one week. The play in which Mr. Chapin is appearing, will doubtless be rechristened Honest Abe.

Owing to a very severe case of pneumonia, Jack Younger, of the Younger Bros., was compelled to cancel his circus contracts and all dates, but is now rapidly improving at his home in Dallas. He expects to be back in his old act shortly.

The VAUDEVILLE PROFESSION

VAUDEVILLE IN NEW YORK.

BILLS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK

Hammerstein's Victoria.—Jefferson DeAngella and Company in a musical absurdity, The Beharal; The Empire City Quartette, Cooper, Tully, Mayo and Cooper; fourth week of Princess Rajah in her Cleopatra Dance; Melville-Ellis, artistic pianologist; Foster and Foster, musical oddity; Charles Kenna, The Faker; Charles Ahern Troupe; Hy Greenway, the original gag and Vitagraph clown; American Music Hall.—LaBelle Clark, Ward Bros., Quaker City Four, May Duryea and Co., Incognito, Smiri and Kessler, Georgia Campers, May Tully and Co., Ezra Kendall, Delmore and Lee, Emma Carus, Harding and Ah Sid, Mlle. Olive and Morriscope.

Blancy's Lincoln Square.—Harry Lander, Daisy Harcourt, W. S. Harvey and Co., Watson, Hutchings and Edwards and many others.

Colonial.—Circumstantial Evidence, a one-act play, containing fourteen well-known players; Stella Mayhew, Frank Fogerty, Annette Kellerman, La Petite Adelaide and her four Dainty Dancers, Kitamura Japs, Jimmie Lucas, Count De Butz and Tossell, and Chip and Marble.

Alhambra.—Cressy and Dayne in The Wyoming Whoop; Murphy and Nichols Company in The School of Acting; Avon Comedy Four, Six Tuscan Troubadours, DeHaven and Parker, Wormwood's Animals, Loney Haskell, Willis and Hassan and Gould and Surat.

Keith & Proctor's Fifth Avenue.—Spirit Land, a pretentious vaudeville production, Howard and North, Nelson and Otto, Musical Spillers, At the Country Club, musical comedy; Ed. Blondell and Co., Scott and Wilson and W. C. Fielda.

Keith & Proctor's 125th Street.—Rainer's Fourteen Tyroleans, in picturesque phases of life in the Alps; Bert Coote and Co., Cameron and Flanagan, Empire Comedy Four, The Mermaids, Arthur Rigby, Martinetti and Sylvester, and Sewell Collins' clever satire, Awake at the Switch.

William Morris is back in New York after a transcontinental trip which is reported to be eminently successful. Mr. Morris states that he will have a string of houses from New York to San Francisco, and is prepared to give twenty-five weeks. He also states: "I can not go into specific details at present; the reason is obvious; My associates and myself are compelled by the existing conditions to work quietly and secretly until we attain our end. I have not failed to make good any statement or promise which I have yet given to the public or the press. The William Morris, Inc., independent circuit is an assured fact in the East."

"I was laughed at when a few weeks ago I made the statement that I would shortly have a house in Chicago. Within four hours after my last arrival in Chicago from New York the lease of the Garden Theatre, a new modern and artistic and acknowledged the safest theatre in Chicago, was ours for twenty years. "Last Monday night it began the fourth week of its career under my management, and although a month and its owners were playing to empty benches with mediocre musical comedy attractions, we have to date played to absolute capacity at every performance since opening and could fill the house twice over every night."

"It's an honest cash business, too. I doubt if any theatre in Chicago with twice our seating capacity is playing to any more actual receipts at this time. "The Western country, which I recently visited, is a prize country for just the sort of entertainment that William Morris, Inc., are giving other cities. The business is only in its infancy in the Far West and on the Coast. We have had a hundred offers of co-operation, capital, sites and plans in these several cities. The William Morris Circuit will soon plant its flag at the Golden Gate, and that means that there will be several locations obtained by us between Chicago and there."

"By the way, the latest recruit to our ranks is Lucy Weston, the English comedienne, who has been making such a success in New York."

After Sunday Frank Keeney will cease to supply high-class vaudeville in Brooklyn. On Monday Keeney's Theatre in Fulton Street will present vaudeville and motion pictures with ten cents the minimum, and fifteen cents the maximum in price.

Mr. Keeney is entirely frank as to his reasons for the change. "I am tired of losing money in chunks," he said. "The mammoth salaries paid performers now make it difficult to make money under the best possible conditions. Since this Sunday agitation began I have found running at a profit impossible."

"I shall give one show in the afternoon and two at night, except on Saturdays and Sundays, when there will be two shows in the afternoon. I will have six vaudeville acts and the best motion pictures obtainable."

Ed. F. Gallagher will be Mr. Keeney's booking agent. He now books the Keeney Theatre in New Britain, and the two houses will be made the basis of a popular-price vaudeville circuit with short jumps, to be conducted on the same plan.

To be the one silent figure from the rise of the curtain until six minutes before its final fall, yet to be the dominant force of the play, is a difficult task for an actor. In Circumstantial Evidence, a story of the jury room, which is seen at the Colonial this week, as the juror holding out for acquittal in a murder trial, Robert B. Kogerreis gives a performance that has stamped both the play and his work as convincing. His silence in the early part of the act is tragic, his telling speeches later on are delivered without ranting, a feat which only an actor of ability would be able to accomplish in so dramatic a situation.

Review of the Variety Offerings in Greater New York with Running Comment on the Acts Presented and Some Personal Items of General Interest to the Profession—Blanche Ring will Enter Vaudeville

Alexander and Scott, The Boys from Virginia, have just returned from Europe, after a successful tour, and will play dates on this side until May, when they return to England for a tour over the Moss & Stoll Circuit.

Virginia Harned will book over Percy Williams' Circuit this spring in a new production called Anna.

Maude O'Dell has signed with Chas. E. Blaney, who will stage a new sketch.

Fitzgerald and Mason return to vaudeville at the Majestic Theatre, March 6.

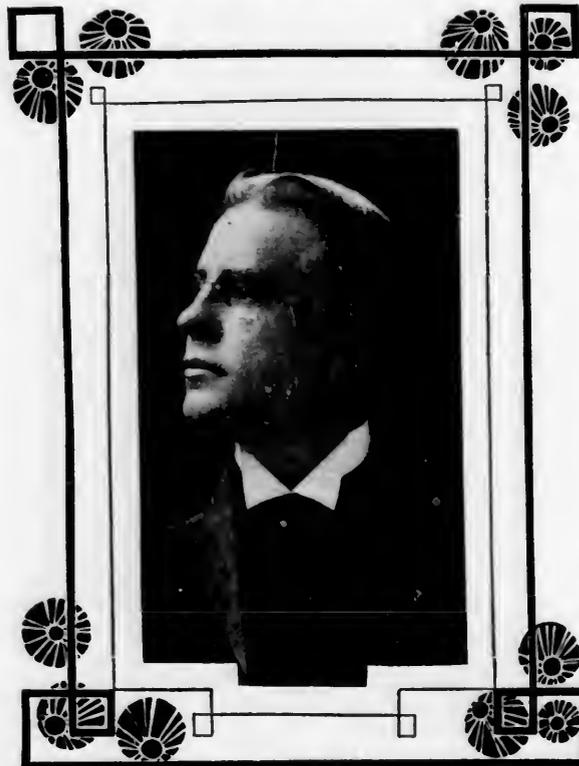
The White Rats of America are announcing their annual ball and entertainment to be held at Terrace Garden, East 58th street, Friday, March 19. This promises to be a jollification of unusual importance as many prominent members have signified their intentions to be present.

BLANCHE RING IN VAUDEVILLE.

Miss Blanche Ring, who until recently was one of the most prominent members of the Joe Weber Company, has forsaken musical comedy for the vaudeville stage and is now doing a singing act over the Keith & Proctor time.

Miss Ring, during the years of her career on the stage, has established a most enviable reputation as a singer of rollicking Irish songs and

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Fisk O'Hara will play at Percy G. Williams' Greenpoint Theatre next week.

Louis F. Werba is producing The Spirit Land at the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

Jeannette Lourie may possibly fill some English time this spring.

NOTES FROM THE INDEPENDENT BOOKING OFFICE, NEW YORK.

Acts sent out from the Independent office to open this week: Three Azaris, sensational gymnasts; Nellie Burt, Harry Kraton's Hoopland, Alfred and Steve Misco's Comedy Pantomime Co., Patrice and Company, in The Lohyist; Parmet and Russell Company, Scenic Phantasy, A Trip Around the World in an Airship; Carl McCullough, Footlight Impersonations; Evans and Evans, dancers de luxe; Edith Montrose, novelty character impersonations; Clotilde and Montrose, comedy acrobats; Ford and Swor, comedians; Hickey and Nelson, twisted and tangled, and Ascot and Maximo, acrobatic comedians.

The Young Amorous Quintette, with Mattie Boerum, is listed to open shortly on the Mozart Circuit.

The Fisher, Fielding Fisher Company, which opened on the Mozart time some weeks ago, has changed their title to Pauline Fielding Company, presenting Virginia Rose, a clever singing playlet.

Adams and Mack, comedy magicians, are back on the Mozart Circuit again. Adams and Mack were released in order to play a hooked date at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sidney Reynolds, who sprained her ankle while playing on the Mozart time at Milton, Pa., January 28, has returned to her home in New York, where she is resting until able to resume the time lost by the accident.

Mr. E. Frymire has assumed the management of the Mozart Family Theatre, Milton, Pa., replacing M. Goldstein, who resigned to accept another position.

she now bids fair to surpass this reputation as a singer of Scotch songs.

In the Merry Willow and the Devil, which the Joe Weber Stock Company is playing, Miss Ring sang a Scotch song called Bonnie, My Highland Lassie, and scored the biggest hit of the play.

She is retaining this song in her vaudeville act and has added a new novelty song called, You can Learn to do the Hootchie-Kootchie for One Dollar and Thirty Cents.

VAUDEVILLE.

Frank Loyal, manager of Hadji, the trained Arabian horse, is just recovering from a severe attack of blood poisoning. Mr. Loyal underwent some serious operations, and was at death's door for a week, but his strong constitution and constant nursing pulled him through. He was attended by Dr. Moss, physician for Cincinnati Lodge T. M. A.

Grace Tempest, of the Grace Tempest Trio, has formed a partnership with Leon Miller, formerly of Black and Miller, and together they have been re-engaged over the Sullivan and Conside Circuit, opening at Winnipeg, Can., February 2. They have just finished the United time with their new singing, dancing and acrobatic novelty.

Frank F. Fisher, the well-known musical director, is at present leader of the orchestra at the Liberty Theatre, Tamaqua, Pa. Mrs. Fisher (Regal Haven) and their five-year-old daughter, Kathleen, are at present playing the Gus Sun Circuit.

The Daleys, comedy and trick roller skaters, now playing United Bookings, have received several offers to tour Europe, but have not yet fully decided whether to accept time on the other side or not.

P. B. Grojean, of the team of Grojean and Maurer, was married January 29, to Miss Carrie Kelly, of Pensacola, Fla. The ceremony was attended by a large number of professional people.

Eddie Gardner writes that he has opened at the Rockfort Gardens, Kingston, Ja-

maica, West Indies, and is meeting with success with his singing, dancing and comedy hat juggling act.

Earl Flynn, The Little Boy in Green, opened at the Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, week of February 8, and will play Detroit, Cincinnati and Indianapolis following.

Lenora Lester, The Girl with the Dream Eyes, is again working in vaudeville after a long illness. Miss Lester is at present touring the West.

Donovan and Mackin opened on the Williams and Knehl time at Shreveport, La., February 15, with the entire circuit to follow.

PLAYHOUSE NOTES.

The Lyric Theatre, in Sedalla, Mo., which was formerly conducted as a moving picture theatre, has changed its form of amusement, and is now playing vaudeville in conjunction with moving pictures. The first performance under the new policy was given January 23 to S. R. O. houses. The Lyric is controlled by the Middle West Amusement Co., with Roy P. Barker as the local manager.

Manager J. G. Capron, of the Majestic Vaudeville Theatre, at Waterloo, Iowa, has secured The Phillips Opera House at Oelwein, Iowa, for vaudeville. The house was opened under the new management, Monday, February 8. The bill will be changed twice a week, acts dividing week between Waterloo and Oelwein. Both houses are booked by Sullivan-Conside Circuit.

The Majestic Theatre (formerly the Cameraphone Theatre) at Globe, Ariz., managed by W. T. Tupper, was opened with stock a February 4, to capacity business. It is the intention of the management to run a condensed version of popular farce comedies, one reel of moving picture and one vaudeville turn, and give two shows each night.

A disastrous fire visited the Wood Opera House, Wellington, Kansas, February 1, entailing a loss of \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. All shows booked at the Wood will be played at the Auditorium. The Wood was managed by H. W. Glaman.

R. P. Stoddard, for the past seven years resident manager of the Oneonta Theatre, Oneonta, N. Y., has been appointed resident manager of the Sandusky Theatre, Sandusky, O. Mr. Stoddard is succeeded in Oneonta by Harry Donham, of Middletown, N. Y.

Andrew P. Weschler of Erie, Pa., has secured a permit for the remodeling of the Tabernacle Church in that city, and will open it as a vaudeville theatre as soon as the work is completed. \$17,000 will be expended in improving the place.

Salamanca, N. Y., has a new playhouse. It has been named the Teck, and has a seating capacity of 600. The Teck is controlled by the Salamanca Amusement Co., Inc., with Max Andrews, as manager.

B. F. Farris, of Atlanta, Ga., is planning the opening of a new playhouse in the Du Rant Building, Sumter, S. C. According to the plans it will have a seating capacity of 600. It is to play vaudeville.

Sidney Anderson, manager and part owner of the Majestic Theatre, Portsmouth, O., has disposed of his interest in that playhouse and retired as manager. He will locate in the East.

The Morgan Opera House, at Canonsburg, Pa., will hereafter be known as the Canonsburg Theatre. It was reopened February 1 as a vaudeville house on the Gus Sun Circuit.

Manager Busby, of the Busby Theatre, McAlester, Okla., will build an up-to-date airframe in McAlester, to be opened in the spring. It will be managed by A. B. Eates.

Hildebrand and Decker, proprietors of the Electric Theatre, Enid, Okla., have secured a site and have had plans drawn for a vaudeville theatre, seating 900.

Noyes Burdette, formerly with the Depew-Burdette Stock Company, has been appointed assistant manager of the Burlew Opera House at Charleston, W. Va.

DRAMATIC.

Notes from Imhof & Fisk's Lend Me Your Wife Co.: We are in our 24th week, and business is still good. We have been in Oklahoma for six weeks, and will stay in this state for six weeks more. We have played Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma and our show has given the best of satisfaction. The company remains the same as when we opened, September 2 with Ben F. Imhof and Chas. L. Fisk, owners and managers; Harry Felling is now in advance and he is a real hustler for us. There are quite a number of shows in Oklahoma this season and they all seem to be doing well. The Musical Fisks, one of the feature specialties with the show, have an entire new musical act in preparation, which they will produce next year. We will probably put out a repertoire show for the first ten weeks of next season to play fair dates, then back to our one-nighter again.

Notes from Monroe Amusement Co.: This company is featuring Miss Julie B. Monroe as Dora, in Dora Thorne, has made more clear money than ever before in its history. We are carrying seven people as follows: Geo. L. Bick, W. B. Darcy, Walter Monroe, Gall Hamilton, Claire Summers, Jamie B. Monroe and Kate Johnson. As a special feature we present Juggling Monroe, who always gets his part of the curtain calls.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Atkinson (Audna Fraser) closed with B. W. Fraser's Lost in the Hills Company, at LaSalle, Ill., recently, after fifty-eight consecutive weeks with the organization, and have returned to their home in Milwaukee, for a much-needed rest.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE

TEACHERS ORGANIZE.

In line with the powerful national alliances being formed in the business and theatrical world, a movement which will mean much to music circles generally and more particularly to the young American student who desires advanced vocal training in America, has been inaugurated by Mme. Anna E. Ziegler in the formation of an association of the leading singing teachers of the United States...

Mme. Anna E. Ziegler, the progressive founder and first president of the association, is widely known in music circles in America and Europe. She was born in Hamburg, Germany, where she received her early education in music and languages.

Mme. Ziegler is also favorably known as an authoress and composer, contributing to the standard magazines and periodicals of this country and being a recognized authority on tone-production, technical, voice development and interpretation.

In her desire to spread the fundamental truths concerning the use of the human voice for professional work, both for speaking and for singing, Mme. Ziegler is now preparing lectures to illustrate the use of the voice, by description and through actual recitation and singing...

NEW WITMARK MUSIC.

The output of M. Witmark & Sons, this week, is indeed extraordinary large, and there is a general classiness in the new additions to their catalogue that speaks most highly for the sincerity of this firm in their efforts to improve modern music.

VOCAL-IN NEW YORK.

- My Little Bow and Arrow, by Geo. L. Spaulding and George Totten Smith. Tell Her How Dearly You Love Her, by Geo. L. Spaulding and George Totten Smith. Come Along, Girls, by George L. Spaulding and George Totten Smith.

THE NEWLYWEDS.

- Every Baby is a Sweet Boy, by A. Seymour Brown and Nat. D. Ayer. Mister Jigger, by A. Seymour Brown and Nat. D. Ayer. Come to Me, by George Graff, Jr., and Edmond Misson.

INSTRUMENTAL.

- Fern Valley, by Geo. L. Spaulding. A Happy Home, by Geo. L. Spaulding. Fawn's Leap, by Geo. L. Spaulding. Puppet's Parade, by Geo. L. Spaulding.

SONG SCORES HIT IN TWO MUSICAL SHOWS.

I Am Looking for a Sweetheart Pleases Both Audiences.

A most remarkable and rare occurrence in the theatrical profession is the singing of the same song in two musical plays at the same time. Generally they are sold exclusively to one manager by the author and composer, who retains the absolute right to their theatrical production.

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podrome production spectacle are using the song hit, I'm Looking for a Sweetheart. It will not seem so peculiar when one learns the inside history of the song.

The song was first sung by Marguerite Clark in The Pied Piper, which is under the management of the Shubert Brothers, and was staged by R. H. Burnside. R. H. Burnside also wrote the lyric, while Manuel Klein furnished the music.

The Majestic Theatre, where The Pied Piper is played, also owned by Shubert Brothers, is taking it in a nutshell, in both cases, the song

the two of this score that are greatest in demand.

The staff of the professional department of the Thompson Music Co., was increased last week by the addition of Miss Hazel Erzinger, a pianist, who assists Harry Arracker. Miss Erzinger, is a sister of Mabelle Erzinger, a successful young vaudeville character singer of this city.

Victor Kremer Co. have just published a new Indian Intermezzo, entitled Lovelight, vocal and instrumental by Theron C. Bennett. This number is already beginning to move nicely and big sales are anticipated.

Nobody Knows, Nobody Cares.

By CHAS. K. HARRIS.

Musical score for 'Nobody Knows, Nobody Cares' by Chas. K. Harris. Includes vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. Lyrics: 'No-bod-y knows when I am lone ly No-bod-y cares if my heart break; No-bod-y knows when lears are fall - ing. Fall - ing per - haps for some - one's sake; No-bod-y knows of nights dark hours - When all a - lone true love des - pairs. And my soul is torn with an-guish, No-bod-y knows No-bod-y cares.'

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is written by the same lyricists, the music by the same composer, it is staged by the same stage manager, it is both owned and played in theatres owned by the same managers—a most remarkable coincidence, seldom if ever, found in theatrical history.

CHICAGO MUSIC NOTES.

Since the inception of this department of The Billboard, it has steadily gained in news and importance until it is now generally accepted by the profession at large as the criterion of what's what in the music publishing world. It is our intent and purpose to keep in close touch with the live happenings of this branch of the amusement field and we take this opportunity of inviting co-operation from those interested that we may continue to strengthen this feature of the paper, which most certainly is to the advantage of all concerned.

The beautiful song numbers that are remembered from Algeria still continue to gain in sales. Thomas Sheridan, of the Chas. K. Harris staff, reports that Love is Like a Cigarette, and Ask Her While the Band is Playing, are

Harry Walker is now employed in the professional department of the Victor Kremer Co. He was formerly connected with the same firm in Minneapolis and Omaha. He is a great booster and will especially push Long Ago and Baby Talk.

Arnold Grazier used Turkish Trophees in his act at the Majestic Theatre and got a big hand for the snappy piece from the pen of Miss Sara Egan. His team-mate, Ethel Grazier, played Why Must We Part, on the French horn, with a one-hand accompaniment.

It is suggested that insurance companies issue policies for the protection of publishers' agents in the event they lose sight of an act. James Sumner could have used one last week, but at that he overlooks a very few bets and seldom fails to cash.

The big song hits from the new show at the Princess are You're a Dear Old World after All, Her Eyes are Blue for Yale, and I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now. The entire score for Prince of To-night is exceptionally catchy.

McKay and Cantwell will do an act together now, that they have closed at the Olympic Music Hall. Their feature songs will be Consequences and I Like the Way you Two-step, with special verses by Harry Newton.

Tom Quigley, of the Shapiro office in Chicago, reports that their song, Yip-I-Ay-I-Ay (spelling not guaranteed) is going big in the East. Blanche Ring used it with big success at the Colonial, New York.

Robert Danders and Miss Ella Sherman made a big hit at the meeting of the Cypher Club, February 6, where they sang True Blue. Always Me and others from the Chas. K. Harris catalogue.

Maybelle Urzinger is exploiting songs from the house of Rossiter, including two special numbers by Harry Newton. Her tour is being looked after by Jake Stenard.

President C. F. Thompson, of the Thompson Music Co., has just returned from New York City, where he has re-established an office there at 37th street and Broadway.

Three Weeks and another song by the writers of I Wish I had a Girl, called June, July and August, are some of the new ones from the Thompson Music Co.

Ward and Hanson, with the Chris Lane act, are using Double Double Dare You, and I'm a Crazy Jay on a Circus Day, as the feature songs in their specialty.

The Moneta Five open on Sullivan and Conshing time, February 15, at Winnipeg. The Hoogle-ogle Man song is, they report, the big hit of their act.

The Porta Rican Quartette report success with In the Silent Deep, O Miss Malinda, Drifting and Just for a Day, all from the Rossiter catalogue.

Some of the best of the old Irish ballads may be heard this week at McVicker's Theatre, where Peggy Macree is being played.

The music from The Boys and Betty, Marie O'Shill's Show, now playing at the Colonial Theatre, hears the Shapiro print.

The Clock of Life, a new bass song by Arthur J. Lamb, will be published soon by Victor Kremer Co.

Ren Shields, Jos. McKeon and Raymond Walker have a new song, entitled Love Me Just a Little Bit.

The Hiranlan Quintette is scoring heavily with O Mill Malinda, and Drifting, two Rossiter star numbers.

Robert Danders made a big hit at the States Restaurant, singing Nobody Knows, Nobody Cares.

Pete Baker, the German comedian, has found a good number in I Like the Way you Two-step.

Joseph Ferrante, the Italian band conductor, has several new compositions that will soon be heard.

POEMS OF NEW SONGS.

MY OWN UNITED STATES.

(By Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards.) Note.—This is the stirring patriotic song that the National Song Society has selected as a fitting National Anthem.

The poet sings of sunny France, Fair olive laden Spain, The Grecian Isles, Italia's smiles, And India's torrid plain. Of Egypt, countless ages old, Dark Africa's palms and dates, Let me acclaim the land I name, My own United States.

REFRAIN.

I love ev'ry inch of her prairie land, Each stone on her mountain side, I love ev'ry drop of the water clear, That flows in her rivera wide; I love ev'ry tree, ev'ry blade of grass, Within Columbia's gates! The Queen of the earth is the land of my birth, My own United States.

NO ONE KNOWS.

(By Francis Mack.) When twilight shadows over earth are falling, And golden splendor tints the far off West, When birds unto their mates are softly calling, And all the world seems peacefully to rest, 'Tis then I miss you, as I sit all alone; I hear your voice in ev'ry wind that howls, Tho' I have loved and lost, yet dearer you have grown, And how I miss you, sweetheart, no one knows.

REFRAIN.

No one knows how much I miss you, No one knows how my heart grieves, How my lips have yearned to kiss you, You in whom my soul believes, No one knows how much I love you, More and more as each day goes, Tho' my heart may break in sorrow, No one cares for no one knows.

NEW PIANO MUSIC CATALOGUE.

The United States Music Co. have recently issued a one hundred and thirty-six page catalogue, between the covers of which are itemized and explained the various advantages of their articles. It is comprehensive in its order of description, a beautiful work of the printer's art and details clearly those selling points that have made this company the success that is now theirs. It includes not only all the music listed in their previous catalogue and bulletin but combines the new issue of the month of January. The following names are mentioned as makes of pianos with which music rolls made by the United States Music Co. can be used: Automatic, Aeolian, Ackerman, Auto-Electra, Binghamton, Eckolina, Edison, Electrolin, Favorite, Hamilton & Thayer, Imperial, Majestic, Majestic Junior, Peerless, Planova, Regal, Reliable and Standard.

NEW YORK MARINE BAND.

The New York Marine Band will open their spring tour by giving a concert at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, Easter Sunday, April 11. The organization will consist of fifty soloists, including three ladies. William Bley will be its director and John Graham the manager.

Paris Week By Week

Paris Bureau The Billboard, 121 Rue Montmartre,

How the News of Coquelin's Death Was Received in His Native Land—The Joseph Jefferson of France Was Dearly Beloved of His Countrymen—It is Now a Question Who Will Take the Leading Role

I HAD just left the Theatre Porte Saint-Martin, where I had gone to learn something more regarding the promised play, Chantecler and had been told that it would have its premiere about March 20 and that already Constant Coquelin (Coquelin, alas, as everyone here knows him) was "up" in his part. Then, in an hour, I learned that he, the Joseph Jefferson of France, was dead.

It seemed incredible for the news had gone abroad that the famous actor was practically over his slight illness and would soon be in harness again. It seemed too, that it was only yesterday that I saw him at his own theatre in the shadow of the triumphal arch of Louis XIV., the Porte St. Martin, thrilling a packed auditorium with his balcony scene in Cyrano, or making its blood tingle with his tremendous lines before les brave cadets de Gascogne.

The French stage—in fact the stage of the civilized world—was just recovering from the deep sorrow occasioned by the death of Victorien Sardou, the master-craftsman of France's world of dramatic literature, when the second blow fell. For Coquelin, alas, stood just as high in the field of his own endeavor as did Sardou in his. And everywhere that the footlights have followed, the name of Coquelin has a familiar sound.

But Billboard readers have read many columns, long before this concerning the great actor. The principal thing people ask about here to-day is: "How about Chantecler?"

It seems a strange stroke of Fate that Coquelin should be taken just when everything was at last in readiness for Edmond Rostand's latest play and in which Coquelin was to take the principal role. Rostand was in Paris supervising rehearsals when the death angel came.

Rostand had written Cyrano, Coquelin's greatest hit, and it was with the same author's Chantecler that he hoped to finish out a well turned career. Who takes his place must know how to act, that much is certain, but inasmuch as Coquelin was in mind when Rostand wrote, and as no two actors are alike in all the world, will Chantecler be what everybody had hoped for it?

At last, the theatrical event of years had been announced as about to transpire. Chantecler was to be produced and that about March 20.

Now, over here that was big news. Newspapers felt like getting out extras about it and writers of topical songs, fashioned to be sold on the streets, were selling more or less tuneful lyrics with words running like this:

Hurrah! Hurrah! Huree!
Crowa Monsieur Chantecler,
The author il est arrive,
Monsieur Rostand is here!

Rehearsals were going on quite blithely at the Theatre Porte Saint-Martin and the elder Coquelin, seemingly almost recovered from his illness, was at Pont-au-Dames, perfecting his role of rooster. For five years the stage has been waiting for Chantecler. Will Fate stave off the day forever?

M. Rostand has a great aversion for interviews and newspapers have a very decided weakness for the same thing, especially when the talk in question is by such a man as this person of letters, the maker of Cyrano de Bergerac, and the pretty L'Aiglon. So in coming to Paris from Cambre the other day, the dramatist had a time dodging the reporters. But he did it eventually by quitting the train at the Gare d'Austerlitz and from there driving to the Hotel Meurice in an automobile. He has his interesting family with him in Paris—his wife and two sons, also his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

The managerial world here is talking a great deal of the play, Cabalero Lobo (Gentleman Wolf) which was presented in Madrid, Jan

ETHEL IRVING,



Prominent English star.

uary 29. Its author, Senor Linares Astray, made all his characters animals just as Rostand has made his characters birds, and he says that he purposely hurried along the production of his piece in order that no one could raise the cry against him that he had plagiarized or copied the work of Mr. Rostand. He also declared that he had contemplated this work for a long time. But in this he had to go back some years if his idea can take precedence over that of the France author, for Mr. Rostand has been actually at work on his play for five

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"THE TORCH MUST BURN."



Scene from the latest opera of Richard Strauss, given its premiere at the Royal Court Theatre of Dresden.

WALKER WHITESIDE.

(See Title Page.)

Charles W. Collins, writing to the Chicago Inter-Ocean, talks interestingly of an interview with that sterling young actor, Walker Whiteside:

"An actor new to Chicago, although this city was his boyhood home, is now awaking in audiences at the Grand Opera House an immediate, welcoming response to the charm of his glowing art that is beautiful in its sympathy. And as this reward comes to him, he says with a sincerity that is not colored with a suggestion of stage pose: 'I feel like a returned Rip Van Winkle.'"

"Walker Whiteside is the man, appearing as the star of Israel Zangwill's drama, The Melting Pot, in the role of a dreaming, rhapsodic Jewish youth, with the genius of music in his soul and the tenors of Kishinev in his memory. He is a young Rip Van Winkle, true enough, young at least in metropolitan success, though in actual count of years he has passed the point when the cessation of youth ceases to mean immaturity. Statistically speaking, he is now 38 years old, but from the Rip Van Winkle point of view he can look back over a period of nearly a decade and a half, to his first appearance on the stage, which took place in this city, and in the momentous role of Hamlet. Since then he has been out of touch with Chicago's playgoers, but his return is meeting with and is well deserving of a response that induces a train of Van Winkle reminiscence—but not, however, with old Rip's pathetic complaint of 'Am I so soon forgot?' Mr. Whiteside was not forgotten, because there was nothing for which he deserved a wide fringe of remembrance, outside of his personal sphere; but he will be remembered from now on—that

fact can be asserted with thorough conviction. His performance as David Quixano is an achievement to be cherished fondly among playgoing memories, as something perfect in itself and prophetic of other great things to come.

Mr. Whiteside dates his genuine theatrical career from the year 1891. Two years after ward he made his first New York appearance at the old Union Square Theatre in Hamlet, and in 1895 he played an engagement at the Schiller, now the Garrick Theatre, also in Shakespeare's master work.

"But touring what we, in our urban high and mightiness, are pleased to call 'the provinces,' has been his fate almost ever since, in a Shakespearean and romantic repertory with Hamlet as the principal bill. He has probably played the Prince of Denmark more times than any other contemporary actor that one can think of, and, judging by his David Quixano and the reports of people who have chanced to see him during some small town sojourn, he was an excellent Hamlet.

"And what else? Last season it was The Magic Melody. By whom? Mr. Whiteside modestly indicated that the piece was of his own authorship. He probably would have said nothing about his claims to the title of playwright if he had not been confronted with an abrupt question. Most men would have had the subject in the foreground immediately after the formalities of introduction. It takes no Sherlock Holmes, when given one play, to deduce another, and so I learned that he had also written Eugene Adam in collaboration with Paul Kester, a very successful piece, by the

Berlin

Electra, Richard Strauss' Latest Opera, Produced at Dresden—Other New Plays on German Stages

ONCE more, like many times before Dresden was the place for a great musical event. Berlin may claim without doubt the most and important concerts, but whenever there is a great play to be offered on the opera stage, the Court Opera House at Dresden is the one to offer it first.

Before and after the first performance of Strauss' latest composition, the musical world of the Saxony capital was all excitement. The question, what is this Electra? was raised everywhere and there were expressions for and contra to be heard in all tones. What induced the composer to select such a subject for his drama? Some people are inclined to think it may be a continuation of Salome, which is in no way the case.

The antique tragedy deals with the thirst for revenge of a daughter, who sees in the murderer of her father her own mother. In the center stands Electra, shorn of everything human, with her frightful hatred; on one side her young sister, praying for freedom, and on the other side, Clytemnestra, the degenerate wife and mother, in the pangs of agony and fear. It is a dark, gloomy drama and would have left a gloomy impression upon the audience, had not the music and especially the singing of the actors eased up things. Annie Krull, as Electra, with her beautiful voice, held the audience in a trance, and Margarish Liems, as Chrysothemis, and Schumann-Helluk, as Klytemnestra, assisted her in an able manner. Carl Perrin was a splendid Orest, and Johanna Sembach, as Sesth, displayed a beautiful tenor voice.

The appointment of the orchestra, consisting of 111 musicians, surpassed the same. The author requested among others, eight clarinettes, eight cornets, six trumpets; the string instruments consisting of eight first, eight second, eight third violins; six first, six second and six third violas. The musical effects with such a tremendous orchestral appointment were novel and grandiose. The royal music director, general von Schlich, was the leader during the entire performance and carried out his difficult task with great promptness and skill.

The throng to this premiere performance of Electra, as well as the other offerings during the Richard Strauss week such as Salome, Feuerstein and Sinfonia Domestica, was tremendous.

Florian Geyer, Gerhart Hauptmann's latest drama, was given its first performance at the Schauspielhaus at Cologne and made a very good impression. The play was elaborately staged by Mr. Marteraleig.

There will be a great gala performance at the Royal Opera House in honor of King Edward of England on February 11. The symphony concert, which had been arranged by the royal orchestra, has been postponed to February 15.

Alfredo Girardi, one of the most talented actors of the German stage, left the Thalia Theatre of Berlin, on February 1, to accept an engagement at the Johann Strauss Theatre at Vienna.

PLAY PROHIBITED.

The First Man, a drama by Otto Borngräber, which appeared at the Nemen Theatre recently, is prohibited by the city authorities of Stuttgart, where a performance had been prepared at the Residenz Theatre. The prohibition was on account of some parts showing too brutal sensuality.

Don Juanito, comedy of four acts, by A. H. Schnitz, was given its initial performance at the Court Theatre at Mannheim, with great success. The spirited play was splendidly staged by Superintendent Dr. Hagemann.

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EDMOND ROSTAND,



Author of L'Aiglon, Cyrano de Bergerac and founder of a new school of dramatic literature—plays with birds or beasts for characters. Chantecler, to be produced about March 20 has a rooster for a hero. The elder Coquelin was to have played the role.

FILM SITUATION UP-TO-DATE

Eastern and Western Independents Seek Control of Their Respective Fields

Foreign Film Makers Arrive---Patents Company Issues Important Bulletin---Cameraphone Co. is In

It looks now as if there would be two independent factions in the film market. Some are optimistic and believe that the different independent forces will get together and make one gigantic organization.

upon favorably and that the license will be issued. You may also begin serving any theatre where the theatre's application has been forwarded to us with the license fee of \$10, but all such service must be accepted by you conditioned upon our licensing the theatre, and you must reserve the right in all such service contracts to discontinue the service immediately upon receiving notice from us either that the application has not been received or that the license will not be issued.

Things started on Friday, when Messrs. Mardock, McKinney, Davis and Strickman, all officers of the International Producing and Projecting Company, arrived from Chicago. A long conference was held on that day with several of the leading local independents.

Thousands of hand bills and circulars were sent out through New York and neighboring cities, including Philadelphia and Boston. Rumors of all kinds fill the air as to what the outcome will be, but the whole matter may be sifted down to this:

An effort is being made to bring about harmony among the independents and to avoid friction. It is conceded that a misunderstanding exists over handling foreign films. This once adjudicated, then comes a new factor, according to rumor which couples the Columbia Phonograph Co. with the issue.

Just who will be who or what, no one at present is even inclined to guess. Within a week or so it is expected that final arrangements will be completed and the facts announced.

CHARLES FROHMAN SIGNS MME. MIMI AGUGLIA.



Charles Frohman, who it seems, has long been watching the remarkable emotional work of Mimi Aguglia, the wonderful Sicilian actress, has signed a contract whereby she is to appear under his management for a term of five years.

der a contract and in close harmony with the Motion Picture Patents Company.

SOUTHWESTERN EXHIBITORS ORGANIZE.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8, 1909. To the Motion Picture Exhibitors of the South west.

Dear Sir--The Southwestern Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association was organized in Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 1, 1909.

It is an organization that has been badly needed for some time, and more especially now that the moving picture exhibitor is faced with contemplated changes in sources of supply and the price of service.

Be that as it may, however, we need organization and need it badly for many other purposes. To show you in what esteem this movement is held a brief history of the organization will be in order.

On January 20, a few exhibitors having such an organization in mind gathered together in Little Rock, Arkansas, and organized, naming the organization the Arkansas Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association. They got out literature setting forth the objects and aims of the association, and invited everyone interested in exhibiting moving pictures to meet at Little Rock on February 1. When the meeting day rolled around, instead of a few Arkansas exhibitors alone being present as was expected, there was a large delegation which included representatives from six different states, Oklahoma, Kansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

MARRIAGES.

KINSELL SMITH.--Mr. Walter C. Smith and Miss Jane Kinchel, both members of the Night Theatre Co., were married in Springfield, S. D., January 31.

DAILEY VANHARBILT.--See Baltimore letter.

NGENT-LOPES.--Mr. Joseph Lopes of the Virginian Theatre, Petersburg, Va., and Miss Viola Ngent, non-professional of the same city, were married in Elizabeth, N. C., February 8.

BIRTHS.

Ohle Hamilton, who is doing principal comedy roles in support of Wm. T. Inhoff, was presented with a daughter, by his wife, Bessie Hamilton, on the morning of February 4, at his home in Mobile, Ala. Mother and child are doing fine.

DEATHS.

WILLIAM H. BRETHERICK.--See Philadelphia letter.

BRISDALL.--David Brisdall, an old minstrel and father of the members of the Brisdall Trio, with Sig. Heinfeld's Lady Minstrels, died February 2 at the Protestant Hospital in St. Louis.

JEWELL, JESSE.--For full account see another column of this issue.

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MOTION PICTURE PATENTS COMPANY. By FRANK L. DYER, President. Attest: GEORGE F. SCULL, Secretary.

SEAL

When the first reports of the Chicago independents reached New York it came with a sweeping statement that the following firms would be under its control--Ambrosio, Raleigh & Roberts, Italia Roast, Pineschi, Aquila-Itro-lengi, Lux, Eclair, Theophile Pathe, Master Deutsche, Deutsche Mitoscope, Wrench, Hepworth, Chandon, Phipps & Martin, Robert Paul, Williamson, Willmarlow, Warwick Trading Company. This list came as a distinct surprise to the independents here as it has been claimed that certain makers mentioned were allied with the Film Import and Trading Co. (Independent). Immediately there was a commotion and cablegrams sprang into action with mail carrier regularly. A wire was sent by the Import Co. to L. W. Fildman, president of the Independent Film Protective Association. The message read: "New independents claim ninety per cent of your entire output. Wire yes or no whether you have given same." The answer is reported: "Can assure you we have and will hold Cines, Eclair, Lyons, and others. Every prospect of getting more." Not satisfied with this another cablegram was sent to Eclair by the Film Import Co. This wire read: "Independents claim your agency in America. Wire yes or no." And the reported answer came back "no."

At the same time the International Projecting and Producing Company claim the Eclair and several others. And this is the story in a nut shell. Whether or not the independents can get together and settle these difficulties will interest the moving picture industry.

A member of the local Independent organization stated: "We don't want to fight any independent. All we want is a chance to live and let live." To which the Motion Picture Patents Co. serenely replies: "It's simply a matter of producing the goods, the independents claim to have twenty manufacturers. We claim only nine. The public is the judge. It is the public which pays for entertainment, the public knows when it's getting it. Time will tell."

Fully ten thousand, or over, exhibitors have applied to the Patents Co. for license and twelve clerks are busy getting same in shape. The license in question is reproduced here for the first time. In some way the rumor became general that the Patents Co. has rescinded its order that the exhibitors must sign. This is emphatically denied, further measures are being taken to-day to keep unlicensed exhibitors from using this film. On this point the Patents Co. stand just.

On February 8th a complete list of licenses was mailed to film exchanges throughout the country and none others will be supplied. In consequence several hundred moving picture theatres had to scramble for their films on the 14th. Many of these took the independent service and many who had delayed were forced to remain dark.

The letter in question is quoted in full as follows:

TO LICENSED FILM EXCHANGES: Dear Sirs--On February 6th we mailed to you a list of your customers who have been licensed by us, as complete as the rush of applications which we were compelled to handle during the past week, permitted.

We had you enclosed a list complete to date and beg to advise you that in accordance with our letter of the 5th inst., you are to discontinue service to each of your customers whose name does not appear upon this list, unless on or before February 13 such customer has forwarded his application for license to the Patents Company accompanied by the license fee of \$10.

The license fee between February 1 and March 8, 1909, will be uniform in every case, the amount being \$10, regardless of when the licensed service may have begun. This initial fee is fixed as a preliminary fee from each theatre in order to meet organization expenses and cover part of the heavy charges incident to installing our plant, which we purpose to maintain for the benefit of our licensees, and particularly for the use of the licensed theatres. After March 8, 1909, as you have already been advised, the royalties of the various theatres will be adjusted so that many of the smaller theatres will only pay \$1 per week and in some cases the license fee will be less than that.

As fast as further applications are received from your customers we shall in all cases, where we decide to grant the application, advise you at once that a license has been issued. These communications will come to you in the form of lists, which should be at once added or attached to the original which we are sending you to-day so that you may at all times have a complete record before you, of those theatres whom you may serve.

You may take on as a new customer, at any time, any theatre which has one of our license certificates, of which we have received a large number, which has received no notice from us that its application has been acted

We call your attention to the provision in your license agreement with the Patents Co., which requires you to notify us immediately upon taking on any new customers, and we require that notice from you for every customer added by you to the enclosed list of licensed customers. You may disregard former lists of customers sent to us, and taking the enclosed list as a starting point, keep us fully advised as in all other customers served by you, sending us such notices upon the blanks enclosed, an additional supply of which may be had from us by you at any time. Yours very truly, MOTION PIC. PAT. CO.

MASS MEETING OF NEW YORK MOVING PICTURE EXHIBITORS

A monster mass meeting of the New York exhibitors--the arrival of three European manufacturers, the importation of several hundred thousand feet of film, a conference of the independent men and vaudeville managers and the shutting out of a number of unlicensed theatres, these are the very latest developments in the situation. Several New York newspapers published the fact of a meeting in a local hall, and hundreds of exhibitors in the country over flocked to see what was doing.

THE MASS MEETING

A gigantic meeting of exhibitors and others interested was held Monday, February 15, at the Orpheum Music Hall. Messrs. Raleigh, Barker and others addressed the assembly. It is announced that similar meetings will be held in other large cities. The International Projecting and Producing Co. claim to be able to deliver thirty reels a week.

PATENTS COMPANY ALLOWS THREE DAYS' CANCELLATIONS

The split behind the actions of the Motion Picture Patents Co. is illustrated by their voluntary offer to accept three days' notice of cancellations, notwithstanding the fact that their contract provides for fourteen days. This applies to film renters who may find it necessary to discontinue service to theatres where license has not been applied for.

CAMERAPHONE RECOGNIZED.

W. H. McFarland, manager of The Illinois Cameraphone Co., advises that "all renters using their machines will be supplied by licensed films and that no fear need exist regarding their position in this respect." They will operate un-

FILM NEWS

Motion Picture Theatre War in San Francisco Gathers Strength—Every Indication that the Show People will Win Out Against the Board of Supervisors Through Public Sympathy with their Side of the Issue.

THE SITUATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The fight is now on in earnest between the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association of San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors. The following petitions are being widely distributed for signatures and thousands of signatures have already been obtained:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

The undersigned, engaged in business and owning property in the vicinity of Nickelodeon at No. Street in the above said City and County, hereby respectfully represent and petition as follows: That they, respectively, have observed from time to time, and are conversant with, the manner in which the said place of amusement is conducted, and the general appearance, character and deportment of its patrons, and that everything about said place has always, as observed by them, been quiet, clean, respectable and orderly. The patronage, as they observe the same, seems always respectable and well behaved, and includes many heads of families, with their children. Said undersigned believes said place to be in every way beneficial and desirable in the neighborhood, and believe that it furnishes in a safe, environment, as to construction, precautions to insure safety, etc., a desirable place at all times for all classes, particularly women and children, to congregate and be amused in an instructive way.

Wherefore, petitioners respectfully urge careful consideration by your Honorable Body as to legislation calculated to suppress, or unduly restrict the above said and similar places in this City.

Respectfully submitted,
Name
Address

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the above said City and County.

The undersigned hereby respectfully represent to your Honorable Board, and petition as follows:

That they respectively, with their families and friends, frequently patronize Nickelodeons and Moving Picture Exhibitions in San Francisco, operated under the direction of the Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association of San Francisco, and particularly the Street, and that they have done the same frequently in the recent past, and that they have never while so doing seen anything of an immoral or vicious nature exhibited or suggested, and that the scenes displayed have been innocently amusing; often historically instructive, and many times, from a moral point of view, calculated to awaken religious thought in the minds of the beholders. And your petitioners further say, that they have always found the places named clean and orderly, and free from obscene or disturbing language or deportment of any kind, and that petitioners know that the places furnish innocent and enjoyable recreation to thousands of men, women and children, at cost within the reach of all, and that it would be a hardship and unjust as to those thousands to deprive them of their said source of recreation.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray, that as to legislation, pending or in future proposed before your Honorable Body, close scrutiny and fair consideration be given, to the end that no regulation, restriction, or prohibition be imposed, beyond what may be really necessary to public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,
Name
Address

The following new officers have been elected by the Exhibitors' Association: Martin Kurtzig, president; G. Marston, vice-president; Norman Hall, secretary; Sol Fisher, treasurer; also a board of ten directors, representing the principal moving picture theatres.

NEWLY ORGANIZED FILM EXHIBITORS' PROTECTIVE ASSN. OF OHIO.

Forty moving picture show owners from all parts of Ohio met, February 10, at the Hartman Hotel, Columbus, O., and perfected arrangements for organization of the "Film Exhibitors' Protective Association of Ohio." W. G. Quimby, of Zanesville, was elected temporary chairman and Max Stern, of Columbus, temporary secretary. A meeting has been called for Wednesday afternoon, February 24, at the Nell House, when permanent officers and committees will be named.

The purpose of the organization will be for mutual protection. There are 1,500 moving picture exhibitors in Ohio and it is expected that many of them will be present when the meeting is called. Mr. Quimby, said regarding the new association:

"We do not intend to organize to boost prices of admission or to fight the moving picture trust." We have always believed that the moving picture business is here to stay, but we will do our best to promote cleaner, saner and

less objectionable pictures. We desire to put our business on a higher plane, that is all. Some of our places have cost a small fortune to equip and we mean to protect ourselves by protecting the public from all objectionable features."

DENY CONSOLIDATION.

The parties interested wish to enter a denial of a report recently given currency that a consolidation of the Wonderland Film Exchange and the Impresario Amusement Film Company, both of Pittsburg, has taken place.

and found time to witness Sing's pictures, says they are simply great and proving an acute acclamation of merit.

NEW FILM EXCHANGE.

W. W. Kulp has opened a film exchange in Dayton, O., in the Auditorium or old Y. M. C. A. Building on Fourth street.

Mr. Kulp has had a great deal of experience in the moving picture business, especially in the film department and was connected with an Indianapolis concern for a number of years.

Following is a list of new film subjects, by prominent manufacturers, for early release:

GAUMONT.

A STRONG DRAUGHT.—In a comfortable home the draughts of the open hearts fall to operate properly and the chimney sweeps are soon at work removing the obstructions. This causes such a strong draught that furniture of every description is drawn up through the chimney. The latter resembles a veritable volcano and its eruptions, animate and inanimate, roll down from the roof into one enormous mass of wreckage.

BERNARD PALISSY.—An artistically-colored film telling in a series of beautiful views, the fondest hopes of Bernard Palissy, (1510-1580) the inventor of ceramic arts. This artist devoting his entire life to his work, was very poor, but his faith in ultimate success, was so

HUGH D. McINTOSH.



Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh, the promoter of the James J. Flessa, Boxing Match for the Heavyweight Championship of the World and a \$7,500 purse, is a Justice of the Peace, and prominent in many big Australasian ventures. He holds positions on the directorates of a number of public companies, and is lessee of the Government Tourist Houses at the National Park, Wurumbal, Kosciusko, the Australian Alps and other equally famous pleasure resorts.

Years of keen interest in the development of clean, straight sport and tests of athletic skill, generally—especially boxing, of which he is an able exponent himself, have had much to do with Mr. McIntosh's present position as the greatest battler of boxing contests the world has known, abundant proof of which statement is the fact of his having beaten all American and English specialists in bidding for the big event which took place at the Stadium, in the heart of Sydney, on Boxing Day, December 26.

Mr. McIntosh has had many invitations to visit Europe and America in the interests of international sport, and sailed from Sydney on the "India," January 2, for London, Paris, Berlin and New York. While en tour, he will dispose of the moving picture rights in the Champion Black and White Contest, and incidentally, endeavor to persuade James J. Jeffries to visit Australia.

CHINESE IN THE MOVING PICTURE FIELD.

Even the Chinese are drifting into the moving picture business for in that good little one-night stand in New Hampshire called Laconia, is Lou Sing in partnership with Harry Powers, producing a line of pictures at the local theatre on dark nights that equal those of Lyman Howe's.

This energetic gentleman from the Orient, is the only representative of the Mongolian race who has attempted this as a vocation and who operates his own machine here in the States. The laundry business has unquestionably proved to be a back number with Chinaman Sing.

William J. Boyd, who recently passed through Laconia, piloting the tour of Otis B. Thayer, in New England, had occasion to remain in that town for a few hours awaiting train connections,

strong that he sacrificed his furniture as fuel to sustain the fires of his furnace in proving his convictions.

GRANDFATHER.—The family goes out for a day's outing leaving grandfather, a paralytic, in charge of an attendant. The latter, however, is unfaithful and conspires to rob the house in the absence of his employers. After the spoils are divided the servant permits himself to be tied to remove all suspicions against him. The daughter, a girl of twelve, returns to the home and perceives the men in the act of dividing the spoils, hides her time until the servant is securely tied and his confederates departed, when she gives the alarm and causes the arrest of the guilty culprit.

THE CHINAWMEN.—Two celestial visit Paris and proceed to get into trouble. Their endeavor is crowned with unqualified success and the

series of views furnish one continuous round of laughter—with their quines tied together they go pell-mell over the streets, upsetting pedestrians, cyclists, newstands, etc. An angry mob is seen in pursuit. Finally they are caught up by a derrick but supported only by the hair they drop to the ground and rustle off to the depot to return to Peking.

URBAN-ECLIPSE.

THE HAND OF A WIZARD.—This subject is one of magic, pure and subtle; extremely humorous often, but always of the mysteriously clever order which results from dexterous manipulation and optical illusion. While these illusions and deceptions are always most effective and beautiful, the hands of the Wizard only are used to produce them.

THE AMERICAN FLEET AT SYDNEY NEW SOUTH WALES.—A superb series of international importance, reproducing the scenes of reception accorded by the New South Wales authorities on the occasion of the recent visit of the Pacific Fleet to Sydney.

OUTWITTED.—The surveillance of the police in a foreign city is so strenuous that it furnishes the basis of a series of very amusing incidents and winds up with a tableau of the chief officer's wife behind the bars, to the extreme delight of the officer and his lieutenant.

VITAGRAPH.

A CLEVER TRICK.—Two burglars plan a raid upon the premises of a curio collector. They enlist the aid of their pals and the leaders by impersonating curio dealers, entice the collector to leave the room while the confederates, who are secreted on the premises, enter and dismantle the house. The scheme is skillfully worked out through a succession of interesting pictures.

AN IRISH HERO.—This film tells the story of a Fenian prisoner who has escaped from a penal institution at Melbourne. He is followed by officers and soldiery and finally apprehended in Ireland. The story is interestingly told and ends with a complete pardon.

THE REPUBLIC.—At a private exhibition last week the Vitagraph Company placed on view a new picture, *The Republic*, with its heroes, life-size photos of Captain Sealby and wireless operator, Jack Blinn, along with the ships, *Battle* and *Florida*, make it one of the most realistic films ever shown. The scenes are remarkably realistic and thrillingly exciting. This picture will undoubtedly be a record breaker.

EDISON.

A DAUGHTER OF THE SUN.—A story of early Japan, when but few strangers were permitted to visit the Flowery Kingdom. With the exception of the Dutch and Portuguese traders, who were mostly established at the seaports, the only persons permitted intercourse were the faithful missionary fathers, who sought to convert the warlike people.

One story tells of the tragic romance of Mitsuka, a dancing girl, of one of the famous tea houses, who loved Komura, a young soldier—both converts to the Christian religion—but worshipping in secret.

Taka, a noble, is spurned by Mitsuka, who becomes a rival of Komura. They clash, and Taka obtains permission to take Mitsuka and her lover by force.

Mitsuka and her lover are found together—Komura escapes—she refuses to divulge his whereabouts—about to be put to the torture—the cruelty is discovered—Komura bursts in, strikes down the soldiers, and escapes with Mitsuka.

Father Orlotto at mass, Mitsuka and Komura approach and kneel at sacristy railing. The alarm. The pair approach Father Orlotto as he turns from the altar. A few words, he understands. Places them back of him. The rush of soldiers. Priest raises his arms, Komura leaps forward with drawn sword. Repels soldiers, then overcomes. Father Orlotto raises crucifix from altar, Mitsuka clinging to him. Refuses to give her up. A soldier strikes him down. Mitsuka slain in struggle. Soldiers retire a few paces as Taka rushes on. Priest pulls himself to altar, Mitsuka raises her dying head, puts up imploring arm. Father Orlotto, clinging, dying, to altar, blesses her as she finally falls back, raises his arm in blessing on others, Taka turning his head. Priest crashes down dead.

THE UPLIFTING OF MR. BARKER.—Mr. Barker, the broad winner of the family, at last reaches a position where the oft expressed wish of "Ma" and the "girls" can be gratified—a trip to Europe, and a glimpse of Royalty.

The only drawback to their anticipated pleasure is the fact that "Pa" is too American—too democratic; and, needs uplifting.

To please the ladies, he permits them to coach him in the art of bowing and scraping, to his discomfort and disgust.

Arrived in "Lunnon" their troubles begin with "Pa." Although his bank account is large, Barker, himself, is small, thin and insignificant looking. He finds it difficult to do all the stunts the ladies demand, and at times rebels.

After much coaxing he is persuaded to prepare for his presentation to the King. The eventful day arrives. The ladies are resplendent in court trains—but a bit anxious and nervous over "Pa."

At the reception, a lady's train upsets Barker, and he in turn, overturns his Majesty, causing poor Barker to rellie in confusion. Later he is commended to meet the King, who appreciates the little man, and together they have a very convivial time.

Barker, retiring during the wee sma' hours, seeks his way homeward where "Ma" is awaiting his arrival. The film is excruciatingly funny; but, in the end, the uplifting of Mr. Barker is complete.

BIOGRAPH.

THE HINDOO DAGGER.—It was not strange that Jack Whiston should experience a sensation of awe at the reception of the Hindoo dagger from his old chum Tom, who was traveling in India. Hanging the dagger on the wall, Jack goes out. For some time Jack has discerned a coolness in his wife, and his jealous misgivings were verified when he returned and found her in company with a stranger. Seizing the dagger from the wall he chased the recent lover from the house and then follows the wife to the bathroom, where she had flown in terror. Mercilessly he plunged the dagger and flew the place. The lover in hiding saw him leave and returns, and calling aid succeeds in reviving the

wife, who afterwards with careful treatment recovers and marries her paramour. However, either from the harmful influence of this diabolical dagger, or the woman's capricious nature, just one year later the second husband meets the same fate, but with fatal results. He leaves the place, and has hardly disappeared when the first husband, who was thought to be dead, is drawn by an irresistible power, back to view what to him seems to be the scene he left one year before, for there on the bathroom floor is the woman just as he apparently left her, with the dagger beside her. The sight drives him mad and the dagger is made to perform the final act of its mission.

THE CURTAIN POLE.—At the Edwards' home there is to be a house party, and unfortunately Mr. E. has an attack of gout which incapacitates him so as to throw the burden of the arrangements on the women folk. Everything is in readiness when the guests begin to arrive except the hanging of a pair of portieres, which Monsieur DuPont, an ingratiating Frenchman, insists upon doing. In the attempt the chair slips and he falls, breaking the pole. He, of course, insists upon procuring a new pole, but Edwards tries to persuade him not to, but he says: "Qui! Qui! I bring you ze one grand pole, if I have to get ze North Pole." Away he goes, and is but a short distance when he meets a friend, who invites him to sip a couple of absinthe frappees, after which he is more intensely charged with the phlogistic determination to get that pole. Arriving at the store, a pole is selected, but not remembering the width of the door, he takes the whole length, 18 or 20 feet. Back he starts—Gee, Whiz! the limit! The absinthe vapors arising to his brain make him a bit wobbly, and the pole in his hands becomes an instrument of destruction. After a series of indescribable incidents he calls the services of a cab, the driver of which is extremely hozy. Away goes this Pegasus, driven by a capricious Eek, with a wild, vertiginous Frenchman as fare, holding the devastating pole across his lap with 8 feet protruding from each side, mowing down everything within its reach—lampposts, fruit stands, market stalls, carriages, etc., all fall, until at last the home of Edwards is reached, where in the meantime a pole had been gotten, placed in position and the Frenchman forgotten. He is a wreck as he enters with the pole, and no one pays the slightest attention to him, which makes him furious. "Sacredieu! Zis is ze ingratitude!" And in a rage he bites the pole in two.

PATHE-FRERES.

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE DUKE OF GUISE.—This historical drama was written by Henri Lavedan of the Academie Francaise. The different parts are played by the well-known artists: Mlle. Robinne, Labargy and Albert Lambert, all of the Comedie Francaise, Paris. The opening scene is in the home of the Marchioness of Noirmontiers, whom the Duke of Guise is visiting. A letter is handed to the former, stating that the King is planning to do the Duke harm and begging her to prevent him from going to the council chamber. After reading the letter, the Marchioness hands it to the Duke, entreating him not to go to the King, but he only smiles and writes the words, "We dare not," on the back of the note. Shortly afterwards he sets out for the castle to have an audience with His Majesty.

In the meantime King Henry has arranged for the assassination of the Duke, and in order that there will be no opportunity for the doomed man to escape, he stations his votaries in the corridor outside of the council chamber. The King then sends for the Duke, who is waiting in an ante-room with his brother, the Cardinal, and a few friends, who make a strong effort to dissuade him from obeying the King's call, for they realize that the latter means no good. But the brave Duke, brushing his friends aside, goes into the corridor, where the assassins are stationed, and passes on to the King's chamber. Scarcely he has crossed the threshold when he receives a sword thrust in the back. He clinches with several of his assailants and tries to defend himself, but is not equal to their combined strength, and soon falls at the foot of the King's bed, where he continues fighting off his would-be slayers until his strength gives out, when he heaves a deep sigh and passes away.

The King, who has witnessed the brutal murder from his hiding place among the curtains surrounding the bed, comes out elated over the successful termination of affairs. The clothes of the dead Duke are searched and a note is found showing that the latter was receiving a large sum of money each month to carry on the war in France. The King, realizing that the great power of the House of Guise is destroyed forever and that he has nothing more to fear, orders the body removed and falls on his knees offering up prayers of thanksgiving that his most powerful enemy has finally been removed from his path.

THE HAND.—A burglar is seen eluding through the window of a beautifully appointed room, in the abode of a popular actress. He makes a thorough search of the place, hoping to find something of value, when all at once he hears a footstep so quickly conceals himself behind the portieres. Presently the mistress of the place and her escort enter, and the burglar, after removing her wraps, tells her friend that she is fatigued and wishes to be alone. After presenting his loved one with a beautiful diamond necklace, the gentleman reluctantly departs, but incidentally leaves his coat on a chair, so that he will have a good excuse to return later. Not to be fooled so easily, the lady, upon discovering the coat, laughingly looks her door and hangs the key on a rack, making sure that she will not be disturbed again.

Thinking herself alone in the apartment, she removes some of her outer garments and dons a beautiful stage costume, in which she proceeds around the room rehearsing some new steps of a fancy dance. Upon glancing in the mirror of her dressing table she sees a hand protruding through the portieres reaching for the key. The frightened woman turns quickly, but the hand is gone, so thinking that it is only imagination, she proceeds with the dance. When she looks into the mirror again, to her horror she sees it again, and realizing this time that there is some one in the adjoining room, she screams for aid. At this juncture the ruffian comes from his hiding place and attacks the terrified woman, but in the ensuing struggle she manages to reach the key, which she throws out the window to her friend, who by this time has returned for his coat.

She then loses control of her nerve and falls in a swoon on the floor, thus giving the burglar an opportunity to steal all her beautiful jewels. The latter loses no time collecting everything

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ALADDIN UP-TO-DATE.

Those who have been keeping abreast of the wonderful development of the Orient have been impressed with the fact that the Chinese Empire is about to throw off the sleep of centuries and enter upon its destined career of greatness. Evidence of this awakening was afforded Chicagoans last week at the Chicago Charly Hospital Benefit at the Colonial Theatre, when Edgar Don Sang and Robert Kull Lyun, genuine Chinese singers, dancers, actors and instrumentalists appeared with James M. Cassidy as the feature of the bill in the novelty act "Aladdin Up-to-date." The sketch is from the pen of George U. N. Stevenson, editor of the Amusement Guide, and is described as "a novelty ronelet in one act of two scenes, contrasting the Orient and the Occident." The comedy which is logical and incidental is afforded by the contrast of the Chinese character with that of a Hick, "Bunk" Dugan by name, who undertakes to pilot the Orientals around Chicago. Bunk's slangy explanations of the queries of his charges, and their misconstruction of his phrases, develops a flood of merriment. Weird and picturesque effects, the strange and haunting music played on the Tsam Hlyin and the Yurt Kum and the Hawaiian ukulele, and some left plays for the interest and sympathy of the auditors, promise to make "Aladdin Up-to-date" a notable offering. Edgar Don Sang is the eldest son of the late Dr. Don Sang, a prominent Chinese physician, of Chicago, and Robert Kull Lyun, who was born in the Hawaiian Islands, is a relative of the famous Ah Fong family, of Honolulu. Both are singers of great ability and pupils of Prof. Hugo Schmolli, the famous Chicago vocal teacher. James M. Cassidy is a popular young man who has frequently appeared in public as a dialect comedian of more than ordinary distinction.

KANSAS GRAND CIRCUIT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Grand Circuit, an organization of Kansas County fair secretaries, was held at Leavenworth, last week, and the dates set for the opening of the various racing meetings in the towns which are members of the circuit, as follows:

Parsons, Aug. 9; Burlington, Aug. 16; Chanute, Aug. 23; Iola, Aug. 31; Dittawa, Sept. 7; Topeka, Sept. 14; Leavenworth, Sept. 20; Independence, Mo., Sept. 27, and Parsons, Oct. 4.

The classes are: Pace, 2:00, 2:13, 2:18, 2:22, 2:25, 3-year-old, free for all, 2:13, 2:18, 2:21, 2:25, 2:30, 3-year-old, free for all.

Officers were elected as follows: A. E. Timpane, president, Chanute; M. R. Hamilton, vice-president, Leavenworth; F. E. Smith, secretary, Iola. These fair secretaries attended the meeting: Dr. Edward Jones, Parsons; A. E. Timpane, Chanute; F. E. Smith, Iola; J. E. Shlan, Dittawa; R. T. Krippe, Topeka; M. R. Hamilton, Leavenworth; W. H. Johnson, Independence.

NOTES FROM CAPTAIN W. D. AMENT'S SHOWS.

Capt. W. D. Ament has located permanently in Jackson, Tenn., and will make it his future winter quarters. He has bought the old Gem Theatre and completely remodelled it into a magnificent place of amusement, renaming it the Elite. It has created quite a sensation in the moving picture business of Jackson, and standing room is at a premium nightly. He is now making big preparations to open a large wide-screen theatre, seating 1,200 people, and will play organized companies during the hot months. Next fall two high-class fair ground shows will be sent out, playing state fairs only. These, it is asserted, will prove a surprise, and be a revelation in that class of amusement.

ALBANY'S CARNIVAL.

During the week of February 8, at the State Armory, Albany, N. Y., a monster carnival was held. President Ellis, of the Belshazzar Carnival Company, had charge of the attractions, which included St. Belmes in his Leap for Life; Burke's Dog and Pony Show; Ajax, the Strong Man; The Williams' Oamar Seal, the Egyptian hypnotist; Robbitt's Wild West; Aga, the Mexican wonder, and other shows.

Suburban Park, Orange, Conn., will open its season, May 21, under the management of P. B. MacDermott. Mr. MacDermott is now booking concessions for the summer, and can be addressed in care of the park at Orange. His ad appears in this issue.

Outdoor Amusements

The Ferari Shows Ready for Spring Opening—Colonel Francis Ferari Predicts the Most Successful Season in the History of the Carnival Business—Description and Review of the Big Florida State Fair at Tampa.

FERARI SHOWS READY FOR SPRING OPENING.

Col. Ferari Looks Forward to a Most Prosperous and Profitable Season. His Organization More Thoroughly Equipped Than Ever Before.

After a period of about ten weeks at winter-quarters in Roanoke, Va., during which time extensive improvements have been made in every department connected with the show, Col. Ferari has completed such arrangements as were necessary to make this the premier animal amusement enterprise, the largest and most complete organization of its kind in the world. With everything absolutely new or freshened to such an extent as to be virtually new, the Colonel rests secure in the knowledge of the fact that the season 1909 will mark an epoch in this kind of endeavor and set a pace for other institutions of this character that will be found nearly impossible to follow. The show is now quite ready for the spring opening and only the minor requirement of sunshine and flowers will be necessary to sound the signal that starts the band playing and places in

group: Leon Sostman, leopards and in charge of commissary department; Charles Martin, bears; Tony Orzco, mixed group; Martin Bartlett, untamable lion, and a number of others in charge of and assistants in various departments.

THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

The big Florida State Fair is now on in full swing in the city of Tampa, and the little southern city is just taxed to its utmost with pleasure-seekers from all parts of the country, and from all indications, although at this writing the fair has only been running four days, it is a safe prediction that the Florida Fair of 1909 will live up to its reputation of former years as a big money maker for every one concerned in its operation, from the small sandwich man to the biggest stockholder. The big main feature of the fair, that is, the big day feature are the horse races, which take place every afternoon on the half-mile track inside the fair grounds. Betting is openly carried on here without any molestation whatever, and the bookmakers and touts are all wearing the smile that won't come off. The horses are fast, the races are spirited, and the weather is ideal. There are six big races every day, and the purses average from \$250 to \$1,000. When night falls, everything gives way to the big amusement street, the Runge, with its thousands of bright lights and its hundred or more good, legitimate attractions. The fringe this year is far and away the best and biggest amusement street that we have yet had, and the shows, from the very smallest to the very largest are absolutely the best line of attractions that could possibly be secured for a state fair. Each and every show has bright, brand-new fronts, a most notable improvement over the shows at recent fairs held here. Aside from that, the shows are of a better class, being far more entertaining, instructive and interesting. The race is on for top money, and it will be nip and tuck until the finish. Walter K. Sibley has his big show here at the fair, and he's hot after top money. Marshall's Old Plantation Show is packing them in at every performance, and you can look for "Dad" Marshall to make the honest finish in the bunch. The fair, at this writing has been running only four days, but "Dad" Marshall and his Old Plantation Show has already been picked for top money. Johnny J. Jones and his big carnival of trained wild animals are also here with us, and business is going big with him. Agent Harry Freeman says that he will quit the show business if the Johnny Jones outfit doesn't get top money by two miles and a half. King Bron's Big Wild West Shows are also making a play for the public patronage, and their show is going big. Their show is a big novelty down in this part of the country and their outfit is first-class and strictly up to the minute. King Brothers will make the greatest slide for home that was ever witnessed on the fair grounds, and they won't be half a mile away from top money at the finish. All the other attractions are doing a nice, smooth business, especially the Monitor and Merrimac Show and the Russian Prince. The novelties are selling slow at this writing, and the concessions are very misty. The business will improve as the fair progresses, and when the curtain is rung down on the last act, all the boys will be wearing the smile that won't come off. Here's success to the Florida State Fair of 1909!

MANNY NAVARRO

CARNIVAL NOTES.

Notes from the K. G. Barkoot Amusement Co.: This company is now touring the Southern States, playing to good business. K. G. Barkoot, manager, is one of the greatest carnival men in the South, and the people look forward to his coming every season. Business, however, has not been found in the view of the smoozed market conditions. It is said to exist in this section. Carnival companies have suffered keenly down here but respectable companies have gotten a good share of business considering that this is, figuratively speaking, an off year. We have made a hit everywhere we have shown. The roster is as follows: K. G. Barkoot, proprietor and manager; H. Wilson, agent; Oscar Noll, agent; Low Marston, secretary and treasurer; Baker Roykin, master of transportation; E. Ray, queen and program.

The Dan Fulek Amusement Co. is now being formed in Livingston, Ind. for the coming season. M. Semmes, Livingston, Ind., must, has been engaged for this front end. Prof. F. H. Todd's Famous Band. The staff of the company is as follows: Dan Fulek, general manager; A. F. Fulek, secretary and general assistant; Charles D. Fulek, assistant superintendent; Mrs. F. D. Fulek, treasurer and Mrs. A. F. Fulek, secretary.

Marvelous Bodo, who is now manager of the Bakeronian Vandalville Theatre at Baker City, Ore., has signed with the C. W. Parker Shows for the coming season to do his act as the free attraction in parts of Idaho, Utah, early in April.

W. E. Kerwin, part owner of the Dixie Hotel, Texarkana, Texas, and who last season was general agent for the Cosmothen Shows No. 2, has sold his interest in the Dixie Hotel, and with his wife has gone to old Mexico.

A. M. Whaylen, well known in the carnival field, is confined to his home in Rock, Iowa, with a severe attack of LaGrippe.

ARTISTIC AND EXPENSIVE.



New Electric Fountain at Steeplechase Park, Coney Island, New York.

actual operation the most complete trained wild animal exhibition in existence to-day.

Col. Francis Ferari's Trained Wild Animal Arena and Greater Exposition Shows United, will offer, during the coming season, the following attractions: Ferari's Trained Wild Animal Show, the Original Mamie Show, Katzenjumper Kastle, Hindu Theatre, with its wealth of Oriental mysticisms; Crystal Maze, where the lost girl may be found; latest novelties in motion photography, direct from Europe; English Steeplechase Galloping Horse Carousel, equipped with special electric lighting plant; Musée of World Wonders, Colman's Ferris Wheel and other features now in contemplation.

Taken all in all the show is bigger, better and grander than ever before, and with the monster \$10,000 orchestra mounted on the central wagon in connection with a uniformed twelve-piece Royal Italian Band playing concert and incidental music, this combination, with a series of free attractions second to none, will present a varied amusement of such high grade character as to appeal to the very widest range of public taste. Each individual attraction is given a distinctive appearance of its own by the installation of large, carved and gilded wagon fronts, mammoth in size and artistic in design. Many of the new 20th century features, and a few of the old time-tried ideas are used in the modern make-up of the show, the whole going to construct an organization of merit, one whose career in the amusement business is of such importance as to command not only instant approval but widespread attention.

W. H. Williams is busy fraying his new and greater Mamie Show. John Stock, after several weeks of constant endeavor, has so far arranged his Katzenjumper Kastle as to offer during the coming season an attraction totally different from anything in this line heretofore presented. Vic Levitt has the Maze in good shape and the many other features that go to make this the one "big show" are in good condition and are all ready for the glorious spring time.

The roster includes Col. Francis Ferari, president and director general; Tobias A. Koyler, secretary and treasurer; Teddy Ward, general agent; Willie Thornquist, master of transportation; Robt. MacPherson, chief animal trainer; La Belle Silica, assistant trainer; W. H. Williams, manager Mamie Show; John Stock, manager Katzenjumper Kastle; Victor H. Levitt, manager Crystal Maze; Madame Marcella, mixed

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Saturday, February 20, 1909.

Rumors and reports are multiplying like the sands of the seas these days. Independent organizations are springing up over night like mushrooms. The situation is full of unexpected incidents and turns, all of which, no doubt, have been anticipated. Whatever the outcome may be, so far as it affects manufacturers and dealers, it is going to result in a general amelioration of the motion picture business. Unworthy exchanges will be weeded out, those who would manufacture indecent and suggestive films liable to call down the opposition of the law, will be precluded. The sound business system will be installed throughout, and the whole situation will sift itself down to a commercial basis that it has lacked in the past.

The popularity of motion picture films has grown so rapidly that the business simply took the bit into its mouth and ran away. The curb rein is now being adjusted and the balancing influences applied. We will have surer and saner business methods in the film world. We will probably have better films and in greater variety. The subjects will be chosen with greater regard for real merit, and the prestige of the motion picture theatre will be elevated. Revolutions are necessary in every business, especially where it is international in its scope. We are witnessing one in the motion picture world at the present time. Like other revolutions, it is sure to have its beneficial influences and its good results.

The fact that the metropolitan newspapers have commenced to interest themselves in the moving picture business is tangible evidence that it has become a real factor in municipal affairs. Motion picture theatre licenses themselves are a source of considerable revenue for cities and counties, and every big city newspaper is printing columns of matter relative to films and motion picture photography under display headlines from week to week.

In San Francisco the Board of Supervisors has been brought to a realization of what the motion picture men's influence really is and how deeply this form of amusement is rooted in the hearts of the people.

When Mayor McClellan, of New York City, issued an edict closing all motion picture theatres subject to the investigation of the Fire Board, he brought down upon himself a storm of remonstrances from the New York public.

The motion picture theatre has come to be recognized as a strong, important and legitimate factor in the amusements of the people of every metropolis.

The present popularity of roller skating is not confined to America alone. In fact, its vogue might be said to be even a little stronger in Europe than it is on this side of the water. The report of skate manufacturers in the British Isles would attest this if there was no other evidence. But, in addition to this, we have the testimony of rapidly increasing numbers of roller skating rinks, some of which are constructed at enormous expense, and with all the latest improvements for skaters and audience.

The London contests, forecast in this issue of The Billboard, will bring together in seven of the largest cities of England, the greatest speed skaters from all corners of the earth. This alone is sufficient to successfully controvert the argument of some conservatives that the present vogue of roller skating is not more than a revival of that of a dozen years ago. There are greater facilities now for its promotion and advancement. America will send at least seven or eight speed skaters who hope to win in the contests. Harley Davidson is already on his way to Europe to participate not only in the races but in arranging the preliminaries for the event.

It is going to be the biggest event in the history of roller skating.

Aside from its possible effects upon the booking agencies, the new Engagement Bureau established by the Actors' Fund has its phases of interest for professionals throughout the country. The usual percentage fee will be abandoned and all applying for engagements will receive attention in proportion to their records and their fitness for the vacancies that are to be filled. A nominal fee of three dollars will be charged for each applicant entering his name on the Bureau's books, together with his description, a list of his previous late engagements and the amount of salary for which he will work. A number of responsible and experienced men will have the new Bureau under their supervision, and this further insures the success of the venture.

It is not believed that the exchanges who do business along legitimate lines will be affected other than in a beneficial way. It is known that they will not oppose or antagonize the project upon the ground of its injuring their business. It is agreed generally that the purposes of the bureau are altruistic and that it is a valuable auxiliary of the Actors' Fund. The Actors' Society has operated an Engagement Bureau or Exchange for a number of years, under less auspicious circumstances, and without the co-operation of the influential men who have now allied themselves for the promotion and success of that to be established by the Actors' Fund.

An incident of the Florida State Fair at Tampa, that will be of interest to concessionaires and privilege people generally, was that of the revocation of a license granted for the sale of confetti on the streets during the fair.

The case was taken into court. The privilege man to whom the license had been granted being the complainant, and the State Fair Association the defendant in the case. Both were represented by the ablest of counsel and the arguments were exhaustive on both sides. It was argued by the counsel for the defendant that no one had a right to sell confetti on the streets of Tampa during the State Fair, even when holding a license from the city council, and the judge ruled in favor thereof. The case is of interest insofar as it will have its bearings upon others of a similar nature in different parts of the country from time to time.

The circus press agents have been emulating each other during the days preceding the opening of the season in the publishing of reports of feature engagements for their respective organizations.

The latest is to the effect that the Sells-Floto Show has offered Enrico Caruso \$225,000 for the season to sing under their tent as a feature of the performance. The Knight of the Pen wielded in the interest of the Sells-Floto Show succeeded in further getting a report through the press that Caruso had accepted this offer, and that his engagement with the Metropolitan Opera Company would be succeeded by that with the Sells-Floto Show. The details were given as follows:

Ten weeks' salary at \$7,500 a week was to be deposited in any New York bank which Caruso might designate as his preference, and that the contract had been signed by Caruso and mailed to the proprietors of the show in Denver.

Such stories as these, while being manifestly without even the foundation of truth to the initiated, are always instrumental in arousing the interest of the circus-going public, and while they may be regarded as legitimate instruments for beguiling the tedious days of the late winter, they would hardly be regarded in the same light after the show had taken the road and failed to produce the features represented.

The New York daily press was replete with reports during the past week to the effect that several influential metropolitan producing managers had allied themselves with Anthony Comstock's prescriptions, and were endeavoring to weed out every vestige of immorality, so-called, that infests the performances given at some of the New York theatres. Just how far the journalists, so-called, have allowed their imagination to color their reports, it is impossible to say at this time, but it is hardly probable that the action will go any further than the declaration of the managers that they are opposed to the lasciviousness in attractions that gain their advertising through this feature alone. This is not more true now than it was a decade or a quarter of a century ago. There are a few managers in the business who are willing to sacrifice the general reputation of the stage for their own private gain, but the majority of them realize that in doing this they call down the antagonism not only of the law, but of the people, through the stirring up of sentiment by the newspapers, and thus materially injure the interests of all. It needs no outside influence to keep the stage clean. The people will do it for themselves even if the managers were not interested to the extent of doing it. Even the unscrupulous realize just how far they can go without inviting the opposition of their contemporaries and their patrons.

POTPOURRI OF NEWS

Covering All Departments of the Amusement Business

Jesse Jewell Dies from Injuries Received in Fall---Perry and Smith Buy Lemen Brothers' Shows---Bits of News from All Points of the Compass.

JESSE JEWELL, the originator of Jewell's Minnikins, met his death last week in an actors' boarding house, next door to the Norcity Theatre, Briggs avenue, Brooklyn. He had been in poor health for some time and on several occasions within the last few months had been taken with attacks of vertigo. He must have been taken with such an attack while at the top of a flight of stairs, for he was heard to fall and was found at the bottom of the stairs with his neck broken.

After a doctor had pronounced him dead the body was removed by the police to the Bedford Avenue station. Mr. Jewell's wife, son and daughter are on a Western tour with the mannikin act which he invented and are this week in Oakland, Cal. He was sixty-six years of age and an Englishman, having come to this country some ten years ago with the act, which made him well known. He was at work on a new mannikin set which was to be much more complicated and novel than the one in which his family is now starring. His ventriloquist powers were remarkable.

The firing ballet and transformation scene, with which he concluded his mannikin act, on the miniature stage, measuring perhaps 12 feet in width and 8 feet in height, was one of the most ingenious effects yet devised in this line of work.

A FRIEND OF PROFESSIONALS MARRIES.

Mr. Thomas Bryant and Miss A. M. Kenny, of Butte, Mont., were united in marriage at the home of the groom last week.

While not in theatrical work, Mr. Bryant is known to more members of the profession than any other person in Butte.

He is the general superintendent of the original mine, the only mine in Butte that invites all visitors in the city to visit it, and be shown through the lower workings.

The opportunity to go 2,100 feet underground is embraced by nearly all, and the pictures in the office show Mme. Nordien, Richard Mansfield and many other notables of the stage in the overalls and jumper of a miner.

BUY LEMEN BROS.' SHOW.

Messrs. Perry and Smith, managers of Perry and Smith's Consolidated Railroad Shows, have purchased the Lemen Bros.' entire show property, including twenty-four cars, wagons, animals, horses; in fact, the entire proposition.

The Lemen Show is now located at Dodson, Mo. It has not been definitely decided whether the show will be opened at Norfolk, Neb., (the winterquarters of the Smith and Perry Show) or at Dodson. Messrs. Perry and Smith will add four or five more cars and more baggage stock, also strengthen up the menagerie.

ANOTHER CARTOON PLAY.

Easter Sunday in Aurora, Ill., the premiere of the new musical play, written by Ralph Kettering, will be given and another cartoon play added to our list. Fatty Felix it is called, and that character already familiar through the newspapers, will be seen as the reason of it all. The company, headed by Harry Birch and Marie Carron, will soon begin rehearsals at the College Theatre, Chicago. The tour of Fatty Felix will be under the direction of J. W. Williams, and John Ryley will be the man ahead.

AGREE UPON DIVORCE GROUNDS.

As anticipated by the friends of Daniel Frohman and his wife, Margaret Illington, a permanent separation and divorce of the couple seems to be imminent. A late report states that the parties have agreed upon the ground of divorce, incompatibility. In the same connection, it is stated that the divorce will be followed by the early marriage of Miss Illington to E. J. Boves, an Oakland (Cal.) mining magnate. Mr. Frohman and Miss Illington were married November, 1903.

MONTREAL ICE CARNIVAL OPENS

The storming of the ice palace was the feature of the program of February 11, and the real opening of the Ice Carnival. It was attacked by 2,000 uniformed snowshoes, divided into two sections. The French carnival snowshoers gathered in the West. Thousands of people, wearing fancy winter costumes, saw the arrival of the vice-regal party.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Announcement has just been made of the approaching marriage of Ray H. Leason, business manager of the Gus Sun Booking Office, at Springfield, O., to Miss Lee Tulsa, known as Tulsa, "The Girl with the Big Black Eyes." The ceremony will take place May 15 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sun, in Springfield.

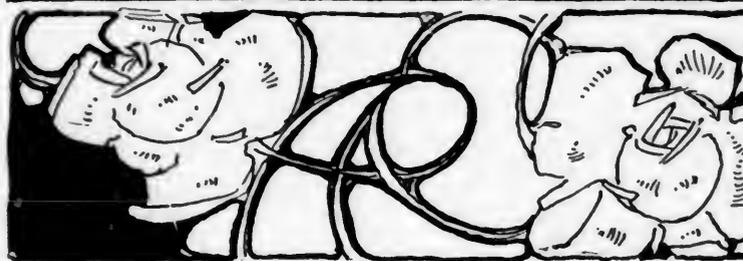
"SMILEY" WALKER DEAD.

Smiley Walker, well-known theatrical man, of Cincinnati, died at the City Hospital, that city, February 13. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, suffering

with dramatic poisoning on February 9. He never fully recovered consciousness.

Walker had been connected with the Anderson-Ziegler theatrical interests for many years. For the past three years he had been devoting his entire time to the Walnut Street Theatre as press agent and assistant manager. He was known to nearly every member of the theatrical

BEN D. CROSE.



The Lyceum Theatre, Cincinnati, O., opened as a ten-cent vaudeville and picture house on Sunday, January 31, and has been a pronounced success from the start. The lease on the theatre is now held by the Dixie Amusement Co., of Indianapolis, of which Mr. Crose is the general manager and secretary-treasurer. The Dixie Amusement Co. also controls the new Gayety Theatre in Indianapolis which was converted into a vaudeville and picture house and is conducted as a family theatre. It is the policy of Mr. Crose to give well-balanced bills of vaudeville, and to cater to ladies and children and the family patronage.

profession who visited Cincinnati, and had a large coterie of friends. He had been ill at his home at 2919 Reading Road for several weeks previous to his admittance to the City Hospital. Walker was 53 years of age and single.

TOLEDO CASINO PARK CHANGES MANAGEMENT.

The Toledo Casino Park and Theatre at Toledo, O., will be controlled by Charles Edson and Abe Shapiro during the coming season. The old company included Mique Cohen and Mike Osterman, a brother of Kathryn Osterman, who is now on the road with his sister's show, The Night of the Play.

The new management will make extensive alterations and a large amount will be spent on alterations and remodeling. Abe Shapiro, was formerly manager of the Empire Theatre, Toledo, and is also a member of the association film firm known as the Superior Film Supply Co.

LATE NEW YORK NEWS.

Little Miss Gretchen Hartman, who has scored an impressive success in support of Mr. Henry E. Dixey, in Mr. Henry W. Savage's production of the big comedy drama success, Mary Jane's Pa, has been selected by her associate members of the Society of Stage Children to head a committee, which will soon go to Albany to confer with the Committee on Child Labor Laws, of the New York State Legislature, and seek amelioration of the statutes now governing the youngsters who earn their living in the theatrical profession.

It is the intention of the Society of Stage Children, in which Miss Hartman is an important factor, to request the Committee on Child Labor Laws, to recommend legislation which will take from the Gerry Society the right of granting permits for the appearance of children on the stage, and place this power in the hands of a commission composed of a clergyman, an attorney and a representative theatrical manager, to be appointed by the Governor of New York.

It is the contention of stage children and their parents that under the present administration of the laws little discretion is exercised, and frequent hardships are worked upon the youngsters who find their living behind the footlights. These little artists are at present classed with factory children in the eyes of the law, and, as the circumstances bearing upon their employment are utterly unlike the condi-

tion for the entire remainder of the season, and it should surprise no one were it to run well into the hot months of the summer.

William T. Hodge, Booth Tarkington, Harry Leon Wilson and The Man from Home, the star, the authors, and the play, that have kept the Astor Theatre crowded since the middle of last August, are becoming household words throughout the country. It is estimated that over a quarter of a million have seen the play in New York, while even more saw it last season during its unparalleled run of 312 performances in Chicago.

Miss Marie Doré begins her engagement at the Criterion Theatre, Monday, March 1, in her new play, The Rarest Girl, by the authors of My Wife. Miss Doré will begin a New York season of indefinite length in a comedy that has found so much favor that Mr. Frohman has already made a contract with Messrs. Gassault and Morton to write a new play for Miss Doré next season.

Charles Frohman has just received a letter from W. Somerset Maugham, the author of Jack Straw and of Lady Frederick, dated from Italy, in which the playwright says: "I have started work on the new play which is destined for Mr. John Drew, but I have been ill lately, which has thrown me back on my work, and I shall not be able to go over to America this month, as I had hoped."

DEATH OF BENJAMIN HURTIG, OF HURTIG & SEAMON.

Benjamin Hurtig, of the theatrical producing firm of Hurtig & Seamon, and one of the most widely known magnates in the country, died at 6:30 o'clock a. m., February 13, at his residence, No. 2386 Seventh avenue, after three years of suffering from a malignant tumor.

For more than a year Mr. Hurtig had not been able to walk unassisted. He was told three years ago there was no hope for his recovery from the tumor, and notwithstanding this, he was active in business up to a short time before his death. He gave his personal attention to every detail of the big business, which is said to have brought him a fortune of more than \$1,000,000, and his partner never made a move without consulting him.

Dr. R. T. Tull attended Mr. Hurtig, and last June called Dr. William T. Bull in consultation, but both agreed that there was no hope for Mr. Hurtig, and Dr. Bull was astonished that he lived so long with a tumor of such size and malignancy. Dr. Bull said it was the largest tumor he had ever seen, and that medical records showed no case of a larger one. It was on Mr. Hurtig's hip.

Mr. Hurtig was 43 years old, and leaves a widow; but there is a large family connection, nearly all of whom work for the firm.

Mr. Hurtig was born in Nashville, Tenn., forty-three years ago. He went into the show business with the Barnum & Bailey Circus twenty years ago, selling lemonade and running a side show in Cincinnati. Afterward he became interested in balloon ascensions, and engaged the first balloonist for the Barnum & Bailey Circus. During the Dewey celebration he had entire charge of the grand stand along the line of march. His wife was Sadie Hurtig. The firm consisted of his brother, Jules, and Max A. Seamon. They had the Yorkville Theatre, Metropolis Theatre and the Hurtig & Seamon Music Hall on 125th street, besides a number of road companies.

The firm formerly operated a theatre in Brooklyn. As a producer he confined his attention principally to vaudeville and burlesque, and it was he who induced many of the champion prize fighters to go on the stage.

A NEW SECRETARY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Interstate Live Stock Fair Association held at Sioux City, Iowa, February 8, 1909, Joe Morton was elected secretary to succeed F. L. Wierick.

Mr. Morton is a lawyer by profession, was county attorney of O'Brien County for several terms. He was secretary of the Sheldon Fair for the past two years, one of the foremost county fairs of Iowa, and in this position showed a marked ability in its management, having made it a greater success than in any previous years, declaring a dividend to its stockholders of ten per cent. each year. He was appointed, by President Roosevelt, postmaster at Sheldon, Iowa, but resigned the lucrative position, effective January, 1909, to take up his residence in Sioux City, to practice law. The position brought out by his friends for the secretary of the Interstate Fair, and won out over all other applicants. He is a hustler, and a favorite among the horsemen, and these good fellows can rest assured that they will be accorded the best of treatment at the Sioux City Fair. Everything will be done by the management to make the fair of September 20 to 25 inclusive, the largest and best ever held.

NEW VAUDEVILLE ACT.

Was Murphy A. Potatoe is the serious question that is discussed in a rollicking manner by the players in a new sketch that has been written by James E. Mills and Leon Schlesinger of the Colonial Theatre, Chicago. Mr. Mills has assisted the services of the Olympic Music Hall, and the two hope to soon be in vaudeville. Mr. Mills is a brother of George Mills Patrick, the drummer monologist, and Mr. Schlesinger is the "little brother of the rich" people who line up on the outside of the box-office of the Colonial where he directs the pasteboard distribution.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER WEDDED.

The marriage of Edna Wallace Hopper to A. O. Brown, a broker, has just been announced, although the ceremony took place November 25, in Jersey City. Mrs. Brown was formerly the wife of DeWolf Hopper.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK'S NEW VEHICLE.

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COLE BROTHERS' NOTES.

Superintendent James Downs, of Cole Bros' Shows, says that the outfitting for the coming season is progressing so rapidly that he expects to be able to turn the show over to the management by the second week in March. He refers principally to the work of repairs, but says that it will be a couple of weeks later before the show can be turned over in its entirety. The full force of mechanics is still doing eight hours' work daily, and are almost down to what is known as the finishing touches.

General Agent Ed. C. Knapp was away from the office on a business trip last week and returned the early part of this week. His ordinary work is about completed and he is well satisfied with what has been accomplished. He says all the new paper is being run off satisfactorily and he is not aware of any hitch that could possibly occur in his department that would be liable to cause the least annoyance or delay the plans for getting away with the advance as he has planned. Manager M. J. Downs is all smiles and has not the least cause for complaint to make regarding the shows' organization. It has a bundle of contracts signed that will give him a program of features second to none. The commendable way he has of taking time by the forelock has a whole lot to do with his perfect organization. He has never been accused of putting off and if ever accused would be found not guilty. This method is not confined to his own personal methods but he insists upon its adoption by every one in his employ.

Not a few railroad contracts have been made and from them others have tried to get a line on the opening day and town. Many of them are in line to be stung as General Agent Knapp is too wise to tip his hand at any stage of the game and those who are figuring from the railroad contracts are figuring away off. As usual every winter another baby cannot has made its appearance in winter-quarters. It is a lively little stranger and bids fair to be with the shows this season. The lion and tiger cubs are as lively as the traditional kitten and are growing splendidly without the least mishap. One of the tiger cubs has adopted a kitten for playmate. As the cubs have been taken from their parents and are daily given the run of the quarters the antics of the tiger and the kitten are more than amusing.

DICKEY'S CIRCLE D RANCH.

Dickey's Circle D Ranch Frontier Day Fetes has closed contract with the management of Riverview Exposition of Chicago, whereby they are to open at Riverview on May 12 for the entire season of 21 weeks. Manager Dickey will open the show in Southwest Missouri about April 20. The Circle D outfit is to consist of 60 people and 50 head of stock, 25 cowboys and cowgirls, 25 Sioux Indians and 12-piece cowboy band, and their object is to feature an exact reproduction of those famous frontier day exhibitions held in the Western centers, where skill, horsemanship and dare-deviltry prevail.

NAVAJO NED SHOW SOLD.

C. F. Rhodes sold all show property, etc., of the Navajo Ned Indian Congress and Historical Wild West on February 8, to John Hartell, who has moved all the paraphernalia to St. Louis, where he will open early in the spring. Mr. Rhodes has several all connections with the show and will go to Chicago shortly.

THE KONYOT FAMILY.

The Konyot Family of Magyar-Hungarian riders, arrived on the liner Graf Waldemar, last week and reported at the Ringling Bros' offices. Later they went to Bridgeport for rehearsals.

CIRCUS GOSSIP.

The Two Lafayettes closed with the Empire Indoor Circus at Little Rock, Ark., the week of February 8, and opened in vandyville, playing independent time in Nebraska and Missouri. They will be with the Great Lazer Shows during the tenting season.

The following people have lately signed with the Great Reed Shows. Robert M. Pierce, equestrian director and clown; Edgar Day, aerialist; Tom Nelson, contortionist; Jack Lafearl, clown, and J. Milton Robinson, general agent.

Fred A. Morgan, who has been with the Wallace and Ringling Brothers' Shows for the past nine seasons as local contracting agent, will be with the Gollmar Brothers this season as assistant traffic manager and general agent.

A. A. Reeves has been re-engaged with the Barnum and Bailey Show for the coming season as lithographer. Inspector Mr. Reeves is spending the winter at his home, 1524 N. Park avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

On January 25, James Dutton and Co., with the Circus Schuman, Berlin, appeared by command before the Emperor and Empress of Germany. According to reports Mr. Dutton's act is a big success abroad.

Berre and Hicks will again, this season be one of the special features with the Campbell Brothers' Consolidated Shows. This makes their second season with that aggregation.

Three Marvebus Mells, advanced gymnasts, have signed with Ringling Brothers' Shows for the season of 1909.

The Whirling LaMora Sisters have signed contracts with Campbell Brothers' Shows for the coming season.

Wm. Gilman, the well-known contracting agent, will be with the Norris and Rowe Shows the coming season.

"Punch" Wheeler has been engaged as press representative for the Robinson Ten Hit Shows.

SEATTLE LODGE, T. M. A. GIVES SOCIAL.

Seattle (Wash.) Lodge No. 62, T. M. A., will give an 19th Century Social on February 18, and the executive committee promises something for all who attend. A big orchestra will furnish music for dancing, and the Board of Trustees has arranged for elegant refreshments. All the talent playing at the local theatres has been invited to attend the function. The Reception Committee consists of A. T. Ewald, E. A. Clark, James Thompson, Fred Davis, H. G. Davis, C. T. Sayre and D. Inck. Carl Reiter will act as toastmaster.

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Skating Rink News

Carl Carlson Wins Three-Mile Race at Madison Gardens Rink—Rink Managers' Association Meets in Chicago—\$2,000 in Purses Hung Up for Series of Contests in England—News of the Skating World

INDIANA ROLLER POLO LEAGUE.

The Indiana Roller Polo League, composed of teams from Anderson, Elwood, Marion, New Castle and Richmond, has its season well under way, and is proving a big success. The cities represented are all "pelo crazy" and are giving the league splendid support. The teams are evenly matched and many games played remind the older fans of the days when the Western Polo League flourished. At present all five of the teams are tied for first place, each having won and lost four games. The complete line-up of each team follows: Anderson—H. Able, rush; George, second rush; E. Able, center; Hubbard, half back; Hickey, goal; Browning, sub; Haworth, first rush. New Castle—Sampson, first rush; Nolan, second rush; Williams, center; Kynworthy, half back; May, goal; Wolfe, sub. Marion—Gulley, first rush; Tibbets, second rush; Perry, center; Martin, half; Wilson, goal. Elwood—Williams, first rush; Collins, second rush; Harman, center; Smith, half; Baldwin, goal. Richmond—Bulla, first rush; Houghton, second rush; Fetzer, center; Oesting, half; Lancaster, goal.

The American Boutlers (New Castle) have 32 goals to their credit; The Mountbuilders (Anderson) have scored 31 goals; The Old Soldiers (Marion) have hooked in 40 goals; The Triphleters (Elwood) have made 38 goals, and

organizing a big roller skating production to tour the whole country. I expect to return to the U. S. at an early date, as I have some engagements to fill, which were made previous to my sailing for this side.

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YOUNGSTERS MATCHED.

Two races, one for high-school lads, and the other open to members of the Young Men's Christian Associations, provided a lot of excitement last week at the Metropolitan Roller Rink, Broadway and Fifty-second street, New York. Fully two hundred youngsters were on hand, and they cheered the contestants to the echo. The more exciting race of the two was the Y. M. C. A. event.

SKATING IN LONDON.

What promises to be one of the most popular sporting events that has taken place in England for a great many years, will be held on the nine principal roller skating rinks under the direction of Messrs. C. P. Crawford and F. A. Wilkins, during the month of February, 1909, when a climax will be reached in the present roller skating boom in an endeavor to discover

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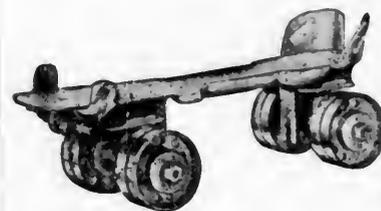
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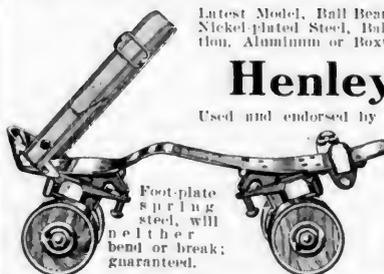
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COSTUME CARNIVAL AT OLYMPIA ROLLER SKATING RINK, LONDON



The Illustrated London News.

All London seems to have taken to roller skating, and, recognizing this, the authorities at Olympia acted wisely when they decided to the New Year In. The result was a carnival, at which many beautiful and almost as many eccentric costumes were seen, in addition to

The Quakers (Richmond) have tickled the draperies 30 times. Each team has twelve games to play before the season closes. March 24. To date the Elwood team has been going the strongest and in one week has fought its way from the bottom of the standing column to the top.

METROPOLITAN RACES.

William Stern of the Metropolitan Roller Skating Club, New York, again showed his ability as a racer last week at the Metropolitan Roller Rink, Broadway and Fifty-second street, winning with ease from a large field the special two-mile scratch event. Frank Caspart of the Magnin Club finished second, nearly twenty yards behind the leader. Louis Moses, of the Wayne Club, came in third. The time of the winner was 7:10.

The match race at one mile, between John Morell, of the Wayne Club, and Tom Lee, of the Metropolitan Club, was won by the latter after one of the fastest races ever decided at the rink. The time 3:21 is only three seconds slower than the track record for the distance.

H. A. SIMMONS WRITES FROM MANCHESTER, ENG.

The Billboard:
Since last writing you, several new big rinks have opened on this side. One at Dundee, Scotland, and another one here at Manchester, where I have just finished the week's engagement, which averaged daily takings of eight hundred dollars. A new rink is being built here, to be opened shortly, known as the Olympia, and there is another one running in the White City. There are three rinks in Blackpool, all doing a capacity business. In fact, every town of any importance is practically skating mad. Several large skate manufacturers of the United States have agents in France, Germany and Belgium, snapping up all the large buildings available for rink purposes. A large rink is soon to be opened in Paris, and it is rumored here that Senator Reynolds, of Breunland Park, Coney Island, N. Y., has an agent over here looking for locations to establish large skating rinks. One of the largest pantomime producers of Great Britain is now

who is the fastest man in the world on roller skates over a distance of one mile.

It is proposed to commence this competition by holding a series of three-day races on the American roller rinks in each of the following towns, on the dates mentioned:
Liverpool—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 1, 2, 3.
Glasgow—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 3, 4, 5.
Leeds—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 3, 4, 5.
Belfast—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 8, 9, 10.
Birmingham—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 10, 11, 12.
Edinburg—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 15, 16, 17.
Manchester—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 17, 18, 19.
Bradford—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, February 17, 18, 19.

LONDON—Olympia Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, February 22, 23, 24.

The first two in each district will compete in the final, to be held at Olympia on Friday, February 26.
The contest is open to any roller skater in the world, and the object of having preliminary tests in the various towns is to enable any local competitor to enter without having to make the journey to London. Any candidate may enter to compete in the preliminary stage in any one of the nine centers he may choose, but he cannot take a prize in more than one of them, except, of course, in the final at Olympia; he may, however, compete as often as he likes until he has taken a prize.

The division of the 400 pounds will be as follows: In each of the eight provincial towns the winner over the distance of a mile will receive 10 pounds, and the second 5 pounds, and like amounts will be given for the preliminary heats in the metropolitan district, which will be held at Olympia on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22, 23 and 24. This accounts for 155 pounds. The balance of the money is to be given to the first three in the final, which will be run at Olympia on Friday, February 26, and will be divided as follows: 150 pounds and championship trophy to the value of 40 pounds to the winner 50 pounds for the second, and 25 pounds for the third.

All foreign preliminary heats will be held at Olympia, E. C., in the London district. All other competitors may enter in any provincial

district at choice. Each competitor will be required to pay an entrance fee of 1 pound, which will be returned to him if he completes the mile course in the time limit of 4 minutes.

Competitors must wear regulation racing costumes—the only summary restriction placed upon them for they will be allowed to use their own skates. The prime and main and only endeavor is to discover who is the fastest man in the world on roller skates for the distance of a mile, to make it worth his while to demonstrate the not unimportant fact.

The control of the whole of this championship meeting is in the hands of the editor of The Sportsman, London, and he holds a check for 500 pounds from the managing directors of the American Roller Rink Co. for the prize money.

EARLE REYNOLDS' LETTER.

P. Crawford, the rink magnet of England, loans up big prizes for speed skating championships at his Olympia Rink, London.

I received the following letter from Manager Crawford, of the Olympia, London, last Monday, too late to mention in last week's issue:

London, Jan. 20 (Received Feb. 8) Earle Reynolds, The Billboard. Dear Sir:—I will be pleased if you will make mention in your valuable columns that I am giving \$2,000 in cash prizes for the Olympia speed skating meet.

I regret that Mr. Crawford has been so long about notifying me relative to the exact particulars of this meet. Advanced information on these races would have tempted fully a dozen speed skaters to take the trip over and try for the big money which is being up.

Allie Moore, who left last week, on the Campana, is due to arrive in London about the 18. This will give Moore but three or four days to get rid of the sea legs.

Harley Davidson is playing She-hell this week and will have a couple of weeks' training on the Michigan wonder before the races. Reports say that the foreign skaters are feeling off miles many seconds under three minutes and that Davidson and Moore will be compelled to skate some if they expect to carry off the long end of the purses.

No sooner had the news spread that Harley Davidson was going to go abroad than Allie Moore decided to go. Davidson has not taken part in any of the championship meets the past year and a half, and while he defeated Moore a year and half ago, by but a few inches, Moore is of the opinion that he has improved to such a great extent and has more experience in the racing game now, that the former champion would be only a gallop for him.

F. J. Ryan sent a supply of the Anti-slip to London, with Allie Moore, last week. Moore will show the value of the new invention to the owners of rinks abroad.

Chas. Franks is still at Washington, D. C., and will leave for Europe about the first of March to play a number of weeks throughout the provinces.

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Boston will have a modern roller rink for next season if the plans of L. C. Bowen, who was manager and proprietor of the Big Park Square Rink, which was destroyed by fire to such an extent that it was beyond repairing, are carried out.

The Princess Roller Rink, at Old Orchard, still continues to draw good crowds even during the cold weather. Manager Burrows will make some alterations next month and get his palace in ship-shape for the spring and summer business.

Col. Winslow, of the Winslow Skate Manufacturing Co., of Worcester, Mass., sailed for England, last week. Mr. Winslow will take in the big races at the Olympia, London, and make a tour of the provinces, looking over the skating situation.

Portland, Me., is roller skating three sessions a day about as heavy as any place I have ever seen. The holloway is doing a land office business and the elite of the city have taken hold of the ball-beatings and they roll from early morning until late at night.

Cowboy Smith, the old-time pedestrian, is playing the rinks throughout the West with good success with an act called the Hindoo Mystery. Smith, in addition to his regular performance, meets the fastest skater in the city wherever he plays, in a match race, Smith walking one-half mile against the skaters one mile.

The winner of the International final at Olympia, London, on February 20, will receive \$800 and a trophy valued at \$200. In addition to this the winner will be offered a tour of the province rinks of some ten weeks at a good salary.

During a heavy rain and wind storm last week, at Fort Scott, Kan., the roller rink was pretty well dilapidated and the skaters who were booked for there the week of February 1, filled in the time in other rinks in the vicinity.

Reports from Calgary say that the ice skating rinks will all turn into roller rinks in that vicinity about the middle of March. This will include Regina and other cities nearby.

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Telegrams inquiring for routes not given in these columns will be ignored unless answers are prepaid.

PERFORMERS' DATES.

(When no date is given February 15-20 is to be supplied.)

Adams, Edward B. (Palace): London, Eng., Jan. 18-Feb. 27.
 Aldridge, Chas.: En route with the Round-Up. See Dramatic Routes.
 All, George (Drury Lane): London, Eng., Dec. 7-Feb. 28.
 Alvarez, Three: En route with the Jersey Lilies. See Burlesque Routes.
 Alvin & Henrich: En route with Al. G. Field's Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes.
 Austin, Harry C. (Orpheum): Savannah, Ga., indef.
 Allen, Ruth, & Co. (Keith's): Philadelphia, Pa.; (Poll's) Bridgeport, Conn., 22-27.
 Adams, E. Kirke, & Co. (Canton): Canton, O.; (O. H.) Ravenna 22-27.
 Allison, Mr. & Mrs. (Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo.; (Orpheum) Sioux City, Ia., 21-27.
 Abbott, Arthur (Majestic): Ashland, Ky.; (Hippodrome) Lexington 22-27.
 Alvarado's, S. Goats (Orpheum): Montgomery, Ala.; (Orpheum) Pensacola, Fla., 22-27.
 Alvido, M. (Lyric): Manhattan, Kan., 15-17; (Aurora) Junction City 18-20.
 Ahern, Daniel (Orpheum): Chillicothe, O.; (Princess) Coshocton 22-27.
 Ahearn, Chas., Troupe (Poll's): Waterloo, Conn.; (Majestic) Johnstown, Pa., 22-27.
 Allen, Leo, & Pertie (Arcade): Minot, N. D.; (Bijou) Virginia, Minn., 22-27.
 Armstrong & Verne (Orpheum): Salt Lake City, Utah; (Orpheum) Denver, Col., 21-27.
 American Dancers, Six (Mary Anderson): Louisville, Ky.; (Majestic) Chicago, Ill., 22-27.
 Arlington Four (Poll's): Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; (Hudson) Union Hill, N. J., 22-27.
 A Night On a House Boat (Keith's): Philadelphia, Pa.; (Trent) Trenton, N. J., 22-27.
 Athol's & Fisk (Starland): Saskatoon, Can.; (Orpheum) Edmonton 22-27.
 Anderson & Gomes (Lyric): Dayton, O.; (Keith's) Philadelphia, Pa., 22-27.
 Anderson, Richard (Majestic): Milwaukee, Wis.; (Majestic) Chicago, Ill., 22-27.
 Aigue Troupe, Five (Amfitorium): Detroit, Mich.; (Amfitorium) Toledo, O., 22-27.
 Allen, Edgar (Poll's): Worcester, Mass.; (Keith's) Providence, R. I., 22-27.
 Adelaide, La Petite, & Four Bawdy Dancers (Alhambra): New York City; (Orpheum) Brooklyn 22-27.
 Angelo's The (Parish Hall): Ithaca, N. Y., 22-27.
 Alvin, Peter H. (O. H.): Oakland, Md.
 Adison & Livingston (Victory): New Orleans, La.
 Austin & Sweet (Empire): Calgary, Alta., Can.
 Alpha Trio (Family): Minneapolis, Minn.
 Adams, Musical (Keith's): Columbus, O.
 Ackerman, Paul (Grand Family): Fargo, N. D.
 Astaires, The (Orpheum): Oakland, Cal.; (Orpheum) Los Angeles 22-March 6.

Avolos, Five (Shea's): Buffalo, N. Y., 22-27.
 Abelman's, Joseph, Musical Ensemble (Polks): New Haven, Conn.; (Poll's) Hartford 22-27.
 At the Country Club (Hammerstein's): New York City; (Proctor's 125th St.) New York City 22-27.
 American Trumpeters, Four (Majestic): Colorado Springs, Col.; (Majestic) Rockford, Ill., 22-27.
 Adams, William (Princess): St. John, N. B., Can.
 Adair, Eddie, & Four Girls (New Sun): Spring field, O.
 Angel Sisters (Pictorium): Elizabethton, Tenn.
 Atlantic City Four (Washington): Spokane, Wash., 21-27.
 Arnold, Chas. (O. H.): Waterloo, Ia., 15-27.
 Ballo Bros.: Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28, indef.
 Barlows, Breakaway (Exposition): Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 18, indef.
 Barlee, A. O. (Alhambra): Honston, T. X., indef.
 Barton Bros.: En route with the Bohemian Burlesques. See Burlesque Routes.
 Barto & McCue: En route with the Cozy Corner Girls. See Burlesque Routes.
 Bebel Bros.: En route with the Myrtle Harder Stock Co. See Dramatic Routes.
 Beecher & Maye (Winner): Allegheny, Pa., Feb. 1, indef.
 Perrian, Steve (Gillette): Findlay, O., indef.
 Bispang, Tom (Hippodrome): New York City, indef.
 Blanchard, Cliff: En route with A Royal Slave. See Dramatic Routes.
 Brachard, Paul (Circus Bell): Mexico City, Mex., indef.
 Brady & Manuque: En route with Irwin's Big Show. See Burlesque Routes.
 Brixton, L. Tani: En route with the Phantom Detective. See Dramatic Routes.
 Brown, Milt: En route with the Round-Up. See Dramatic Routes.
 Buckley's Dogs: Havana, Cuba, Feb. 21-March 15.
 Buhalek, Steve (Barrison): Waukegan, Ill., indef.
 Bullock, Chas. A. (Casino): Elkins, W. Va., Jan. 25, indef.
 Burke, John P. (Persica Garden): Memphis, Tenn., indef.
 Burton & Burton: En route with Al. Reeves' Beauty Show. See Burlesque Routes.
 Byrne Golson Players (Majestic): Honston, Tex.; (Majestic) Galveston 22-27.
 Bolduc, Musical (O. H.): Rutland, Vt.; (Star) Ithaca, N. Y., 22-27.
 Berger Sisters (Bijou): Bay City, Mich.; (G. O. H.) Grand Rapids 22-27.
 Bonisettis, Six (Shea's): Toronto, Can.; (Hippodrome) Cleveland, O., 22-27.
 Boulden & Quinn (Empire): Colorado Springs, Col.; (Temple) Boulder 22-27.
 Bateman, Tom (Poll's): Bridgeport, Conn.; (Poll's) New Haven 22-27.
 Blessing, Mr. & Mrs.: Santa Ana, Cal.; (Ardome) Phoenix, Ariz., 22-27.
 Boys in Blue (G. O. H.): Pittsburg, Pa.; (Proctor's 5th Ave.) New York City 22-27.
 Brooks, Walter Julian (Majestic): Birmingham, Ala.; (Majestic) Little Rock, Ark., 22-27.
 Bruno-Kramer Trio (Majestic): Dallas, Tex.; (Majestic) Honston 22-27.
 Butler & Bassett (Orpheum): Harrisburg, Pa.; (Orpheum) Reading 22-27.

Bradley & Davis (Bijou): Alhambra, Mich.; (Lyric) Grand Rapids 22-27.
 Barnes, F. Roy, & Pessie Crawford (Poll's): Hartford, Conn.; (Amfitorium) Lynn, Mass., 22-27.
 Brown & Hodges (Wigwam): San Francisco, Cal.; (Novelty) Stockton 22-27.
 Bellehr Pros. (Bennett's): Montreal, Can.; (Bennett's) Ottawa, 22-27.
 Buster Brown & Tige (Shea's): Buffalo, N. Y.; (Shea's) Toronto, Can., 22-27.
 Blson City Four (Keith's): Boston, Mass.; (Keith's) Providence, R. I., 22-27.
 Brandon, Sarah, & Ben S. Mears (Majestic): Ft. Worth, Tex.; (Majestic) Dallas 22-27.
 Butler, Tom (Orpheum): Harrisburg, Pa.; (Orpheum) Reading 22-27.
 Belmonts (Amfitorium): Dayton, O.; (Star) Hartford City, Ind., 22-27.
 Bowers, Walters & Crooker (Orpheum): Portland, Ore.; (Orpheum) San Francisco, Cal., 21-March 12.
 Barrett, Marjorie (Grand): Sacramento, Cal.; (National) San Francisco 22-27.
 Bligham & Gable (Grand): Columbia, S. C.; (Arcadium) Augusta, Ga., 22-27.
 Barry, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie (Orpheum): Allentown, Pa.; (Orpheum) Easton 22-27.
 Birdland (G. O. H.): Pittsburg, Pa.; (Proctor's 125th St.) New York City 22-27.
 Beyer, Ben, & Bro. (Hathaway's): Malden, Mass.; (Colonial) Lawrence 22-27.
 Brown, Harris & Brown (Bennett's): Montreal, Can.; (Bennett's) Ottawa 22-27.
 Banyan, Alfred (Bijou): Iowa City, Ia.; (Family) Muscatine 22-27.
 Bebel, Walter, & Co. (Empire): San Francisco, Cal.; (Pantages) Sacramento 22-27.
 Bijou Comedy Trio (Orpheum): Zanesville, O.; (National) Steubenville 22-27.
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 Bros. Ryne, Eight Bells Co., M. J. Barry, mgr. (Armory): Binghamton, N. Y.; (G. O. H.) Syracuse 22-27.
 Burke's Musical Dogs (Star): Honora, Pa.; (Orpheum) Oil City 22-27.
 Blessings, The (Orpheum): Spokane, Wash.; (Orpheum) Seattle 22-27.
 Bonington Bros. (Bijou): Eyeleth, Minn.; (Fowers) O. H. Hubbard 22-27.
 Barnes, W. H., & Heloise Trixie (Keith's): Philadelphia, Pa.; (Colonial) Norfolk, Va., 22-27.
 Bonnus, The (O. H.): Greenville, N. C., 15-17; (Bijou) Piqua 18-20; (Princess) Columbus 22-27.
 Blauke, Anne (Poll's): Bridgeport, Conn.; (Keith's) Boston, Mass., 22-27.
 Bradams, The (Bijou): Kankakee, Ill.; (Victoria) Canton 22-27.
 Burke, John & May (Majestic): Ft. Worth, Tex.; (Majestic) Dallas 22-27.
 Bartholdy's Cockatoos (Majestic): Madison, Wis.; (Bijou) Saginaw, Mich., 22-27.
 Bryant & Seville (Family): Rock Island, Ill.; (Varieties) Canton 22-27.
 Brenon, Herbert, Helen Downing, & Co. (Lyric): Terre Haute, Ind.; (Mad St.) Peoria, Ill., 22-27.
 Burt, Laura, & Co. (Keith's): Portland, Me.
 Bluedard & Foster (Orpheum): Pensacola, Fla.
 Blockson & Burns (Majestic) Denver, Colo.
 Barrow & Milo (Blaney's): Baltimore, Md.
 Frances, The (Bijou): Kankakee, Ill.
 Bean & Hamilton (Hippodrome): Huntington, W. Va.
 Boston Fadedes Woman's Orchestra (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.
 Black & Jones (Olympic): Chicago, Ill.
 Borani & Sevato (Orpheum): Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Brams, Musical (Criterion): Savannah, Ga.
 Blamphain & Hehr (Family): Hagerstown, Md.
 Boston, Von & Co. (Boston): Pembroke, Can., 15-27.

Browning & Kellar (Star): Seattle, Wash.
 Bondla, Arthur (Star): Wilkesburg, Pa.
 Bell, Arthur H. (Happy Hour): Deposit, N. Y.
 Barber & Palmer (Comet): Creston, Ia.; (Comet) Red Oak 22-27.
 Brantz, Selma (Haymarket): Chicago, Ill.; (G. O. H.) Indianapolis, Ind., 22-27.
 Byron & Langdon (Orpheum): Oakland, Cal., 14-27.
 Big City Quartet (G. O. H.): Syracuse, N. Y.; (Orpheum) Yorkers 22-28.
 Jordan, Zeno & Haydn Bros. (Orpheum): Wichita, Kan.
 Footblack Quartet (Armory): Binghamton, N. Y.; (Colonial) Lawrence, Mass., 22-27.
 Bayfoot Trio (Bijou): Pensacola, Fla.
 Barry & Wolford (Trent): Trenton, N. J.; (Chase's) Washington, D. C., 22-27.
 Bowser, S. M. (Alamo): Birmingham, Ala.; (Orpheum) Chattanooga, Tenn., 22-27.
 Bell, Crystal (Cozy Corner): Cleburne, Tex.; (Yale) Mineral Wells 22-24; (People's) Weatherford 25-27.
 Bellows, Temple & Aller (Orpheum): Wichita, Kan.
 Bertina & Brockway (Family): Mahanoy City, Pa.
 Blinn, Penn B-r-r (Orpheum): Harrisburg, Pa.; (Empire) Holoken, N. J., 22-27.
 Butters, The (Mart): Havana, Cuba.
 Barnes, Stuart (Keith's): Providence, R. I.
 Egere, Valerie (G. O. H.): Pittsburg, Pa.
 Black, Violet (Orpheum): Butte, Mont.
 Burt, Cass, & George Kern (Bennett's): Ottawa, Can.
 Byrne, John W. (Palm): Charlotte, N. C.
 Burton Sisters (Austin & Stone's): Boston, Mass., 15-27.
 Bunce & Chapman (O. H.): Talbotton, Ga.
 Blimbos, The B. O. H.: Grand Rapids, Mich.; (Bijou) Penton Harbor 22-27.
 Cantina, Lella: En route with the Buster Brown Western Co. See Musical Routes.
 Cavani: En route with the Fay Foster Co. See Burlesque Routes.
 Chandlerlain & Sterling (Lyric): Springfield, Mo., indef.
 Chapman Sisters: En route with the Avenue Girls. See Burlesque Routes.
 Chase, J. Percy (Bijou): Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 27, indef.
 Cox, Henry: En route with W. A. Mahara's Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes.
 Cogswells, Three Cycling: Touring Mexico, Circo Trevino, indef.
 Coleman & LaMont (Hippodrome Rink): Farmington, Ala., Jan. 18, indef.
 Columbia Musical Trio: En route with De-Roo Pros. Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes.
 Cook, Bob: En route with King & Tucker's Snow. See Tent Show Routes.
 Cook & Madison (Casino): New York City, indef.
 Crawford, Pat: En route with H. Henry's Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes.
 Clifford & Burke (Colonial): Lawrence, Mass.; (Temple) Detroit, Mich., 22-28.
 Carrays, The (Marion): Marion, O.; (Orpheum) Cambridge 22-27.
 Cleveland, Claude & Marion (Family): Shm oken, Pa.; (Family) Milton 22-27.
 Crane-Finlay Co. (Orpheum): Canton, O.; (New Sun) Springfield 22-27.
 Carrys, The (Presents): Bonham, Tex.; (Brown's) Texarkana 22-27.
 Cookley & McBride (Poll's): Scranton, Pa.; (Armory) Binghamton, N. Y., 22-27.
 Claudis & Scarlet (Orpheum): Salt Lake City, Utah; (Orpheum) Denver, Col., 22-27.
 Crandell, Hal (Bijou): Ann Arbor, Mich., 15-17; (Bijou) Alhambra 18-20.
 Clifford, Edyth (Family): Lafayette, Ind.; (Galaxy) Springfield, Ill., 22-27.
 Carlotta (Keith's): Portland, Me.; (Hathaway's) Lowell, Mass., 22-27.
 Case, Charles (Temple): Detroit, Mich.; (Shea's) Buffalo, N. Y., 22-27.

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 Clark & Turner (Elite): Wheeling, W. Va.; (Main) Port Arthur 22-27.
 Clarke, Wilfred (Orpheum): Salt Lake City, Utah; (Orpheum) Denver, Col., 21-27.
 Coate, Bert (Colonial): Lawrence, Mass.; (Orpheum) Newark, N. J., 22-27.
 Coatsman & Pro. (Majestic): Los Angeles, La.; (Orpheum) Sioux City 22-27.
 Coghlin, Wm. (Empire): Hoboken, N. J.; (Empire) Paterson 22-27.
 Cossano (Lyric): Dayton, O. (Temple) Detroit, Mich., 22-27.
 Cunko (Orpheum): Sioux City, Ia.; (Orpheum) Omaha, Neb., 22-27.
 Czek, Joe, & Bro. (Columbia): Cincinnati, O.; (Majestic) Chicago, Ill., 22-27.
 Conroy, LaMure & Co. (Hammerstein's): New York City; (Pall) Hartford, Conn., 22-27.
 Caplan, Lydster (Haymarket): Chicago, Ill.; (Majestic) Milwaukee, Wis., 21-27.
 Clayton, J. & Co. (Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo., 21-27.
 Collins & Brown (Keith's): Columbus, O., 22-27.
 Carson Bros. (Wigwam): San Francisco, Cal.; Conley, Ann & Elie (Shea's): Toronto, Can.; Clark, Clover (Empire): Edmonton, Can.; Connolly, Edward & Co. (Alhambra): New York City.
 Channing, Princess, & A. Edward Newell (Orpheum): Troy, N. Y.
 Cassin, Jack (O. H.): Waterloo, Ia.
 Conrad, Arthur, & Blonde Typewriters (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.
 Coughlin, Helarion & Rosalie (Orpheum): Memphis, Tenn.
 Carrio, Louise, & Jeannette Dolmage (Bijou): La Crosse, Wis.
 Caron & Farum (Dominion): Winnipeg, Man.; Conroy, L. Madre & Co. (Hammerstein's): New York City.
 Croft, Dick (Orpheum): Oakland, Cal., 15-27.
 Callan & Smith (Grand): Tacoma, Wash.; (Grand) Portland, Ore., 22-27.
 Carson, Charles R.: Chatham, Ont., Can.; Walbaeburg 22-27.
 Clark, Marie (Bijou): Superior, Wis.; (Bijou) La Crosse 22-27.
 Conn, Downey & Willard (Columbia): St. Louis, Mo.
 Cossy, Will M., & Blanche Payne (Empire): Hoboken, N. J.; (Empire) Paterson 22-27.
 Carlisle, A. J., Doug & Poulos (Bijou): Duluth, Minn.; (Majestic) Minneapolis 22-27.
 Connelly & Wada (Orpheum): Seattle, Wash.; Clippel Comedy Quartet (Bijou): Battle Creek, Mich.; (Bijou) Jackson 22-27.
 Curran & Milton (Comique): Buffalo, N. Y., 15-17; (Niagara) Niagara Falls 18-20.
 Curtis, Samuel J., & Co. (Doll's): Scranton, Pa.; (Orpheum) Wilkes-Barre 22-28.
 Cromwell & Sease (Orpheum): Rockford, Ill.; Carroll & Doyle: Baltimore, Md.
 Chafala & Coppola (Grand): Portland, Ore.; Chant (Palace): Poplar, Eng., 22-27; (Hippodrome) Putney March 1-6.
 Chadwick Trio (Orpheum): Los Angeles, Cal.; Clayton & Drew (Majestic): Jackson, Mich.; Galy, Arthur (O. H.): Rumford, Me.
 Carson & Willard (O. H.): Syracuse, N. Y.
 Carter & Blford (Haymarket): Chicago, Ill.
 Chic, Maggie (Cook's O. H.): Rochester, N. Y.
 Crane, Mr. & Mrs. Gardner (Bennett's): Ottawa, Can.
 Conington & Marlon (Hathaway's): New Bedford, Mass.
 Craig, Marsh (Majestic): Detroit, Mich.
 Crofts, The (Savoy): Beaver Falls, Pa.; Crouch & Richards (Crescent): Reading, Pa.; Cox & Thill (Orpheum): Lima, O.; Cowley Quartet (Auditorium): Cincinnati, O.; Cive, Henry (Majestic): Johnston, Pa.; Cisey & Le Clair (Curtis): Denver, Col.; Coopers, The (Majestic): Denver, Col.
 Dale Bros. En route with the Two Johns. See Musical Routes.
 Darnell, Lawrence: En route with H. Henry's Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 D'Arville, Irene: En route with Ma's New Husband Central Co. See Musical Routes.
 Davis Bros.: En route with H. Henry's Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 DeLeo & LaVelle (Grand): Marysville, O., Indef.
 DeGroote, Edward: En route with Wauling a Wife Co. See Musical Routes.
 DeLong, Pros.: Vienna, Austria, Feb. 1-28; (Hippodrome) London, Eng., March 1-31.
 DeRobert, Count: En route with W. A. Mahars's Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 DeVere Bros.: En route with the Colum Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 DeVere & DeVere: En route with the Grace Hayward Stock Co. See Dramatic Routes.
 Diamond, Chas.: En route with Ma's New Husband Central Co. See Musical Routes.
 Diney, Johnny, & Minda Lee: En route with Williams' Imperials. See Burlesque Routes.
 Dindar, Lew (Columbia): Oakland, Cal., Jan. 31, Indef.
 Dinn, Harvey: En route with DeLine Bros' Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 Ditton, Effie: En route with Polly of the Circus Eastern Co. See Dramatic Routes.
 Dickinson, Rhie (Orpheum): Lima, O.; (Star) Minne. Ind., 22-27.
 Dolney, Florence, & Bro. (Main St.): Peoria, Ill.; (Majestic) Cedar Rapids, Ia., 22-27.
 De R. Marcie (Lyric): Charlottesville, Va.; (Star) Lynchburg 22-27.
 Duprez, Fred (Majestic): Little Rock, Ark.; (Majestic) Ft. Worth 22-27.
 Durdle, Ernest A. (Hippodrome): Huntington, W. Va.; (Orpheum) Chillicothe, O., 22-27.
 Duplap, Adeline (Orpheum): St. Paul, Minn.; (Humboldt) Wheeling, Can., 22-27.
 DeJoye Sisters (Orpheum): Butte, Mont.; (Orpheum) Spokane, Wash., 21-27.
 DeMonno & Belle (Orpheum): Oil City, Pa., 15-17; (Orpheum) Franklin 18-20.
 Dinean & Hoffman (Curtis): Denver, Col.; (Grand) Salt Lake City, Utah, 21-27.
 Darmody (Majestic): Kansas City, Mo.; (Empire) Chicago, Ill., 21-27.
 DeLays, The (Keith's): Providence, R. I.; (Bijou) Woonsocket 22-27.
 Deagan, Clara, & Boys (Pantages): Oakland, Cal.; (Wigwam) San Francisco 22-27.
 Dumond, Low F. (Star): Bozeman, Mont.; (Family) Billings 21-27.
 De Ball Bros., Three (O. H.): Wheeling, W. Va.; (O. H.) Pittsburg, Pa., 22-27.
 De Bolter Bros. (Howard) Boston, Mass.; (City O. H.) Hildesford, Me., 22-27.
 Daly, Lizzie (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.; (Van deViller) Peoria 22-27.

Dunbar & Fisher (Majestic): Waterloo, Ia.; (Hilton) LaCrosse, Wis., 22-27.
 DeMont, Robert, Co. (Empire): Pittsburg, Mass., 22-27.
 DeGerno & Keough (Majestic): Denver, Col.; DeWitt, Burns & Torrance (Cook's O. H.): Rochester, N. Y.
 DeGroot & Reno (Empire): Butte, Mont.; Daly's Country Choir (Grand): Portland, Ore.; Dolly Twin Sisters (Vaudeville): Jacksonville, Fla.
 DeLoe Truamp (Majestic): Galveston, Tex.; Deon, Nelson, & Co. (Majestic): Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Deon, Chas. R. (Green's O. H.): Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 DeGraw & Fuller (O. H.): Alma, Mich.
 DeVan, Hubert (Sheedy's): Gloucester, Mass.; Duclay, Bros. (Crystal): Milwaukee, Wis.; De Charley, Sid (Star): Garden City, Kan.; Duclay, Ivy (Lutes): Minneapolis, Minn.; De Russell, Mayno, & Co. (Star): Mansfield, O.
 DeLoyce & Fritz (Rialto): Memphis, Tenn.; De Craven, Wm. R. (Empire): San Francisco, Cal., 14-27.
 Dindars, Four Casting (Orpheum): Butte, Mont., 22-27.
 Doherty Sisters (Chase's): Washington, D. C.; (Colonial) New York City, 22-27.
 D'Arcy's Marionettes: Wagon, Eng., 22-27; London March 1-27.
 Duncan, A. O. (Orpheum): Omaha, Neb.; (Orpheum) Minneapolis, Minn., 21-27.
 Davis, Edwards & Co. (O. H.): Saratoga, N. Y.; (Empire) Hoboken, N. J., 22-27.
 Darrow, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart (Empire): Hoboken, N. J.; (Empire) Paterson 22-27.
 Donovan & Mackin (Palace): Shreveport, La.; Douglas, Maudie (Sheedy's): Norwich, Conn.; Dayville, Madge (Vaudeville): Plymouth, Pa.; Davys, Hal, W.: Oxford, N. C., 15-17; Grand 18-20.
 Dungan & Harrod, Maudie, Ind.; DeHines, Bruce & Co. (Grand): Portland, Ore.; Dixon, Bowers & Dixon (Bennett's): Ottawa, Can.
 De Angell, Jefferson (Chase's): Washington, D. C.
 Devlin & Ellwood (Majestic): Birmingham, Ala.
 Desmond, Bob, Trio: Washington, Pa.; Allegheny 22-27.
 DeLong & Van (Empire): Sholavagan, Wis.; Diamond Comedy Four (Vaudeville): Terre Haute, Ind.; (Lyric) Danville, Ill., 22-27.
 DeDobbs, Sam, Bond Murra Arabs (Majestic): Ann Arbor, Mich.; (Bijou) Bay City 22-27.
 DeDobbs, Mlle. (Orpheum): Denver, Col.
 DeDore & Lee (Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo.
 Davies, Tom, Trio (Mary Anderson): Louisville, Ky.
 Daval, Vida (Mary Anderson): Louisville, Ky.
 DeMott & McNeill: En route with the Two Johns. See Musical Routes.
 Esmeralda Sisters (Olympic): Kiev, Russia, Feb. 1-28.
 Evans, Billy (Tivoli): Southampton, Ia., Indef.
 Edwards, Sherry (Academy): Toledo, O., 22-24; (Bijou) Lorain 25-27.
 Edwards & England (Theatrical): Lansing, Mich.; (Crystal) Owosso 22-27.
 Edwards, Fred R. (Lyceum): Cincinnati, O.; (Phillips) Richmond, Ind., 22-24; (Broadway) Middletown, O., 25-27.
 Eldred, Gordon, & Co. (Hall's): Springfield, Mass.; (Chase's) Washington, D. C., 22-27.
 Exposition Four (Hathaway's): New Bedford, Mass.; (Hathaway's) Lowell 22-27.
 Elv, J., Frank (Orpheum): Albany, N. Y.; (Empire) Hoboken, N. J., 22-27.
 Eddy Family (Bijou): Bay City, Mich.; (Grand) Grand Rapids 22-27.
 Edwards, Gus, School Boys & Girls (Orpheum): Salt Lake City, Utah; (Orpheum) Denver, Col., 22-27.
 Ernie, Eddie & May (Mabelson): Grand Island, Neb.; (Lyric) Lawrence, Kan., 22-27.
 Evans, Bessie (Grand): San Francisco, Cal.
 Edwards, Gus, Blonde Typewriters (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.
 Ennor, John (Orpheum): Savannah, Ga.
 Emmett & Lower (Yabot): Kansas City, Mo.; Eckert & Berg (Orpheum): Easton, Pa.; (Armory) Binghamton, N. Y., 22-27.
 Emmett, Grace, & Co. (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.; (Majestic) Milwaukee, Wis., 22-27.
 Emmett, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh J. (Bennett's): Montreal, Can.
 El Gota (Keith's): Providence, R. I.
 Eckhoff & Gordon (Bijou): Decatur, Ill.
 Evers, Geo. W. (Majestic): Dallas, Tex.; Evans, Eulita & Evans (Alpha): Erie, Pa.; Ellsworth, Eugene, & Edna Earle (Landon) (Grand): Bellingham, Wash.; (Orpheum) Vancouver, B. C., Can., 22-27.
 Edwards, Ethelwyn, & Cecil Charendon (Edison): Huntsville, Ala.
 Eschinger, Mahelle E. (Bijou): Muskegon, Mich.
 Esmond, Mr. & Mrs. (Majestic): Denver, Col.; Esmeralda (Columbia): Cincinnati, O.
 Fadnav, Gemille: En route with Rice & Barton's Gaiety Co. See Burlesque Routes.
 Feather, Leslie: En route with the Rays. See Musical Routes.
 Fisher, Tom: En route with the Brigadiers. See Burlesque Routes.
 Foster, Geo. J.: En route with H. Henry's Minstrels. See Musical Routes.
 Fowler, the Juggler: En route with the H. W. Taylor Stock Co. See Dramatic Routes.
 Fox & Hughes (Crystal): Elkhart, Ind., Indef.
 Fink, Henry (Columbia): Scranton, Pa.; (Grand) New York City, 22-27.
 Fern & Muek (Empire): Edmonton, Alta., Can.; (Empire) MacLeod 22-27.
 Faye, Kitty, & Co. (Elite): Pittsburg, Pa.; (Orpheum) Oil City 22-27.
 First, Barney (Star): Cripple Creek, Col.; (Crystal) Trinidad 22-27.
 Flynn, Earl (Bijou): Muskegon, Mich., 15-17; (Bijou) Benton Harbor 18-20; (Majestic) Detroit 22-27.
 Fletcher & Shelton (Shea's): Toronto, Can.; (Temple) Detroit, Mich., 22-27.
 Fields, Harry W., & His Nappers (Orpheum): Allentown, Pa.; (Lyric) Dayton, O., 22-27.
 Fautons, Three (Pantages): Tacoma, Wash.; (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 21-27.
 Freeman's Gents (Star): Westerly, R. I.; (Secord Temple) Chelsea, Mass., 22-27.
 Fry Trio (Majestic): Ft. Worth, Tex.; (Ma Jester) Dallas 22-27.
 Flenon & Bath (Majestic): Houston, Tex.; (Majestic) Galveston 22-27.
 Floday & Burke (Orpheum): Harrisburg, Pa.; (Keith's) Philadelphia 22-27.
 Fairchild, Mr. & Mrs. Frank (Family): Billings, Mont.; (Theatrical) Miles City 21-27.

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(Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo.; McDonough Ethel (Olympia): Paris, France, Feb. 1-28; (Winter Garden) Berlin, Ger., March 1-31; McKean, Jimmie (Star): Charleroi, Pa., Indef.; McLaughlin Carson Duo: En route with the Fashion Plates. See Burlesque Routes; Macks, Two: En route with the Avenue Girls. See Burlesque Routes; MacLae & Levering: En route with the Empire Show. See Burlesque Routes; Madison Square Four: En route with the Standard Stock Co. See Dramatic Routes; Marion & Thompson: En route with the Runway Girls. See Burlesque Routes; Markshaw, Mona: En route with the Matinee Girl Co. See Musical Routes; Martin, Dave & Perole: En route with the Kentucky Pelles. See Burlesque Routes; Mason & Doran (Sheedy's Pleasant St.): Fall River, Mass., Indef.; Melvins, Three: En route with the Brigadiers. See Burlesque Routes; Merriman Sisters: En route with the Behman Show. See Burlesque Routes; Merd Pros., Phil & Bob: En route with the Cracker Jacks. See Burlesque Routes; Monarch Comedy Four: En route with the Girl from Happyland. See Burlesque Routes; Montague, Luez (Unique): Minneapolis, Minn., Indef.; Montague, Mona (The Clad): Tuolumne, Cal., Dec. 21, Indef.; Moran & Welsor (Winter Garden): Berlin, Ger., Feb. 1-28; (Apollo) Nuremberg, March 1-31; Morris, Johnny: En route with the Fads & Folies Co. See Burlesque Routes; Myers, Fred (Majestic): Crawfordsville, Ind., Indef.; Moss & Frye: En route with the Mahara Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes; Murry & Rhoads: Grand Rapids, Mich., Indef.; Morris Sisters (Majestic): Ft. Worth, Tex.; (Lyric) Mohde, Ma., 22-27; Mori's Hoos (Hijou): Battle Creek, Mich.; (Hijou) Jackson 22-27; Montano & Bartell (Avenue): Detroit, Mich.; (Folly) Chicago, Ill., 22-27; McDonald & Huntington (Orpheum): Spokane, Wash.; (Orpheum) Seattle 22-27; McPhee & Hill (Majestic): Milwaukee, Wis.; (Majestic) Chicago, Ill., 22-27; Myers & Rosa (Colonial): Lawrence, Mass.; (Beunsta's) Montreal, Can., 22-27; Martin (to & Sylvester (Kelt's): Philadelphia, Pa.; (Broadway) Camden, N. J., 22-27; McIntire Twins & Clay Smith (Orpheum): Sioux City, Ia.; (Majestic) Des Moines 22-27; Miley, Kathryn (Armory): Binghamton, N. Y.; (Shea's) Buffalo 22-27; Monroe & Mack (Proctor's): Albany, N. Y.; (Empire) Holokon, N. J., 22-27; Marcello (Poll's): Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; (Kelt's) Philadelphia 22-27; Maxima Models (G. O. H.): Grand Rapids, Mich.; (Hijou) Lansing 21-27; McGee, Joe B., May, Melbane, & Her College Girls (Majestic): Minneapolis, Minn.; (Majestic) Kalamazoo, Mich., 22-27; Mutton, Harry (Princess): Youngstown, O., 15-17; (Lee's) Ravenna 18-20; Mankin (Orpheum): Portland, Ore.; (Orpheum) Seattle, Wash., 22-27; McGowan & Ashley (Poll's): Watertown, Conn.; (Poll's) Bridgeport 22-27; Melross & Kennedy (Poll's): Springfield, Mass.; (Orpheum) Reading, Pa., 22-27; Meek, Lola (to & (Majestic): Little Rock, Ark.; (Majestic) Ft. Worth, Tex., 22-27; McKel, Hunt & Miller (Masonic Temple): Ft. Wayne, Ind.; (Star) Chicago, Ill., 22-27; Murray & Murray (Casino): Cartersville, Ill.; (Casino) Centria 22-27; Mosher Bros., Three (Orpheum): Minneapolis, Minn.; (Majestic) Des Moines, Ia., 21-27; McGinnack, Frank & Co. (Orpheum): St. Paul, Minn.; (Dominion) Winnipeg, Can., 22-27; Majestic Singing Three (People's): Cedar Rapids, Ia.; (Family) Minneapolis, Minn., 22-27; Morris, Billy, & Sherwood Sisters (Majestic): Dallas, Tex.; (Majestic) Houston 22-27; Military Octette (Colonial): New York City; (Orpheum) Brooklyn, 22-27; Morgan & McGarry & Six Girls (Hijou): Lansing, Mich.; (Star) Chicago, Ill., 22-27; Magneto (Majestic): Waterloo, Ia.; (Majestic) Brookford, Ill., 22-27; Norton, Fred W. (Hijou): Lansing, Mich.; (Hijou) Bay City 22-27; Marvin Bros. (Casino): Washington, Pa.; (National) Steubenville, O., 22-27; Norton, Ed. (Poll's): Worcester, Mass.; (Poll's) Scranton, Pa., 22-27; Mitchell, Cora Lawton & Co. (Orpheum): Oil City, Pa., 15-17; (Orpheum) Franklin 18-20; (Family) Warren 22-24; (Family) Kane 25-27; McConnell Sisters (Lyric): Danville, Ill.; (Hijou) Duquane, Ia., 21-27; McKeown Troupe (Folly): Chicago, Ill.; (Empire) Indianapolis, Ind., 21-27; Muchlers, The (Vandeville): Virden, Ill., 15-17; (Vandeville) Carlisleville 18-20; (Vandeville) Greenfield 22-24; (Vandeville) Rood House 25-27; Meek International Trio (Hijou): Winnipeg, Can.; (Hijou) Duluth, Minn., 22-27; Morrissey & Ayer (Chase's): Washington, D. C.; (Orpheum) Easton, Pa., 22-24; Means, the Pugler (Vandeville): Biloxi, Miss.; (Victor) New Orleans, La., 22-27; McDowell, John & Alice (Grand): Bellaire, O.; (Grand) Washington, Pa., 22-27; McCloud & Melville (Grand): El Paso, Tex., 15-27; Murray Sisters (Orpheum): Los Angeles, Cal., 15-27;

Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Mark (Shea's): Buffalo, N. Y.; Mozart, Fred & Eva (Folly): Oklahoma City, Okla.; Marco Twins (Washington): Spokane, Wash., 22-27; McCall Trio (Orpheum): Tampa, Fla.; McVeigh, Johnny, & College Girls (Orpheum): Oakland, Cal., 15-17; Murphy & Willard (Majestic): Ann Arbor, Mich.; Morton-Jewell Troupe (Cook's O. H.): Rochester, N. Y.; McGuire, Tantz (Star): Chicago, Ill.; Marshall Bros. (Secule): Taunton, Mass.; Morris, Felice, & Co. (Dominion): Winnipeg, Can.; Matthews & Harris (Family): Shamokin, Pa.; (Family) Chester 22-27; Matland, Mabel (Temple): Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mahr, Agnes (Orpheum): Portland, Ore.; Mulligan, May (Star): Charleroi, Pa.; Maledin, Emma & Peter (G. O. H.): Concord, N. C.; Mortlock, Allee, & Co. (Orpheum): Rockford, Ill.; Mignon, LaPetite (Columbia): St. Louis, Mo.; Makarenko Duo (Galley): Pittsburg, Pa.; Mullen & Correll (Kelt's): Philadelphia, Pa., 22-27; Morville & Marriot (Lyric): Monroe, La.; Miller & Tempest (Hijou): Winnipeg, Can., 22-27; Molem & DuBois (Palace): Memphis, Tenn.; Millards, The (Lyric): Danville, Ill.; McLaughlin, Bob (Princess): Alliance, O.; Mitchell & Grant (Bart's): Toledo, O.; Marlon & Rosalie (Empire): Grand Forks, N. D.; Macroe in Finland (Mozart): Lancaster, Pa.; (Mozart) Williamsport 22-27; Mark, Willou (Temple): Detroit, Mich.; (Cook's O. H.) Rochester, N. Y., 22-27; Mills & Morris (Poll's): Worcester, Mass.; (Hathaway's) Brockton 22-27; Moneta Five (Hijou): Winnipeg, Can.; McDonald & Carlyle (Empire): Hopkint, Wash.; Murray, Elizabeth M. (Columbia): Cincinnati, O.; (Orpheum) Memphis, Tenn., 21-27; McAllister, Hall & Co. (Columbia): St. Louis, Mo.; (Haymarket) Chicago, Ill., 22-27; Melpan Trio (Majestic): Chicago, Ill.; (Columbia) St. Louis, Mo., 22-27; Majestic Trio (Majestic): Milwaukee, Wis.; Marshall, Bert (Young's Pier): Atlantic City, N. J.; McDonald, Gus, & Reading Sisters (Maryland): Baltimore, Md.; Motogiri (Empire): New Cross, Eng., 22-27; (Empire) Stratford March 1-6; (Arldwick) Manchester 8-13; Montgomery, Marshall (Orpheum): Erie, N. Y.; Martin, Braglee (Colonial): Lawrence, Mass.; Minie Four (Kelt's): Cleveland, O.; Moore, Carlyle (National): San Francisco, Cal.; Murphy & Nichols (Kelt's): Providence, R. I.; Morton, Phil (City O. H.): Waterville, Me.; McIntyre & Heath (Columbia): Cincinnati, O.; Maert, Wm. H. (Majestic): Johnstown, Pa.; Merlan's Famine Actors (Orpheum): Denver, Col.; Mantell's Marionette Hippodrome (Orpheum): Boise City, Ida., 22-27; Meyer, Hyman (Orpheum): Denver, Col.; Mack & Williams (Orpheum): Denver, Co.; Midgey & Carlisle (Cook's O. H.): Rochester, N. Y.; Mills, Wm. J. (National): Steubenville, O.; Marks Trio (National): Steubenville, O.; Myler & Orth (Orpheum): Lima, O.; McFarland & Wallace (Lyceum): Cincinnati, O.; Morrow & Schellberg (Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo.; Mulla & Bert (Majestic): Denver, Col.; Malvern Troupe (Folly): Chicago, Ill.; (Empire) Indianapolis, Ind., 22-27; Nelson, Harry: En route with Bill Henry's Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes; Norton, Nina (Dime): Pendleton, Ore., Indef; Newhoff & Phelps (Grand): Sacramento, Cal., 22-27; Normans, Five Juggling (Orpheum): Kansas City, Mo.; (Majestic) Des Moines, Ia., 21-27; Neff, John (Hijou): Quincy, Ill.; (Main St.) Peoria 22-27; Nichols & Smith (Hijou): Crookston, Minn.; (Brinkman's) Bombay 22-27; Novelty Trio (Family): Cleveland, O.; (Ole-John) Canton 22-24; (Dreamland) Massillon 25-27; Nibbo's, Victor, Birds (Kelt's): Boston, Mass.; Nemo, Carl (Lyric): Jonesboro, Ark.; Nighlingses, Four (Orpheum): Atlanta, Ga.; Namla Troupe (Star): Muskegon, Ind.; Nelson, Ned, & Co. (Casino): Pittsburg, Pa.; O'Hara San Co. (Apollo): Vienna, Austria, 1-28; Copenhagen, Denmark, March 1-31; Onthank & Blanchette: En route with Guy Bros.' Minstrels. See Minstrel Routes; Orma, Grace: En route with the Fay Foster Co. See Burlesque Routes; Orville's, Marionettes (Variety): Pittsburg, Pa., Indef.; Onlaw, Gus, Trio (Kelt's) Philadelphia, Pa.; (Grand) Pittsburg 22-27; Odell & Kinley (Haymarket): Chicago, Ill.; Oxford Trio (Majestic): Madison, Wis.; (Hijou) Racine 22-27; Ott, Nelson & Steidman (Poll's): Bridgeport, Conn.; (Poll's) Springfield, Mass., 22-27; Orth, Frank, & Harry Fern (Majestic): Montgomery, Ala.; (Majestic) Birmingham 22-27; Owen & Hoffman (Majestic): Cedar Rapids, Ia.;

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ST. ALBANS.—WAUGH'S OPERA HOUSE (T. R. Waugh, mgr.) Under Southern Skies 15; The Johnsburys.—NEW MUSIC HALL (C. H. Turner, mgr.) Under Southern Skies 10; Howe's Moving Pictures 11.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—LYRIC (J. J. Leterman, mgr.) Lee Wheeler, Wilson Sisters and moving pictures week of 1. REX (E. A. Keuler, mgr.) Moving pictures and songs.

SPokane.—SPOKANE THEATRE (Charles Stedman, mgr.) The Alaskan 28-31; Mme. Gaskel 3; Devil's Auction 7; Local 9; Dan Sully 10-11; Girl of the Flower Ranch 12; E. H. Sabor 13-16; Ben Hur 17-20.

SEATTLE.—MOORE (H. L. Cort, mgr.) E. H. Sabor in repertoire week of 6. GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Carl Reed, mgr.) The San Francisco Opera Co. week of Feb. 6.

TACOMA.—TACOMA (Chas. Herald, mgr.) Mme. Johanna Gaskel in concert Jan. 30 National Union of Tacoma gave a minstrel show Feb. 2, for the benefit of the new High School Stadium.

LONDON.—GRAND (Geo. McElsh, mgr.) Golden Butterfly 10; The Merry Widow 11; Correll 12-13.

PETERBOROUGH.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J. J. Turner & Sons, mgr.) Power Stock Co. week of 8; Two Irish Hearts (local) 17.

ST. JOHN.—OPERA HOUSE (H. J. Anderson, mgr.) Camera-phone 8-13.

STRAZFOURD.—THEATRE ALBERT (Albert Brandenberger, mgr.) Rory of the Hills 1; Vaudeville, songs and pictures 2-6; Vaudeville, moving pictures and illustrated songs week of 8.

WEST VIRGINIA.—WHEELING.—COURT (E. L. Moore, mgr.) Joseph O'Mara in Peggy Macree 8; John Gridditt in Faust 10; Janet Waldorf in Three of Us 11.

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MORGANTOWN.—SWISHER'S (H. A. Christie, mgr.) Girls 10; The Follies of New York 11; Graustark 13; Sweet Sisters Stock Co. week of 15.

APPLETON.—APPLETON THEATRE (Chas. A. Takacs, mgr.) Mrs. Temple's Telegram 3; BIJOU (Campbell & Danforth, mgrs.) Vaudeville and moving pictures week of 1.

GREEN BAY.—GREEN BAY THEATRE (J. B. Arthur, mgr.) Latmore & Leigh Stock Co. 1-3; Mrs. Temple's Telegram 4; Latmore & Leigh 5-7; A Girl at the Helm 10.

LA CROSSE.—LA CROSSE THEATRE (W. F. Tague, mgr.) The Land of Nod with Knox Wilson 2; Mrs. Temple's Telegram 8; Advanced Vaudeville 14-18.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J. E. Williams, mgr.) Three Twins 5; Pald in Hill 11; Girl at the Helm 12.

MONTREAL.—HIS MAJESTY'S (H. Q. Brooks, mgr.) The Climax week of 8; Grace Van Stoddard week of 15.

TORONTO.—PRINCESS (L. B. Sheppard, mgr.) Low Fields in The Girl Behind the Counter 8-10; Mme. Nazimova in repertoire 11-13; The Merry Widow 15-20.

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Gertrude Coghlan retired from the cast of The Travelling Salesman, now appearing at the Gayety Theatre in New York, to take a much needed rest.

HARRY HOLMAN A HIT.—Harry Holman, "The Man in Red," was called on to replace Frank Bush, at the Sunday Concert at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, Boston, February 7, and was the hit of the bill.

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ADAMS, MAUDE: See What Every Woman Knows. ARBUCKLE, MACLYN: See the Round Up. Alencar Stock Co., Belasco & Mayer, mgrs.: San Francisco, Cal., indef.

BARRYMORE, ETHEL: See Lady Frederick. BATES, BLANCHE: See the Fighting Hope. BELLEW, KYRLE: See the Thief.

BURKE, BILLIE: See Love Watches. Baker Stock Co., Geo. L. Baker, mgr.: Portland, Ore., Sept. 6, indef.

Brown of Harvard, Ed. A. Cassidy, mgr.: Cleveland, O., 14-20; Youngstown 21-24; Wheeling, W. Va., 25-27.

CARTER, MRS. LESLIE: See Kassa. COLLIER, WM.: See the Patriot. CORBETT, JAMES J.: See Facing the Music.

CRANE, WM. H.: See Father and the Boys. Canton Stock Co., Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 18, indef.

Culhane Stock Co.: Port Huron, Mich., indef. Cummings Stock Co., Ralph E. Cummings, mgr.: Lynn, Mass., Aug. 29, indef.

Clansman, Geo. H. Brennan, mgr.: Spartanburg, S. C., 17; Asheville, N. C., 18; Salisbury 19; Charlotte 20; Greensboro 22; Fayetteville 23; Raleigh 24; Newport News, Va., 25; Norfolk 26; Richmond 27.

Cook Stock Co., Carl W. Cook, mgr.: Dorset, N. Y., 15-20; Elmira 22-27. Climax, Joe Weber, mgr.: Elmira, N. Y., 17.

Cook Stock Co. (No. 2), Carl W. Cook, mgr.: Philadelphia, Pa., 15-20. County Chairman, Marx S. Nathan, mgr.: Hitebluson, Kans., 22; Newton 25.

DeVos, Flora, Co., J. B. Rotnor, mgr.: Escanaba, Mich., indef. Dunlap, Gertie, Stock Co., Lew Virden, mgr.: Fresno, Cal., indef.

Edson, Robert: See the Call of the North. Elliott, Maxine: See the Chaperon. Easiest Way, with Frances Starr, David Belasco, mgr.: New York City, Jan. 18, indef.

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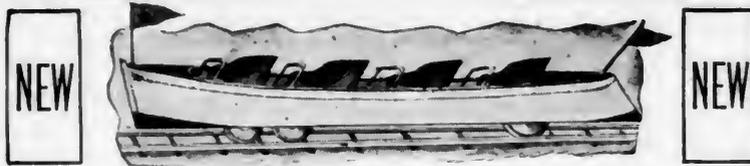
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T. M. A. News

CINCINNATI LODGE NO. 33.

At the regular stated meeting of Cincinnati Lodge No. 33, held February 5, at their hall, 515 Walnut street, Geo. Herman was admitted by card into Cincinnati Lodge No. 33, from St. Joseph, Mo., Lodge No. 46, and Scott Parmer-ton was made an honorary member of No. 33.

Bro. Frank English, the popular treasurer of the Lyceum Theatre, has severed his connection with that house and accepted the treasurership of the People's Theatre. Bro. Glen Black, the former treasurer of the People's, leaves shortly for New York City, to take up his duties as secretary of the National Park Managers' Association.

Bro. Chas. L. Moran, the clever press agent of the Columbia Theatre, and Miss Esie Lee Heady, were married in Newport, Ky., February 1. Cincinnati Lodge No. 33 congratulates them and wishes them good luck, prosperity and happiness.

Bro. Dan Sheehan, of the Lyric, who has been sick for some time, is up and around once more.

Letters from Bro. Jas. Robinson, of Atlanta, Ga., say that he is recovering rapidly from his recent illness.

Bro. Harry Hess has returned to this city from New York after a vacation of four weeks. Bro. Hess is our attorney, with offices in the Bell Block, and is always pleased to meet members of our association.

All important mail should be addressed to George W. Hoener, 1068 Central avenue, Cincinnati, O., our genial secretary.

On February 23, Cincinnati Lodge will hold its annual stag banquet and smoker. President Chas. W. Schweitzer and the committee are arranging a program for that evening that will be a big surprise to all who attend. The committee would be pleased to hear from all traveling brother members who will be in Cincinnati that week. Address Chas. W. Schweitzer, Columbia Theatre, Cincinnati, O.

Dr. Edward H. Moss, 15 Garfield Place, is physician for Cincinnati Lodge, and all members are requested to call on him in case of illness while in our city.

Cincinnati Lodge extends a hearty welcome and invitation to all brother T. M. A.'s to visit our club room at 515 Walnut street, opposite the post-office.

DAVENPORT T. M. A. NO. 99.

Davenport (Iowa) Lodge T. M. A. No. 99, gave its first social event Friday, February 5, with the largest attendance at an affair of this kind in the neighborhood in years, and netted a neat sum for Davenport's new club house. Among the notables present were all members of the Top O' Th' World Company, Jake Sternards' Lady Barbers, Big Foot Wallace, Dewitt Young and Sister, Thompson Sisters, Carl Var-do, Grace Arnold, Earle Sisters, Walt Fleming, Joanne Metcalf, Will Bradley and Company, Davis and Francisco, Lottie Gilson and the Elite Stock Company. Every one contributed generously their talent to the lengthy vaudeville program which was pronounced by all to be the greatest one ever seen in the Tri-Cities. Lottie Gilson rendered her famous Apple song in a manner that told of the return of the popular "Little Maguets'" old-time ability. Will Bradley, of the Gypsy Serenaders, was repeatedly recalled for his rendition of Come to the Land of Bohemia. George McCaskrin, styled the "Boy Mayor of Rock Island," made a few remarks on which the crowd voted as properly befitting the occasion. Dancing continued until an early hour and on disbanding all declared the T. M. A. No. 99 to be royal entertainers.

OPEN ASSN. ROOM.

With a membership now approximating one hundred and fifty members, and new enrollments being constantly made, Springfield, Ill., T. M. A. No. 73, has forged to the front with a true blue loyalty to the order and opened up a commodious new lodge room at 207 1/2 South Sixth street, directly opposite the post-office. T. E. Neer, recording secretary, will usually be found in charge, or alternating with E. A. Grogan, who was recently re-elected financial secretary.

Cards of welcome, bearing a full roster of the officers, have been printed and mailed to all members, notifying them of the new location, and bidding them welcome. The first and third Mondays of each month are meeting nights. Lodge 138 I. E. T. S. E. joined with the T. M. A.'s in supporting the quarters and will also make use of the hall. With an unlimited field of talent to draw from and a successful spirit of co-operation in all their work, a huge benefit is being planned and will occur sometime ere the close of the season.

KANSAS CITY LODGE NO. 13.

As the time for the opening of the white tops grows near, nearly every mail brings some of those letters that look like a three-sheet, and they all contain circus contracts for some of the boys of the Kansas City Lodge, T. M. A., No. 13, who are getting lined up for the summer.

Abe Leary, our miniature Sergeant-at-arms, has promised to call on all who do not boost for the T. M. A. Lodge and No. 13, so boys, if you want the show to do business in this town beware of Abe and be a booster.

The 22d of February being our anniversary, we will have a little social in our rooms, 809 Wall street. All travelling brothers are invited to attend.

MINNEAPOLIS T. M. A. BENEFIT A BIG SUCCESS.

Without the grease paint and other accessories of stageland, the benefit performance of the Theatrical Mechanical Association given at the Metropolitan Theatre the afternoon of February 4, proved to be an enjoyable event. The large audience was made to feel at home with the performers.

The "get-together" spirit was assured after Billy S. Clifford of A Girl at the Helm Company, appeared in street clothes and made a few opening remarks. He also got the audience to join him in the chorus of a song. A balancing act by the Savages opened the bill. Harry Stone and Hattie Fox, of The Honeymoon Trail, St. Paul, followed. Others who took part were: Joseph Santley, assisted by Alice Clifton and Clifford P. Saum, from the Bijou Theatre; Charles De-

cano and Esmerelda, from the Mites; Nellie Daly Moran, from the Bijou; Nellie Williams and James Cruze, Grand Opera House, St. Paul; Lewis and Chaplin; Miss Adrienne Kroell and the Lasalle Brothers, from The Honeymoon Trail Company; A. Jennings, Unique; the Lyric Stock Company, in the second act of Lovers' Lane; Charles DeHaven and Jack Sidney, from the Orpheum; Miss Maud Lambert and the "Boys," from A Girl at the Helm; Kingston and Thomas, from the Bower, and Wartenberg Brothers, from the Unique.

About \$1,500 was cleared at the performance. This will be used by the local lodge of the T. M. A. to entertain the national convention, which is to be held in Minneapolis in July.

CHAS. W. SCHWEITZER FOR FIRST GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Brother Charles W. Schweitzer, the brilliant young president of Cincinnati Lodge No. 33, T. M. A., is a candidate for the office of first grand vice-president, before the Grand Lodge Convention to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., July, 1909. Undoubtedly Brother Schweitzer's candidacy will meet with the strongest expressions of approval everywhere and there is no doubt but that he will develop great strength before the Grand Lodge Convention.

This is not to be wondered at, for Brother Schweitzer is undoubtedly one of the ablest and brainiest, as well as the most universally liked and popular young men in the T. M. A. to-day. He has devoted his time, energy and unquestioned talents to the welfare and advancement of the Association.

Brother Schweitzer has not confined his efforts to his lodge, but has always been ready to respond to the invitation of his brother members throughout the land to lend his aid in making other lodges a success. Thus his name has become a familiar one in all T. M. A. lodges in the United States and Canada. There is no doubt whatever, but that Brother Schweitzer is equipped by nature, by temperament and by education for the thorough and satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office to which he aspires, and the bright and hustling president of Cincinnati Lodge No. 33, with his well-trained and thoroughly equipped business knowledge, would bring exceptional ability to the discharge of the duties of first grand vice-president of the Grand Lodge, T. M. A.

The officers and members of the Cincinnati Lodge are extending every effort to bring about Brother Schweitzer's election.

BROOKLYN LODGE, NO. 30, T. M. A. BENEFIT.

A big audience is assured at the Grand Opera House, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday evening, February 14, at the annual benefit of Brooklyn Lodge No. 30, Theatrical Mechanical Association. Among those who have promised to take part, many of them members of the order, are Libbey and Trayer, operatic singers; Rita Redmond, soprano; Young America Quintet; Johnny Nestor, "the little man with the big voice;" the Elinore Sisters, singers and dancers; Sam Williams, pianologue; Cecilia Korioan, Brooklyn girl violinist; James Francis Sullivan and his Eight Bar Boys; Cressy and Dayne, in a comedy sketch; William Robertson, coloratura soprano; Dainty Doty Dale, child actress; Francesca Redding and Company, in a sketch, Honora; the Clarence Sisters, "Australian Nuggets;" Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorne, "In an Uptown Flat;" Frank Fogerty, "The Man from Dublin;" Harry Thompson, "The Mayor of the Bowery;" Florence Hindley and Company, in a new sketch; Stewart and Desmet, in "Clarice the Gap;" Mildred Holland, singing comedienne; Flossie Allen, soprano soloist, and Charles J. Sedfield and Isadore Martin, of the Crescent Stock Company, in a new sketch.

FT. WAYNE LODGE INCORPORATED.

Through the efforts of E. J. Stetter, treasurer of the Temple Theatre, Fort Wayne, Ind., a lodge of the T. M. A. was perfected on January 17, and incorporated February 8. The organization starts with a membership of 49 and by the time the charter closes, April 17, it is expected that the roster will contain not less than 100 names. Officers chosen as follows: E. J. Stetter, president; Sprague Green, temporary secretary; H. D. McConahy, treasurer; Otto Volland, Sprague Green and H. D. McConahy, trustees.

T. M. A. NOTES.

Rochester, N. Y., Lodge No. 68, T. M. A., at a recent meeting, elected the following officers for 1909: Bus, Calcs, president; Michael Mungovan, past president; Chas. W. Coleman, vice-president; J. H. O'Brien, recording secretary; Frank Smith, financial secretary; Frank A. Heinz, treasurer; Sam Erwin, Val Grosch and Leo Sellinger, trustees; Barney Hazen, marshal; Dave Sellinger, sergeant-at-arms; Montgomery E. Leary, physician. The meetings are held the fourth Sunday of each month at Macabee Temple, Plymouth avenue and Main street, West. All visiting brothers are welcome.

The following officers of the Wheeling (W. Va.) Lodge, T. M. A. No. 51, were installed at a recent meeting: President, Frank Warner; vice-president, Robt. A. Brooks; recording secretary, Henry R. Fitton; financial secretary, James Greer; assistant financial secretary, Harvey Oswald; treasurer, Thomas Le-ron; trustee, A. W. Rader; physician, J. J. Osburn; delegate to Grand Lodge, Henry R. Fitton; alternate, A. W. Rader.

FORT DODGE THEATRE BURNED.

The Midland Theatre, owned by the Chicago Life Insurance Co., of Des Moines, Ia., and recently leased by Maurice Jonas, was completely destroyed by fire, February 1. The fire is said to have originated from defective wiring in the orchestra pit. With the destruction of the Midland, Fort Dodge is left without a first-class theatre. The Armory is now the only available building in the city for amusements. The local manager of the Midland was H. V. Rule.

At the annual meeting of Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, held recently at Sherbrooke, Que., Can., James R. Cochrane was re-elected president; William Morris, vice-president, and W. M. Tomlinson, secretary and treasurer. The twenty-fifth annual exhibition will be held on the Sherbrooke Fair Grounds, August 28 to Sept. 4.



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HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Patrons of the Auditorium Theatre appreciated Manager Head's booking of four shows last week by patronizing each performance liberally.

Miss Blanche Walsh played to a splendid audience at the Auditorium February 3. The Test, by Jules Eckert Goodman, is a very strong play. Miss Walsh has a beautiful role. The entire company is well selected.

Billy Lee, a popular vaudeville star, is a late arrival in the Vapor City. Frank Ritter, a well-known singer, now at the Grand Theatre, is featuring Good-Bye, Sweetheart, Good-Bye, with much success. The engagement has been extended on account of his success.

Charles Miles, a circus performer, is a late arrival. Warren Moore, a vaudeville performer, is visiting friends here.

The Mougivan Family, well-known circus people, will spend the winter here. The Lyric Theatre reports capacity business at each performance last week.

M. M. Gilbert has been engaged as orchestra leader at the Lyric Theatre. The Caldwell Brothers have closed their engagement here. They will leave soon for Mineral Wells, Texas.

Charles Morland, formerly of Morland, Thompson and Roberts, is spending a few weeks here, after a serious illness, trying to regain his health.

Dr. Hayman and wife are here for the winter. They are stopping at the Algonquin. Business is improving at the Grand Theatre. Manager Head is again featuring the Camera phone. This theatre is playing vaudeville and moving pictures. Manager Head will play high-class vaudeville acts if business continues to improve.

May St. Clair is visiting friends here for a few weeks. Among the many visitors here is Doc Leon. Theatrical and circus people who intend visiting Hot Springs and wish any information, can obtain the same by addressing the writer, who also would be glad to have such call at the Billboard Bureau, 312 Central avenue, when in the city. LAWRENCE JEAN RINALDO.

DENVER, COL.

The Orpheum Road Show is here this week, and a great bill it is, too. It is hard to pick a headliner, and the public shows its appreciation by filling the house at every performance. The bill composed of the following: Mlle. De Dio, The Van Dreck, Charles and Fannie Van Merlan's Canine Players, Hyman Meyer, Work and Ower and Mack and Williams.

The Broadway has The Right of Way, its first appearance in Denver, with Guy Standing and Theo. Roberts as principals. Mr. Roberts is an old Denver favorite, having played at Ellich's Gardens during the summer seasons and the reception given him on the opening night was a great one.

The Tabor had a great business with The Virginian, and this week's attraction, Shore Acres, is proving another big drawing card. The Majestic plays to capacity business right along, and this week's attraction is no exception. The bill is composed of the following: Mlle. Joyce Gray, The Royal Musical Five, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Esmont, Johnnie Fields, Jr.; Vailia and Bart, The Coopers and the 5-Zello Troupe-5.

The Curtis is drawing nice crowds, and gaining in public favor. This week's bill includes the following: Farley and Precott Trio, Azales Fontaine, Kimball and Donovan, Casey and LeClair and Saona.

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Skating Rink News

(Continued from page 23.)

AL. FLATH'S LETTER.

CARL CARLSON, of Madison Garden, won the three-mile race at Madison Garden Rink, last Tuesday night, in an exciting finish, beating Wm. Demming, of Sans Souci, by a square yard in the good time of 10:22 3/5. The race was featured by the ambition the skaters showed in wanting to set pace. Whenever a skater went to the front, with one exception they never set less than five laps of pace which was accountable for the fast time. There being no hogs the skaters, which numbered ten, lined up for the event in one line and were sent away good. Frank Hennessey, Riverview, got away first and set five good laps of pace, after which Carl Carlson, Madison Garden, jumped to the front, set a fast clip and drew away from the field and held the gap he made for eleven laps, when A. Reed, Sans Souci, pulled the field up to Carlson, then went to the front and held the pace but one lap, when Wm. Demming, Sans Souci, came up with a sprint and set seven fast laps, after which A. Reed, Sans Souci, again relieved Demming and took ten laps at a merry clip. Carlson who was laying behind, saw a good opening and went out and set himself to go all the way. There were still five laps left to go and the fans were wondering if he was able to hold his gait. The crowd that came to see the race, by this time, were on their feet to cheer the local rink boy to victory. Carlson held his position to the tape, beating Wm. Demming, of Sans Souci, by a scant yard, with Frank Bork, Madison Garden, a good third. The time was 10:22 3/5.

The novice race which was skated previous to the three-mile contest, was an odd event and proved that thirteen was no hoo-doo, for Charles Andrae, who won the race, as he had number thirteen on his back and thirteen skaters lined up at the start and of which seven fell in such a manner that amused the spectators and caused lots of merriment. L. W. Allen finished second, while Pat. O'Keefe was third. The time was 3:52 3/5.

Summaries—Three-mile amateur—Carl Carlson, Madison Garden, won; Wm. Demming, Sans Souci, second; Frank Bork, Madison Garden, third. Time—10:22 3/5.
Novice Race—Charles Andrae, won; L. W. Allen, second; Pat. O'Keefe, third. Time—3:52 3/5.

The Rink Managers' Association of Chicago held a meeting at Allen I. Blanchard's office, 811 Western Union Building, last Tuesday forenoon. The object of the above Association is to further the roller game by the different rink managers getting together and arranging dates for different events so they do not conflict with others and in this way they are bound to go along in a harmonious manner. Several things of importance were discussed and before the adjournment four rink managers reported an increase in business of from seven to fifteen per cent. the next month. The above report shows that trying to be harmonious is a help to the sport.

Al Flath took a short trip to Milwaukee last Saturday and secured two race dates. The first race he is to handle will be an hour team race which is to be held at the Hippodrome Rink, Thursday evening, February 18th. The other event is to be a match race and is to be held at Alfred Painter's Riverview Rink, Tuesday evening, February 23. The match is to be between two in three mile heats between Wm. Robinson, American amateur champion, and Frank Bork, of the local rink. Bork has been cleaning things in good shape at the Cream City, and Manager Painter believes his boy has a good chance with Robinson.

While Al Flath was in Milwaukee last Saturday, he saw a letter from Allie Moore, the world's champion professional skater, to Eddie Feizer, who is an instructor at Painter's Rink stating he was going to London and that Feizer should see that his boat was well looked after when the ice comes down. Moore told Feizer to be sure to drop an anchor off the stern to keep her from swinging about so the large boats going down the river would not bump his boat to pieces.

What a pleasant surprise Harley Davidson must have had when he landed on the other side of the pond. Harley went East, hardly known to any one, and quietly went around Pittsburg, where they are holding a large meet, and boarded a boat for London, where they are holding a large professional meet. Davidson had hardly landed when Allie Moore started across the pond to skate in the same meet. Moore was at Pittsburg preparing himself for the large meet that was held at the Exposition Rink when he received a flattering offer and he at once picked up his duds and prepared to leave as he was to sail two days later.

After two years of talk and matching between Allie Moore and Harley Davidson, we are to be robbed of what on paper looks to be the most even roller match that could be held. Now that these two skaters are on the other side and are bound to come together in the large championship the American rink managers will break their necks to try and land this pair as their drawing power in the roller game is wonderful, but it seems all we can do is to impatiently wait and read the result several days after the contest.

The hour team race, which is to be held at the Hippodrome Rink, Milwaukee, this week, will be the first event of the kind that has been held in the above city. Ten teams are expected to start and the contest should prove one of the most interesting races that has been held in the above city. Several events of the above kind have been held in Chicago and always brought out enthusiastic crowds.

Roller racing has taken a good hold on the rink managers and fans in Chicago. Three nights a week are taken by the three rinks. Madison Garden has Tuesday night, Edgewater has Wednesday night, while Sans Souci has Friday nights. The racing fans have been giving the rinks good support as to attendance and they see all three of the contests weekly.

Carl Carlson, of Madison Garden Rink, with a 25-yard handicap, won the mile handicap race at Sans Souci Rink, last Friday night, by a good margin. The above race was a fine contested affair. It was plainly seen after the first half was skated that the handicap of 25 yards dished out to Carlson was too much for a skater of Carlson's caliber, but the contest being held at Sans Souci and Mort Wolf's string having won nearly all the contests at his rink, was the reason for the Madison Garden receiving the large allowance. Nip Melzer, the speedy Sans Souci chap, was the only scratchman and the feat he was asked to accomplish was too much, but nevertheless he skated a game race, finishing second from scratch, while A. Reed, with a forty-yard handicap, was third. Carlson's time was 3:19 3/5, which is a fast mile for the Sans Souci course. The first heat was won by W. Garner, Sans Souci, with a 25-yard handicap, in 3:38, while the second heat was won by E. Lindberg, Sans Souci, with a 20-yard handicap. His time was 3:20.

The mile novice race had twelve starters and several falls were taken which is usual in a contest of this kind. Before the contest was half over eight skaters were left to fight it out. R. Oakes won the event, J. Myers was second and A. Bloomfield was third. The time was 3:43.

In the final of the handicap six skaters lined up on various marks, ranging from scratch to 50 yards and was a grueling contest, the positions hardly changing the first half. In the second half, Melzer managed to get the second place but he could not overtake Carlson, who was in front and skating a pretty race, holding his allowance and gaining a little more by the time he crossed the tape.

Summaries—First heat: W. Garner, Sans Souci, 25 yards, won; Nip Melzer, Sans Souci, scratch, second; A. Reed, Sans Souci, 20 yards, third; W. Porter, Sans Souci, 40 yards, fourth. Time—3:38.

Second heat—E. Lindberg, Sans Souci, 20 yards, won; Carl Carlson, Madison Garden, second; T. Caswell, Sans Souci, 45 yards, third; H. Decker, Sans Souci, 50 yards, fourth. Time—3:19 3/5.

Novice Race—R. Oakes, won; J. Meyers, second; A. Bloomfield, third. Time—3:43.

Frank L. Olsson, advertising manager of Lakeside Rink, Dayton, O., has made arrangements with Al Flath to handle another series of races at Lakeside Rink, February 24-27, inclusive. There will be three contests, of which the two latter will be handicaps. A short time ago there were but two or three racers in Dayton but since Al Flath and Frank L. Olsson have been putting on novice races and educating the young element and have a fine field of skaters at present and the contests are becoming more lively as they all have a good following and the people are becoming enthusiastic over the sport.



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CONNECTICUT
New Haven—New Haven County Horticultural Society. Dates not set. Fred M. Wirtz, 11 Edwards st., New Haven, Conn.

ILLINOIS
Alhambra—Alhambra Fair Assn. Sept. 6-10. F. Namer, secy.
Carrollton—Green Co. Fair Assn. Oct 18-21. S. S. Simpson, secy.
Golconda—Pope Co. Agricultural Assn. Oct. 6-9. C. C. Kerr, secy.
Kewanee—Grant Kewanee Fair. Sept. 13-17. A. B. Huckins, secy.
Roldison—Crawford Co. Grange Fair. Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Henry Counter, Duncanville, Ill.
Sandwich—Sandwich Fair Assn. Sept. 14-17. C. L. Stinson, secy.
Woodstock—McHenry County Agricultural Board. Sept. 7-10. Geo. A. Hunt, secy.

INDIANA
Angola—Steuhen County Agricultural Assn. Sept. 21-24. Orville Goodale, secy.
Franklin—Johnson County Agricultural, Horticultural and Park Assn. Aug. 25-27. Martin Sellers, secy.
Kendallville—Eastern Indiana Agricultural Assn. Sept. 27-Oct. 1. U. C. Bronse, secy.
Lafayette—Fair. Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Chas. W. Travis, secy.
Lawrenceburg—Lawrenceburg Fair Assn. Aug. 5-7. C. O'Brien, secy.
Muncie—Fair. Aug. 17-20.
North Manchester—North Manchester Racing Assn. Sept. 14-17. Chas Wright, secy.

IOWA
Boone—Boone Driving Park and Fair Assn. Sept. 21-24. A. M. Burnside, secy.
Dubuque—Dubuque Tri-State Fair. Sept. 13-18. D. C. Stewart, secy.
Manson—Calhoun County Fair Assn. Sept. 7-10. C. G. Kaskey, secy.
Mason City—North Iowa Fair. Dates not set. C. H. Barber, secy.
Oden—Poore County Fair. Sept. 14-17. W. C. Treloar, secy.
Osage—Mitchell County Agricultural Society. Sept. —. W. H. Gable, secy.
Tipton—Cedar County Fair Assn. Sept. 7-9. C. F. Simmermaker, secy.

KANSAS
Douglas—Douglas Agricultural Society. Sept. 28-Oct. 1. J. A. Clay, secy.
Fulton—Osage Valley Fair Assn. Dates not set. F. H. Niles, secy.
Klengan—Cattlemen's Picnic. Aug. 10-13. H. C. Leach, secy.
McPherson—McPherson County Agricultural Fair Assn. Sept. 6-11. Carl A. Grant, secy.
Paola—Miami County Fair Assn. Dates not set. Geo. H. Reynolds, secy.
Smith Center—Smith County Fair. Aug. 17-19. H. C. Smith, secy.

KENTUCKY
Danville—Denville Colored Fair Assn. Aug. 18-20. Dr. R. B. Hamilton, secy.
Ewing—Fair. Aug. 19-21. S. H. Price, secy.
London—Laurel County Fair. Aug. 24-27. E. A. Cullton, secy.

MARYLAND
Easton—Talbot County Fair. Aug. 24-27.
Hagerstown—Hagerstown Fair. Oct. 12-15.
Marlboro—Southern Maryland Fair. Aug. 10-12.
Pocomoke City—Pocomoke City Fair. Aug. 10-13.
Rockville—Montgomery County Fair. Aug. 24.
Salisbury—Howard County Fair. Aug. 17-20.

MASSACHUSETTS
Marshfield—Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Aug. 25-27. Israel H. Hatcher, North Marshfield, Mass.

MICHIGAN
Adrian—Lenawee County Fair. Sept. 20-25. F. A. Bridlish, secy.
Caro—Caro Fair Assn. Sept. 14-17. B. H. Smith, secy.
Croswell—Croswell Agricultural Society. Sept. 22-24. A. R. Martin, secy.
Grand Rapids—West Michigan State Fair. Sept. 13-17. Eugene D. Conger, secy.
Houghton—Cooper County Fair. Sept. 21-25. John T. McNamara, secy.

MINNESOTA
Bird Island—Renville County Agricultural Society. Sept. —. Joe Haggett, secy.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Lancaster—Coos and Essex County Agricultural Society. Sept. 7-9. Elwin Damon, secy.
Rochester—Rochester Fair Assn. Sept. 21-24. Frank Maguire, secy.

NEW YORK
Brookfield—Brookfield-Madison County Agricultural Society. Sept. 20-23. F. M. Spooner, secy.
Cortland—Cortland County Agricultural Society. Aug. 17-20. W. J. Greenman, secy.
Naples—Naples Union Agricultural Society. Sept. 15-17. C. L. Lewis, secy.
Nassau—Agricultural and Liberal Arts Society of Rensselaer County. Sept. 14-17. Delmer Lynd, secy.
Schenectady—Schenectady Valley Agricultural Society. Aug. 11-13. J. P. Friery, secy.
Wilton's Point—Broome County Agricultural Society. Aug. 10-13. C. H. Johnson, secy.

OHIO
London—Fair. Aug. 24-27. C. A. Milton, secy.
Ottawa—Ottawa Fair. Oct. 5-9. A. P. Sandles, secy.
Owensville—Clermont County Agricultural Society. Aug. 24-27. A. S. Johnson, secy.
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Salem—Oregon State Board of Agriculture. Sept. 13-18. F. A. Welch, secy.
PENNSYLVANIA
York—York County Fair. Oct. 4-9. Edw. Chaplin, secy.
SOUTH DAKOTA
Huron—South Dakota State Fair. Sept. 13-18. C. N. McIlvaine, secy.
TENNESSEE
Tallahoma—Tallahoma Fair Assn. During week beginning Aug. 23. P. A. Ruth, secy.
TEXAS
Gatesville—Confederate Veterans. Aug. 3-7. C. L. Buck, secy.
VERMONT
Fairhaven—Western Vermont Agricultural Society. Sept. 7-10. Dr. J. F. Wilson, secy.
WASHINGTON
Seattle—Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. June 1-Oct. 16. W. M. Sheffield, secy.
WEST VIRGINIA
Fairmont—Fairmont Fair Association. Sept. 14-17. John S. Scott, secy.
WISCONSIN
Manitowoc—Fair. Aug. 24-27. Chas. F. Fechtler, secy.
Watertown—Watertown Inter County Fair. Sept. 21-24. Chas. Mulberg, secy.
CANADA
Bedford, Que.—Missisquoi County Agricultural Assn. Aug. 25-28. A. T. Gould, secy.
Bruce Mines—Bruce Mines Agricultural Socy. Sept. 22. F. W. Saker, secy.
Wellesley, Ont.—Wellesley North Easthope Fair. Sept. 14-15. Geo. Bellinger, secy.

List of Tent Show Winter Quarters

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Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East Combined, Bridgeport, Conn.
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