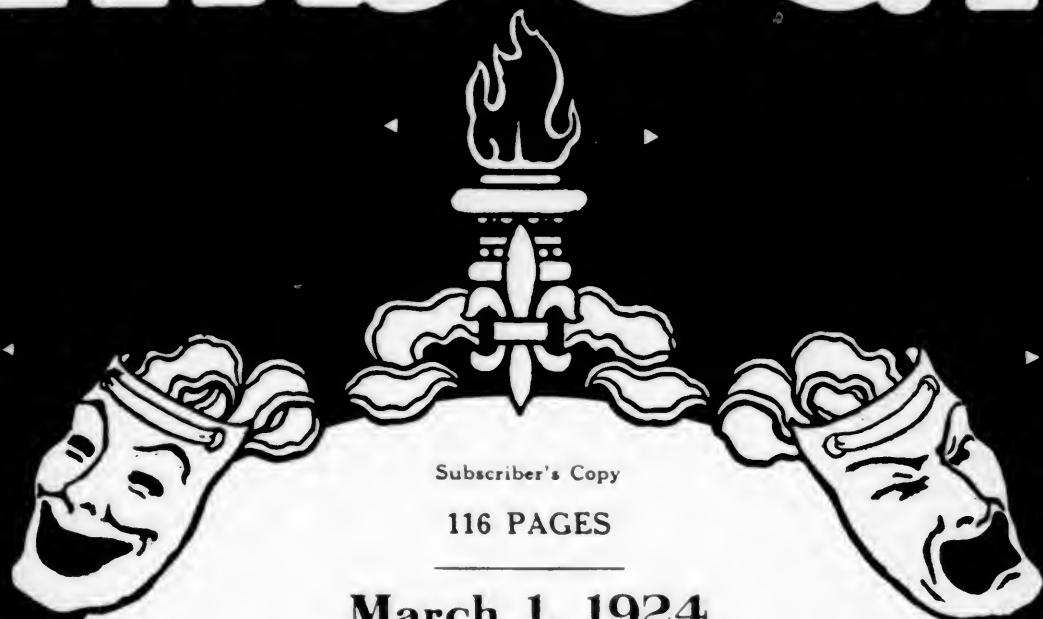


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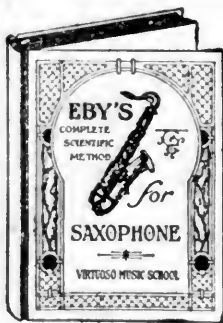
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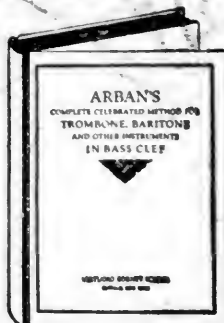
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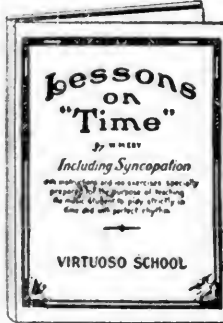
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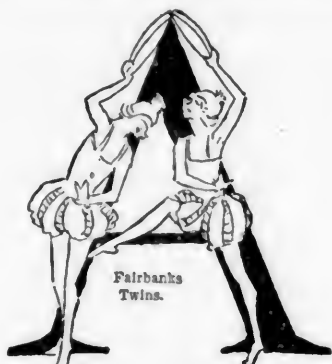
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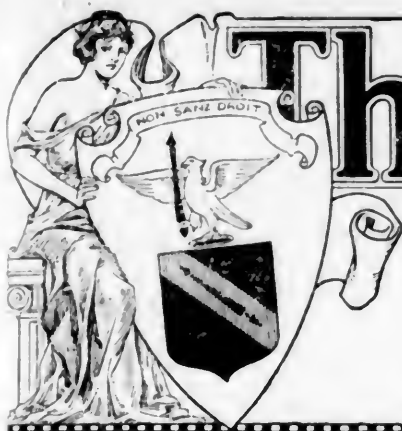
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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTS BONDING PLAN

**Covers Risks of All Kinds Incident To Operating Outdoor Shows**

**GRIEVANCES INVOLVING CARNIVALS CONSIDERED**

**Dick Collins, Appointed Assistant to Commissioner Johnson, Takes Up Duties March 1**

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The Showmen's Legislative Committee, which has now been functioning for one year as arbiter of the destinies of the outdoor show world, and which has unquestionably demonstrated its usefulness, still further enhanced its prestige by the action taken at the committee's annual meeting Tuesday at the Auditorium Hotel.

The outstanding features of this meeting were the consideration of a number of complaints involving carnival companies, the adoption of a plan for bonding carnivals, and the appointment of Dick Collins as Deputy Commissioner. The bonding plan is expected to eliminate many of the annoyances to which carnival companies have been subjected in the past. Two

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**District Attorney Says Ticket Spec. Law Violators Will Soon Be Driven Into Line**

**Not Subject to Criminal Prosecution, But Comptroller Can Cancel License, Confiscate Fee and Fine Overchargers Up to \$1,000**

New York, Feb. 25.—Ticket speculators charging more than 50 cents in excess of face value of theater tickets are not subject to criminal prosecution under the law recently sustained by the Court of Appeals, unless the accused have failed to take out licenses, according to a statement today by District Attorney Banton. The law, he said, merely compels ticket speculators to take out licenses, each speculator being required to pay a fee of \$100 and to put up a bond of \$1,000

**CIRCULARS VILIFY "THE MIRACLE"**

**Producer To Take Matter Up With Postal Authorities**

New York, Feb. 24.—More than two hundred copies of circulars vilifying "The Miracle" have been received by members of the cast. The circulars stigmatize the production as being Catholic propaganda. Morris Gest, producer of the play, which is attracting huge audiences at the Century Theater, said he would lay the matter before the postal authorities. In the copy received by him the sender said he had mailed out eight hundred thousand of the circulars.

**HEAVY INFLUX OF PLAYERS INTO THIS COUNTRY SINCE JULY 1, 1923**

**Government Report for Four Months Shows That 496 Actors and 799 Musicians Entered United States, With But 57 of Both Classes Departing**

Washington, Feb. 23.—The unprecedented influx of actors into this country during the past summer experienced no exceptional slump as the fall season began, according to the latest bulletin of the Department of Labor,

which shows that in October 109 foreign players entered this country, a decrease of only 7 over the previous month. This level is doubtless maintained by the large importation of foreign vaudeville artistes.

An increase is shown, however, in the emigration of actors during October: five have left the country, an increase of three over September, which showed the unusually low number of two.

This brings the total number of players arriving here from the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, up to 496, an average of 124 for each month, while the total number leaving the country during the same period is 22. Less than 5 per cent of the number entering the land, therefore, have departed from it, indicating that business and working conditions in America are far more desirable than in Europe and other countries. That the musicians also have better opportunities and is much

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**V. A. F. DELEGATES INVESTIGATE VAUDE. CONDITIONS IN GERMANY**

**Surprised at Courtesies Extended Them—Visit Fifty Cabarets and Halls—Find Novelty Acts in Demand**

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Albert Voyce and Monte Bayly, who returned from Berlin February 23, were met in the German capital February 15 by Max Berol Konorah, Herman Burghaus, Mick Kahmann, Dardini, O. M. Seibt, Berlin

representative of The Billboard. Konorah and Burghaus acted as cicerones thru a most strenuous six days, and some fifty halls and cabarets were visited.

The English delegates confessed that they were impressed with the fact that all these places have offered great facilities for acts, and, despite the fact that stages in many cabarets are barely equal to full-sized English billiard tables, doubles and dancing quartets worked easily thereon. In fact, at one place a revue was played by eight people.

It is estimated that between three and four hundred acts are playing in Berlin today, and that other towns throught Germany duplicate this situation. Living is on the goldmark standard, actually seventeen to sterling and four marks to the dollar. All places close at midnight. Eating is in many cases, restaurant for restaurant, the same as in London, with the balance in favor of cheapness in houses frequented by performers.

German directors and agents went out of their way to extend courtesies to the Britshers, all expressing a desire to book English singing, dancing and grotesque acts. Voyce and Bayly had two hours' conference with the German committee, at which they em-

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**One Month at Garden For Ringling-Barnum**

**Opens March 27 and Closes April 26—Brooklyn and Philadelphia Follow**

New York, Feb. 25.—John Ringling plans to leave tomorrow for Florida to remain until March 17. Just before the close of the Florida State Exposition last night at Madison Square Garden, he stated that the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus would open this season's engagement here Thursday, March 27, and close April 26.

This circus opens in Brooklyn on the new lot Monday, April 28, and closes there Saturday, May 3, to be followed the following week in Philadelphia, and then over its regular Eastern route to Washington, etc. The show will not play Jersey City, but will make New-

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## DRAMA COMEDY SOCIAL AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

### Lively Book Discussion, Address on Rejuvenation, Vocal Dramatic and Dance Selections Enliven Washington's Birthday Meet

NEW YORK, FEB. 23.—The Friday Social, given by the Drama Comedy Club, of which Elyth M. Totten is president, at the Hotel Astor yesterday afternoon, was an exceedingly delightful and informal occasion. The program was opened by the singing of "America" by the assemblage. Then followed a general discussion of Countess Dawson's book, "The Coast of Folly", led by Florence O. Hein, chairman of discussion. As most of the members present had read and analyzed the book thoroughly, a lively debate ensued, so piquant and spirited that "a good time was had by all".

Following the discussion Miss Totten, the president, expressed the opinion that the book was a splendid one for dramatization because the story had provoked conflicting opinions. She designated "Simon Called Peter" for the March book discussion, which will occur simultaneously with the opening of the play bearing that title.

Short addresses were then made by the guests of honor, Alice Ives, playwright; Elizabeth Kingston List, Charles H. Griffith, Carl Figue and Dr. Max Wolff.

Dr. Wolff had been invited to address the ladies of the club on the subject of glandular rejuvenation, following a previous discussion of Gertrude Atherton's book, "Black Oxen", the heroine of which was rejuvenated by this method. Among other things, Dr. Wolff, who has been called to the Vienna Conference on Gland Rejuvenation, stated that recent research proved that glands determine our emotions to a great extent and touched on the banishment of melancholia by gland treatments.

Mrs. Griffiths outlined briefly the California tour of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to attend the Seventeenth Biennial Convention, June 3 to 12, at Los Angeles. She stated that all were welcome to participate in the tour, including husbands and friends, which will be conducted by William J. Henry, 565 Fifth avenue.

The Drama Comedy Players then presented a tragic playlet of the Russian Frontier, entitled "Gain". Eleanor Lanning, as Petroucha, gave a splendid portrayal of an aged and penurious woman, who in preying upon the traveler for gain unwittingly causes her husband to murder her son. Grayte Hull and Joseph Katzen, as father and son of the tragic event, were excellently cast and read their lines with a perfection that won the approval and gratitude of their back-row auditors. Annette Ewart in a small part was picturesque and effective.

A "petite prodigy", Jeannette E. Sheldon, was then introduced. This charming little girl recited in costume a satire on Valentino, entitled "The Shock of Broadway", subtly and cleverly. Later she reappeared attired as a diminutive vampire and gave a musical recitation concerning the girls men forget, which, altho a bit too sophisticated, was well done.

By special request the Drama Comedy Players repeated the racy, five-minute sketch, entitled "Breakfast", which was part of last Sunday's birthday luncheon program at the home of Myrtle Schiffman, as Mrs. Silence, a true-to-life impersonation of a flighty, talkative wife assailing Mr. Silence, who lives stolidly up to his name with the aid of a morning newspaper, of marrying the morning by complaints. Will Peters, as the talk-proof husband, who reads his paper despite the tirade and perfunctorily kisses with good-by, was Mr. Everyday Husband to perfection. He was hailed sympathetically in terms of applause by the men guests of the club.

Miss Honor Winer, a lovely type of femininity and a gifted vocalist, sang a well-chosen trio of songs, Cox's "To a Hilltop", Kramer's "Faltering Dusk" and Watt's "Joy". The Carter-Waddell Dancers, always a feature of Drama Comedy soirees, were given an ovation. After Evelyn Kearney, Tatiana Polloff and Florence Arganza had delighted with beautifully executed solo dances, Mrs. Mary Jesima Wilson and Sol Cohen, still in the toddling age, closed the social with infantile interpretations of ball-room dancing that evoked both laughter and admiration. They displayed remarkable poise for babies, proving the value of an early start in the art of terpsichore.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE BOX-OFFICE MEN IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Raymond Bryant, for two years treasurer of the Playhouse, is now business manager, succeeding Milford Hanney. Mr. Bryant is a brother of Lester Bryant, manager of the Playhouse and Central theaters. Doc Storm is the new treasurer of the Playhouse.

### P. W. L. GET TOGETHER AND BIRTHDAY PARTY

New York, Feb. 22.—The Professional Woman's League, Mrs. Russell Bassett, president, held an informal get-together Monday afternoon at the league's headquarters, 111 West Fifty-fifth street.

The topic of discussion, while refreshments were served, was the coming thirty-first birthday party, to be given at the Hotel M. Alpin, Thursday evening, February 28. An elaborate program has been planned, and tickets are now on sale at the league's headquarters.

Hannah Lee, famed for the refreshments she prepares for the league's get-togethers, was the recipient of congratulations upon her recovery from a severe attack of pneumonia, when she was at her usual "stand" the day of the get-together.

### "MARRIED TODAY" COMPANY DOING GOOD BUSINESS

Reports from the West Coast indicate that the road show, "Married Today", which opened in Los Angeles four months ago, is doing a good business.

It is also reported that Madelyn Goddard, who played for many seasons with the Wilkes Players in San Francisco, has joined the company. Otis Oliver, C. Kimball Risley, Alma Bloude and Robert Le Londe are also in the cast.

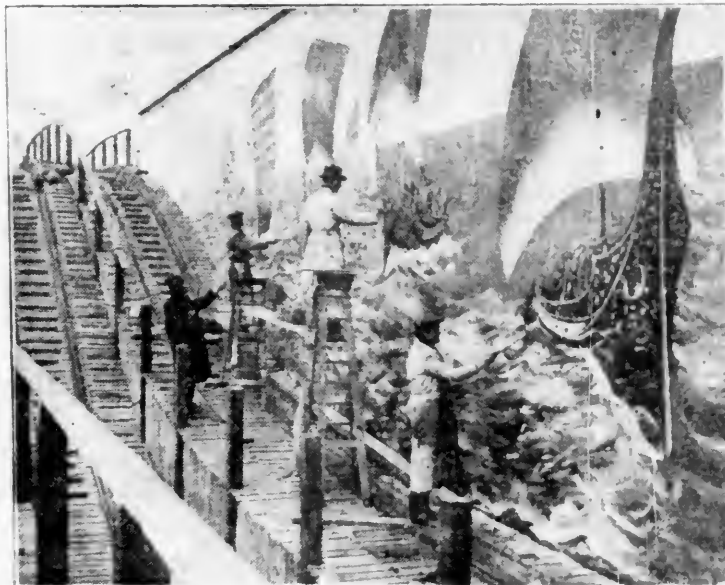
It is further said that there will be two "Married Today" shows next season, one to the Coast and return and the other the Central States.

### PACKED HOUSES

#### Greet Gilbert & Sullivan Revivals

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—D'Oyly Carte is doing splendid business at the Prince's Theater with his Gilbert & Sullivan revivals. "Iolanthe" drew packed houses for a fortnight. It was followed by "Huddigore", Monday, and the piece was accorded a great reception.

### BRITISH EXPOSITION FINISHING TOUCHES



Artists busily engaged painting scenery for the Scenic Railway, one of the ride features of the British Empire Exposition, to be held at Wembley Park, London, from April to October.

—Wide World Photos.

### PHOENIX SOCIETY

#### Presents "The Country Wife"

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Phoenix Society last Sunday presented an ancient version of what has been termed the bawdiest comedy in the English language, Wycherley's "The Country Wife". The piece has been superbly decorated in the seventeenth-century manner by Norman Wilkinson, and was admirably cast.

Athene Seyler as Mrs. Fidget was extraordinarily vivacious and witty in her handling of a fine comedy part. Isabel Jeans as the country wife showed a distinct technical advance, making many points brilliantly. Ballol Holloway as Horner began superlatively with dextrous lightness, which later flagged. He gave a highly intelligent, finished performance, however.

Henry Hewitt and Stanley Labury were excellent, while Ernest Theiszer again showed consummate mastery of this type of work.

After the sugary sentimentality of many recent plays Wycherley's scintillating lines, ingenious situations and frank disregard of Comstockery proved a veritable tonic.

### NEW MANAGER CHOSEN FOR FLORIDA THEATER

New Smyrna, Fla., Feb. 23.—William H. Small, former manager of the Tenth Theater, 311 Sterling, Ky., has taken over the management of the Victoria Theater here. M. E. Forsyth, who has been in charge of the Victoria, has returned to Daytona, where he will manage one of the Crystal Amusement Company theaters.

### "BACK TO METHUSALEH" DOESN'T ENTHUSE PRESS

London, Feb. 21 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—George Bernard Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" was successfully presented at the Court Theater by the Birmingham Repertory Theater this week. Altho the press evinced but feeble enthusiasm the public attended this first London production of the great work in large numbers.

### MCGRATH GETS \$1,000 FINE

Chicago, Feb. 23.—James J. McGrath, former big concessionaire on Municipal Pier and well-known in the burlesque world, was fined \$1,000 Wednesday by Federal Judge Cliffe for transacting the Dempsey-Tommey world's championship fight films from Sally, Mont., to Chicago, in July, when the pictures of the fight were first exhibited here. Mr. McGrath was arrested. The film said to have been transported from Montana was destroyed by government operatives and McGrath furnished bonds for his release. Since then, however, copies of the film have been shown here daily, but because they were made in Chicago the government had no jurisdiction over them. McGrath's venture is said to have netted him a fortune.

### CLONINGER MAY STAGE FILM

Salt Lake City, Feb. 21.—Ralph Cloninger, whose stock company at the Wilkes Theater here, has made a big hit, is contemplating staging a motion picture amid Utah's scenic wonderland this summer. Mr. Cloninger has himself appeared in several films.

## New Officers Preside at Showmen's League

### President Jerry Mugivan Unable To Be Present at Start of New Administration

Chicago, Feb. 23.—At the regular meeting of the Showmen's League of America last night the new chair officers were all present with the exception of President Jerry Mugivan, who is in Hot Springs, Ark., with Mrs. Mugivan, who is ill, and Second Vice-President Charles Browning. First Vice-President Fred M. Barnes presided. The other chair officers are Edward A. Hook, third vice-president, treasurer, Edward P. Neumann, and secretary, Sam J. Levy.

Letters were read from Leon Hertzak and W. O. Brown, absentees wishing the new officers good luck and success. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer were read. Mr. Levy moved three signs be prepared and posted in the hotels most frequented by showmen, announcing the date of league meetings and inviting their attendance. It was passed.

Mr. Neumann said the dance Wednesday night of this week was the most successful dance in league history, but none Mr. Levy chairman of the entertainment committee, spoke in the highest terms of the services of Ed. Fred J. Davis, Charles M. Curran, Louis Hockner, who donated flowers; Pete Rogers and Antonio Ferrer, assisting in the managing of the leg affair in a practical and effective way.

John Forman said if league dues were paid to come due in August or early September they would find all showmen with money to meet their dues promptly, whereas, with dues payable this season of the year, the majority of them find it inconvenient to pay them. Mr. Forman also spoke on the subject at a recent meeting. The chair announced that such a change would have to be made in due form as an amendment to the by-laws and duly posted in writing in the club rooms. Thomas J. Johnson said he would submit such an amendment in a few days.

Len Keller suggested that signs be posted in all show wagons announcing when league dues are payable.

Ed. Owens pronounced the dance of Wednesday night the biggest advertisement for the league imaginable. He said its value was not to be determined in the dollars and cents taken in for tickets.

Mr. Barnes announced that within sixty days he hoped to see the blanket insurance on league members in force.

The chair called on a number present to speak to the members, among whom were Paul Clark, J. C. McCallery, Fred Beckmann, Tom Johnson, Ed Hook, "Blind" Dave Morris, Leo Lipka, T. A. Wolfe and others.

Tom Rankine has been reappointed custodian of the league.

### DRESSING ROOM CLUB

#### Stages Historic Pageant of Progress of Negro Theatricals

New York, Feb. 23.—Each year since its organization four years since, the Dressing Room Club, the largest Negro theatrical and amusement people's social organization in the country, has tried to settle New York into a renewed acknowledgment of its existence. Once the members paraded Broadway in Scotch attire. This year they presented a historic pageant of the progress of their race in theatricals at the New Star Chicago.

Members long since came to their reward were represented by members of the club in an evening's entertainment that began at 10 o'clock last night and lasted well into the morning. The lone banjoist of reconstruction was Sam Lewis, and the Havers Sisters, the Callender Minstrels, Sam T. Jacks' "Circus", Ernest Hoggan Smart and Williams, Bob King, Williams and Walker, Lucile Hill and many others, upon whose art was laid the money day status of the race were reproduced with a lot of the week they made famous.

The whole was topped off by the two big shows "Rahm! W!d" and "Shuffle Along". The entire casts of both companies participated in the program.

After the program the club and its guests indulged in dancing. The social program of the occasion was one of the most elaborate possible. It was gotten up by Leigh Whipper and is a veritable history of race amusements.

The pageant was under the immediate supervision of "Black Carl", known in private life as Edward Johnson, secretary of the Board of Directors, Jesse Blupp, veteran producer, is the club president. Every phase of amusement is represented in its membership.

A glance at the Hotel Directory in this issue may save considerable time and inconvenience.



# THE EPISCOPAL ACTORS' GUILD OPENS HALL IN LITTLE CHURCH

## Organization Headed by George Arliss Will Co-Operate With Actors' Fund and Catholic Actors' Guild in Benefits

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Episcopal Actors' Guild, formerly the Actors' Church Alliance, was informally opened yesterday at the Little Church Around the Corner. The Guild is housed in the church building at the convenience of those actors and actresses who are members of the Guild, and it will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. every day.

An afternoon tea, at which many stage celebrities and members of the Episcopal Actors' Guild were present, marked the official opening.

The Guild was first organized in December by the Little Church, officers elected and plans made to renovate the old Guild hall for the special use of the religious organization for showfolk. It is the intention of the Guild to cooperate with the Actors' Fund of America and the Catholic Actors' Guild and to participate in several benefit performances each year.

George Arliss is president of the Guild, and the Rev. Randolph Hay, rector of the Little Church, is vice-president. Among those on the council of the organization are Jane Cowl, Ann Harding, Florence Reed, Grace Griswold, Maryn Arbeckle, Albert Phillips and Percy Helton. The advisory board includes John Law, E. P. Albee, Cyril Maude, Otis Skinner, William Hodge, Beryl Mercer and Julia Marlowe.

Jane H. Hall, founder of the Three Arts Club, was hostess at yesterday's tea.

## PENSACOLA MARDI GRAS SHOWS BIG PROMISES

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 24.—The Mardi Gras in Pensacola promises to surpass all former years of this annual event. Never in the history of this monstrous celebration has there been such interest shown. Although it is a week prior to the masquerade, which attracts the masses from the surrounding cities, the streets are now lined with concessions, illuminated towers, whirling discs and numerous riding devices and shows of every description furnished by the Boyd & Luderman Shows, which opened their season here. The happy throngs, the barkers and street vendors spelling their wares give Pensacola the aspect of an ancient city in the midst of Mardi Gras.

## OHIO EXHIBITORS' MEETING

### Third Annual Convention at Columbus March 6 and 7—Cohen To Be Present

The exhibitors' problems and the making of plans and arrangements to care for them will be the main topics of discussion at the third annual convention of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Ohio to be held in Columbus, O., Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7, President Martin S. Smith announces.

Mr. Smith also states that Sydney S. Cohen, president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, and other national officers and exhibitors from all parts of the country will be present with messages of importance. A banquet, at which men and women, prominent nationally, are to make addresses, will be held on Thursday evening.

## REFUSED DRINK FACILITIES

London, Feb. 21 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Palace Theater, Manchester, which is adopting a policy of running a season of plays instead of the vaudeville policy that has hitherto prevailed, was refused drink facilities by the Manchester authorities.

This came as a great blow and one is inclined to the opinion that this drinking stuff is looked upon by British managers as balancing in favor of running this style of program, so if were universally adopted it would in some measure curtail managerial ambition to cut out the bottle.

## FILM THEATER OWNER SUED

New York, Feb. 23.—Humbert J. Fugazy, motion picture theater owner, is made defendant in a suit filed against him for \$1,000 by the Film Service Equipment and Management Corporation. In the complaint filed in the United District Municipal Court, it is set forth that Fugazy signed a promissory note for \$1,000 December 1, 1923, due in sixty days. The paper was made in favor of James A. O'Day, who endorsed it over to the plaintiffs. It subsequently went to protest, according to the complaint.

## ARTISTES CAN'T MAKE AUDIENCE THE "GOAT"

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 22.—Vaudeville artists who play this town will have to watch their step so far as audience stunts are concerned if the dictum of Police Chief Charles Schubert is to be believed. He promises to arrest all who make their audience the "goat" by holding private individuals up to ridicule on charge of disturbing the peace.

It is understood that the chief's drastic proclamation was the result of numerous complaints in connection with a vaudevillian playing at a local theater. This man, so runs the tale, is in the habit of coming down into the audience and "monkeying" with individuals by addressing "unmistakable epithets" in their direction.

The chief neglects to mention the nature of these epithets beyond observing that the artist in question uses isolated spectators as a butt for jests. He goes on to comment: "When a person pays to get into a theater he expects to see the show, not to be made part of it. It is often very embarrassing for the private parties involved."

## "SHUFFLES OF 1924" OPENS EARLY IN MARCH

New York, Feb. 23.—"Shuffles of 1924", the new all-colored musical show, which is being sponsored by B. C. Whitney and A. L. Erlanger, will give its initial performance in Harrisburg, Pa., about March 10. The cast, recruited in the main from the original "Shuffle Along" Company, includes Sissle and Blake, who heads the organization; Lottie Gee, Inez Clough, Harold Browning, Josephine Baker, Russell Smith, William Grundy, Mildred Smallwood, Richard Cooper, Fernie Robinson, Ruth Barbee, Charlie Davis and Amand Randolph. The rehearsals will be personally supervised by B. C. Whitney while Julian Mitchell will stage the dance numbers. Charles Davis has been engaged as chorus director, and W. H. Hahn, as stage manager. Lorenzo Cauldwell is credited with writing the orchestrations.

Mae Richards, a former pupil of Alexis Kosloff, will appear as a specialty dancer. She was seen in the Coast company of "Struttin' Along". Frisco Nick, said to be the original Frisco dancer; Lillian Russell, a show girl, who won a beauty contest in Northwestern University, Chicago, and George Bagley, tap dancer and late of "Shuffle Along", are some of the recent acquisitions to the Whitney-Erlanger Revue.

## MISS REED MAY GO ABROAD

New York, Feb. 23.—It is thought that with the closing tonight of "The Lullaby" in Pittsburgh Florence Reed may again be seen in the leading role of Edward Knoblock's play under the management of Charles B. Cochran. Should Charles Dillingham agree to release her from a long-term contract Miss Reed will be presented in London some time this spring. Cochran negotiated for the British rights to "The Lullaby" a year ago, but postponed the production because of the illness of Alice Delysia, who was to have been starred.

## BROADHURST AND DARRE SAIL

New York, Feb. 23.—George Broadhurst, disheartened over his inability to gather a suitable cast for the "The Red Hawk", which was given a preliminary tryout last fall, will not attempt to launch his play before next season. The author left this morning for Italy on the Conte Rosso.

Richard Bruno Darre, who has been in this country for several months, also sailed today for England, where he is to appear in Cochran's production of "The Lullaby".

## SOPRANO FAINTS ON STAGE

New York, Feb. 24.—Della Reinhardt, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera House, fainted on the stage yesterday afternoon during the performance of "Die Meistersinger". The mishap took place during the singing of the quintet. She was able to appear in the final scene of the opera.

## WHERE IS CHAS. HAMMOND?

Walter F. Hammond, 2427 Florida Terrace, Atlantic City, N. J., is anxious to learn the whereabouts of his brother, Charles Hammond, showman, formerly of Woodville, R. I., from whom he has not heard for about twenty years.

## K. C. SPEEDWAY BANKRUPT

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.—The Kansas City Speedway Association filed a bankruptcy schedule of net liabilities of \$617,240 and assets of \$326,740 in the Federal Court today. The valuation of the speedway, included in the assets, was placed at \$300,000.

# TWO NEW PLAYS BY CHICAGO PRODUCER

## Lester Bryant's Current Play, "The Highwayman", Proving Success in Midwest

Lester Bryant, Chicago producer, now has in rehearsal in the Windy City "Lady of the Streets", a drama, and "Around in Par", a golf comedy. The latter will soon be introduced at Stamford, Conn., and the dramatic piece probably will open in the Illinois metropolis.

"The Highwayman", starring Joseph Schildkraut, is a current Bryant success. It is a comedy drama and had a run of six weeks at the Playhouse, Chicago, where it opened Christmas night, and has since been playing in the Midwest. Its engagement at the Shubert Theater, St. Louis, week of February 3-9, marked the biggest business done this season at that house by a dramatic show. "The Highwayman" will begin its New York engagement April 22 at either the Ambassador or Princess Theater. It is by Lajos Biro and adapted by Gladys Unger, author of "The Business Widow", the play featuring Leo Dittichstein and Lola Fisher.

In support of Joseph Schildkraut, who was prominent in the Theater Guild's "Lilium" and "Peer Gynt", are Elise Bartlett, Jessie Royce Landis, John Westley, Philip Lord, Grant Stewart, Hilda Graham, Theodore Westman, Jr., Corbett Morris, N. R. Greagan, Richard Earle and Charles Herde, who also is company manager. Harry Eldred is doing the advance.

The masculine charms of Schildkraut are being played up in the advertisements and publicity on "The Highwayman", such lines as "Look out, girls! He'll steal your hearts," being used.

## "OPEN HOUSE" CLOSED

New York, Feb. 24.—Edward MacGregor closed the tour of "Open House" last night. This was the play in which he was presenting the noted French star, Madame Simone. The show will not be reopened and MacGregor will seek a new vehicle for the star, who is under contract to him for her American appearances.

## STAGE CHILDREN TO HONOR GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH

Preparations have been completed for the testimonial performance to be presented to Governor Alfred E. Smith by the National Stage Children's Association in which America's foremost stage children will present a musical comedy entitled "The Sidewalks of New York", Sunday evening, March 9, at the Jolson Theater, New York.

The majority of the children who will take part were recently recipients of dancing, singing and dramatic scholarships given by the leading teachers of America and presented to them by the governor at the last performance.

The audience will be composed of men prominent in the political and social world.

## GAMUT CLUB TO ENTERTAIN

New York, Feb. 23.—The Gamut Club, of which Mary Shaw is president, will give a luncheon February 29 in honor of Lulu Vollmer, author of "Sun Up" and "The Shame Woman". The guests of honor will be Lucille LaVerne, star of "Sun Up", and Florence Rittenhouse, Minnie Dupree and Florence Gerald, of "The Shame Woman" Company.

The headquarters of the Gamut Club are 61 West Fifth street.

## "ADRIENNE" CLOSING

New York, Feb. 23.—Louis F. Werha has decided that "Adrienne" has been playing around long enough, ever since May 28 of last year to be exact, and will bring his musical production to a halt next week at the Montauk Theater, Brooklyn. The producer contemplates presenting a new musical comedy about mid-summer or the early fall in which Jean Tennyson, prima donna of "Adrienne", will have the star role.

## RESIGNS FROM SHUBERT STAFF

New York, Feb. 23.—Frances Weldon, stage director for the Shubert management for the last three years, has just resigned to produce a play or two of his own.

## MARJORIE WOOD VERY ILL

New York, Feb. 24.—Marjorie Wood, who has been seen in several Broadway shows, is seriously ill at Lenox Hill Hospital here.

## FLOY WOOD PRODUCING

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Floy Wood has gone to Kansas City to produce for Al and Louie Brige, who have musical stock in the Missouri city.

## DRAMATIST BACK TO ITALY

### Says Broadway Audiences More Intelligent Than Managers Think

New York, Feb. 24.—Luigi Pirandello, Italian dramatist, who has been paying a visit to this country, sailed yesterday for Italy. He remarked before sailing that Broadway audiences were more intelligent than the managers gave them credit for being.

## COURT HEARS ARGUMENT IN HERNDON APPEAL

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The Court of Appeals Wednesday heard arguments in the appeal of Richard G. Herndon from a decision of Justice Benedict in the New York Supreme Court granting an injunction on the application of John G. Underhill, restraining him from exhibiting "La Malquerida", a Spanish tragedy, as a motion picture, and for \$26,000 damages. Underhill obtained the right to translate and produce the play from the author, Jacinto Benavente. He made an agreement with Herndon, giving him the exclusive dramatic rights on payment of a royalty. Herndon produced the play under the name of "The Passion Flower", with Nance O'Neil in the leading role and had a successful run in New York and other cities. He then sold the motion picture rights to Joseph M. Schenck for \$22,500, who produced the play under the name of "The Passion Flower". Underhill claimed the motion picture rights were not given to Herndon and that its showing in competition with the play was harmful in reducing the amount of his royalties.

The case is an important one as it will decide whether or not motion picture rights pass under a sale of "dramatic" rights, Herndon contending that they are so included.

## PAUL KELLY, PLAYWRIGHT, SUED BY FILM COMPANY

New York, Feb. 23.—The Fox Film Corporation, thru its attorney, Saul E. Rogers, brought suit this week in the Third District Municipal Court against Anthony Paul Kelly, playwright, from whom it is seeking to recover \$1,000 alleged to have been advanced as part payment for a scenario which was never delivered.

According to the complaint and Attorney Rogers, the film company contracted with Kelly in June, 1923, for a scenario of Channing Pollock's play, "The Fool". It was to be ready not later than August 6, 1923, and the price agreed upon was \$3,500. On June 7, it is alleged, the playwright asked for and received an advance of \$1,000. The film version of "The Fool" was never completed and delivered, complains the Fox company, neither was the \$1,000 returned.

## CABARET PROFITS SUIT IS LOST BY G. T. BOAG

New York, Feb. 23.—Galliard T. Boag, New York cabaret owner and husband of Gilda Gray, yesterday lost his suit in the Appellate Division which sought to compel his partners, James H. Thompson and Paul Salvin, to make an accounting of the profits of the Club Royale, Moulin Rouge, Montmartre, Armonville Hotel Company and other restaurants on the ground that a conspiracy to keep him from exercising any control in the management existed. Boag recently obtained an injunction in the Supreme Court pending trial of the action, but the Appellate Division ruled that there was no cause of action and that the court could not grant the order.

## LEGACY FOR "FOLLIES" GIRL

New York, Feb. 23.—The will of George F. Leavitt, former wooden merchant, which leaves an estate of about \$120,000 to Florence C. Crane, one-time member of Ziegfeld's "Follies", was admitted to probate this week by Surrogate Foley. Thomas G. Lengley, half brother of the testator, in appearing as a contestant charged that Leavitt was of unsound mind at the time he executed his will.



## SUITS FOLLOW FAILURE OF BOSTON INDOOR SHOW

### "Jazzmania" Promoter Seeks To Recover \$9,000 Loss From Woman's Charity Hospital— Performers Get Only Half Pay

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The failure of "Jazzmania", the mid-winter carnival, held at Horticultural Hall, February 9 to 16, in aid of the Woman's Charity Hospital, bids fair to bring about more lawsuits than any other charitable affair in local history.

One suit for \$1,100, covering the entertainment furnished, has already been started, and about ten others are in progress. A. M. Manning, the promoter of the carnival, who was engaged by the Woman's Charity Club to conduct its drive for \$150,000, declares that approximately \$9,000 is needed to settle all bills.

Manning states all would have gone well if the members of the club had co-operated with him right along, but that this was not done. The carnival was badly conducted, almost every angle of it showing a lack of showmanship and business principles, and only \$1,500 was taken in at the door.

The performers engaged for the show were given only half pay and were told the rest would be forthcoming after the promoters settled with the club. The acts engaged were: Franklin

### "OPERA" FOR HIPPODROME

New York, Feb. 23.—Hugo Riesenfeld in association with Josiah Zuro will present a tabloid version of Gounod's "Faust" at the Hippodrome next week. The "opera" will run for twenty-five minutes. Ottokar Bartik, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will also stage ballet numbers from "Cog d'Or". This makes the Keltz management's first attempt to break away from regular vaudeville attractions at this house.

### FLORIDA EXPO. DREW 125,000

New York, Feb. 23.—The estimated attendance at the Florida Exposition here at Madison Square Garden is 125,000 for the seven days.

### OPERA COMPANIES AGREE NOT TO BID FOR STARS

New York, Feb. 23.—Reports that the managements of the Metropolitan and the Chicago Civic Opera companies were bidding against each other for stars resulted in a statement from Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, being made public this week. The report stated that he had held several informal meetings with Samuel H. Insull, president of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, and that they had agreed not to negotiate for the services of singers under contract to either company.

### MISS EAMES IN "MACBETH"

New York, Feb. 23.—Clare Eames has been engaged for the role of Lady Macbeth in support of James K. Hackett, who will make his first American appearance since his London and Paris triumphs in the Shakespearean tragedy, as guest-star of the Equity Players. "Macbeth" will be played for a limited engagement of four weeks beginning about March 17 at the Forty-Eighth Street Theater. Miss Eames is at present appearing in "Fashions" at the Provincetown Playhouse. She portrayed the character of Mary Stuart in John Drinkwater's play of the same name, presented two seasons ago at the Ritz Theater.

### RODEO CONTESTANTS TO ENGLAND IN APRIL

New York, Feb. 23.—The New York Times publishes an item to the effect that 150 rodeo contestants engaged for the rodeo to be staged at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley Park, London, will leave New York early in April.

## RADIO RESTRICTION URGED BY MAESTRO

### Unchecked Broadcasting Bringing Disaster to Musicians, Says Geo. Schneivoigt

New York, Feb. 23.—Feeling in the spread of radio vague a peril to American musicians, particularly symphony orchestras, George Schneivoigt, director of the Stockholm Orchestra, on a visit here as guest-conductor of the Boston Symphony, in an interview today urged that the Government take a hand in checking unrestricted broadcasting before "it brings disaster to the musicians." The noted maestro declared "the people who broadcast the music must be made to pay the artists enough to make up the loss."

Professor Schneivoigt said that America, now supporting too many orchestras, will, thru radio, be forced to the other extreme—only one orchestra with a national audience. He doubted whether when everybody in the country can hear Heifetz and Kreisler playing in one room the virtuoso will be able to get audiences during their appearances in other cities. The same situation, he said, would apply to the orchestras.

William Klein, counsel for the Producing Managers' Association, is preparing to apply for an injunction restraining the radio broadcasting companies from sending out numbers from musical comedy productions, according to a report received here this week from Palm Beach, Fla. The test case is to be directed against station WJAF, located in New York.

### GILPIN WITH "ROSEANNE"

New York, Feb. 24.—"Roseanne", Nan Dagby Stephens' Southern drama, which was seen for a brief engagement at the Greenwich Village Theater, will be presented on tour under the direction of Jules Hurlig. Charles S. Gilpin, who starred in Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones", will head an all-colored cast of players, comprising Rose McClendon, Lloyd Hibbs, Evelyn Ellis, G. Edward Brown, J. Dan Brown, Margaret H. Brown, Jeanne Roberts, Louis Schooner, Arthur Gables, Minnie Johnson, Marion Laventure, Arminine Letimer, Bessie Whitman, Walter Hilliard, Charles H. Downer, Liza Oxley, John W. Turner and Joseph Loomis. The first out-of-town engagement will take place tomorrow at the Shubert-Pitt Theater in Pittsburgh.

### "CLINGING VINE" FOR LONDON

New York, Feb. 22.—Negotiations are under way between Henry W. Savage, Inc., and Robert Courtneidge, the English producer, for the London presentation of "The Clinging Vine". Courtneidge has for some time had an option on the British rights and it was his plan to make the production next summer, with Zelds Sears, the author, in charge of selecting and directing the English cast. This plan has since been held in abeyance because of the librettist-actress' present engagement in "Lollipop", now at the Knickerbocker Theater.

"The Clinging Vine", which has been on tour this season, is announced to close tomorrow night at the Tremont Theater in Boston.

### "THE MASK AND THE FACE"

New York, Feb. 22.—The Frohman management announce the immediate production of "The Mask and the Face", an Italian play by Luigi Chiarelli. The piece, known in the original as "La Maschera e il Volto", opened a short time ago at the Everyman Theater in London. The English adaptation is the work of Chester Bailey Fernhall, author of "The Day and the Dawn". As reviewed by the British press, it is said to be one of the most amusing and entertaining plays in several seasons, despite the presence of a murder and a funeral scene in it.

### CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

New York, Feb. 22.—"Kid Roads" suffered a momentary setback last night when a man walked on the stage of the Earl Carroll Theater and greeted Mary Eaton as a long lost friend. He addressed her as "Mabel Frances" and begged to be heard. This unexpected scene brought a genuine scream from Miss Eaton and the use of stage hands to eject the intruder from the theater. It was later learned that the stranger hailed from Salem, Mass., and was employed as a railway mail clerk. He said he had mistaken Miss Eaton for a friend.

Kitty Starr, kewpie soubrette of Lou Sidman's Mutual Circuit Show, was taken suddenly ill while playing Newark and removed to a hospital in New York for an operation for appendicitis. She is now on the road to recovery.



Burr Nickle, of Los Angeles, has one of the finest and most elaborate air calliope outfits in the world (illustration above) used for publicity work in his big production, "The Land of Whispering Hope". Built at a cost of nearly \$30,000, it is on a specially constructed Reo speed chassis with 18-inch wheel base, has a Tangley self-playing calliope, which uses standard rewind piano music rolls, and also has a keyboard so that it can be hand-played, the same as a hand-played instrument. The car has balloon tires, and the inside is arranged like the interior of a Pullman car. It has berths, toilet, washstand and practically every convenience of a hotel except a bath. It has a compartment for the musical instrument, another for the feature films, and living accommodations and berths for the manager and assistants. The entire outfit is 18 feet long. It is Mr. Nickle's plan to go into a city, book the film, advertise it and play the date, thus cutting out the usual distribution thru film agencies.

Brothers, Joseph Varney, Daley and Green, Three Jeannettes, Harry Fisher, Minstrel Morris and Charlie Mackle for the free entertainment, and Sweet Adeline, Carrie Holt, Tiny and Rico for the side-show.

### MARY YOUNG ENGAGED

New York, Feb. 23.—In anticipation of the withdrawal of Clare Eames from "Fashions" in order to play Lady Macbeth with the Equity Players, the management of the Provincetown Playhouse announces that it has added Mary Young to the resident company and that it will undertake an experiment in alternating roles after the method adopted by the Moscow Art Theater. During next week Miss Young will play the part of Mrs. Tiffany every other night, alternating with Miss Eames, and the week following Helen Freeman, who now plays Miss Seraphina Tiffany, will change places with Miss Young. Thus the two actresses will play mother and daughter on successive nights. This departure from the usual fashion of casting plays in this country will mark another experiment for the Provincetown Playhouse along progressive lines.

### PHENOMENA IN CUBA

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 21.—Phenomena, the Man With the X-Ray Eyes, will open a two-week engagement at the Payret Theater and then play the interior for two or more weeks, it was announced here today. From Cuba he will likely go on to the West Indies, it was stated.

### EDDIE BUZZELL UNATTACHED

New York, Feb. 22.—A recent report has it that Eddie Buzzell is to appear in a new musical show under the management of Louis Werba, producer of "Adrienne". Buzzell was last seen in "The Town Clown", which met with ill success as a Chicago attraction.

### "PATCHES" HAS NEW CAST

New York, Feb. 23.—When "Patches" is exhibited at the Playhouse in Chicago next week Joseph Graham's new drama will be vested with a cast somewhat different from the one seen during the recent try-out engagement in Washington. The play will be presented by Harold Halstead in association with Lester Bryant, manager of the Playhouse. The principal roles will be in the hands of Judith Anderson, Alphonse Ethier and Arline Bronson.

### NEW BILL FOR VILNA TROUPE

New York, Feb. 23.—The Vilna Troupe will offer its third bill tonight at the Thomashefsky playhouse in West Forty-fourth street, the drama being Peretz Hirshbeim's "Green Fields". The play is described as "a village idyll", and the cast will comprise Leiser Zeligson, Lea Naomi, Frida Vitalin, Sholom Tamin, Moses Feder, Joseph Greenberg, Bella Blerina, Pola Walter, Chaim Schneider, Miriam Velde and Alexander Asio.

### LEAVES CIVIC OPERA COMPANY

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Cyrena Van Gordon is considering an offer from Edward Ziegler, assistant manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and will not sing with the Chicago Civic Opera Company next season, it was reported today. Dr. S. B. Munns, her husband, pointed out that her contract with the Chicago organization had expired and that she was consequently a free agent.

### BARD'S KIN IN "TOPICS"

New York, Feb. 22.—Arthur Bard, nephew of Ben Bard, of Bard and Pearl, made his Winter Garden debut last night in two dancing roles in "Topics of 1923". He has been seen until recently in vaudeville.

### MISS HINES MAKES DEMANDS

New York, Feb. 22.—Several managements have approached Elizabeth Hines with a view to starring her in a new musical production. Shortly after closing with "Little Nellie Kelly" Miss Hines was offered the prima donna role in "Peg o' My Dreams", to be presented this spring by Richard A. Herndon, but negotiations were called off when the actress mentioned a salary of four figures. The Shuberts also made overtures to Miss Hines and were ready to accede to her demand for \$1,000 a week to sing the leading musical version of "The Road to Yesterday". However, the management frowned on the contract as drawn up by Miss Hines' attorneys because of the sliding scale that was attached to her salary.

### CHANGES IN "WOMAN HUNTER"

New York, Feb. 22.—The cast of "The Woman Hunter", an adaptation by Benjamin F. Glazer of Lewis Stollen's European play, has recently undergone two important changes. Gail Kane will be seen in the leading feminine role, while James L. Crane will appear opposite her. The production is now showing in Baltimore, with Washington and Chicago to follow. Others in the company are Charlotte Walker, Norval Kredwell and Marcia Byron.

### ARTIST KNOWN SOCIALLY

New York, Feb. 23.—The stage settings for "Grounds for Divorce", the new Frohman production, have been conceived by Clara Fargo Thomas, well known socially and the wife of Joseph H. Thomas. The initial presentation will take place at the Apollo Theater, Atlantic City, next week, with Ina Claire as star. It will be shown in Washington the week following and from there the production will move on to Chicago, where it is booked indefinitely.

# PROVINCETOWN PLAYERS LEASE GREENWICH VILLAGE THEATER

## Nearly Half of \$20,000 Stock Subscription Pledged—Mary Blair To Appear Opposite Negro Actor in "All God's Chillun Got Wings"

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—With over \$8,000 of initial stock subscription of \$20,000 already pledged, the Provincetown Players plan to take over the Greenwich Village Theater on an extended lease for the presentation of a repertoire of new plays and revivals, according to an announcement made by Kenneth Macgowan, director of the Provincetown Playhouse, after a special performance of "Fashions" there yesterday.

"Fashions" is to be transferred to the Greenwich Village Theater April 1, while Eugene O'Neill's "All God's Chillun Got Wings" will be put on at the Playhouse. The repertory under consideration consists of "The Saint", by Stark Young; "King Hanger", adapted from the Russian; a revival of a Gilbert-Sullivan opera in the style of the eighties, several Shakespearean comedies, and revivals of several plays that failed on Broadway and believed to have possibilities. Among the contributors to the fund were Mrs. Willard Straight with a contribution of \$2,500 and Otto Kahn with \$1,000. Macgowan said that the players hope ultimately to buy the Greenwich Village Theater and raise the salaries of actors appearing in Provincetown plays, who now only receive from ten to seventy dollars weekly, those including Broadway stars.

He also confirmed the report that Mary Blair, who is now appearing in "Fashions", would take the leading feminine role, that of Ella, a white girl, who marries a Negro, in Eugene O'Neill's latest drama. Paul Robson, Negro actor, will play opposite Mary Blair.

O'Neill and his co-directors, as well as Miss Blair, have stated in response to numerous protests that the play is a work of art and that art knows no racial basis. In the course of the play Ella kisses a hand of her husband. It is understood that the role of Ella was first offered to Helen MacKellar and that she accepted, with the proviso that the Negro role be played by a white actor "blacked up". Miss MacKellar withdrew, it is reported, when she learned that a Negro had been chosen for the part.

### DRESSING ROOM CLUB MEMBERS IN CLEVER IMPERSONATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Some clever impersonations were given by members of the Dressing Room Club last night at the annual entertainment of the club at the New Star Casino. Among those who took part were J. Wesley Hill, the dean of Negro picture actors; Marion Moore, Leigh Whipper, Lilla Hawkins, Saddle Warren, Dora Dean, Mattie Wilkes, Ollie Flowers, Tom Fletcher, Joe Simms, "Kid" Ames, Copeland and Jones, Amanze Richardson, George Carlin, A. C. Brooks, Paul Sullivan, Shipp and Hill, Anthony Byrd, Nettie Anderson, George Stamper, Billy Andrews, Green and Burnet, Tommy Woods, Griff Wilson, Newell Moss and the Hyron Brothers, all under the direction of Aubrey Lyles of "Runnin' Wild". This phase of the program was concluded with a picture effect by that company as being the most modern in Negro theatricals. A minstrel parade about the room by those minstrel members of the club was the unique feature. Flornoy Miller then took charge of the circus offering and introduced Daibina, the contortionist and acrobat; the Skating Hamiltons, the Eight Blue Demons, the Apollo Trio, and the Bohn Gymnasts.

The attendance was little over 600, and from a financial standpoint the event was not a success. But the club has gone on record as having provided the northern end of the town with the most unusual entertainment that has been offered in years. Fred Simpson's Monarch Band provided the music. The early minstrel life of its director was readily traceable in the music.

### LINDERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Vienna, Feb. 23.—Max Linder, moving picture comedian, and his wife were found in a hotel room here this morning in what was at first believed to be a dying condition. It was later ascertained that they had taken an overdose of a sleeping powder. They are recovering. The overdose was accidentally taken, a statement issued later in the day said.

### MILLER HUGGINS GOES IN THEATER BUSINESS

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 23.—Miller Huggins, manager of the New York Yankees, announces the purchase of a large tract of ground in an exclusive residential section of St. Petersburg, on which he intends to build a theater, seating 3,000, before next winter.

### EMPLOYMENT IN NEW YORK 1 PER CENT OFF

New York, Feb. 23.—Employment in the State of New York dropped in January about one per cent below January of last year, according to a statement issued this week by Industrial Commissioner Bernard L. Shientag of the State Department of Labor.

"The unemployment reports from New York City indicated a slight improvement over the situation in December," the bulletin says.

It also states that a decline is usual because of the letup in industries that have been very active for Christmas production and because of inventories. The three successive decreases in November, December and January have now brought the level of employment somewhat lower than it was in January of last year when better showings were made for the two previous months.

Commissioner Shientag also reports that the mild weather has made it possible to keep up building and other outside work which ordinarily is very slack during January and following winter months.

### "GRAVEYARDING" SONGS

#### Artistes Notified To Refrain From Singing Certain Numbers

Efforts of the Keith management to "graveyard" popular songs that have had their big inning were announced last week when signs were posted back stage in houses on the circuit notifying artistes to refrain from using certain numbers, among them "Mama Loves Papa", "Sittin' in a Corner" and "Last Night on the Back Porch". The notice reads: "These songs are passe. Don't use them." The signs are large and additional titles will be added from week to week.

The "song graveyard" idea is not new. As far back as 1900 managers of various houses employed it. At that time the Academy of Music in Reading, Pa., had a large wall sign back stage with tombstones and other cemetery embellishments pictured above a list of songs. On either side of the title were the date of the song's birth and demise.

### \$500,000 THEATER FOR ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 23.—Plans have been practically completed for the erection of a \$500,000 theater and office building on First avenue, north. It was announced, following a business session with representatives of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, which will arrange for a 25-year lease on the theater. Ground for the theater will be broken next month, and it is planned to have the house in operation by January 1, 1925.

tion open after seven at night because of the competition of Luna Amusement Park. The government states, however, that the exhibition will be open from 11 a. m. to 10 at night, so that finishes that. But other theatrical managers are not so afraid of competition.

# BUSINESS RECORDS

## NEW INCORPORATIONS

### Delaware

Western Enterprises Corp., New York, motion pictures, \$200,000.

### Illinois

Parish Amusement Co., Chicago, to establish and maintain amusement affairs, bazaars and shows, \$10,000; M. J. Connelly, J. D. Watts, M. B. Morris.

Monterey Theater, Chicago, to conduct a moving picture and vaudeville theater business, \$20,000; Wm. Murphy, Abraham Rotblatt, W. B. Armstrong and S. P. Gorman.

Grand Recreation Co., East St. Louis, to operate an amusement pavilion; A. C. Fritz, E. J. Moser, Maurice Clancy.

### Maine

Colonial Corporation, Portland, to furnish entertainment thru concerts, lectures, theatrical shows, movies, etc.; 1,200 shares of \$100 par value; M. F. Foster, M. G. O'Neill and A. B. Farnham.

### New York

Clementon Amusement Co., Camden County, amusement enterprise, \$100,000.

Newark Stadium Company, Inc., Newark, amusement enterprises, athletic exhibitions, \$300,000.

Passion Play Productions, Manhattan, 500 shares preferred stock, \$100 each; 1,000 common, no par value; C. Reinking, M. H. Reuben, Riversend, Manhattan, general amusement, \$20,000; B. and H. O. Kusell, J. Kendler, Arthur Housman Pictures, Manhattan, films;

200 shares Class A preferred stock, \$100 each; 400 Class B preferred, \$50 each; active capital, \$50,000; C. Winthrop, A. Housman, H. Kalman, Mimar Theater Co., Queens, \$10,000; S. E. Harwitz, M. M. Willens, F. Golding.

Madina Pictures, Manhattan, \$100,000; E. Dinapoli, L. I. Malsell, J. J. Halligan.

Bayshore Beach, Bayshore, 200 shares common stock, no par value; L. Silverman, A. R. Zeltchick, F. Davis.

Leland Music Publishing Co., Albany, \$25,000; J. E. Tarsches, S. R. Boleclair, A. Klein.

Progressive Poster Exchange, Manhattan, motion picture advertising, \$5,000; L. and R. Weinzimer, H. E. Gert.

S. I. D., Manhattan, theaters, 100 shares common stock, no par value; L. and A. Mintz, D. A. Weil.

Sonneman Music Co., Manhattan, \$5,000; S. Sonneman, N. Miller, P. R. Kaufman.

### Ohio

The Palace Theater Co., Canton, \$35,000; George H. Clark, T. Whitsel, M. Tucker, A. Zimmerman and A. C. Barthelmeu.

## INCREASES

Hippodrome Amusement Co., Seattle, Wash., increasing capital stock from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

## DISSOLUTIONS

The Arc Amusement Co., of Crawfordsville, Ind., has filed certificates of preliminary dissolution.

# Theatrical Rest Room Concert-Ball Success

## Large Hall Crowded Despite Disagreeable Weather—Pageant Big Feature

New York, Feb. 23.—The success of the first semi-annual concert and ball of the New York Theatrical Rest Room and Emergency Service held Wednesday night at the Palm Garden was due largely to the untiring efforts of Lillian MacKinnon, president, who personally took the reins and put it over without a hitch.

She held on one of the most disagreeable nights of the winter, the large hall was crowded before the first number on the program was presented. Warren Salisbury's Society Orchestra occupied the pit and after two splendid overtures, Kuy Kendall, as stage manager, rang up the curtains and delivered an array of talent that would have done credit to any metropolitan stage.

Jack Harris, attired in his Scottish regalia, opened the bill and went over big with his singing and musical selections. Closely following were Jeanette Shelden, the midget vamp; Little May Farley, Gipsy Rhoumaji, Louis Hart, Sibylla Rowhan, Tom Hannon, Lorraine and Morrovelino, Dixie Doll, child movie marvel; Swan Wood, Lillian Rookley, Marion Kosloski, Zareta Des Champs, Master Paul Jones and Kuy Kendall, the last named closing the first half with a fine dancing turn.

The spacious hall was then cleared for dancing, and at midnight the pageant, under direction of Kuy Kendall, was begun.

The singing of the Rest Room Chant by Pauline Hatchett, was followed by a repetition of the same by the ensemble, and in turn Ada Forman, assisted by Dan McCarthy, presented a Japanese dance, which would go big on any bill; Mr. and Mrs. Denis De L'Amour in a pleasingly presented tango number, Gipsy Rhoumaji, as the Waltz Girl, and La Sylph and ballet in terpsichorean novelties.

Immediately after the hour the spotlight was turned upon the guests of the evening who were introduced in turn. They included Mrs. Governor Pinchot and daughter, of Pennsylvania; Lady Diana Manners, Alice Delysia, Mary May, Anne Elstner, Betty Blythe, Leon Gordon, author of "White Cargo"; Richard Barthelmess, Kerette Allen, Hal Skelly, Lillian MacKinnon, who at this stage was presented with a large bouquet of roses by Harry Waltzer, president, and a committee from the New York Newsboys and Newsdealers' Association, and Dr. McCall Anderson, honorary president and physician-in-chief of the New York Rest Room and Emergency Service.

The inclement weather caused many celebrities, who volunteered to assist, to remain away, but a more enjoyable evening could not have been tendered those who ventured out in the support of this very worthy cause.

The officers of the Rest Room are: Lillian MacKinnon, president and treasurer; Dr. McCall Anderson, honorary president; Ernest E. Pollack, first vice-president; Thomas Price, second vice-president; Kuy Kendall, second acting vice-president; Cordelia MacKinnon, assistant treasurer; Carlton M. Hub, secretary, and Sidney O. Beauregard, assistant and recording secretary.

Patrons of the ball included Lady Diana Manners, Lady McCall Anderson, Hon. Ogden L. Mills, Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Hon. Carl Sherman, Dean J. H. Randolph Ray, Lionel Barrymore, Princess Matabelli, Rev. William Wilkinson, Rev. Father Leonard, Earl Carroll, Florence Moore, Alice Delysia, Richard Bennett, Elsie DeWolfe and Leo Carrillo.

## THURSTON'S BIG BUSINESS

The showmanship and popularity of Howard Thurston, the magician, was evidenced last week in Cincinnati when his show played to turnaway business at eleven performances at the Grand Opera House, grossing close to \$15,000. Except that an extra matinee was given on Washington's Birthday the week's business is typical of that being done by the Thurston show this season.

In addition to what is perhaps the most attractive line of special paper used by any indoor attraction, Thurston also encourages patronage thru clippings with local papers on his articles on the art of magic and by speaking on the radio. Last week he delivered three talks from Station WLW. The scaling of popular admission prices to another boosting item. His great entertainment in itself, of course, is the principal box-office magnet.

During the middle of the week, when all seats for remaining performances were sold, Thurston visited leading Cincinnati hospitals and radiated cheer to patients with performances in wards.



THE NEW PLAYS ON BROADWAY

LYRIC THEATER, NEW YORK
Beginning Tuesday Evening, February 19, 1924

CHARLES CAPEHART Presents
ELEANOR PAINTER

"THE CHIFFON GIRL"

A Romantic Musical Comedy
Book by Geo. Murray, Music and Lyrics by Carlo and Sanders (Composers of Tanagerino). Staged by Everett Butterfield. Dances and Ensembles by Bert French

CAST
(In the order of appearance)
The Spider.....Leah May
Tough Boy.....William Green
Maro Navarro.....George Reinherr
Edwage Lewis.....John Park
Pete Lewis.....Gladys Miller
Tonita Rovelli.....Eleanor Painter
Tim Delaney.....Shirley Farrell
Woodsey.....Frank Deane
Specialty Dancers.....St. Layman, Helen King
Lieutenant Dickie Stevens.....James E. Sullivan
Premier Dausseau.....Mlle. P. M. Jeffrey
Ladies of the Ensemble.....Amy Atkinson, Sylvia Shaw, Hope Minor, Murray Cannon, Emma Ramsey, Marion Vase, Helen Jackson, Anita Monroe, Ethel Guerdar, Rose Adair, Rita Kirvitt, Myrtle Gliden, Charlotte Davis, Ethel Moore, Marguerite Miller and Ellen Rose.
Gentlemen of the Ensemble.....Billy M. Green, Jack Scholl, Lehman Byck, Warren Bassette, George F. Brown, Frank Callahan, Louis Brown, J. C. Ames and Arthur Viall.

It is a bit disappointing to see such a splendid singer as Eleanor Painter wasting her talents in such a piffling musical show as "The Chiffon Girl". Here is a singer, one of the very few we have, who is perfectly at home in comic opera. She needs big bravura songs to display her voice and all she is given in this piece is the ordinary musical number. There are many other singers who would have done them quite as well, whereas she can sing music that would tax the ability of all but the very best. I call this sheer waste of talent.

Miss Painter, tho, does serve to make "The Chiffon Girl" a bit more enjoyable than it would be without her presence in the cast. To tell the truth, it is a very dull musical show. The book is extremely boring and I have yet to find out what it is all about. The music is by far the best part of the show. It is melodious in a conventional way and has plenty of snap. The ensemble dancing is nothing out of the ordinary; in fact, compared with many other shows in town, it is distinctly poor. The comedy might be called such, but it would be libeling a desirable, tho scarce, commodity.

In the face of these handicaps the members of the cast do as well as they can. Why Frank Doane was cast as an Englishman is beyond me. He is just about as English as chop suey is. Mr. Doane is a funny man under ordinary circumstances and I can hardly believe that such a seasoned comedian chose to portray this character as an Englishman. It must have been the choice of someone else. All I can say is that their judgment is lamentably poor. Mr. Doane has my sympathies.

George Reinherr, a singer with a pleasant voice, had little to do and did it well; Gladys Miller tried hard, but lacked vivacity; John Park danced well enough and handled his part with not a little skill; James E. Sullivan injected some fun into the proceedings by unctuous playing; and Leah May did exceptional work in an ungrateful part. Mlle. P. M. danced her toes and St. Layman and Helen King presented their familiar dancing specialty. The latter are excellent whirlwind dancers.

Compared with the average Broadway musical show "The Chiffon Girl" does not look right in either costuming or scenery. Perhaps we have grown accustomed to an excessive richness in both these departments; perhaps anything less than the ultra-lavish looks dull. It can truthfully be said that "The Chiffon Girl" is neither rich nor lavish.

A dull musical comedy.
GORDON WHYTE.

Morley Smith.....Stephen Wright
Richard Grosvenor.....Guy Millon
Nancy Fitzgerald.....Kay Harrison
Tommy Page.....Maurice Burke
Ethel Barbour.....Marie Blanche
Simmons.....Albert Marsh
Lorna De Puyster.....Ruth Darby
Clyde Hewitt.....Phyllis Earle
Peter Sinclair.....Arthur E. Seger
Stephen Dallas.....George W. Howard
Helen Morrison.....Clara Moores
ACT I.—Stella Dallas' Apartment in Milhampton, Mass., Summer. (A week elapses.)
ACT II.—Mrs. Morrison's House on Long Island. (Several months elapse.)
ACT III.—Stella Dallas' Apartment in Boston. (The curtain will be lowered during this act to denote a lapse of six weeks.)

As a piece of stage entertainment "Stella Dallas" doesn't earn a passing mark. Since it happens to bring Mrs. Lebbe Carter back to the theater after an absence of several seasons, the play—or more correctly, Mrs. Carter herself—will undoubtedly attract considerable numbers from her large following. There are quite a few people who will go to see any play in which Mrs. Carter appears, because they take it for granted that anything this noted actress does is worth seeing. And it is. But these numbers are comparatively small and even Mrs. Carter will find it a difficult task to put "Stella Dallas" into the favor of the play-going masses who make popular hits possible. For, after all, the play itself is the main thing, and a good story adequately told by a competent cast will go a much longer distance than inferior material exalted by the choicest artistry.

The shortcomings in "Stella Dallas" are chiefly due to the selection of materials, the manner in which they are mixed and spread, a framework of insufficient strength and poor acting in some joints in the machinery. Parlor comedy runs headlong into melodrama, burlesque cloaks a treatise on sociology and satire peeks in upon farce. All are there, but they are not applied with hands that know the technique and consequently most of the effects are frustrated. No roars of laughter are provided, no tears are brought to the eyes. The play does not go deep. Mrs. Carter's radiant presence keeps the first two acts alive most of the time, but the third is clumsily manipulated, draggy and disconcerting. And the ending falls flat.

Mrs. Carter makes the role of Stella Dallas glamorously interesting despite its failings. The most delightful moments are when she is on the stage, and there are some dull stretches when she is off. Of the other players, all of whom do justice to their opportunities, Edward G. Robinson gives the most notable portrayal. Except for the fact that his youth shines right thru a rather obvious makeup, Robinson makes the character of Ed Munn a real one. Beatrice Moreland scores some good comedy points and Margaret Hawkins is sufficiently appealing as the daughter. The direction has done its best with the heterogeneous elements, forced exits and entrances and other handicaps.

For those who are satisfied with seeing Mrs. Carter, "Stella Dallas" will serve; but those who also look for a play of a caliber befitting the star will be disappointed.
DON CARLE GILLETTE.

WHAT THE NEW YORK CRITICS SAY

"The Chiffon Girl" (Lyric Theater)

WORLD: "There is as little fun in the show as in any musical comedy brought out all season."

TIMES: "Of those who contributed to the entertainment, only the composer has done a worthy job."

SUN-GLOBE: "What will probably be remembered (as long as it is remembered at all) as one of the dullest musical comedies."

POST: "Eleanor Painter scored a personal triumph in a moderately entertaining musical comedy."

NEW BOSTON PLAYS

SELWYN THEATER, BOSTON
Beginning Monday Evening, February 18, 1924
THE SELWYNS Present

MRS. LESLIE CARTER

"STELLA DALLAS"

A Play by Gertrude Purcell and Harry Wagstaff Gribble
From the Novel by Olive Higgins Prouty
Staged by Priestly Morrison
(The people as you meet them)

Effie.....Beatrice Moreland
Laurel Dallas.....Margaret Hawkins
Mrs. Kay Bird.....Mathilde Darling
Mrs. Holland.....Almeda Fowler
Ed Munn.....Edward G. Robinson
Stella Dallas.....Mrs. Leslie Carter

MORE NEW PLAY REVIEWS ON PAGE 36

HOFMANN IS INJURED

London, Feb. 23.—Josef Hofmann, noted pianist, was knocked down and slightly bruised by an automobile in Regent street today. No serious injury resulted and it is not expected that the accident will interfere with his recitals here next week.

NEW FILM MANAGER

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—F. G. Sitter, theatrical and motion picture man, has been appointed manager of the Seattle office of the Associated First National Pictures, Inc., with jurisdiction over the Northwestern States. He was formerly an advance agent for stage shows.

PAULINE SEYMOUR



Pauline Seymour, actress-dramatist, is returning home after studying European methods in the theater for six months. She is bringing one of the big successes of the season in Paris, which she has adapted.

ATKINS PRODUCES "FAUST"

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—At the Royal Victoria Hall, Wednesday, Robert Atkins produced Goethe's "Faust", somewhat curtailed in the workmanlike adaptation by Tristan Rawson. It is a very ambitious laudable venture, and was accorded a lively reception. Only the zeal and skill of Atkins and his company made possible the realization of the ambition of the management to give Goethe's own play, not another clipped from the original.

John Swinley, despite a tendency to slowness, made a most impressive and eloquent Faust. Jane Bacon expressed tragic harmonies more strongly, but was less successful with the happier passages. George Hayes as Mephistopheles was a new revelation of this actor's delicacy, power and unflinching theatrical sense. Hayes embodied Goethe's own conception of the quiescence of cynicism, but was human withal.

Atkins did wonders with the material available.

CO-OPTIMISTS SPLIT

London, Feb. 21 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Co-Optimists have split. Archibald De Baer has resigned the directorship of the company, of which he was one of the original founders and the brain behind the concern, owing to differences of opinion with the company and one other director, Clifford Whitley, over the division of profits.

De Baer may start another company. He claims a copyright on the title Co-Optimists.

"THE AUDACIOUS MR. SQUIRE"

London, Feb. 21 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Bromley Chalmers produced Sidney Bowkett and Edot Stannard's very saucy farce entitled "The Audacious Mr. Squire", at the Criterion, Tuesday, himself playing the crook title part. C. M. Lowe and Grizelda Hervey enlivened an otherwise drab show by their graceful, resourceful performances.

HARDY PLAYERS PRESENT TRAGEDY

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Hardy Players appeared twice Thursday on invitation of the Society of Dorser Men. Thomas Hardy's "The Famous Tragedy of the Queen of Cornwall" was presented, also several West Country pieces by the amateur company, all of which were well received.

TALLULAH BANKHEAD IN "CONCHITA", KNOBLOCK PLAY

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Tallulah Bankhead has a big leading part in the new Knoblock play "Conchita", due shortly at the Queen's Theater, Basil Dean producing.

FOUND GUILTY OF EXTORTION

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—Herman L. Roth, Hollywood attorney, was found guilty late yesterday of extorting money from Arthur Sawyer, attorney for Barbara La Marr, film star. It required but eight minutes for the jury to arrive at a verdict. Roth was charged with attempting to extort \$20,000 from Miss La Marr.

BRITISH NOTABLES AT V. A. B. F. DINNER

London, Feb. 24 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Earl of Birkenhead made good a chairman at the V. A. B. F. dinner given at the Hotel Cecil, more than one hundred ailing down to the repast, including Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gilchrist, Joe Elyin, founder of Brits worth; Joe O'Herman, founder of the V. A. B. F.; Billy Merson, Fred Russell, James Sanger Joe Woodrow, Ernest Edelsten, George H. Elliott, Arthur Atteley, Albert Vowce, Mont. Baily, Jack Edge, Harry Preston of Brighton, Billy Reeves and others.

Sir Oswald Stoll donated \$1,000 to the V. A. B. F., Alfred Butt \$250, and Moss Empire \$2,500. Harry Tate made a humorous speech in proposing a toast to the House of Commons. Collingwood Hughes, M. P., parliamentary chairman of the Entertainment Tax Abolition League, responded felicitously.

Total donations to the V. A. B. F. were just over \$5,000, mostly contributed by nonprofessionals, despite the vigorous speech by Joe O'Herman to his fellow artists.

DETROIT M. P. COMPANY IS SUED FOR TWO DEBTS

President of Company Says That Sale of His First Production Will Settle Difficulty

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 22.—The Detroit Motion Picture Company, of which Frank I. Talbot is president, finds itself in financial difficulties as the result of small outstanding accounts, which it is unable to pay to its creditors. A judgment for \$384.22 has already been awarded in favor of the Englander Company, and Kenneth Harlan, star in the company's first production, is suing for alleged back salary to the extent of \$1,041.29.

In discussing the affairs of the company of officials stated that the company's original \$500,000 capital had been exhausted and that the firm had outstanding debts that totaled approximately \$15,000. They said that the company was solvent and that all the difficulties would be cleared up provided Mr. Talbot managed to sell the company's first production, "Mary". He has gone to New York with the purpose in view. The cost of producing the picture was \$150,000. It was stated.

The company was supported largely by prominent society people, who it is alleged, bought most of the company's \$500,000 stock. Prominent Detroit manufacturers and businessmen were also on the list.

Talbot has expressed the belief that little difficulty in marketing the film will be encountered and he has said that the company intends to continue producing in Detroit.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA HONORED

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—During the intermission in the concert here of his band, John Philip Sousa, member of the Shrine Temple in Washington, D. C., was presented with a handsome engraved membership card of pure gold and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Alce Temple Shrine Band played a selection of which Sousa was the author and with him acting as director. Potentate R. B. Hubert of Alce Temple said that the members of the Alce Temple band appreciated his courtesy in inviting them to attend the concert as his guests, and that they desired to show some gratitude for his invitation.

AL JOLSON ADOPTS BABY

Youngstown, O., Feb. 23.—When Al Jolson played here recently he heard of a baby which had been abandoned in the same hotel at which he was stopping. The child had been placed in a suitcase and its mouth was sealed with strips of adhesive tape so it could not make an outcry. When Jolson heard of the outrage he announced that he would adopt the baby if the local authorities were willing. There was no objection, of course, so Jolson engaged a nurse for the infant and had it taken to a home in New York, where it is now being cared for. It's a boy and his name is Youngstown Jolson.

HARRIS BUYS LARGE ESTATE

New Canaan, Conn., Feb. 23.—William Harris, Jr., New York theatrical manager, has bought Sunset Lodge, a 100-acre estate here that was valued at \$125,000. It is said that he plans to use it as an all-year home.

SUNDAY MOVIES APPROVED

Washington, Ind., Feb. 23.—The City Council here authorized Sunday moving picture shows. Mayor McCarthy's vote broke a tie on the question of an ordinance forbidding such performances on Sundays.



ORPHEUM ISSUES BALANCE SHEET

Total Assets Are Given as More Than \$52,000,000

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The consolidated balance sheet of the Orpheum Circuit, Inc., and subsidiaries for 1923 is out. Tangible assets are listed at \$41,817,295.79, intangible assets \$18,204,712.29. The intangible assets are classified as good will, contracts and booking agreements. Tangible assets are land, buildings and equipment, furniture and fixtures, and lease deposits. Current assets are given at \$1,897,007.69. Loans to employees for purchase of capital stock in the company \$68,338.71. Deferred charges are given at \$181,851.77. Total \$60,989,808.04.

The statement shows \$6,752,000 of preferred eight per cent cumulative stock issued and outstanding on the authorized capital stock of \$20,000,000. \$549,170 of the common stock has been issued and is outstanding on the authorized \$1,000,000 of such stock. The capital surplus is \$31,251,099.53. The earned surplus for the year is \$1,530,683.60.

KING BAGGOT RESIGNED BY UNIVERSAL

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—That King Baggot has signed a contract for another year with Universal at a flattering increase in salary as the result of recognition of his directorial efforts during the past year was made public this week. He is just putting the finishing touches on "The Inheritors" with Mary Philbin and an all-star cast. It is heralded as one of the most pretentious productions Universal has ever attempted and Baggot has been given carte blanche to make the L. A. R. Wylie story into a spectacular screen drama.

Baggot is one of the pioneers of the picture business, altho still a young man. He was Mary Pickford's first co-star when they both were under contract to Carl Laemmle and his Imp organization. For the past few years Baggot has cast aside his grease paint in favor of the directorial megaphone and his productions have always been in the ranks of the "best sellers".

TO TRANSFER "CHIFFON GIRL"

New York, Feb. 23.—"The Chiffon Girl", the new musical comedy in which Eleanor Palmer is starring, will be transferred from the Lyric Theater March 3 to Johnson's Fifty-Ninth Street Theater. Charles Capenhart's production replaces the Moscow Art Players, which are looked for a tour of the principal cities.

New York, Feb. 22.—Joseph Lortora has replaced George Reimherr as the leading tenor of "The Chiffon Girl" at the Lyric Theater. Lortora originally played the role during the try-out engagement of the production, but was succeeded by Reimherr, a former concert singer.

RAID ON SILVER SLIPPER

Van and Schenck Deny They Are Part Owners of Restaurant

New York, Feb. 23.—Gus Van and Joe Schenck appeared before United States Commissioner Reyle today as the result of a liquor raid on the Silver Slipper Restaurant in West 48th street, near Broadway, and were held in \$500 bond each for a hearing March 11. The vandeville headlines, arraigned with three waiters employed in the restaurant, denied that they were part owners of the place as reputed, declaring that they were only performers there. A large quantity of liquor was seized by the dry agents.

REISSUE MIX FILM

New York, Feb. 23.—"Pal's in Blue", the Exclusive feature with Tom Mix starred, is being reissued. The picture has been retitled and re-edited by Frank P. Duvoisin and Jack Weisberg and is in five reels. It is for the State-right market and the Exclusive Features, Inc., promises the independent buyers something unusual in a reissue with this feature.

DAVIS WINS TEST CASE OF TEXAS TENT SHOW BILL

The Billboard received the following telegram from Bert Davis, from Abilene, Tex., at 7 p.m. Monday, February 25, just in time to catch this issue: "My test case of the Texas Tent Show Bill has been won. Fifth Court of Civil Appeals rendered decision in my favor Saturday. Our next step is to prevent a new law just as unjust being passed. I was backed in the fight by the Southwest Tent Show Managers' Association."

MOSCOW ART THEATER

Going to London Following American Tour

New York, Feb. 25.—The Moscow Art Theater is scheduled to appear this late spring for the first time in London under the management of Morris Gest and Charles B. Cochran. In the meantime the Russian troupe, after the conclusion of its New York engagement next Saturday night, will fill an American tour, including engagements in Newark, Brooklyn, Washington, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Montreal.

\$200,000 DAMAGE BY FIRE

To Hemple Theater Building at Kane, Pa.

Kane, Pa., Feb. 25.—Damages estimated at \$200,000 were sustained when fire today destroyed the Hemple Theater Building here. The building also contained the Masonic Temple and a number of stores. Four firemen were injured by falling walls.

CLARK NO LONGER WITH MURPHY

Word has just reached The Billboard from Leslie Brophy, manager of the D. D. Murphy Shows, that Paul L. Clark, general agent, is no longer connected with the Murphy Shows.

RICH A GREAT DRAW

Bloxi, Mass., Feb. 21.—The slide for life performed by Harry Rich during his three-day engagement at the Strand Theater, ending last night, was the most sensational outdoor exhibition presented here. It was a "bally" for his magic and comedy show, which drew jam-up business, the engagement being a repeat. The wire for Rich's daring stunt was stretched several hundred feet from the top of the city's water tower to Washington street. He also took photographs from the top of the water tower for the Chamber of Commerce. They are the first aerial views ever taken of Bloxi.

\$700 FOR LINEN SHOWER FUND

Ladies' Auxiliary of Showmen's League Aids American Hospital

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Showmen's League of America gave a party in the clubrooms Saturday night for the benefit of the linen shower for the American Hospital. About \$700 was raised from the sale of tickets for the fund. Bunco and dancing were the amusement features of the evening.

FRANK VAN DUSEN WROTE IT

THE article, "Qualifications and Preparation Required for Maintaining Artistic Standards in Organ Playing for Motion Pictures", appearing on page 55 of this issue, was written by Frank Van Dusen, A. A. G. O., director of School for Theater Organ Playing of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago. The absence of the by-line was due to an oversight.

LINE O' TWO OF NEWS

New York, Feb. 23.—James V. Ringling, operator of a pit show here during the season, has engaged R. Skello and Mrs. Skello, novelty artists, as one of the features to open May 22. The Skellos are playing indoor events this winter.

New York, Feb. 23.—Alfred Hornberger, promoter Brown & Davis Shows, and Charles F. Watzmuff, general agent, after transacting some business here this week, left town. Mr. Hornberger went in the direction of Miami, Fla. Mr. Watzmuff did not make his designation known.

New York, Feb. 23.—Fred A. Danner is now representing the Fidelity Service, this city, promoters of indoor events.

Passaic, N. J., Feb. 23.—The Theatrical Amusement Entertainers, Inc., now have their home office in this city.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 23.—John Ringling visited the winter quarters of the Ringling-Barnum circus here this week.

New York, Feb. 23.—George H. Black, special agent Sells-Floto Circus last season, has been in and out of this city for the past several weeks on business. He filled the circus boys at the Florida Exposition at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Feb. 23.—George F. Melghan of the Ringling-Barnum Circus and traffic manager of the Ringling railroads, attended the dinner of the New England Traffic Club at Boston this week and also the banquet of the New York Traffic Club. He visited the Florida Exposition and expressed himself as much pleased with the show and its attendance the latter part of the week.

New York, Feb. 23.—Norman (the frogman), novelty vaudeville artist, is back on Broadway after ten weeks on Keith Time. He opened in Atlanta and closed at Lancaster, Pa. last week. On account of the poor health of Mrs. Norman he will remain here a few weeks before taking up his route again.

New York, Feb. 23.—Lew Dufour of the Lew Dufour Carnival, was in this week from Proctor, Mass., on business. Reports it is unlikely a carnival can play the Proctor fair on account of most of the midway space being taken up by concessions.

New York, Feb. 23.—Tod Metz, well-known indoor and outdoor showman, visited the Florida State Exposition here, from Rochester, N. Y., where one of his indoor shows is playing this week.

New York, Feb. 23.—Irving Stern, formerly with J. C. Margolis, and I. M. Keilin, late of Senger & Company, have formed the firm of Stern & Keilin, with headquarters in this city. They will deal in novelties and concession supplies.

New York, Feb. 23.—Samuel McCracken, general manager of the "Great American Circus", was here this week after finishing a most successful indoor event in Philadelphia, Pa. Dur-

ing his stay he visited with John Ringling, Fred Warrel and other showmen at the Florida Exposition, Madison Square Garden. He had a conference with Arthur Jarvis, manager Luna Park, Coney Island, and called on officials of the Beach Booking Exchange. He considered the Florida Exposition for Meteor Square Garden, Pittsburg, but later abandoned the idea. He left for the "Snaky City", in which place he will stage his next indoor circus, to be followed by events in Cleveland and other big centers. During the summer season his shows will again be presented under a big top.

New York, Feb. 23.—Louis Delmore, manager No. 2 side-show with Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, is winning here and working at his profession back stage in one of the city's leading theaters.

New York, Feb. 23.—William R. Hicks left this week for Baltimore to confer with John M. Shovel. He is general agent for the Greater Sheesley Shows.

Coney Island, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Charles Geiser, of Pinto Brothers, this city, is meeting with much success in the sale of miniature rides made by that firm.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Negotiations are now on which may result in a large number of permanent riding devices being installed on the State Fair grounds here.

New York, Feb. 23.—Eddie Madigan and Samuel Serlin, following the close of the Florida State Exposition at Madison Square Garden, will rejoin the Johnny J. Jones Exposition, with which they have many concessions.

New York, Feb. 23.—William Gillet and Ralph W. Smith, associate owners of the Barnard Greater Shows, were in the city from Baltimore, Md., with their general agent, M. B. Golden, for a conference.

New York, Feb. 23.—James T. Clyde was here last week.

New York, Feb. 23.—George W. Traver, of the Traver Chautauqua Corporation, was a recent visitor on Broadway. Left for his winter quarters at Cohoes, N. Y. Looks for a good season.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Leslie A. McCracken, business manager, has been in and out of this city for the past two weeks in the interest of Mystic Clayton and his company of entertainers.

New York, Feb. 23.—H. N. Endy, of the Endy Shows, Tamaqua, Pa., visited this city and environs recently relative to booking attractions for the coming season. He is very much pleased with conditions in the steel section of Pennsylvania and adjoining States.

New York, Feb. 23.—James T. Clyde, one of the best known hotel men of the continent has been chosen resident manager of the Hotel Roosevelt, now nearing completion in this city. This magnificent edifice is one of the chain operated by the United Hotels Company, Inc., of America and can be classed as the

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BOSTON

DON CARLE GILLETTE Room 301 Little Bldg., 80 Boylston St.

Boston, Feb. 22.—The worst storm of the winter hit this section Tuesday night and Wednesday, blanketing the town with about ten inches of snow, which later changed to slush and causing many houses to play to their smallest attendance of the season on Wednesday night. The reaction on Thursday night, however, and the extra matinee on Friday helped to balance the week out favorably. "The Clinging Vine" omitted its Wednesday matinee in view of the two holiday performances.

This Week's Openings

Ethel Barrymore, in "The Laughing Lady", was enthusiastically received upon her appearance at the Walbur, both the play and the players proving likable. Besides Miss Barrymore the cast includes Henry Daniell, Lionel Pope, Wallis Clark, Edward Martyn, Walter Foxe, Virginia Chauveaut, Jane Wheatley, Ethel Karpell and Edna Peckham.

A hearty demonstration of welcome was also accorded Mrs. Leslie Carter, who opened in "Society Ballads" at the Selwyn. This is the play's first metropolitan appearance and it is reviewed in detail under New Plays.

The Berkeley Comedians, at the Arlington Square Theater, have done fairly well with their third production, "Tangerine". In the cast are: George Shields, Charles La Valle, William Ladd, Arthur Simpson, Phil Darbey, Ann McBurn, Gretchen Grant, Alberta Tuttle, Kay Corbett, Alice McKenzie, James Martin and Johnny Fields. Mr. Darbey, who has the leading male role, met with an accident on Wednesday evening. He slipped and sprained an ankle, making it impossible for him to appear in the show. His place was filled by Busby Berkeley, manager of the company, who assumed the role at a few hours' notice.

Changes Next Week

"The Clinging Vine" ends its very successful engagement at the Tremont Theater tomorrow night and the company will close. Alice Brady, in "Zander the Great", comes in next Monday. Earl Carroll's "Vanities" will make way for "The Music Box Revue" at the Colonial. "The Bat" finishes its two-week popular-price run at the Boston Opera House.

An Orchestra Unique

The Eighteenth Century Symphony Orchestra, of which Raffaele Mart no is the originator and conductor, will give four Sunday evening concerts at the St. James Theater, Boston, February 24, March 16, April 6 and May 4. This unique organization of excellent musicians, composed in eighteenth century grand style of ancient music with true old world atmosphere, its "Candle-Light Concerts", presented in Boston June 11, 1922, for the first time in the world, attracted much attention and favorable comment. In addition to the old masterpieces Signor Martino has brought many interesting scores from Europe which he will offer for the first time in this country.

English Channel Swimmer

Henry F. Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., the first American to swim the English Channel, is doing splendidly with his vaudeville act, at present playing "The Toll Time". Sullivan holds quite a number of championships for long-distance swimming and is known to sporting editors far and wide. That makes him good "copy" in all the towns where he appears and, together with the hospitalities shown him by mayors, governors and other prominent personages along his route, Sullivan is having a grand time. Incidentally, he is planning to swim from New York to Atlantic City some time this summer.

Handling Balloon Competition

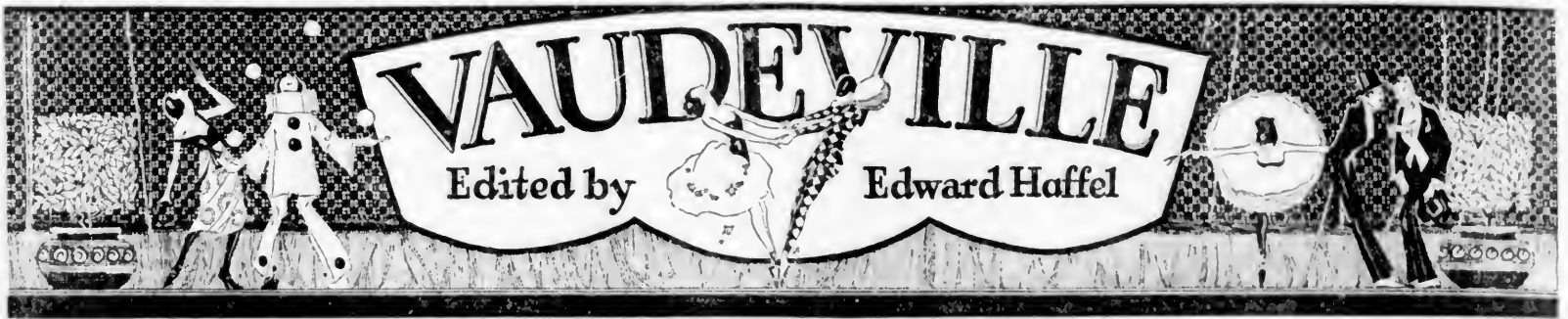
Joe Vion, the grand old advance agent, showman, etc., who among other things was the first agent ahead of Harry Lauder in this country, tells how the balloon sellers with a crew of a out forty years ago used to handle competition from local street men in the towns where the circus played. The men who rode the elephants in the parade always carried a supply of tacks with them. Whenever they passed balloon vendors who did not belong on the circus they would take a mouthful of the tacks and spit them out upon their collection of colored bubbles. Then while the competitors gave vent to their anger and tried to locate the culprit the circus boys hustled around and made sales.

Town Gossip

The country is still being run by the theatrical politicians in the lobby of the Alphin Hotel. Ralph MacDonld is president of the "party" and Jack Griffin vice-president. Lionel Pope, appearing with Ethel Barrymore in "The Laughing Lady", was a member of the Jewett Players here a few years ago. Tremont Theater on the afternoons of March 8 and 9 a musical comedy, entitled "Oh, Roy", will be presented for the benefit of Disabled Veterans. Eugene Ford will direct the production. Anthony Gordon, in an interview before returning to England this week, blamed the Irish for the poor patronage of his production of "Sweet Lavender", which recently passed thru the Selwyn Theater. Maybe so. But how about the failure of this play in Canada? It couldn't have been the Irish that is credited it there. Fannie Rice, who tops the big Cook family in "Fun She Goss" at the Majestic Theater, celebrated a birthday last week. She wouldn't tell which birthday it was. "Secrets", in which Margaret Lawrence starred last season, will be given its first Boston presentation by the Henry Jewett Players within a few weeks.

RETURNS TO "ARTISTS" SHOW

New York, Feb. 22.—Marlie Pettes, who has an important role in "Artists and Models", returned to the cast last night after a brief period of illness. Lorraine Welmer, her understudy, performed so well in her role that she has been permanently assigned to play Mrs. McPhail in the burlesque scene of "Rain".



## Reform of Rehearsal Practice Sought by Vaudeville Artistes

### Group of N. V. A. Members to Seek E. F. Albee's Aid in Doing Away With Long Rehearsals Without Pay

**N**EW YORK, Feb. 25.—A group of National Vaudeville Artistes' members at a meeting held at the clubhouse last Saturday decided to forward at an early date a petition to E. F. Albee, requesting him to use his good offices toward some sort of a reform among unscrupulous and even the well-meaning vaudeville producers who frequently have artistes rehearse for two or three weeks in an act only no recompense for the artistes' efforts.

The measure desired by the artistes is similar to the clause in the Actors' Equity Association contract which provides for payment to a cast that rehearses ten days or more in a show that does not open. Attention to this particular clause was called by an Equity member who was to open in a vaudeville offering that did not materialize to the producer's expectations.

Altho the Actors' Equity Association is now considering the organization of the vaudeville actor, this angle was not thoroly discussed by the N. V. A. members, due, it is said, to the fact that the average vaudevillian is waiting for Equity to do something definite toward this end, which has so far resulted in a complete survey of vaudeville conditions, as printed serially from time to time in The Billboard.

In forwarding their petition to Mr. Albee the artistes propose to make it plain that they do so because they recognize the fact that he is the supreme power capable alone with the Vaudeville Managers' Protective Association of putting thru the helpful measure for the benefit of the rehearsing vaudeville actor, who is at the mercy of many unprincipled agents and producers, not to mention the many legitimate, well-meaning ones who now and then run in hard luck.

At the time the petition was drawn up it was not definitely decided whether to send it to Mr. Albee now or wait until the Keith head returned from his vacation in Florida. In the event that he takes kindly to the request of the vaudeville actors, other minor reforms may be asked that do not involve too radical a disturbance of existing conditions.

### NANCE O'NEIL BOOKED FOR PALACE MARCH 3

New York, Feb. 23.—Nance O'Neil is billed to open at the Palace Theater here March 3 in an Alfred S. Arto playlet, entitled "All the World's a Stage". Her appearance at this house will be followed by a long-time booking over the Keith Circuit.

Marie Nordstrom, who recently returned from Europe, will open her tour of the Keith and Orpheum circuits with a week's appearance in a single at the Palace three weeks hence. Both performers will appear under the management of Evelyn Blanchard.

### RICHMOND THEATER SOLD

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—The Strand Theater here was sold this week. The property has been in litigation for some time and when Jack Wells came to renew his lease, it was found to be legally impossible. In conjunction with W. Greener Neal, he bought the house for \$120,000. Wells' lease expires next month. This makes the sixth house in Wells' string.

### HUGHES BACK IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Jim Hughes, of Hughes and Larado, is back in Chicago after spending some time in New York. While in the metropolis he visited with Eugene O'Neill, playwright.

### THEODORE ROBERTS

Reported Out of Danger

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Theodore Roberts, screen actor, who has been ill here for some time, is now said to be out of danger, and it is further stated that from now on he will show slow but gradual improvement. Immediately before his siege of illness he had been in vaudeville.

### ORPHEUM MANAGER RESIGNS

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 23.—George B. Peck, manager for the past four years of the Orpheum Theater here, has resigned, declaring that he seeks a change from the close confinement of theater management. He will go to Tampa, Fla., to enter business with a relative. Before coming to Des Moines, he was connected with George Sackett and George M. Gatt's in the United Play Company, at Chicago. He has managed theaters in Cedar Rapids and Burlington, Ia., and in Oak Park and Rockford, Ill.

## "PAPA" BARTHOLDI ACCEPTS \$80,000

### Also Annuity in Settlement With Daughters of Wife's \$1,500,000 Estate

New York, Feb. 23.—After three years of wrangling over the \$1,500,000 estate left by "Mamma" Theresa Bartholdi, who for a score of years kept the Bartholdi Inn, a famous boarding house for stage folk, on the site where Loew's State Theater now stands, Louis Bartholdi and his two married daughters reached a settlement this week whereby he will receive \$80,000 in cash and a substantial annuity from the estate as long as he lives.

Shortly after "Mamma" Bartholdi's death, Bartholdi married Josephine Clarkson, former secretary of his first wife. "Papa" Bartholdi sued to have his daughters, Mrs. Pauline Plekenc and Mrs. Edith Ullz, restrained from diverting their mother's estate and to have a receiver appointed. The court refused both requests, and the daughters said their father's action was inspired by his wife, whom they had refused to recognize or entertain.

After a day's conference between Bartholdi and his wife and daughters a settlement was agreed to. Not only did father and daughters kiss and make up, but the latter relented in their attitude toward their stepmother, and all four now plan a holiday in Europe.

"Mamma" Bartholdi died in 1920 and surprised the entire theatrical world by leaving an estate of more than \$1,000,000. Her entire holding included the Princeton Hotel, the site of the old Bartholdi Inn and about thirty parcels on Long Island. When the suit was first filed, it was revealed that the property had been transferred to a corporation, The Bartholdi Associates, with Bartholdi and his two daughters as trustees.

### GEORGE BORGER TO STAGE COMEBACK AS PRODUCER

George F. Borger threatens to re-enter the producing field in Cincinnati, with headquarters in the Sinton Hotel, Cincinnati. Mr. Borger conducted a booking agency, productions company and school of acting for several years, retiring from that line about two years ago in favor of a mercantile business. He said he has completed a troupe with the Bason Banjo Company and is now arranging the routine of a musical act in which the product of the Connecticut concern will be featured. Mr. Borger also said he is writing a special dance number for himself and Peggy Vernon, and is responsible for other specialty numbers to be introduced thruout the act by Miss Vernon. Others engaged are Fred Kuhn, George Webb, Jack Sankamp's nine-piece orchestra, and Anna Hatch, Cincinnati soprano, who will offer vocal selections and assist in musical numbers. Carl Clove and other former banjo pupils of Mr. Borger will probably also join. A special pictorial interior representing a music store will be used. Mr. Borger and Miss Vernon were the guests of Al Johnson when he appeared at the Shubert Theater, Cincinnati, recently.

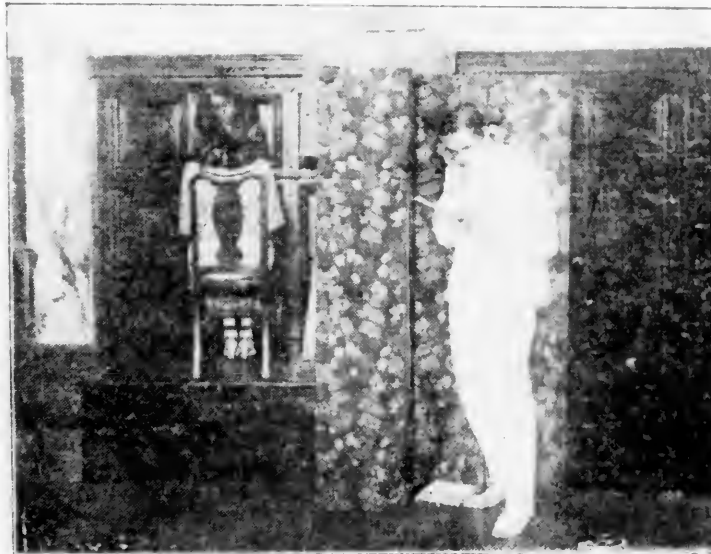
### HISTORIC INN DESTROYED

New York, Feb. 23.—The Park View Inn, at Ocean Parkway and Coney Island avenue, one of Brooklyn's historic roadhouses, was destroyed by fire this week. The damage was estimated at \$100,000. The inn was conducted as a cabaret, where nightly revues were staged, under the management of Henry Almbinder.

### ATTORNEYS SUE AGENTS

New York, Feb. 23.—John J. Collins, erstwhile Keith agent, who testified against the Keith interests in the Max Hart anti-trust suit, and Abe I. Feinberg, agent, are made defendants in an action started against them by Kender & Goldstein, theatrical attorneys, who seek to recover \$300 for professional services rendered.

### LONDON MAGICIANS PUT ZANCIGS TO TEST



Professional magicians cheered a thought transference demonstration by the Zancigs, American mentalists, who underwent a severe test at the Magicians' Club in London recently. Mrs. Zancig was blindfolded and her head covered with a velvet bag. A screen separated her and her husband, but both were visible to the audience. As Mr. Zancig opened a sealed packet Mrs. Zancig described his every movement. Inside the packet he found a large envelope, in which was another envelope, and still another containing a written message. This Mrs. Zancig correctly deciphered.

### MORGAN DANCERS DISBAND

New York, Feb. 25.—The Marlon Morgan Dancers have temporarily disbanded and Miss Morgan left for the Pacific Coast, where she expects to put out a new production shortly. Four of the dancers in the Morgan act are now members of the Sixteen Hippodrome Girls, working under the direction of Allan K. Foster. The Hipp, was the last house played by the Morgan act.

### WAYBURN TO EXPAND "HONEYMOON CRUISE"

New York, Feb. 23.—Ned Wayburn will expand his fifty-minute girl act "Honeymoon Cruise" into a full-length musical show next summer. It is understood that Wayburn has asked the booking office \$3,750 for the act. The booking office is said to have set \$3,500 as the figure to be paid in the two-day houses.

### ROOT SEEKING A CHICAGO LOCATION FOR ACTIVITIES

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Al W. Root, who has been operating theaters in Olean, N. Y., and who was last season with the Butterfield Circuit managing the Majestic, Kalamazoo, Mich., was a Billboard caller this week. He is in Chicago seeking a suitable location or opening for further activities. Mr. Root is also the owner of the "Enigmarelle", mechanical man.

### SOPHIE TUCKER OPENS CLEVELAND RESTAURANT

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—It was announced here this week that Sophie Tucker, vaudeville artiste, has acquired a controlling interest in the Carlton Terrace restaurant here and that the establishment will be renamed the Sophie Tucker Terrace. It was also stated that Miss Tucker will have an active part in the management of the restaurant. The official opening will be the week of March 5 to 11, after which time Miss Tucker will leave Cleveland to finish her contracts. She will return in June.

A letter to The Billboard from Miss Tucker confirmed the above announcement.

### SAMSON RETURNS TO CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Arthur (Doc) Samson, of steel guitar and musical saw fame, is back in Chicago from a tour of Association Time. Some time ago Mr. Samson did two numbers on the radio which were broadcast from station WDAP, Drake Hotel.

### EDNA AUG IN RECITAL

New York, Feb. 23.—Edna Aug is the latest vaudeville headliner to turn to the concert platform. She will give a recital at the Provincetown Playhouse Sunday evening, March 2. Her program will include characterizations she made famous in the two-a-day.



# DECISION IN FAVOR OF N. Y. MUSICIANS PROMISES STRIKE

## If Outlawed Union Wins Suit for Reinstatement Its Members Propose To Settle Old Score With Two-a-Day Managers

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Should the Musical Mutual Protective Union's suit for reinstatement in the American Federation of Musicians, now being tried before Supreme Court Justice Black, result in victory for the outlawed organization, a demand for the readjustment of the musicians' wage scale obtaining in New York vaudeville theaters will, it is understood, be one of the first moves on the part of the M. M. P. U. to come back into its own.

Ever since Joe Weber, president of the A. F. of M., usurped the authority to negotiate wage agreements with the vaudeville theater managements and imposed his settlement upon the local musicians, as brought out in testimony at the trial, the members of the M. M. P. U. have nursed a deep resentment against the managers, whom, they charged, took advantage of the factional fight in progress at the time.

Tony Mulleri testified last week from the witness stand that the musicians accepted Weber's settlement with the vaudeville theater managers under protest, and the president of the M. M. P. U. told how his union was forced to accept the 25 per cent cut imposed by the two-a-day houses two years ago without the federation leader imposing any objection.

Particular resentment is felt by the members of the M. M. P. U. toward a high official of the Keith organization, who, whenever he could, played one union body against the other to gain an advantage, and it is planned to give this Keith official one of the toughest fights of his career. With a court decision in its favor will come an injunction restraining the federation from interfering with the affairs of the M. M. P. U. so that no obstruction in the local's dealing with the vaudeville house managers is expected from that quarter.

### Weber Follower Testifies

The understanding bit of testimony given at the second week of the trial was the statement of George Rubinstein, a musical contractor, who declared that Joe Weber, at the height of the interunion fight, June, 1921, commissioned him to go out and get musicians from any source possible. Weber, the witness said, urged him to "go down to the docks" and take the musicians as "they come off the boats from Europe." In obeying Weber's instructions, Rubinstein said, he was ready at the time to go to any length to enlist musicians, even to "commit a crime," if necessary. So fervent, he said, was his allegiance to the federation president.

Samuel Seabury, conducting the cross-examination for the defense, asked Rubinstein what he meant by the last assertion, and the witness naively explained that he was willing to commit any sort of crime except a "criminal crime." In other words, he was ready to violate all the rules and laws of the federation in carrying out Weber's instructions.

It was brought out on cross-examination that Rubinstein has been tried by the Trial Board of Local 802 on three charges, growing out of an accusation of forgery, and subsequently expelled. He admitted that he had appealed to Weber for a stay of execution, but got no satisfaction. This incident, he assured his interrogator, did not "make him feel sore" against the international's president. However, he added, he had "no particular admiration for the gentleman."

The forgery affair had to do with the endorsing of a check issued by a theater manager and was characterized by the witness as a "framou" by officials of Local 802 in an effort to "railroad" him out of the organization. Seabury's efforts to impeach the witness' credibility by grilling him on the forgery charge led to frequent clashes between opposing counsel.

Tony Mulleri occupied the witness chair six and a half days out of the seven days thus far spent in trying the case. Special stress was laid by Seabury, in his cross-examination of the M. M. P. U. president, upon the employment of Paul Vicerelli as business agent at \$20,000 a year.

Richard L. Halle, a member of the M. M. P. U. and at present chairman of the M. M. P. U. Clubhouse board of Trustees, took the stand Thursday afternoon and testified to several conversations on matters unionistic held with Weber.

**Tells of High-Handed Tactics**  
"I saw Weber," Halle said, "in his office

### OPERATORS PUT BAN ON POLITICIANS' SLIDES

New York, Feb. 23.—The beaming countenances of candidates for political office will not regale the theater-going folks from the screen during the forthcoming elections campaign if the Moving Picture Operators' Union, Local 306, has its way.

The moving picture operators have decided to refuse to throw the pictures of Democratic and Republican party candidates in retaliation against politicians unfair to the labor movement and thus, it is expected, put an effective crimp in the plans of ambitious politicians.

Announcement of this plan was made by Delegate Greenberg, representing the operators, at a meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council this week.

soon after he expelled the eight members on the M. M. P. U.'s Board of Directors. We discussed the trouble that had come up in the M. M. P. U. Weber said to me: 'Well, I have expelled these eight men.'"

"Expelled?" I said. "Without a hearing, without a trial? Is it proper to do this?" Weber answered: "Yes, I expelled them."

"All right," I said, "if you can get away with it, but I doubt whether you can get away with it." In short, it seemed that Mr. Weber's attitude was no one in the organization could be bigger than Weber."

On one occasion, the witness said, he recalled Weber's telling him that he couldn't tolerate any organization that refused to obey the mandates of the federation.

Halle charged that every time the men sought to increase their wages Weber always stepped in and gummed up things, accusing the federation head of being responsible for all the trouble among the New York musicians.

The witness said that, after the organization of Local 802, rival to the M. M. P. U., he appealed to Weber to grant the new body local autonomy and keep out of its affairs, but the Federation's president, he said, never gave him a definite answer. However, he added, Weber did at one time suggest that he air the matter at a meeting of the National Executive Board, but to this dodging of the issue Halle said he retorted: "A hell of a chance we've got with the National Executive Board."

During the course of Thursday afternoon's session, the last hearing of the week, Justice Black remarked that the contending parties were making little progress with their case, remarking that only three witnesses of the fifty listed had thus far been called. He urged the lawyers to expedite matters and try to bring their case to an early close. The trial is expected to drag along for another two weeks.

### INTERSTATE CUTTING PRICES

Dallas, Feb. 23.—The Interstate Circuit is cutting admission prices in its vaudeville houses. The Majestic here has reduced its gate charge as has the Majestic, Houston, and the Orpheum, Wichita. The Interstate Amusement Company now has the largest chain of vaudeville theaters in the entire South, with headquarters at Dallas.

### HIPPODROME'S BIG PARTY

New York, Feb. 23.—The Hippodrome entertained its first big party since coming under Keith management this week. The party numbered 2,000 employees of the General Electric Company of Bridgeport, Conn. They made the trip to New York in three special trains.

### SHEIK GOES TO COURT

New York, Feb. 23.—Sheik Tahar, at present casting for motion pictures as well as directing a few Arab acrobatic troupes, filed suit this week in the Third District Municipal Court against Anna La Gonzales, from whom he seeks to collect \$150 alleged to be due for managerial services.

### Rules Candy Butchers Mustn't Annoy Actors

New York, Feb. 23.—Has the theater management the right to object to the concessionaire's hawking of his wares during a vaudeville performance? William Salkin, lessee of a combined moving picture and vaudeville house at Third avenue and 99th street, and Abraham Botwinick, the concessionaire, were at loggerheads on this question until they got a Supreme Court Justice this week to decide it for them.

It seems that Botwinick got the exclusive confectionery and other refreshment rights of Salkin's theater, but after the agreement was drawn up the theater promoter objected to the number of boys the concessionaire employed to peddle his stuff and to the crying of their wares while the vaudeville actors were on the boards. It was rather disturbing to the artistes, the manager explained.

But Botwinick argued that his agreement said nothing about the number of boys he could hire, not just when he was to be permitted to sell his goods to the patrons. So Botwinick went to his lawyer, Marcus A. Sherman, and had him sue for an injunction that would restrain Salkin from interfering with his business in the theater.

A patron's appetite for refreshments was an appetite, he contended, whether moving pictures or vaudeville acts were being shown, and a patron had as much right to the enjoyment of that appetite as to the enjoyment of the performance.

Supreme Court Justice James O'Malley heard the argument in the case and granted the motion to the extent of enjoining the defendant, Salkin, "from interfering with the employees of the plaintiff from soliciting trade from the patrons of the defendant's theater in an orderly and lawful manner except during the performance of vaudeville acts; otherwise denied". As an insurance that the order would be carried out by the defendant the judge instructed that he put up a bond of \$500.

### PROTESTS MUSICIANS' BILL

Chicago, Feb. 23.—William Well, general director of the Chicago Band Association, has written the city council judiciary committee asking defeat of an ordinance sponsored by the Chicago Federation of Musicians relative to the activities of civic, fraternal, school and amateur bands and orchestras. Mr. Well said the passing of the ordinance would probably mean the dissolution of all musical bodies of the latter classification.

### INDIANAPOLIS WALKOUT ENDS

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 23.—F. J. Rembusch announces that the walkout of musicians, operators and stage hands at the Lincoln Square Theater, which involved the Manhattan, Gem, Irving, Lenwood and Gayety theaters, all under the management of Rembusch, has been adjusted and all men will resume work Sunday. The fact that the Lincoln Square is going into permanent dramatic stock had some bearing on the settlement.

### AUTO COMPANY SUES AGENT

New York, Feb. 23.—Max Rogers, agent, was sued this week in the Third District Municipal Court by the Studebaker Corporation of America, which alleges \$300.50 is due it since August 13, 1923. As "per written agreement", the complaint sets forth, \$250 is due under a contract and the balance for expenditures on the agent's behalf. In an answer filed thru his attorney, Rogers alleges breach of contract and a counter claim of \$700 in connection with the automobile deal.

### JAZZ IS EXPENSIVE

Roger Kahn Wants \$1,000 a Performance for His "Jazz Dozen"

Roger Wolfe Kahn, son of Otto Kahn, New York financier, wants \$1,000 a performance for the jazz band which he recently organized. The organization, which consists of twelve, will make its debut at the Knickerbocker Grill, New York, this week. The personnel includes "Oliver", the solo trumpeter for General Pershing overseas.

### EVAN BURROWS FONTAINE SUED FOR ATTORNEY'S FEE

Baltimore, Feb. 23.—Evan Burrows Fontaine, Oriental dancer, who appeared here this week at the Century Theater, was sued for \$150 by Kendler & Goldstein, local lawyers, who represented her in a perjury charge of which she was freed last March. When sheriff's deputies sought to attach her costumes at the theater the actress settled for the full amount.

### AGENTS SUE TRANSFER CO.

New York, Feb. 23.—Jos. E. Shea & Co., Inc., theatrical concern, filed suit this week against the Globe Transfer Co., Inc., in the Municipal Court, alleging negligence and damages to the extent of \$178.

## ORPHEUM CIRCUIT'S MIDWINTER ROUTES

### New Crop of Headliners Are Given From Eighteen to Twenty Weeks' Time

New York, Feb. 23.—The Orpheum Booking Offices were unusually active this week arranging routes over the circuit for more than a dozen standard acts out of New York alone and routing numerous other attractions. Most of the offerings are of big-time caliber, and with the exception of a few instances where more time depended upon the exercise of the booker's option the acts received eighteen to twenty-week routes. A few of the acts are playing return engagements over the circuit.

Acts that will tour the circuit doing about twenty weeks each are: Harry Green in his well-known "Cherry Tree" comedy sketch, return tour opening this week at Madison, Wis.; Jack Wilson and Company, black-face comedy, opening at Sioux City the last half of this week; Mary Haynes, comedienne, opening at Omaha February 24; Robert Kelly and Company in Irish romance playlet, opening at Winupeg February 24; Bobby Randall, with new special songs by Alex Gerber, opening at the Palace Theater, Chicago, February 24; Ed and Berdie Conrad, opening at Vancouver March 25; and Joe E. Brown and Company, opening at the Hennepin-Orpheum, Minneapolis, March 2.

Other offerings routed from two weeks upward are: Kitty Doner and Company in a new act entitled "Twenty Minutes in Paris", four weeks, opening at the Palace-Orpheum, Milwaukee, March 2; Doc Baker's new revue, four weeks, opening at the Orpheum Theater, St. Louis, March 2; Jimmy Carr and Baad, six weeks, opening at Milwaukee March 16, and Charles Cherry and Company in a new comedy sketch, two weeks, playing Chicago March 30, St. Louis April 6.

Milton Aborn's production, "The China Blue Plate", a Chinese legend, will open at Winupeg April 6 with Joseph Robinson replacing John Pierson in a leading part. Pierson is ill, suffering from sleeping sickness.

Arrangements were made at the Orpheum booking department for a tour of the circuit next season of the Barry and Lancaster comedy act, now appearing on the Low Time. Other desirable offerings may also be given such understandings, while additional bookings are being routed weekly out of Chicago as well as New York.

### ANNUAL DINNER

#### Of the New York City Association of Passenger and Ticket Agents at Hotel Astor

New York, Feb. 20.—In response to an invitation from Bruce Noble, theatrical representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway in this city, Charles "Uno" Feldheim, Sid Rankin, Harry "Bell" Ennis and Alfred "Nelson" Nelson, theatrical journalist, met at the Palace Hotel early Saturday evening last and, guided by Mr. Noble, wended their way to the Astor Hotel, where they were introduced by Mr. Noble to many of the six hundred members of the New York City Association of Passenger and Ticket Agents who were hosts to numerous of their out-of-town associates at an annual dinner.

Like all affairs of this kind there were several notable speakers among the guests of honor who orated on topics of the day as they relate to railway transportation and its allied interests. Chief among the orators were H. V. Keltenborn, associate editor of The Brooklyn Eagle, and Capt. Irving O'Hay, U. S. A. (retired), who has become famous as an after-dinner speaker.

Among the entertainers were "The Glee Club", composed of members of the association; Elsie Currier, vocalist; Marga Koslowski, danseuse; Mildred Hewitt, vocalist. Likewise a uniformed policeman and a feminine vocalist as a duo; Young Muldoon and Sailor Sharkey, in a wrestling match, followed by the Jazz-laud Sextet, which closed the entertainment.

There are few men in this city better known in the theatrical profession than Bruce Noble, who can be depended upon to respond at any hour of the day or night to an S. O. S. to arrange a railway movement.

### DANCE HALL TO BE SOLD

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 23.—The Garden of Tokio, one of the largest dance halls in Texas, has been advertised for sale at an auction to be held at the Galveston County Courthouse March 4, because the owners are unable to satisfy a \$5,000 claim brought against them by a lumber company. The property is valued at \$150,000.



## JERSEY SUNDAY SHOW FOES WANT ELISOR GRAND JURY

### Theater Owners Jubilant Over Failure of Grand Jury To Return Indictments—Opponents To Demand Bench Warrants for Their Arrest

**JERSEY CITY, Feb. 25.**—The fight for open Sunday in Jersey City and adjacent towns, which has attracted nation-wide attention, took a new turn this week, when it became known that an application for an elisor grand jury will be asked by the Sunday show foes.

Application to Supreme Court Justice Minturn for bench warrants against the theater managers under fire and any others who have violated the blue laws, as well as against public officials who are in favor of open Sunday, it is expected, will be made in connection with the elisor grand jury move in order to effect drastic action.

This step by the Sunday show opposition forces, it is said, is the result of the Hudson County Grand Jury's failure to return indictments against the theater managers who have kept open house in Jersey City and other Hudson County municipalities for the past seven weeks.

The grand jury, it seems, passed up the affidavits and complaints against the Sunday show violators at its hearing this week, returning no indictments whatever nor making any report nor decision in the matter. This complete ignorance of the blue-law agitators have accepted as an indication that the grand jury intends to do nothing, at least not at present.

There is some doubt, however, as to whether the appointment of the special panel—the elisor grand jury—will be granted, as a special enforcement agency of this kind is appointed to perform the duty of a sheriff only in cases where the official is disqualified by personal interest or is refused to execute his duty.

There has been but one instance in the history of the State of New Jersey, it is understood, where an elisor grand jury has been formed. In that case, fifteen years or more ago, it was appointed by the Supreme Court to enforce the law which the sheriff of that year had refused to do because of personal reasons.

#### Must Apply to Supreme Court

The Sunday show opponents will have to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of this special panel, and before that tribunal grants the application proof of disqualification of the sheriff will have to be shown.

From reliable sources it was learned that no proof of the sheriff's laxity in performance of duty exists in connection with the blue-law case. Any contention of the sheriff's disqualification will be offset, it is said, by the fact that he cannot act before indictments have been returned by the grand jury, which to date has not been done.

While efforts to press charges against the theater men will continue, still nothing will hamper the continuance of open theaters throughout Hudson County in the meantime.

It would seem that the blue-law advocates who are trying to prosecute the theater owners, are having a hard row to hoe with the city authorities. Perhaps the hardest blow is the grand jury's delay in returning indictments. Commissioner of Public Safety William B. Quinn strongly opposes the movement to shut up the theaters and has emphatically refused to interfere with the performances, and City Prosecutor Alberts McMahon also has refused to take any action. City judges and other authorities appear to be lined up in favor of the Sunday shows, and the various clergymen and other persons interested in stopping the open Sabbath are beginning to admit their inability to prevent it.

#### Doing Big Sunday Business

Ever since January 13 practically all the theaters of Jersey City have drawn crowded houses on Sunday without molestation just as has been done in neighboring towns—Hoboken, North Hudson, Bayonne, Passaic, Newark, Atlantic City and others for many years.

Some of the blue-law agitators think that if bench warrants for the arrest of the theater owners can be obtained it would help to revive public attention to the fact that the law in Hudson County is flagrantly ignored as regards Sabbath observance. In connection with the bench warrants it is admitted that the theater managers would probably be bailed out if arrested, and the Sunday shows would be continued, thereby offering little help to the Sunday performance fighters.

Some clergymen want to go further than this. They want application also made for the arrest of Mayor Hague, Director of Public Safety

Quinn, Mayor Griffin of Hoboken, Mayor Talbot of Bayonne, and all the various North Hudson mayors, all of whom are permitting Sunday shows to go on without interference.

The ministers admit that the arrest of the high officials would hardly be followed by their indictment, but it is thought that the publicity attendant upon such a move would arouse support of the law-enforcement movement. The Liberal Sunday League, however, feels that such steps would tend to increase the public's favor for shows and other amusements on the Sabbath.

## AUSTRALIAN VAUDE. DEAL CONSUMMATED

### J. C. Williamson and South African Theaters Enter Into Agreement

As mentioned briefly in a recent issue, the biggest deal in vaudeville in Australia for many years was that consummated between J. C. Williamson, Ltd., and the South African Theaters, Ltd., whereby a working arrangement, equitable to both parties, comes into operation almost immediately, altho definite entertainments, under the new scheme, will not be operative until about June.

For some time the Williamson people have had their minds on vaudeville, but the trouble appeared to be the necessity for a continuous link of houses, which could only be obtained thru an amalgamation with South Africa.

Altho Musgrove's Tivoli Theaters, Ltd., had an interchange of artists existing for some time, Williamson arranged for the taking over, from Africa, of big English comedy companies, such as Gertrude Elliott and the Vanbrugh-Roucault combinations, and this slate of affairs has been established for a considerable period. Now, with Williamson in the field of vaudeville, the Musgrove arrangement goes over to the new firm—Williamson Vaudeville, Ltd. This company will be entirely separate from J. C. Williamson, Ltd.; J. and N. Taft, and the Williamson-Taft ramifications, and will have for its Australian manager Jack Musgrove (cousin to Harry G. Musgrove), who for some time was booking manager for the Tivoli Circuit. He leaves for England and America shortly in search of talent.

So that the Musgrove Theaters, Ltd., will still be a powerful factor in the vaudeville field, Harry Muller, with the Fuller firm for some eleven years, takes Jack Musgrove's place as N. S. W. manager, whilst Percy Crawford remains at the Tivoli, Melbourne, as Southern manager.

The advent of another Richmond in the field will probably mean that the Fullers will again have to associate themselves extensively with overseas bookings. During the past year their American and English engagements have been almost a negligible quantity, and, in a chat with John Fuller recently, he stated to the Sydney representative of The Billboard that his brother, Sir Benjamin, had, up to the present, made no booking to speak of. Probably this latest move will be the means of giving a further stimulus to this well-established vaudeville circuit.

### DeMARRS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Fred and "Doodles" DeMarrs are back in Chicago at their apartment, 867 North La Salle street, after a visit in Pine Bluff, Ark., where Mr. DeMarrs looked after some interests. They will troupe again this season. They are producing and eccentric clowns.

### DE ANGELO IN LOCKE SKIT

New York, Feb. 23.—Carlo De Angelo, nephew of Ermete Novelli, Italian tragedian, is to appear in vaudeville shortly in a sketch by Edward Locke. J. J. McNally, Jr., is sponsoring De Angelo and will produce his vehicle, the name of which has not yet been announced.

### VOGEL CLOSES MINSTREL SHOW

John W. Vogel closed the Hill-Evans Henry Boy Minstrels at Salem, O., Thursday night, February 20, and has gone to his home in Millersport, O.

## Bogus Songwriter Gets 30 Days in Florida Jail

New York, Feb. 23.—L. K. Godfrey, of Brooklyn, was sentenced to thirty days in the city prison farm of Jacksonville, Fla., by Judge J. J. Beckham, of that city, as a result of his being arrested on charge of suspicion, vagrancy and false impersonation. The impersonation was in connection with a song writing scheme Godfrey put into operation when he posed as Billy Rose, well-known song writer.

The impostor is said to have mulcted unsuspecting Jacksonville musicians out of several hundred dollars and his arrest was brought about by Charlie Morrison, theater manager, who became suspicious when approached with a plan to cut in on a song, after which a fee was demanded for copyright and protection fee in either the Music Publishers' Protective Association or American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Godfrey arrived in Jacksonville a few weeks ago stating that he was Billy Rose, writer of such hits as "You've Got To See Mama Every Night" and "That Old Gang of Mine". He was in search of inspiration and would cut in any good musician who would help him out on a tune. Among the musicians who fell for the scheme was Walter Adair, pianist. He worked on several songs with Godfrey, who sent the songs addressed to himself in Brooklyn and collected a \$10 copyright and protection fee. They wrote several songs in this manner. When Charlie Morrison, manager of the Imperial Theater, was let in on a song by the alleged Rose he telegraphed to a New York music man who informed him that Billy Rose was in New York at the time. This resulted in City Detective S. H. Hulbert conferring with Morrison and the arrest followed.

In the meantime the bogus songwriter was being introduced around town to the wives of local musicians and one Sunday was introduced and given a ballyhoo from the band stand. J. W. Berry, leader of the local band, was one of those who took an interest in the alleged songwriter and engaged him to sing in the band. When arraigned before Judge Beckham Godfrey promised to return at least the \$40 he took from Adair, but no response was received from his mother in Brooklyn, to whom he wrote for money. Instead of a possible suspended sentence the court said: "Thirty days in which to write songs for the city."

For a short time members of the house orchestra at the Imperial Theater where Godfrey made his headquarters, and other musicians had sanguine dreams of the ninety odd thousands of dollars made by Billy Rose last year and expected to be cut in just as loose as in Mort Dixon in several songs according to Godfrey.

## THEATER FIRES

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 22.—Fire starting in the rear of the Rivoli Theater, here, shortly after six o'clock Monday morning, destroyed the playhouse. In about sixty minutes the house was in ruins. It is estimated the damage was approximately \$12,000.

Jack Shears' "Follies" Company occupied the boards at the Rivoli the previous week and the members of the company lost properties valued at about \$500.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 22.—The Prizwick picture theater, here, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$45,000. There was no insurance. Defective wires are believed to have caused the blaze.

Milan, Mo., Feb. 23.—Fire of unknown origin, destroyed the Royal Theater, Green City, Mo., near here. The loss was partially covered by insurance. The Royal was owned by G. W. Summers, who had recently taken charge.

## NEW MOTION PICTURE THEATER FOR JOLIET

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 22.—Actual construction work has commenced on the Rialto Square Theater Building, the cost of which will be in excess of \$1,000,000. Plans considered now provide that the building will be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1925. The main entrance to the theater will be from Chicago street, with a lobby 32 feet wide. There will be 1,500 seats on the main floor and 800 seats on the balcony. Arrangements will be made in the floor plan for an ultimate seating capacity in excess of 3,000. Feature pictures will be shown at reduced prices.

## SHOWFOLKS IN HAVANA

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 23.—Among the show folks in Havana are Joe Weber, of Weber and Fields, and Mrs. Weber, Harry Frazee, New York theatrical man; Mr. and Mrs. F. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, known professionally as Adorable and Hughes.

Gus Sun, Springfield (O.), vaudeville and tabloid circuit manager, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stair are also at the Cuban winter resort.

## ROSSITER PIRATE CHARGE DISMISSED

### Chicago Court Holds Music Man Didn't Infringe on May Hill's Melody

New York, Feb. 23.—Judge Evan A. Hunt of the United States District Court, Chicago, handed down a decision Thursday in which he dismissed the complaint in the infringement of copyright suit brought by May Hill against Will Rossiter, music publisher, in connection with the songs, "The We Say Good-By" and "Don't You Remember the Time". The former song is by Miss Hill and the latter a Rossiter publication, which was alleged to contain the infringement.

The court was of the opinion that the defendant had in no wise borrowed his melody from Miss Hill's composition and it was brought out that more than twenty changes were made in Miss Hill's song since filing her original copyright. It was these changes, it is alleged, that made it similar to the Rossiter song.

The facts in the case are that Miss Hill was issued a certificate of copyright July 28, 1919, on the composition "The We Say Good-By" as an unpublished work.

On July 31, 1919, Rossiter published his song "Don't You Remember the Time" and copyrighted it as a published work several days later. Previous to publishing the song Rossiter had plates made as early as the preceding April, it was brought out. During the month of May the same year the publisher had professional copies distributed, and the number in question was publicly sung by Edie Wedda at the Marfield Gardens, Chicago, in a production that opened there July 2.

In her complaint Miss Hill attached a copy of her song which she claimed had been infringed upon and which she further set forth was identical with the one copyrighted. The melody of the chorus, of the attached song, was similar to that of the defendant's song. However, upon exhibition of a photostatic copy of the Hill song as filed for copyright, she was compelled to admit under cross-examination that the copy of music attached to the complaint had twenty-two changes in notation and location of notes in the chorus alone and that in every instance these changes made the song more similar to that published by Rossiter. Miss Hill accounted for the changes by stating that her memory had evidently played her false when copying her composition.

Harry Munn, Chicago attorney, represented Miss Hill, and E. S. Hartman, general Western counsel and representative of The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, appeared for Will Rossiter, who is a member of the society.

## FURTHER EXAMINATION OF SPIEGEL POSTPONED

New York, Feb. 22.—At the request of counsel for the trustee, further examination of Max Spiegel, bankrupt theatrical promoter, who failed for over \$1,125,000 a year ago last December, was postponed again today until March 6 by Referee Harold P. Coffin.

Attorneys for the trustee and Samuel Pett, a judgment creditor, were to submit briefs on the proper disposition of Strand Theater Company stock held by the New York Trust Company, in an effort to determine whether the trustee's rights are superior to those of a judgment creditor.

Pett obtained a judgment of \$150,000 in his suit, in which an accounting of the profits made in promoting the Strand Theater Company was asked. Subsequently the stock was put in trust at the direction of Justice Davis. Shortly after the appointment of a trustee by the creditors \$17,000 was borrowed on the stock. Pett and the trust company now want to sell the securities. An injunction obtained by the trustee stayed the New York Trust Company from disposing of the securities before February 27 and it is expected that an extension of time on this order will be asked.

A meeting of the creditors of the bankrupt is scheduled for February 29, when the committee working on a plan of reorganizing Spiegel's estate will report.

## CASES AGAINST THEATER OWNERS ARE CONTINUED

Winston, O., Feb. 23.—Judge J. A. Bowman in Circuit Court, continued the cases against eleven local motion picture theater owners, charged with exhibiting movies on Sunday, until it is ascertained if the Ohio Supreme Court intends to pass on the question whether a picture show is a theatrical performance within the scope of the so-called "blue laws". In the meantime the movies will remain open Sundays.

# CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN VAUDE. IN HAWAII, SAYS HONOLULUAN

## J. C. Cohen, Hawaiian Theater Magnate, Says Island Showgoers Exist Mostly on Movie Fare, With Vaudeville Acts Few and Far Between

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Vaudeville is a practically dead issue insofar as the folks on the Hawaiian Islands are concerned. The large percentage of the whites and the conglomerate races on the islands don't go in strongly for this brand of entertainment fare, being content with moving pictures. If a vaudeville act, on its way to or from the Orient or Australia, stops off at Honolulu the theater managements put it on as a prolog to photoplays and let it go at that. Otherwise vaudeville does not pay in Hawaii.

An interesting insight on theatrical conditions in Hawaii, the foregoing being a few of the observations, was obtained in an interview today with J. C. Cohen, president of the Consolidated Amusement Company, Ltd., of Honolulu.

Cohen's chief interest in matters amusement is moving pictures. His company, he said, enjoys a monopoly on film distribution and exhibition on the island, doing business with every leading and independent producer in the United States. The Consolidated Amusement Company, he pointed out, conducts the largest film exchange in the world in Honolulu and handles every film made and released in this country.

The company, he said, owns three first-class theaters in Honolulu and it is at these houses that it can put on whatever vaudeville chances to hit the island. Within the past year the company, Cohen said, opened a house costing more than a half million dollars, equal to anything he has seen in the States. The new playhouse, called the Hawaii Theater, has a stage and equipment adequate for any big musical comedy or dramatic production.

### Only Two Vaude. Houses

As for vaudeville, there are only two houses in the company's circuit of seventy-five theaters that could or would play this genre of entertainment, said Cohen. It wouldn't pay to import any acts from the Coast, and the company is satisfied to catch the acts as they stop off to visit the island on their way to or from the Orient and the Antipodes. Cohen gave it as his opinion that there is no change of vaudeville prevailing on the islands as a regular diet for years to come unless conditions change. Anyway, the most that the company can offer a vaudeville act is two weeks, he said.

Repertoire shows have proved a popular draw in Hawaii or, rather, Honolulu. The company caters these shows on passing the islands and puts them on for several weeks on a percentage basis. Some rep. shows, he said, have stayed as long as nineteen weeks and made it a well-paying proposition. All that is asked of the rep. show, either dramatic or musical comedy, is that it change its bill twice weekly.

During the past year Tim Frawley and Adele Blood's show visited the island and presented such Broadway successes as "Anna Christie" and "The Gold Diggers".

"How did they go over," Cohen was asked. "Mostly over their heads," was the Honolulu's dry comeback.

"There is not enough of the white population, made up of less than 10 per cent of the entire population," he said, "to support these kinds of plays. We have to depend on the native population made up of Japs—over 50 per cent—Chinese and Filipinos. Melodramas would go a darnsight better with them.

"But so far as vaudeville is concerned the island is dead. If an act is going thru and wants to stop off for a rest and enjoy the beauties of the island we'll run them as prologs to the pictures."

### Has Circuit of 75 Houses

Cohen said that his company does not give continuous performances as they do in the States. Some of the company's seventy-five houses play two performances a week; others the only one, while the majority give a performance every night. In the houses of the first class only one show is given at night except Saturdays and Sundays, when they present two performances. No shows of any kind are given Sunday afternoon, as they are prohibited by a strictly enforced law.

The Honolulu showman proudly described the modern construction and equipment of the Hawaii Theater. The house boasts of a star dressing room that is actually a suite of rooms beautifully appointed, twenty dressing rooms each having a window exposure with individual bathrooms and a 36x36 dressing room for the chorus girls, each girl being allotted a full-length mirror and locker.

The theatrical and moving picture business on the islands for the past year hasn't been

## Scorns Parents After Fifteen Years' Search

New York, Feb. 23.—Fifteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Jamea Moran, working under the team name of Moran and Moran, specialty dancers, found the going hard and consented to the placing of their two-month-old girl in the care of a stranger. This week when the pair, having prospered with the passing years of toil, sought to reclaim their daughter thru court proceedings the girl begged Supreme Court Justice Dike to let her remain with her guardian. He reserved decision.

The story has for its opening scene the wings of Loew's Seventh Avenue Theater. A doctor's wife, with a flair for social service work, chancing to be backstage, heard the choked sobbing of a baby. In a far corner of the stage lay the infant wallowing in the depths of a baby carriage. Upon inquiry the doctor's wife learned that the child belonged to a young couple doing their dancing turn out on the theater's boards.

The doctor's wife quizzed the parents and found that the grind made it impossible for them to give the child the care it should get. She persuaded them to let her place the baby in competent hands. After the infant had been nursed back to health the doctor's wife placed the tot in the hands of a Mrs. Rose Jaekle, living in the Bronx.

When confronted in court with her parents this week Mary Jaekle Moran, the daughter, declared:

"I do not know any other woman as my mother but Mrs. Jaekle. I saw my mother for the first time that I remember, two weeks ago Sunday, but I did not experience a daughter's feelings for her. I instinctively turned to Mrs. Jaekle and called her mother while my own mother was talking to me. I want to stay with Mrs. Jaekle. Her home is my home and she is the only mother I ever will know."

Counsel for the Morans informed the court that the couple had sought to find their daughter for almost fifteen years, and it was only by accident that they were able to learn two weeks ago where she was. Mrs. Jaekle, he said, offered to take care of the child, and after she had the baby a year they were unable to trace it.

"They had to take to the road to make a living," the lawyer continued. "Sometimes they worked together and sometimes they worked alone. They had two other children, boys, who were taken care of by other people."

"Now the vaudeville team was well situated, owning their own home and receiving \$300 a week," the lawyer said, "and they want a chance to get acquainted with their daughter and want her brothers to know her. During all the years that they had been amusing the public they have had a constant craving in their hearts to recover their lost daughter. It is one of the saddest cases I ever heard of."

Attorney Thomas J. O'Connor, appearing for Mrs. Jaekle and the daughter, declared that the woman, a widow, had reared Mary as her own child and they had become inseparable. The Morans had agreed, he said, to pay Mrs. Jaekle \$12 a month for the child's keep, but stopped payment after the first two months. The girl is happy, he contended, and it would not do her any good to change her environment at this late day.

## Orchestra Circuit for New England

Worcester, Feb. 24.—Ballroom Managers from thirty cities gathered here today to discuss plans for the formation of a New England dance orchestra circuit. The circuit will be operated in connection with the Consolidated Orchestras Booking Exchange, Inc., of New York.

Present plans call for a circuit of ten weeks thru New England. The orchestras will be organized in New York by the Consolidated people, subject to the approval of the managers of the dance halls which hold franchises.

The cities to be included in the circuit are, in Massachusetts, Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Hull, Haverhill, Hoosic Falls, Lawrence, Lowell, Litchfield, Marlboro, New Bedford, North Adams and Fall River; Vermont, Springfield, Tannont, Worcester and Waltham; in Connecticut, Waterbury, Torrington, New London, Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Stamford, Danbury, Derby; Portland, Me.; Manchester, N. H.; Providence, R. I.

as good as it should have been, Cohen said, but the company looks forward to a more prosperous year.

The company's theaters require at least fourteen feature pictures a week, besides all the small stuff made in this country. The natives are rapidly learning to read English thru the film titles and in five years the company expects to have a vast clientele, particularly when the Japanese children of the present generation grow up.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 23.—Charles R. Black, manager of the Plaza Theater for the Al Luttringer Players, has left the employ of Al Luttringer and has gone to Detroit, where he will join the Miles organization and manage one of the down-town houses.

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## TIMBERG LOSES IN NAZZARO SUIT

### Appeal From \$600 Judgment Awarded Nazzaro for Unit Show Salary Denied

New York, Feb. 23.—The "Frolics of 1922", one of the unit shows that went down capering with the collapse of the Shubert vaudeville venture, was also sent to the legal storehouse when the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court this week refused to let Herman Timberg appeal from a verdict of \$600 obtained by Nat Nazzaro.

Suing on the grounds of breach of contract and unpaid salary, Nazzaro in the Third District Municipal Court last May got a judgment of \$600 and costs from Timberg. At the trial Timberg's counsel put forth the defense that Timberg was neither the manager nor owner of the "Frolics of 1922", but a mere employee like Nazzaro, and was therefore not responsible for the business dealings of the show.

Last month the Appellate Term, in answer to Timberg's appeal, entered an order affirming the judgment, but rendered no opinion on the case. Timberg's counsel then sought to gain permission from the Appellate Term to appeal the case to the Appellate Division. This was denied, one of the three justices dissenting.

It was brought at the trial of the action that the show was owned by Izzy Herk and E. Thomas Beatty, Nazzaro himself admitting that he received his weekly salary for his act from the manager of Herk & Beatty and never from Timberg.

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# This Week's Reviews of Vaudeville Theaters

## Palace, New York

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

Adelaide Bell opened with a clever routine of steps. Altho one could hardly refer to her as sylphlike, she nevertheless accomplishes some extraordinarily difficult feats with remarkable grace and agility. She features back-shoulder kicks and an ankle dislocation. William Reinhart, pianist, assists with a well-selected program of solos, which, however, are played in a rather mechanical and spiritless manner.

The Chevalier Brothers—"Entertaining Entertainers"—are well billed. Hand-to-hand balancing is their specialty and they have no equal in this writer's opinion. A bit of hard-shoe stepping is done by one at the finish, culminating in a sensational back flip, in which he is caught by his partner on one hand and borne off stage to the accompaniment of a great hand.

Blanche Ring and Charlie Winninger repeat their "In a Studio" turn for many laughs, with Miss Ring singing a half score or so of her past song hits at the finish.

Olga Cook, soprano, last seen in "Blossom Time", and Eric Zardo, concert pianist, follow with a charming repertoire of songs and piano-forte selections. Miss Cook is possessed of an excellent voice, admirable diction and is easy—oh, so easy—to look at. Zardo is a pianist of unusual merit. He plays Chopin's "Nocturne in C Sharp Minor" and the Schubert-Tausig March "Militaire" most artistically. Miss Cook's rendition of the "Some Fine Day" a hit from "Madame Butterfly" was particularly good.

Eva Puck and Sam White in "Opera vs. Jazz" lend a lot of zip and pep to the bill with their snappy singing and steps. White is one of the finest eccentric steppers we have ever seen.

Meyer Golden's "The Antique Shop", a terpsichorean fantasy, closed the first half of the bill. This is a diverting little dancing skit with a dash of humor to break the routine. The stepping is of a high order and the setting and costumes colorful. A delightful turn for the two-day house.

DeLaven and Nice and Mulligan and Mulligan, from the West, in their "Satire of a Song and Dance Team of Twenty Years Ago", opened intermission, scoring a fair hand. Their vehicle is virtually the same as that offered by those two knock-about comers in the days before they fell for the Schubert Unit stuff.

Elsie Janis with concert company of two likable young chaps—Lester Hodges, pianist, and Walter Vera Pidgeon, baritone—next walked away with the applause honors of the day. Miss Janis does a couple of new ones, including a corking fine characterization of a London street girl. Her "Yes, We Have No Bananas", as a number of prominent stage stars would sing it brought the house down. Pidgeon sings a couple of concert numbers in fine voice while Miss Janis makes a costume change—the first time in vaudeville, she confesses.

Kay and Lorene Sterling bring the proceedings to a halt with a classy exhibition of roller skating, which, considering the late hour, held 'em fairly well.

ED HAFTEL.

## Hippodrome, New York

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

Four holdovers this week on a bill that is truly one of international color. For a Monday afternoon the show ran unusually smooth, considering the fact that only two offerings worked in "one". Norris' "Toytown Follies", with Cal Norris, provided a pleasing opening act made up mostly of well-groomed collie dogs and a monkey that did a bit of comedy. Norris makes an excellent juvenile capable of setting the act to good advantage.

The Czech-Slovakian National Orchestra of forty artists, led by Karel Sery, was spotted rather early in its second week here but managed to score nevertheless. The music of the band and folk dances by the female members of the company contribute greatly to the variety of the show. It is further reviewed under "New Turns".

Runaway Four frolicked on number three, which further proves their quality as a corking quartet of comedy dancing tumblers who have a skit full of action.

Enrico Rastelli, artistic juggler de luxe, has been compared to the best of all decades and there is every reason to believe that he is justly entitled to a niche of fame as high as any of them. A marvelous showman of inimitable skill.

Harry Watson, Jr., is held over for a second week in his comedy bits as "The Young Kid Battling Dugan" and his telephone scene, gathering the many laughs en route.

The first half was closed by Josephine Lavio and Lester Lane in the Yates Revue, which is further reviewed under "New Turns".

Marcelle and Talking Seal, the Rastelli of the sea lions, opened the second half in their fourth week at the Hipp.

Micabna, the Brazilian wire performer, who does her unique offering with neither the sup-

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## COLUMBIA BURLESQUE COLUMBIA THEATRE NEW YORK

### "HIPPIITY HOP"

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

A Columbia Burlesque attraction, with Harry (Rib) Shannon and Artie Leeming and Alfretta Symonds. Book by Matt Kolb. Entire production staged under the direction of Matt Kolb. Numbers staged by Billy Koud. Presented by Peck & Kolb week of February 25.

THE CAST—Harry T. Shannon, Artie Leeming, Alfretta Symonds, Flo Davis, Nelle Nelson, Victor Bayard, Andrew White, Gus Legert, Carmen Sisters, Dixie Lee.

CHORUS—Thelma Mattson, Martha Taylor, Margie McClellan, Genevieve Faure, Pep Clark, Dotsie Hall, Fay Knox, Jackie Burke, Frances O'Brien, Dolly Byrnes, Dolly Dale, Bessie Shaw, Ella Johnson, Eugenie Reeves, Babe Lovering, Dixie Lee.

### Review

Part One—Scene one was an elaborate set pictorial background and silken hangings for three masculine vocalists, backed by an ensemble of ponies and show girls of the youthful, pretty-face, slender-form, vivacious type, led in song by Nelle Nelson, a petite, bobbed, brown-haired ingenue-soubret; Kay Norman, a petite, black-haired soubret, and Alfretta Symonds, an ever-smiling blond leading lady-prima donna, who lends herself to soubret costumes in an admirable manner, for she has a form that would be sacrificed in long gowns. Victor Bayard is a clear-dictioned, nattily attired straight. The same is applicable to Andrew White, the juvenile, who accompanied Prima Symonds in prolonging the show and bringing on Harry (Rib) Shannon, the six-foot, three, four or five-inch, and Artie Leeming, a much shorter statured comic in grotesque attire, for a song and dance that made them favorites with the audience. Straight Bayard then rehearsed the comics in a play in which Soubret Norman was the mother of Comic Leeming as the comedy-making baby. Leeming is some comedy maker any way you take him, for his every line and act went over for laughter and applause, and Shannon did everything possible to aid him in getting it over.

Scene two was a drape for Shannon as the accordion cameraman to pose Soubret Norman and Flo Davis, a pretty, brown-haired girl, and Comic Leeming for pictures, during which Shannon manhandled Leeming for continuous laughter.

Scene three was the interior of a second-hand shop for the comics to overfit their customer with clothes and hats, in which Gus Legert and Flo Davis took part in the clothes bit, and Straight Bayard and Prima Symonds in the bedspread and broken-plate bit. This was followed by an East Side ensemble number, in which Flo Davis stood out distinctively as the leader in singing and dancing, which indicates that she will become a principal for next season, as she has all the qualifications for the role of soubret. In this scene Legert, as a tough guy, and Comic Shannon burlesqued the number by manhandling several of the girls in a laughable acrobatic manner.

Scene four was a drape for the Carmen Sisters, two personally attractive brunets in soubret costumes, to sing to their own accompaniment on baby banjos, and, on being encored, to come back for a hardshoe dance that was remarkable for their unison in movement, which was admirable.

Scene five was a beautiful colored setting of a Gypsy camp for a picturesque ensemble number, enhanced by Soubret Norman, who made an admirable picture in a black silk-fringed costume, with black tights, for a tambourine dance a la Spanish, which led up to a Polish wedding, a unique bit of burlesquing that had Shannon as a tall bride and Leeming as a short groom for a continuous round of laughter and applause.

Scene six was a drape for Prima Symonds in a singing specialty that encored, and brought on Straight Bayard and Juvenile White, who sang in harmony.

Scene seven was a drape for Comics Shannon and Leeming in wooden soldier uniforms for a dance that went over for a big hand, which was fully warranted.

Scene eight was an elaborate interior set for Ingenue-Soubret Nelson leading a number with six feminine jockeys, followed by the Carmen Sisters in a soft-shoe dance; Soubret Norman in a high-kicking dance, and in turn by Nelson and the Carmen Sisters as a dancing trio, and one and all alike fully merited the encores given their attractive personality, talent and ability. Prima Symonds doing straight to Bayard and the comics in a straw-hat smashing bit went over for a wov of applause that was heightened by a grab of Shannon that left Leeming on the stage in his feminine underwear for a wov of laughter on his exit.

Liza and her Shullin' Six Jazz Band, with five men masters of instrumentalism and the drummer a nifty dancer, with Liza in person putting over several vocalistic selections far better than most of her colored competitors, especially in a Jackie Coogan characterization, went over for a big round of applause and led up to the finale, in which the comics came on in Russian attire for a dance that sent them swinging on wires up into the flies to a roar of laughter and applause.

Part Two—Scene one was a set of scenic splendor with a full-stage stairway and King Tut backdrop for another picturesque ensemble number, led in song by Juvenile White, who is above par as a vocalist, and this led up to the appearance of the comics in overfitting evening dress attire for their back-to-back dance and old-time song and dance act that brought forth continuous applause. Prima Symonds in song, leading an Egyptian ensemble, was admirable, likewise the ensemble, which was exceptionally picturesque.

Comics Shannon and Leeming, as uniformed cops, and Legert, as a tough, put over a new version of the hold-up bit with the aid of the feminine principals for another roar of laughter. Juvenile White, in song, introducing a parade of the girls, gave them ample opportunity to demonstrate the fact that they have been carefully drilled in the art of delivering individual lines of the lyric in an able manner.

Soubret Nelson and Comic Shannon put over a laugh-evoking cross-fire patter, followed by Comic Leeming, in golf attire, for an acrobatic dance that proves his versatility. Prima Symonds, as Queen of the Mardi Gras, introduced the girls in gorgeous gowns, which were costly and attractive.

A mixed love-making bit between the comics, Soubret Nelson and Flo Davis, in which the girls donned boxing gloves for a fast and funny verbal battle, was another laugh getter.

Comics Shannon and Leeming in a baseball rehearsal cross-fire patter kept the audience convulsed with laughter.

Scene two was a grotto set of gorgeousness for the close of show.

Comment—A scenic production of splendor. The gowning and costuming costly and attractive, the company talented, able and co-operative. This is especially true of Shannon and Leeming, and seldom are two comics found in any one show that combine their talents and ability so admirably. The choristers are all that can be desired and the ensembles exceptionally picturesque in each and every scene.

ALFRED NELSON (NELSE).

## Majestic, Chicago

(Reviewed Sunday Afternoon, February 24)

Bokama, equilibrist and clever balancer, opened the new bill. A number of novel features are in his routine and the act is good. Five minutes, full stage; two bows.

Peck and Harris, man and woman, working in cork, offer a comedy presentation with material not new but fair in execution. The singing is not especially effective. Ten minutes, in one; two bows.

Mack and Jess offer a comedy act, dressed as city firemen. It offers no broad field for comment. Twelve minutes, in one; two bows.

"Indian Follies" has six people, Indian make-up songs, some dancing, rope spinning and similar entertainment. The lasso artist, who spins five small ropes at the same time, and an acrobatic dancer are the main features. Fifteen minutes, special settings, full stage; two bows.

Trayer and Bunce, males, have a comedy talking act with some singing. They at least move rapidly. Fifteen minutes, special drop; two bows.

"First Love", with three men and three girls, depends for merit on the way it appeals to you. Some of the lead comedian's lines are merely disgusting. One jokester, also induced by another act on the bill, is so old its birth record must be lost. Not much else to make an act out of. Nineteen minutes, full stage; two bows.

Sammy Murphy at least was a help today. He was like he always is—refreshing. He appears to have vision when it comes to freshening his material also. Eleven minutes, in one; two bows.

The Flying Nelsons gave us something excellent in their casting act—as we would naturally expect them to do. They were all up to form. The clown is away off without face makeup. Eleven minutes, full stage; two bows.

FRED HOLLMAN.

## B. S. Moss' Broadway, New York

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

After seeing Lillian Fitzgerald's characterization of Joan of Arc the writer thinks Winifred Lemhan's portrayal of the French heroine in Bernard Shaw's play a thing of indispensible genius, but only by comparison. Miss Fitzgerald as a bit in her much too versatile turn rants and screeches thru one of the rare gems in the world's dramatic literature, and she does it in French, too, on a rural drop. During the recitation of this great scene there is flashed the vision of an angel exhorting Joan to go on and lend the army to victory. In the mind of the reviewer there flashed the observation: "And only in vaudeville can they get away with it." But what that bit actually brought the house down. Otherwise Miss Fitzgerald, a really clever comedienne, gives the audience a fifteen-minute period of choice entertainment. As an impersonator of certain types she deserves the highest regard. As a wearer of tasty gowns she is exquisite. As a stage personality she is most charming. As a singer of varied songs she is masterly. But as a Joan of Arc we don't think she's so good.

The folks greatly enjoyed Marguerite Padula's offering of what may be called parlor entertainment. She sings pleasingly and whistles prettily. Her choice of song leaves little wanting, and, above all, Miss Padula attains a high pitch in harmony and melody in her pianistic rendition of a melange of popular songs.

Kellam and O'Dare's comedy and waging turn dragged along somewhat, but Kellam's low buffonery and his partner's chic little figure and hefty voice enticed to carry the audience along with them. Kellam, it seems, takes his silliness too seriously. After some really funny bit of burlesque he apologetically vouchsafes the audience: "It's silly, but it's a living." The long-legged comedian got two big laughs, one as the result of the awkwardness of an overzealous stage hand and the other coming with his burlesquing of a Russian dancer. Miss O'Dare knows just how to put over a song and handle the feed lines of a funny dialog.

Al Moore and his United States Band fed the folks to repletion with their repertoire of classic and jazz melody and got a welcome band for their services.

Treda and Anthony seemed to have a hard time getting the audience to respond to their script of gags, but at the end the Italian comedians were rewarded for their efforts with a generous round of applause. The act gave the impression of having just graduated from small time.

The Ernests present a snappy trampolene act, come here and there, but always diverting. A triple flip-flop by one of the two men was the high spot in their bag of tricks.

BEN BODEC.



**Grand O. H., St. Louis**

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, February 23)

O'Brien's Sextet, appropriately billed as an organization of singing musicians, gave positive proof that "music hath charms" and looked away applause honors over a well-balanced variety lineup. Under the direction of the elderly O'Brien five young instrumentalists dispensed real jazz music for fifteen entertaining minutes. The trio of songsters harmonized splendidly, their best bets being "No, No, No," and their comedy version of the song "Maggie". The nifty hangings in one and four, and the purple coats and light trousers of the musicians blended to good effect.

Following the pictures Prince Leo, a well-groomed pony, was led on the stage by his English trainer and showed unusual equine intelligence in picking out colors and numbers, adding, subtracting, and other feats. Twelve minutes, special in three; curtains.

Weber and Clifford, two winsome misses, delighted with several piano and violin duets and then rendered several comedy song numbers that went over well. Thirteen minutes, in one; three bows.

"Thirty Pink Toes" turned out to be a bedroom farce in which the trio of pajamaed males resort to tomfoolery and hokum thru-out and finally flop around on the water-soaked stage. The comedy is forced and not of a high class. The boys surely can sing, tho, and we believe that if they could make more of the latter they would fare infinitely better. Ten minutes, special in one and four; four bows.

Bargo and Richards, man and woman, have a back-yard talking skit in which the material is only fair and should be brushed up considerably. They intersperse some singing and close with a saxophone bit. Fourteen minutes, special in four and one; four bows.

Hugo Lutgens in his impersonation of a Swedish "Billy Sunday" was a riot and kept the auditors howling thru-out. He has the drawl and the accent befitting his impression and puts his best efforts in his appearances at all times. His material is very funny. Fourteen minutes, in one; four bows.

Jack Trainor and Company in "Help", a one-act comedy playlet in which an aged employer with a penchant for pretty girls is finally brought to his senses by his son and three aspirants for a position in his office. Trainor is the possessor of some real dry wit which is brought out by his numerous comedy lines in the sketch wherein he takes the part of the wealthy employer. The supporting company of three women and two men is happily cast. Eighteen minutes, in four; three curtains.

Dan Bryant and Dick Stewart, "gentlemen jesters", are eccentric "boob" comedians and got their share of laughs. Best in their repertoire were the falls of Bryant and the double comedy dancing specialties. Twelve minutes, in one; three bows.

Three Weber Sisters opened with some songs and dances and then showed their versatility by closing the bill with a series of fast acrobatic stunts which held everyone in. Ten minutes, full stage; three curtains.

F. B. JOERLING.

**Palace, Chicago**

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, February 24)

A top-notch bill, a shade less meritorious than last week, but everybody satisfied.

Bento Bros., "The Utmost in Equilibrium", were all their title claimed. A beautiful act of sheer grace and muscle, well staged and placed. Six minutes, full stage.

Russell and Pierce, "Acromedians", is a good dance act, with one or two songs that please, and patter that reaches the crowd. Six minutes, in one; two bows.

Renee Hohert and Giers-Dorf presented an orchestral number remarkable for its almost perfection in showmanship, musicianship and charm. Its excellence is due to a combination of hard work and elaborate settings. Renee Hohert is a dancer very much out of the ordinary, and every member of the company is satisfying. Twenty-one minutes in full. One encore, six curtains, three bows.

Belle Baker, "The Incomparable", resumed her sway over the hearts of her admirers. Just as attractive and entertaining as ever. Twenty-four minutes, in one; three encores and six bows.

Bobby Randall stopped the show with a running-fire monolog in blackface, much of it new and all of it clever. Twenty-one minutes, in one; five bows.

"Fables of 1921", a musical extravaganza, by George Chooa and his company, was the most elaborate on the bill in settings and costumes. The last feature of the act, the "Transformation", was most pleasing. Thirty-eight minutes, full stage; three curtains.

Klein Brothers thoroughly pleased with a line of comedy and imitations. Fifteen minutes in one. Two bows.

Hall, Ermine and Brice gave a "better-than-usual" closing act. It was excellent in music and in novelty. Fifteen minutes in full.

AL FLUDE.

**Keith's, Cincinnati**

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

Pathe News, Aesop's Fables.

The Zelda Brothers, who headed the vaudeville bill, are acrobats and contortionists of no mean ability. We were especially impressed when one of the duo did a back drop from a height of fifteen feet and picked up in his mouth a handkerchief that was placed on a table just as he landed on his feet at the conclusion of the drop. Six minutes, full stage; two bows.

Tex McLeod, the Texas cowboy, is excellent at rope spinning, but his humorous side-talk and banter didn't give the audience a chance to stop laughing. His running comment on politics and things in general is certainly original and in a class by itself. Fourteen minutes, in two; three bows.

Ted Lorraine and Jack Minto and Mile, Marie Andre, ballet dancer, in their miniature review, which is an adaptation of "Moth and Flame", won the approval of the audience. We were especially impressed by the lighting novelties and by mademoiselle's dancing. The pantomime, so essential to an allegorical portrayal of this sort, left little to be desired. Thirteen minutes, in three, special drops and drapes; three bows.

No one who saw the act of Lou Clayton and Cliff Edwards in "Please Stop", dancing and singing sketch, would deny that they are comedians of the first water. We also wish to record that Lou Clayton, plus his voice and trusty ukelele, stopped the show with the song "Where the Lazy Daisies Grow". The audience wouldn't let Cliff Edwards go on with his dancing, which is far above the ordinary, until they heard the song once more. An act that contains a maximum of humor and melody. Twenty-two minutes, in one; three bows.

George Dufranne, French tenor, who is making his vaudeville debut, scored an enviable hit. Carl Stelzel accompanied him on the piano. Nineteen minutes, in one; two encores and four bows.

"Woe" Georgie Wood in the sketch, "His Black Hand", and two Scottish character bits, was as entertaining as ever and his delineation of the small boy is certainly above criticism. Dolly Harmon and Tom Blacklock are excellent in the supporting roles. Twenty-five minutes, in four, with changes to one; four bows.

George McKay and Oattie Ardine present a new comedy dancing sketch that holds the attention and amuses to the superlative degree. No one who hears Miss Ardine pronounce "night watchman" will forget to laugh for at least a week afterward. Nineteen minutes, in one and four; four bows and return.

The Tamaki Duo, man and woman, prove diverting and instructive in an exhibition of Japanese Jiu-jitsu. Six minutes, full stage; applause.

CARL G. GOELZ.

**Loew's State, New York**

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

A comedy animal act with monkeys and colts, "A Day at the Races", opened the show and quickly proceeded to loosen up the applause and laughter. The monkeys, truly great laughmakers, did the trick, and had the audience in a good mood for the rest of the performance.

The three odd chaps, who are really not so odd after all, except perhaps in their eccentric dancing, which is really far from amateurish, found pickings easy, and successfully carried the dance spot to a good haul. One of the boys, a haritone, did nicely with "It's a Man Every Time", and his two compatriots use their feet to good advantage in an imitation hit of Gallagher and Shean. They don't sing the famous "G and S" ditty. Maybe that's why they're odd.

A laugh provoking pair, Grace and Eddie Parks, with a leaning toward melody, came in for many encouraging plaudits as they tripped thru their merry-making routine. Eddie, who does a clog and jig to ultimate perfection, planted himself squarely in the fan's confidence with his comedy special, "Better Pull Down the Blind", and from there on it was easy. Grace did her share and is the type one looks at twice.

Townsend Bold and Company, with Julia Lawrence and Charles Wright, the latter doing his stuff on the piano, are entertaining in more ways than one, and their offering is considerably above the average. The various dances—interpretative, waltz, Spanish, tango, etc.—are beautifully executed, and the vocal solos, an operatic air and a Spanish number, done by Miss Lawrence, are enthusiastically applauded by the audience. By virtue of an elaborate and colorful setting the offering is given a touch of pretentiousness.

It was left for Frances Arms, late of John Cort's musical show, "Sharlee", however, to drive the applause to a point of stentorian songs which are used as a lever for an encore. She increases the applause from a negligible to an overwhelming quantity. Five encores probably wouldn't wear out the spirited acrobat. As a comedienne Miss Arms isn't far from the romancers.

From cabaret to vaudeville comes Charles

**Orpheum, St. Louis**

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, February 24)

Two miniature musical comedy revues, each running over half an hour, vied with each other for headline honors over a splendid bill. Joseph E. Howard and Ethelyn Clark's "Etchings From Life", in sixth position, took first place. Theirs is one of the most pretentious productions in vaudeville. Miss Clark and Howard sang several of the latter's song successes. The well-known James J. Morton, in his inimitably droll way, did the announcing and furnished the laughs, while Tillus and Larue are as clever and nifty a pair of dancers as any to be seen in the two-a-day when it comes to effin-like grace. Dorothy Waterman, Anita Elliott and Harriet Irgens and the Concert Lady Orchestra, consisting of the Misses Harrow, Pratt and Miller, constituted the balance of the cast. A real treat for thirty-four minutes, with encores, bows and speeches.

"The Sun Dodger", a C. B. Maddock presentation featuring Harry Coleman, was third on the bill and also proved a banner production with exquisite settings in one, three and full stage, and tasteful costumes, among which the fantastically designed radium gowns were most prominent. Coleman makes a crackerjack laconic and had 'em laughing thru-out. A comedy sketch is interwoven in a melange of tuneful singing and specially dancing by a fair supporting cast of seven women and three men. Hugh Morton is the musical director. Thirty-eight minutes; curtains and bows a plenty.

Ray G. Huling's "Clown Seal" opened the vaudeville and proved to be one of the best-trained comedians from the sea we have ever witnessed. Fourteen minutes, in four; four curtains.

Black George, in blackface, followed with his two well-known bits, "Egyptology" and "Sons of I Will Arrive", which brought him his usual share of applause.

Mae Normandie assisted in the first vehicle and sang two numbers. Fourteen minutes, special in one; three bows.

Charles Purcell, musical comedy star with pleasing personality and carriage and in golden tenor voice, opened with a medley from various songs of his past success, then sang "Ninety-Nine", "Just One Little Drink", "My Wonderful One", "Dirty Hands, Dirty Face" and "I'm Going South". Twenty-four minutes, in one; encore and bows.

Al Lydell and Carleton Macy in "Old Crookes". The old veteran characterizations of these two boys need no comment as they are there in their portrayals and they seem to improve with age. Their act is reliable at all times. Seventeen minutes, special in one; four bows.

Bill Robinson, "The Dark Cloud of Joy", has no peer when it comes to clog dancing and he can shuffle his feet with the best. He intersperses several comedy songs and some snappy talk to good effect. Fifteen minutes, in one; encore and bows.

George Beege and Rae Qupee closed the three-hour bill with some whirlwind roller skating, the "upside-down two-no-one" finish being exceptionally furious and a wonderful stunt. Seven minutes, special in full stage; three curtains.

F. B. JOERLING.

F. Strickland and his entertainers, six of them in all. Strickland's band has left nothing behind, and before he and his fellow musicians are thru one is looking about for the unwelcome dinner check. The program is started off with an appetizer, "Blue Hoosier Blues", which tended to make the patrons hungry; then for the cocktail or whatever one is lucky enough to get. A number reminiscent of the old days is played, and for each course thereafter the band does numbers to lighten the burden of the cover charge, winding up with "I Love You". You might swear off, but you'll come back if Strickland and his entertainers are there. ROY CHARTIER.

**Palace, Cincinnati**

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, February 25)

The Reuters show prowess in physical strength. William is of the Apollo type and Milla shows unusual strength for a woman of her medium stature, barding the weight of her partner without visible signs of strain. In three; two curtains.

Block and Dunlop, of juvenile appearance, offer a combination of patter, dancing and vocalism. There is nothing original in the comedy, their dancing is done with vigor and their singing voices are nothing to rave about, altho not an item missed fire. Fifteen minutes, in one; three bows.

Philon, Duncan and Joyce found speedy favor with their neatly trimmed confection of singing, instrumentalism and terpsichore, and the trio, two men and a girl, are capable in all they do in 15 minutes. In two; three bows.

Adair and Braham present "The Bootshop" and repeated the success of their former visit. New comedy has been injected. Fourteen minutes, in three; three curtains.

The Great Lester brought a new vocabulary of wit and scored one of the hits of the after-

**B. S. Moss' Regent, N. Y.**

(Reviewed Thursday Evening, February 21)

Fast, clever little bill, with three big-time acts in a row toward the close, two of which stopped the show good. Peggy Bremen and Brother offered their novelty "The Imp's Playground", a series of difficult stunts on unsupported ladders. Now and then they succeeded in giving the patrons a thrill by their daring. The act thru-out is really interesting.

In the second spot the New York Hippodrome-Four, a male singing quartet, entertained with several selections. The offering when reviewed did not go over any too well, but it ought to make a good act to advertise the Hip name over other parts of the circuit. It's about the only reason we happen to know why they should use this title unless they worked in with some act at the Hip. For additional review see "New Turns".

Brown and Lavelle in "Izzatro" proved to be a comedy-musical team, the woman doing the comedy while the man played straight. As she wears street clothes and looks anything but a comic, her material is naturally harder to put over. They managed to score later on for all that and gathered a few laughs. The xylophone, kept out during the early part of the performance, came in for a bit late in the act.

Edith Clasper, with Paul O'Neal and Paul Yovan, advertise a theatrical trade paper that means nothing to the lay patrons of a house. If it was The Billboard—well, that would be different. The act must be good, however, for we've seen it play the Palace.

The routine, including the shadow effect by Miss Clasper, is worked out smoothly. Both boys on the jump continually, and Miss Clasper, while nothing sensational as a dancer, is very graceful, lithe and dainty as a nymph in whatever steps she does accomplish.

The next-to-closing spot was handed a wallop by Crafts and Huey, who stuck around until they actually stopped the show. The duo seem to be going stronger than ever, with their material virtually the same, with a new gag or two added for the finish.

Blossom Heath Ebertainers, an eight-piece combination and a real hot one, closed the show, stopping it as well. In addition to their peppy style of music they offered a few novel effects in putting songs over that couldn't possibly miss. For further review see "New Turns".

S. H. MYER.

noon, getting enormous laughs for the impromptu remarks thrown at some of the auditors while passing thru the audience with his dummy rendering a vocal number. When it comes to throwing voice we doubt if there is another ventriloquist who could surpass Lester, who is using the catch phrase, "Gee, whiz," for the hearty laugh. Eighteen minutes, in one; three bows.

Morley and Unger provided fifteen minutes of rollicking fun, the man registering with comical facial expressions. The robust female helped put over the act with her vocalism. In one, three bows.

There is plenty of tuneless musical numbers in Benny Barton's Revue. Elsie Barton and Al Garbelle, violinists, and Belle and Lillian Dyer, dancers, have an opportunity of displaying their individual abilities. The St. Louis Serenaders dispense jazz and semi-classical selections. Twenty minutes, full stage; special interior; three curtains.

JIMMIE LONG.

**Hippodrome, New York**

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port of a pole nor parasol, proved a revelation in such an offering and was given a bit of background with the aid of the all-American ballet ensemble. In reality Miacahna needs no one but herself, of course, to provide a big-time vaudeville act. Additional review will appear under "New Turns".

The next to closing spot was filled by Vera Michelena and Fred Hillebrand. Miss Michelena, who has been seen to much better advantage in legitimate attractions, has little to do, while Fred does the comedy in forced tempo. Essentially the offering is not a hippodrome act, which is nothing against the duo or their efforts. The material is mainly two long parodies on high-class ballad and operatic tunes, with a few other bits of business worked in.

Kathleen O'Hanlon and Theodore Zambini in their "Cabaret in Cuba" dance revue, supported by Senorita Grassl and nine-piece Argentine orchestra, closed the show. The trio of dancers, who were further assisted by the sixteen Hipp girls, are dancers far above the average and offer powerful numbers, each one with a decided punch.

M. H. SHAPIRO.

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Reviewed Monday matinee, February 12, at Keith's Hippodrome, New York. Style—Revue. Setting—One to full stage (special). Time—Twenty minutes.

The producer of this revue has been associated more or less with the Loew Circuit of late, but the offering is one of the best legitimate productions of its kind we've seen in months, one of the finest dancing teams in vaudeville does marvelous work throughout the act.

Altho the performance, when reviewed, was held up at one point due to a miscue, the show outside of that ran very smoothly. The costumes were colorful and attractive throughout, while the whole production shows signs of competent and classy staging.

ALLAN DINEHART AND COMPANY

In the One-Act Vaudeville Oddity "THE MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD" By Everett S. Ruskay

Reviewed at the Palace Theater, New York, Monday afternoon, February 18. Style—Comedy playlet. Setting—In three, office set. Time—Fifteen minutes.

The Everett S. Ruskay skit, which under George M. Cohan's direction was developed into a successful full-length play two seasons ago, makes diverting vaudeville material.

The action centers around the attempt of a young lawyer to sell out a country storekeeper for an unpaid bill. When it develops that the storekeeper is a girl, the attorney loses his heart to her, borrows money to meet the obligation and steers himself into a litigation which, among other things, promises the girl's hand as a reward.

A VENETIAN ROMANCE

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at Loew's State Theater, New York. Style—Musical revue. Setting—Special, full stage. Time—Eighteen minutes.

Alton Boehm, dancer, is the featured member of "A Venetian Romance", which lays claim to its title by the romantic setting which it gives—a moonlight scene on the banks of a softly undulating canal—as well as by the sentimental musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by the remainder of the company, consisting of seven people.

The prima donna, a tall, well-built blond, sings in a forcible soprano and on the opening does an organic selection with the tenor. Another member accompanies at the piano.

The instrumental trio—a combination of violin, guitar and piano recitation—and Miss Bohm, who makes a decided hit with her torch-song and ballet classics, all arrive on the scene in a rather novel manner. A gondola slowly and quietly steals up in the canal and they sing. The girl dances and the boys, all dressed in semi-casual costume, play appropriate melodies. The violinist gets some exceptionally good music out of his fiddle and it wouldn't be a guess, it is thought, to permit him to give a solo. With a good number he'd probably stop the show. The prima donna's rendition of "Your Eyes Have Haunted Me So", a sentimental ballad, woefully depreciates the value of the number due to bad control of the voice.

Aside from this, however, the offering is one that will please even the most exacting vaudeville patron. R. C.

NEW TURNS and RETURNS

JOSEPH SELLIVAN Presents NED WAYBURN'S "HONEYMOON CRUISE"

Book and Lyrics by Arthur Swanstrom. Music by Carey Morcan

(Characters in the Order of their Appearance) Scene 1 Captain of the Yacht "Old Ned" Violet Cunningham A Common Seaman... Marlon Draper A Sailor... Will Higgie Nathaniel Fish, Owner of the Yacht Arthur Swanstrom The Bride... Hazel Bowman The Groom... James Clemons Mariel, a Bride-to-be... Edna French Cousinello, Another... Mildred Billert Scene 2 A Couple... Edna French Paulette... Marlon Draper Mizou... Mildred Billert Gaston... Edward Fitzgerald Scene 3 A Spanish Dancer... Mildred Billert A Russian Dancer... Helen Dobbins A Russian Dancer... Will Higgie

Synopsis of Scenes: Scene 1—"Old Ned" The Deck of the Yacht "Old Ned". Scene 2—"The Cafe de la Paix, Paris." Scene 3—"Back on the Yacht—"Fishing." Scene 4—"Somewhere in Africa"—The Cavern of Eternal Youth—"She". Scene 5—"On Board the "Old Ned"—Homeward Bound.

Musical Numbers: Orchestra Conducted by Milton Schwarzwald. 1. "Honeymoon Cruise" Sung by Arthur Swanstrom and Girls 2. "I'll Never Meet a Girl Like You" Sung by Arthur Swanstrom and Hazel Bowman 3. Ballet—"Maid of the Mist"—Jane Sels and Girls 4. "Owl Out" Sung by James Clemons Introducing a "Leg-Maria" Dance by Foon Vanmar 5. "Russian Rag" Sung by Helen Shapiro and Girls Introducing a Russian Dance by Will Higgie 6. "Spanish Dance" Mildred Billert 7. "A Spanish Dance" Helen Dobbins 8. "I'm Awaiting for You" Song by Hazel Bowman and "Fishing" Girls 9. "When I Went Home Again" Sung by Arthur Swanstrom, Mildred Billert and Helen Dobbins Introducing Solo Dance by Marlon Draper and "Natives" 10. The Revelation of "She". Posed by Edna French 11. Finale—"As Long as It's Our Home, Sweet Home" Sung by Entire Company

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at the Palace Theater, New York. Style—Musical revue. Setting—Varied, special. Time—Fifty minutes.

Quite the most pretentious act ever seen at the Palace is Ned Wayburn's "Honeymoon Cruise". It is colorfully mounted and costumed; it has an abundance of excellent dancing by an uncommonly pretty and talented bevy of girls; a dash of comedy, some fair singing, a bit of a story, and a plentiful measure of specialties by an admirably selected company of principals.

It runs very long, too long for vaudeville some will argue, but in respect to its unprecedented length it has this unalterable fact in its favor—it contains not one dull moment; not one second when the tempo drags. It's high-power entertainment from the word go, not one cylinder misses fire—it hits on all six continuously. A perusal of the foregoing program, gives an excellent idea of the routine. E. H.

ARTIE MEHLINGER

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at Loew's State Theater, New York. Style—Singing. Setting—In one. Time—Fourteen minutes.

Artie Mehlinger last season was teamed with Walter Donaldson, songwriter, on the Keith Circuit and was caught at the Palace by this paper. He has taken the suggestions written in these columns at that time and now appears singly, doing a routine of choicely selected songs. They are mostly special numbers, heretofore unheard, and one especially, "She's Too Nice To Be Naughty". It is a tailor-made fit for the vaudeville stage. Artie has the precious faculty of making himself supply what little his songs may lack. He has a pleasing voice, amiable personality, vivacity and action and puts his numbers over with effective gesticulation. Mehlinger's repertoire of songs includes, in addition to the one mentioned, "Sip, Sip, Sippy Moon", "Waiting Around" and a special number, "Seven, Come Eleven". In this latter number Artie gives a realistic impression of the "galloping dominoes" and tries his best to make the song a gang number, but he plays the wrong game—at least he did when reviewed—for the audience steadfastly refused to respond "seven, come eleven", which he requested them to do. This resulted in a weak closing for Mehlinger, unfortunately, he having his way easy up until this point, with an audience that insisted on being tight throat the entire bill.

"She's Too Nice To Be Naughty", the strongest number Mehlinger has, if switched to closing would undoubtedly pave the way for an encore. R. C.

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN PHILLIPS

In "A LESSON FOR WIVES" Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater, New York City. Style—Comedy skit. Setting—Special, in full. Time—Twenty minutes.

When S. Jay Kaufman wrote "A Lesson for Wives", his dramatic faculty must have been working at cross-currents. As a result, there was concocted a dramatic beverage that contained a goodly share of refined slap-stick, a dose of sparkling witticism and a dash or two of piquant satire. Oh, yes, and a spritz of Sunkist orange skin, giving it the softening touch of the whimsical. With a refreshing drink—when compared with the regular output of the vaudeville blind-tigers.

The competent young producers, Hockey and Green, undertook to stage this novel bit of vaudeville fare and made a mighty fine job of it. The skit seems to travel along in jerks and gasps, but the audience is made oblivious of this weakness by the clever scene-change interpolations of that superb little monologist, Norman Phillips, Jr., who serves as the chronicler or commentator.

Rare taste for simplified, economical stage dressing is shown by the producers in the mounting of the skit. A maroon-colored drape, with a slit in the center, hangs in olio. Change of locale behind this curtain is effected by the substitution of a piece of two of furniture, and nothing is found wanting in the illusion. An overhead spot is the only light source used in each of the succeeding six scenes, except the last one. In this last scene there is injected the touch of the whimsical or fantastic.

The skit opens with the young lovers, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips, seated in front of the maroon drop, with the lover swearing eternal devotion and love if the girl will consent to marry him. She does. Thereupon the scene is trised out and then out steps five or six-year-old Norman, Jr., blond-haired and a white middy, "just too cute for words", as a woman on our left was heard to whisper. Little Norman proceeds to put the audience privy, confidential-like, you know, to the ensuing action. With sly winks and significant nods of his little blond head he tells the audience that that stuff, reeled off by the wooer, about loving the girl "always, always, always" is all the bunk and announces that the couple are now to be seen in action six months after marriage.

Then comes the old story of the husband's love for his wife grown cold and her plotting to revive his love by arousing his jealousy. The husband is shown rushing off to work without remembering to kiss the wife and the pouring out of her lament by the wife to the sister-in-law, who tells the former that her predicament and problem reminds her of a picture she had seen at the Rialto.

As the sister-in-law proceeds to unfold the plot of the photoplay the screen-curtain is lowered and there is flashed upon it the scene of a wife and housemaid painfully smoking cigars so as to provide suspicion-arousing evidence for the delinquent husband. Then comes the flashback to the Phillips' sitting room, with the wife and sister-in-law planting the cigars. The husband arrives and a moment later, on discovering he is out of cigarettes, starts to rummage around and discovers the cigars. But instead of arousing suspicion, the cigars stir him to anger—the idea of his wife buying cigars when she knows he only smokes cigarettes.

Norman, Jr., then emerges to tell the audience that the high-strung fellow playing the husband is his father and the girl in the role of the wife is his mother and assures the folks out front that his father wouldn't dare act that way in real life.

A rendezvous with an old admirer in a cafe, where they are discovered by the husband, ends in dismal failure for the wife. To the wife's bewilderment, the husband, instead of chiding the pair, invites the admirer to go in for a business proposition with him and thanks him for entertaining the wife while he, the husband, is taken up with business. Another visit of the little chronicler, who philosophizes over the vicissitudes of marital love, and a flashback to the Phillips' parlor. The wife, on advice of the sister-in-law, plays sick, "just exactly what the girl did in the picture", but this pose to revive the husband's affections goes for naught, the husband hurrying off to the club with the explanation that sickness around the house always upsets him terribly.

In the last scene the wife is discovered in bed telephoning the doctor that she is really sick—of a broken heart. The husband appears, overhears the lamentation and all turns out well.

The final curtain brought the full amount of applause the skit and the capable cast deserved. B. B.

FRANK HUNTER AND COMPANY

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's 125th Street Theater, New York. Style—Burlesque. Setting—Scene 1, interior of express and transfer office; Scene 2, street scene and exterior of apartment building. Time—Seventeen minutes.

Frank Hunter, a "wop" comedian of familiar burlesque type, keeps the audience in continuous titters during the seventeen minutes he is on stage. His vehicle bulges with laugh-provoking lines, puns and witty sayings, and was written, no doubt, by one who realizes what the vaudeville stage demands these days of comedians. Hunter, however, is a laugh without the words he says, and by his antics alone is sufficiently amusing to leave no one disappointed in him. The man who essays the role of the express company boss impresses one deeply with his fine acting, and in the tense comic situations he is the master of his part, playing it seriously, yet in that manner which encourages the comedy values of the offering.

Hunter is attired in exaggerated "wop" costume, and coming to the express company office to announce he will not be able to come to work this morning, he starts things off nicely, the hard-boiled boss feeding him for the comic lines. Laughing becomes continuous. A customer, who wants to have her household moved, comes in to give the order. She is a spinster with her hair coiled on the top of her head and with a tongue that knows no traffic regulations or speed limits. The set shifts to a street scene, and the express moving van is standing in front of the apartment building ready for loading. Hunter helps transfer stuff from the house to the van, causing hilarious laughter by his carelessness in handling fragile articles, such as china, pictures, vases and the like. A barrel of glassware is tossed perfunctorily into the van and a crash issues forth. Balancing a piano on his back, Hunter comes down the steps swaying back and forth as if on the verge of toppling over under his hefty burden, and the "old maid", who stands at the side watching the procedure, is as restless and impatient as she can be.

The van is loaded and unloaded three times as the "mover" and the "mover" argue over the price of the pull. Finally coming to terms, the boss says "Load", this after the boys had just finished unloading the second time, and the curtain descends.

The offering is chock-full of entertainment and laughs. R. C.

ALLEN AND GRACE

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's 125th Street Theater, New York. Style—Singing and talking. Setting—In three. Time—Twenty-two minutes.

Allen and Grace are not wasting their time in vaudeville, but they might make it worth more in musical comedy or light opera. Allen possesses a robust tenor voice and Grace a rich contralto. If anyone should be headlined in the three-a-day—or even the two-a-day—it should be this team. They were seen here in the deuce spot.

The offering contains not only some choice singing, but highly laugh-provoking comedy, and if Allen and Grace were to do a comedy character double they no doubt would prove as much a riot as many acts specializing in this field. Allen, on the opening, is vocalizing at the piano. Grace comes in in the character role of a boarding house maid and begins to sweep. Allen protests and some lively and entertaining dialog follows. Grace finally sings "Romany Lane", with a duster in one hand and a cleaning cloth in the other. Right away Allen telephones to someone and, having fixed things up, Grace is to appear in the opera that night in place of the leading lady, who, it transpires, has suddenly become ill. The opera gown of the indisposed is delivered and, while Grace is making the change, Allen sings a selection from "Tales of Hoffman". He was forced to resign the number. Grace, on returning, all dolled up like a diva, sings

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## VAUDEVILLE NOTES

**W**ALTER READE, theater owner, has purchased a \$100,000 home at Deal, N. J. READE has extensive theatrical holdings in the State, which he operates in conjunction with the B. F. Keith Circuit. . . . VINCENT LOPEZ and his Hotel Pennsylvania Orchestra are making their first appearance outside of New York for the Keith Circuit. The band's route includes Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, following which it will return to New York. . . . The FITZPATRICK BROTHERS, who were variety favorites as far back as 1876, made their debut as radio artistes last week at Station WJZ, New York City. . . . TOM SWIFT and COMPANY, in "The Gob", by PAUL GERARD SMITH, began a tour of the Orpheum Circuit last week under the direction of E. K. NADEL. The supporting cast includes JACQUELINE MASON, MARY COX, VIRGINIA DALE and W. FRANCIS CLARK. . . . The New York police, after several days of investigation, last week dropped the case of OLGA MORTON CAMP, cabaret dancer, who charged that she had been attacked in her apartment by thieves. Police declared the charge to be a "frame" for publicity. . . . BROADWAY JONES and His Orchestra, at Coconut Grove, Palm Beach, are the top-line attraction at the famous winter resort. . . . PAT ROONEY headed a special benefit performance for the N. V. A. in Montreal last week.

**T**HE latest word to be received by the Keith Circuit of HARRY J. MONDORF, its foreign scout, was from Burma. From thence he plucked Calcutta and then Egypt and Arabia. MONDORF has already covered virtually all of the Far Eastern countries. . . . The New York Hippodrome staged a special tableau, "The Spirit of '76", on Washington's Birthday. Those who enacted the holiday feature were WARD and POST and MASTER GEORGES. . . . ROSALIE STEWART, New York producer, is interested in two new motion picture concerns, incorporated this week under the laws of the State of New York. They are Leeshow, Inc., and Frosk, Inc. . . . A benefit will be given April 1 for HARVEY J. BURNNEY, blind artiste, who twelve years ago played with BILLY LE MAIRE at the Bijou Theater, New York. JIMMY DUFFY has been discharged from bankruptcy. . . . BOBBY BARRY and DICK LANCASTER are the first act booked for the Orpheum Circuit next season. . . . JAY BLOOMENBERG, acrobat, has bought the Stroud Theater, Stroudsburg, Pa. The purchase price was \$65,000. . . . IRENE FRANKLIN sprained her left knee for the second time while appearing at the Riverside Theater, New York, last week. She was forced to cancel, but resumed bookings this week.

**J**OSEFSSON'S ICELANDERS, with the "Greenwich Village Follies", are playing at the Shubert Theater, Philadelphia, where they will close week of March 3, thence going to the Shubert Theater in Boston for a return engagement of two weeks. . . . GEORGES MITCHELL-TIERNEY, B. C. S., former well-known two-a-day artiste and musician, communicates from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, Central America, that he is under a fifty-two weeks' contract in that country. MITCHELL-TIERNEY is connected with the United Fruit Company. . . . The CEVENE TROUPE of double wire workers recently returned from a six months' tour in England and opened on the V. B. O. Time at Poll's Capitol, Hartford, Conn. JOHN B. HYMER finished a special two weeks on Poll Time at Hartford in his skit of "Tom Walker in Dixie". The old character of Tom Walker is still a big hit. . . . DE LANDRY WONDER SHOW has an extended route which will take them into Nebraska and Kansas and expect to start their summer show about the first of June. . . . GEORGE MOORE'S room at the Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., was converted into a "green room" recently, when TRINIE FRIGANZA, FRANK FARNUM and the STUART SISTERS, all members of FARNUM'S dance revue, appearing at the Hennepin-Orpheum, visited the sick man. . . . The Bijou Theater, Savannah, Ga., resumed Keith vaudeville week of February 11 for three nights only each week. . . . The KNOX COMEDY FOUR, now playing the Columbia Circuit, have scored big all along the circuit for Orpheum, Jr., and Keith Western out of Chicago. Those in the company are: LOUIS COAST, comedian; FRANK WINFIELD, EDDIE DURDEL and LOUIS KNOLL.

**E**LLIOT DEXTER, screen star, is going into vaudeville. The vehicle in which he will appear is written by LAINE STERNE and entitled, "A Good Provider". Casting for the sketch was begun last week by LEWIS & GORDON, and so far HARRY ENGLISH has been decided upon to play one of the supporting parts. Two female roles are yet to be filled. . . . HAL FORDE, well known in the musical comedy field, and GITZ RITZ, composer of popular songs, recently made their first appearance in vaudeville as partners at Proctor's Fifth Avenue, New York. FORDE was last seen in the motion picture, "The Great White Way". . . . The YATES REVUE, with LA VOIE and LANE, which appeared on the bill at the Hippodrome, New York, last week, is to be elaborated into a full-size musical comedy for presentation on Broadway some time this summer by ARTHUR YATES and ALLAN K. FOSTER. . . . The entire cast of the "Music Box Revue", headed by FLORENCE MOORE, FRANK TINNEY, SOLLY WARD and

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**PHIL BAKER**, attended last Monday's matinee at the Hippodrome. . . . **PERCY HILTON** will be featured in the vaudeville playlet which **WILLIAM ANTHONY McGUIRE** is sponsoring. The vehicle is entitled, "Pals and a Girl", and is the work of **LEROY CLEMONS**. It is intended to have the act in readiness to show within two or three weeks. . . . The original company of "Blondes", a **LEWIS & GORDON** act, which has played several seasons, is going out again with **LAWRENCE REAKER** leading the cast, to include his wife, **MILBRED REAKER**; **FLORENCE MAYE** and **HERBERT ASHTON, JR.** **REAKER** appeared in "Blondes" previous to his engagement with the "Molly, Darling", show. . . . **SOLLY WARD'S** comedy, "Babies", co-authored by **HAL LEWIS**, is now in rehearsal with **CHARLEY WARD** playing the leading part and **MERVYN CHAPMAN** and **GLADYS CLARKE** in supporting roles. The act will be ready for showing within a week. . . . The **ROSALIA STEWART** office is not going to do any more vaudeville producing until next season. It is announced. They have two dramatic hits on Broadway now, "Meet the Wife" and "The Showoff". . . . **HOWARD EMMETT RODGER'S** playlet, "The Check-book Clump", will be laid on the shelf until next fall.

**NEW TURNS AND RETURNS**

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"Dreamy Melody". She throws herself into the number with all her might. For the finish **Allen** and **Grace** sing a medley, comprising "Look for the Silver Lining", "I Adore You" and other numbers. They were a big hit when reviewed and their next appearance, irrespective of where, should be as a headline attraction. **R. C.**

**FIELDS AND FINK**

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's 125th Street Theater, New York. Style—Comedy, with song. Setting—In one. Time—Nineteen minutes.

**Fields** and **Fink**, mixed double, make themselves a "go" despite much that is against them in their routine. They got an overwhelming hand when reviewed and took an encore, but any performer, if he wants to, can get a hand from the rough element in an audience by indulging in "blue" talk. The applause accorded **Fields** and **Fink** when caught by this reviewer should not be mistaken as an indication of the act's merit, for the material used falls far short of the type that one would care to take his mother or sister to.

For instance, when the man receives a "letter" from a plant, who says it comes from the management, and upon clanking at it says, "Well, for Christ," suppressing the rest, it is going pretty far. At the remark the audience howls. It seems to the writer that if an act's entertainment value is to be judged by its coarseness and the applause accorded suggestive situations and lines, vaudeville is reverting to the "beer garden" days.

The girl incessantly slaps the man's face when he "goes too far with her" in his remarks. This is done for laughs—and gets them. The offering is composed almost entirely of inferential discourse, gags and puns. Conundrums, riddles and jokes, flavored with the same condiment, are also plenty. The girl, who is not so pleasing of personality and short on good looks, sings a song, the words of which are inarticulate and jumbled. The man makes the usual error in his travesty recitation bit of referring to **Hugh D'Arcy's** classic as "The Face on the Barroom Floor". It is, in reality, as the author has often pointed out, "The Face Upon the Floor".

Some tall expurgating ought to be and no doubt will be done before this turn disgraces itself any further in the eyes of the vaudeville world. **R. C.**

**NEW YORK HIPPODROME FOUR**

Reviewed Thursday evening, February 21, at B. S. Moss' Regent Theater, New York. Style—Singing. Setting—In one. Time—Fourteen minutes.

The boys are attired in dark tan coats and white flannel trousers. Their voices are good and they harmonize well. A little showmanship is lacking, however, in their selection of songs and method of selling them. All of the ballad solos are unusually slow and hinder the performance materially. They opened with a popular number that was fairly good. A solo

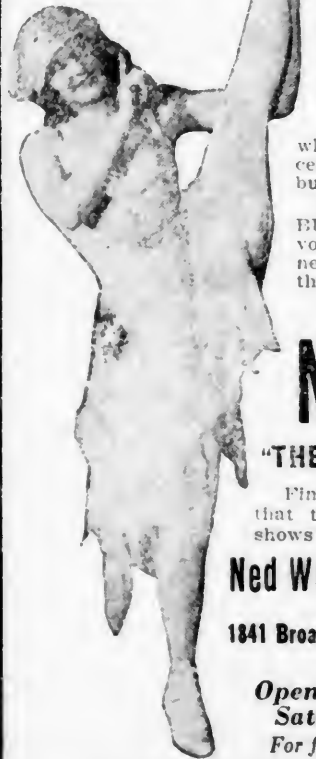
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dragged out by the tenor followed, as well as another solo by the baritone, who chose a more fitting tune. The four did a Dixie song next, another ballad as a solo being the succeeding single. For a closing number they offered a published number somewhat on the comedy order that went over better than anything they had done so far. The four of them should be a little less stiff, choose faster numbers and inject more comedy into the act. They have their voices and appearances with them and there is no reason why they can't make a much better impression than they did when reviewed. **S. H. M.**

**BLOSSOM HEATH ENTERTAINERS**

Reviewed Thursday evening, February 21, at B. S. Moss' Regent Theater, New York. Style—Orchestra. Setting—In three (acts). Time—Eighteen minutes.

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Included in their novelties is a "Broadway" series of impersonation of well-known artists, such as **Eddie Leonard**, **Al Jolson**, **Eddie Cantor** and others. For the Leonard number, the trombone player wore a minstrel hat and did "Ida". The banjoist did a song and bit of dance also.

The hit of the act, however, is a published number, done behind the scrim with the stage black-out and slides with the words of the song on the scrim. A funny little cartoon is under each few lines. This had the audience singing in no time, and laughing as well. Following the first verse and chorus a conversation and a gag or two between husband and wife follows on the scrim and this is done as an instrumental conversation between the cornetist and sax players. The tune is "Coming Thru the Rye", and it's one long wow. For the two encores two songs are staged with novel effects also.

Entertainers as applied to this act is not misplaced. The combination is there from every conceivable angle as a big-time proposition. According to the program, the boys are from Virginia. **S. H. M.**

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She .....Marie Cahill  
The Old Man.....George Mills  
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Interlude—Mrs. Pinhook Leaves the Audience  
To Telephone  
Entr'acte—Memories—A Few of the Songs  
Miss Cahill Introduced  
Scene 2—"What Happened After".....  
.....By Paul Halvet  
Apartment, Atlantic City  
Lyric by Lorenz Hart. Music by W. Franke  
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Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at the Palace Theater, New York. Style—Comedy skit. Setting—Special, in one, one and a half and three. Time—Fifteen minutes.

**Marie Cahill** is as funny as ever. She returns to the two-day with a really laughable vehicle, a light, breezy sea-side skit in two scenes, broken by an interlude and entr'acte. In the first scene **Marie**, as an Atlantic City gold-digger, cons a worldly wise young man out of a "century" with a hard-luck story about her being a stranger in a strange city—went out to buy a package of cigarettes, left all her money except some small change in her hotel, got turned around and couldn't remember where she was stopping. The young man refuses to fall when she is unable to produce the cigarettes. As she walks away he discovers a package of cigarettes beneath the bench they had been sharing with a napping stranger, calls her back and presses a \$100 bill on her. She makes good her getaway before the sleeping third party awakes to claim the cigarettes as his.

In the interlude **Miss Cahill** appears in an apartment in the left form and carries on a mercurial one-sided conversation "by phone" with an up-town neighbor. This is followed by a short routine of songs that **Miss Cahill** made famous. She next appears in the second episode of the beach skit, her hotel room, where she has been traced by the young man who figured in the opening scene. It transpires that she is a friend of his sisters, with whom she had wagered that she could part him from some of his tight-held coin—a donation for charity. The

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L. B. Wilson, manager of the Liberty Theater, Cornington, Ky., is the writer of the song, "Miss Liberty", which he composed in honor of the winner of a local beauty contest. The author of the song was not known until copies and phonograph records made their appearance at music stores and the anonymous one came to light. The song, however, is not the first effort of the industrious theater manager, who also is said to be acting as receiver and executive head of a boiler factory, is engaged in the cigar business and finds time to help direct a bank.

As plans for the reorganization of the Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Company come to a head the final date set for stockholders to exercise subscription privilege to the voting trust certificates of the proposed liquidating and operating companies is February 28. The reorganization committee has fixed \$100 as the price for each share of stock represented by voting trust certificates and which is payable in installments of ten per cent on or before February 28, and the balance when called for.

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Victor Herbert's waltz, "A Kiss in the Dark" received a strong plug at the Hippodrome, New York, last week, the song having been sung by Sarah and Nellie Kouns, concert sopranos, on the first half of the bill, and by a songstress in the new Yates Revue later in the show. Which in itself is an excellent example of its progress.

"Days of Yesterday", used as both a waltz and fox-trot, was featured in some eighty theaters comprising the Stanley chain of movie houses during the week of February 11. The Ziff Music Publishing Company reports that the number is moving fast in all parts of the country.

Bachman's Million-Dollar Band has again been engaged to appear as a feature attraction at the Masonic Exposition and Fashion Show to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, May 13 to 24. The band's headquarters is still in Chicago and thru re-engagements plays a route of big affairs every year.

The band and orchestra department of Jack Mills, Inc., is now in charge of Al Compante, formerly with Richmond-Robbins, Inc. He succeeds Nat Bernstein, who resigned to enter the vaudeville production and booking field. "Cinderella Blues", by Herb Wiedoeft, of the Cinderella Roof, Los Angeles, is now a Mills publication and is proving one of the most popular disks ever released by the Brunswick Company. Another Mills song, "Seal It With a Kiss", has been changed to "Love is Like a Gamble", the latter title being considered equally attractive.

Ben Selvin is the composer of the song and many other prominent orchestra leaders have promised him their hearty co-operation in putting it over.

Harry Golub, sales manager for the Clarence Williams Music Publishing Company, arrived in New York after an extensive trip thru the Middle West. According to Golub, most music dealers are still very much interested in music. The Williams numbers, "Nobody Loves Me But My Mother", a fox-trot ballad, and "Mama's Gone, Good-By", are both said to be going strong, the latter especially as another "Sister Kate".

Jan Garber and his Garber-Davis Orchestra played last week at the eighteenth annual ball of the Alpha Phi at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and received substantial acknowledgment from the three thousand guests assembled there, who realized that they danced to something new in the line of music.

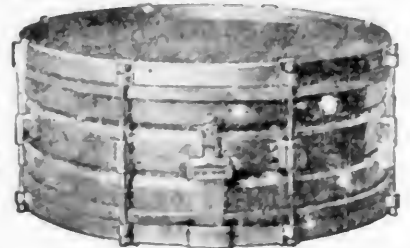


Jan Garber

As has been the custom for years, a silver loving cup was to be presented to the most beautiful girl, but the crowd was busy calling for encores when it came time to present the cup. Some one cried out: "Give it to Jan Garber and the orchestra." The next day the cup was returned to the jeweler and "beautiful lady" was blocked out and "To the Most Wonderful Orchestra" substituted. Garber and his band are booked to play the Hippodrome, New York, the week of March 10.

Ray Pulsifer's song, "Something About a Sunset (Reminds Me of You)", will be a feature of the radio musical program that will mark the opening of the new Union Trust Building in Cleveland, Wiley's Orchestra will do the honors. Miss Pulsifer, who is a Cleveland girl, is the author of the play, "Go West, Young Man", which recently played the Punch and Judy Theater, New York, and the song was used in the show, which was not only written by her but staged as well. The E. B. Marks

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A Paul Specht unit, under the direction of Earl South, has been engaged to supply the music for the exclusive Lido Venice supper club in East Fifty-third street, New York. Paul Young, of Chicago, is said to be after Earl Specht still with an attractive offer.

Books for ukulele players are now part of a new popular sheet music editions of Witmark songs, the notes being printed over the guitar chord. This is a step in advance of the practice of putting in a separate sheet with the chords, and is being considered by many other publishers, due to the increasing popularity of the string instrument.

Master Music Publishers, Inc., Chicago, announces a list of catalog numbers that stand out forcefully in the music world. They are "Are You Lonely?", a fox-trot ballad; "Lonely Little Wallflower", another fox-trot; "Wow", a novelty song; "Somehow I'm Always To Blame", a waltz ballad; "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More", a novelty comic number, and "When Colors Have Vanished", a waltz ballad.

In addition to some three-score big-time vaudeville acts using Victor Herliert's waltz song, "Kiss in the Dark", world-famous opera stars are including the selection in their concert repertoires. Which is sure enough proof of a song's high-class yet popular status.

John Heineman, formerly with Stark & Cowan, has taken over the Pacific Coast representation of Clark & Leslie Songs, Inc. Mr. Heineman is a well-known figure on the Coast. Incidentally Clark & Leslie's new number, "So This Is Venice", is said to be making a strong impression throughout the country. Paul Whiteman's Victor release is now out.

**NEW TURNS AND RETURNS**

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two decide to marry and with this decision set to music they sing their way off. When reviewed this act scored a decided hit.

**JESS AND DELL**

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's 125th Street Theater, New York. Style—Marionette, singing and dancing novelty. Setting—Special drop, in two and a half. Time—Ten minutes.

Jess and Dell are the sponsors of a novelty act, the first of its kind this reviewer has seen. The unique marionette work which they do resembles one of what cartoon characters would look like if they walked out of the comic strips. The method by which the effective marionette acting is done, too, is unique. A drop, "in two and a half", portrays a miniature stage, about four by six feet, with a depth of about three feet. A miniature curtain, much the same as is used in a large theater, is rung up and Jess and Dell are discovered with their heads sticking thru a black cloth at the rear of the little stage. Standing behind the drop they manipulate the marionettes which make up the rest of the body in a manner that gives the picture a sense of life.

At first they talk to each other about love, all the while making bashful-like gestures with the marionettes, and then they sing "Would You if You Could", a song of melodious refrain. Dell stimulates with the marionette and causes much jolliness amongst the assemblage out front, the children especially taking a delight in the fun. In a spotlight Jess and Dell carry on an alley cat serenade on the top of a brick wall, exchanging cat dummies for those previously used. They sing a song which reeks of "moo's", and the love-making between the "tom" and "pussy" commingled with "pats", wailing sounds and growling, guttural tones further arouses the riot which has gotten a costly start by this time.

Before the house olio, in "one", they do a dance enacted in prop skins of a dog and cat, Dell as the former, Jess the latter. An extraordinary good hand was theirs.

R. C.

**CLARENCE NORDSTROM**

In "SONGLAND"

Assisted by Zella Maude and Alberta Nichols

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at the Palace Theater, New York. Style—Singing. Setting—In one (special). Time—Ten minutes.

Clarence Nordstrom returns to vaudeville in a pleasing little act, after a more or less successful season with the "Molly Darling" show. He is assisted by a clever pianist and a charming songstress. Nordstrom has a lot of personality, an excellent truer, and a sure-fire delivery. When reviewed he was very much of a success.

Opening with a short introductory song, he follows with "Immigration Rose", a cleverly timed ballad number. This is followed by "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not", a dainty vocal novelty by Miss Maude. Nordstrom next sings

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"Homing", he and Miss Maude closing with a double version of a published number, topped off with a bit of stepping.

For an encore they do "Castles in Spain", from the "Molly Darling" show.

**BLANCHE RING AND CHARLES WINNINGER**  
"IN A STUDIO"

Reviewed Monday afternoon, February 18, at the Palace Theater, New York. Style—Comedy skit. Setting—In two, special; one, house. Time—Fifteen minutes.

Blanche Ring and Charlie Winninger are a wow. Their act is divided into two scenes. The first, "In a Studio", is a burlesque on the tearless movie queen, Miss Ring playing the latter role, with Winninger as a fiddler called in from the local musicians' union for the

purpose of aiding to produce the desired effect. This vehicle offers both ample opportunity to indulge in the brand of clowning for which they are famous. They are assisted by two others, the "movie director" and a "property man". The last half of the act, an olio, permits Miss Ring to sing some of her past song successes and Winninger a chance to do more clowning with his trombone.

**HAL FORDE AND GITZ RICE**

Reviewed Tuesday afternoon, February 19, at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater, New York City. Style—Singing and comedy. Setting—In three. Time—Fourteen minutes.

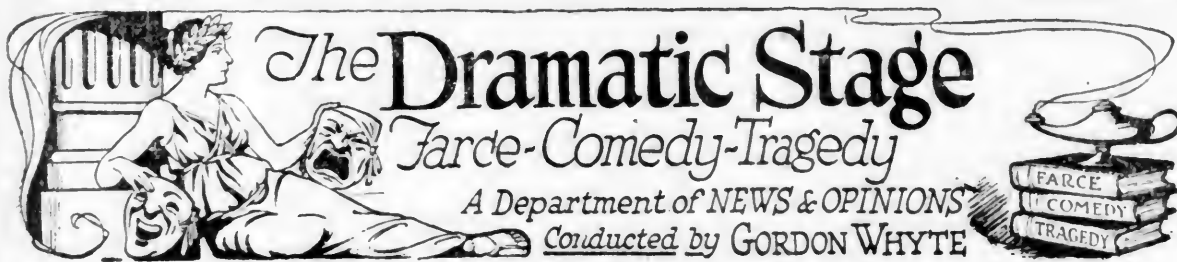
At no time does the turn rise above the ordinary, despite its totting of two well-known personalities. Big things are expected of this pair but they never materialize. Gitz Rice

presides at the piano, while the whitom movie actor bears the major share of the warbling.

After Rice poses himself at the piano Forde capers onto the stage singing "The Man, the Maid and the Moonlight", following this up with a solo that had for its theme fond recollections of that dying institution—the saloon. Forde then chatters, uninterestingly, about his career in the movies, then the pair glide into a rickety rendition of Polyanna's favorite hymn—"Keep on Smiling". The team give their turn a novel twist with a song or two about prohibition.

A big, burly fellow, attired in stagehand's garb, marches on and off stage during one of Forde's outbursts of song, and is supposed to provide the comedy touches to the act. The "insert" of the team sings something about a "heavenly rose heavy with dew" in a pleasing baritone. The trio close the turn with the caroling of Gitz's latest ballad, "The Day I First Met You".

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## PLAY JURY TO BE CALLED ON

### Scheme Formed for Judging Morality of New York Plays To Be Set in Operation After Long Delay

New York, Feb. 22.—Commissioner of Licenses August W. Glatzmeyer has announced that hereafter, when the morality of a Broadway production is called into question, he will call on a citizens' jury to watch a performance and report back to him. If the jury decides that the play requires alteration or removal, this will be done. The assurance that this verdict will bring about action lies in the fact that Equity has agreed that none of its members will act in such a play and the promise of the Producing Managers' Association that it will abide by the jury's verdict.

While the plan for the jury was formulated many months ago it has never been called into operation. The impetus given to the present action lies with the Social Service Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. At a luncheon held this week they recommended that the jury be invoked in case action is necessary and the Commissioner of Licenses said he would do this.

The method of procedure which will be followed is outlined in the following report which was made by the Social Service Commission to Bishop Manning:

Dear Bishop Manning: You have recently requested the Social Service Commission of the Diocese of New York to consider and report to you what in its judgment might be the best means for encouraging production of wholesome theatrical performances in New York and preventing undesirable and objectionable plays. The Social Service Commission with the concurrence of the Episcopal Actors' Guild now presents to you the following report, prepared for it by a subcommittee, consisting of Mr. Charles C. Burlington, Miss Mary Van Kleeck and the Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D.D., as chairman. The committee representing the Episcopal Actors' Guild is composed of Grant Mitchell, Earle Rothe, Ernest Butterfield, Miss Ann Harding and the Rev. J. H. Randolph Barr:

The importance of the drama as a means of increasing men's understanding of life and giving them greater spiritual power in proportion as they gain larger insight into truth is recognized by the Episcopal Church. During the current year an unusual number of good plays have been offered to the public in New York. Any effort to prevent undesirable performances must begin, we believe, with sympathetic understanding of the freedom which art requires for its best development. Arbitrary or unsympathetic interference with dramatic performance is fraught with great danger. We believe that an official censorship established by law is a last resort, to be recommended only if voluntary co-operation on the part of theatrical producers and the public should manifestly prove unworkable.

We believe that the only permanent means of preventing performances which are immoral in their appeal is to be found in an alert and intelligent public opinion, guided by high standards of appreciation of artistic performance. Fortunately a voluntary method of maintaining high standards has already been worked out and only awaits the co-operation of the city authorities to be made immediately operative. In accordance with this plan, representatives of producers, writers, theaterowners and actors—including the Authors' League of America, the Actors' Equity Association, the American Dramatists, the Producing Managers' Association, the Better Public Shows Movement and the New York Drama League—have already agreed to write into their contracts a provision that they will accept the suggestions and the verdict of a jury of citizens, operating as follows:

Upon complaint of a citizen to the Commissioner of Licenses, the commissioner would draw by lot a jury of twelve from a panel already established by nominations submitted by the organizations entering into the agreement. This jury of twelve, acting without publicity, might recommend the closing of a play or suggest changes in it to make it conform to higher standards or they might endorse the play. Nine votes out of twelve would be necessary for the adoption of the report by the jury. Its report would be made to those responsible for the performance and the recommendations would be adopted by them without any necessity for court action.

The alternative procedure in the opinion of the Legislative Committee of the Social Service Commission, which has studied the legal aspects of this question, would be to act thru the courts under the Penal Code. We have been informed by the Commissioner of Licenses that several complaints have been laid before the grand jury, but no action has yet been taken. Unfortunately, also, owing to the failure of the Commissioner of Licenses to use the voluntary

jury, already described, no results have yet come from that plan. We have conferred with the commissioner and have written him a letter, asking whether or not he, as commissioner, is ready and prepared to use this particular method of regulation. No reply has been received the three weeks have elapsed since our interview.

Our immediate recommendations are as follows:

1. That if the Commissioner of Licenses will co-operate with the agency for the inspection and voluntary censorship of plays already offered by the producers and actors and other interested parties, it will be immediately practicable to remove from the theaters the plays or parts of plays which now or in the future may offend a right moral sense, and this result would take place without the publicity which advertises a questionable play. In other words, we believe the solution of the difficulty referred to us is at hand if the Commissioner of Licenses will accept it. Since we are able to get no statement from him, we must leave it to the public opinion of the community to discover later what his attitude is.

2. If the Commissioner of Licenses refuses to co-operate, we recommend that representative groups named above, which have inaugurated a plan for a voluntary jury of review, be requested to amend the plan in that respect which now makes it operative only in case of complaints sent "to the proper city authorities". We recommend that those groups which inaugurated the agreement should constitute some definite body of responsible persons to whom such complaints could be directly made. In order that these persons may invoke the services of the voluntary jury which is already constituted and ready to be called upon. Lack of co-operation on the part of the Commissioner of Licenses, regrettable tho it would be, would not then, as it does now, prevent the setting in motion of a procedure which we believe offers the sanest and most immediate method of keeping the theater in New York true to high and wholesome standards.

Altogether there will be a list of more than 1,000 citizens from which the juries will be drawn. The societies that have signified intention of backing up the "play-jury" plan have not as yet nominated their talemans, except the Social Service Commission. The commission has nominated the following citizens, who have said they would act as jurors when called upon: Lawrence Abraham, Chester H. Aldrich, Harry N. Allen, Miss G. K. B. Andrews, Mrs. G. W. Bacon, Mrs. F. H. Baldwin, G. G. Barnard, Henry G. Bartol, Bernard M. Barnch, Prof. M. A. Bigelow, Mrs. John Blair, Mrs. S. C. Borg, Mrs. F. E. Bradner, Tom. Brander, Mrs. Rose F. Bres, Herbert Bridges, Albert Britt, Mrs. H. Brockway, Arnold Brunner, Joseph S. Bubler, Mrs. C. M. Bull, Arthur F. Buys, C. Alfred Capen, Adolph Carlson, Miss Mary D. Clark, Mrs. D. G. Clarke, Mrs. Henry C. Coe, Henry A. Colgate, Louis Connick, Robert Grier Cooke, Royal Cortissoz, Frank Crowninshield, Mrs. J. C. Curtis, Miss Marie Dacie, Robert H. Davie, F. Dollenhaugh, Mrs. A. M. Dodge, Miss E. Donaldson, J. M. Dorr, Alfred E. Drake, Henry R. Dwight, Mrs. Norman S. Dyke, John Erskine, Frank H. Field, John Huston Finley, Dr. G. J. Fisher, Henry S. Fleming, Charles Freidenberg, Miss E. E. Garlunas, Harold W. Gould, Col. F. S. Greene, Robert L. Hange, Mrs. J. M. Halstead, William Halle, Jr., Victor Harris, Henry S. Harrison, Miss Mary G. Hay, Mrs. E. J. Hoegan, Henry Holtbush, Col. T. L. Huston, Mrs. H. A. Ingaham, Will Irwin, Otto H. Kahn, Miss F. A. Koller, Miss M. H. Kittredge, Mme. Katherine Von Klemmer, Mrs. W. E. Kruel, Mrs. J. Henry Lanchashire, Miss Gertrude Lane, Judge Edgar Lauer, Mrs. H. A. Le Vey, Richard T. Lingley, Charles W. McAlpin, Alan McCondy, Thomas A. McGrath, George B. Mallon, Miss Maude Marren, D. M. Martin, Charles Merz, Dr. Samuel Milbank, Mrs. B. Moore, Christopher Morley, Miss F. Overton, Mrs. A. C. Parker, Ernest Pelxotto, Clarence A. Perry, Mrs. R. H. Pomeroy, Mrs. Ernest Poole, Miss H. Prentice, Mrs. J. H. Robinson, C. J. Rosehault, Mortimer Schiff, Mrs. M. G. Schomburg, Don Seltz, Mrs. H. V. Shea, Mrs. M. C. Long, J. Simmons, Henry Smith, J. E. Spindley, J. W. Stonebury, Charles Strauss, Miss Mildred Straus, William Thomson, Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, Mrs. C. W. Trow, M. J. Verdery, Sr., Mrs. Olive Whiting and George Zazrickle.

#### ADDED TO "RIVER'S END"

New York, Feb. 22.—The revised cast for "The River's End", which opens in Atlantic City March 10 under management of Daniel Kussell, now includes Harry Mestayer and Mona Kingsley. Miss Kingsley made her first New York appearance as leading woman with Grant Mitchell in "A Tailor-Made Man", and was seen this season in "A Love Scandal", playing opposite Norman Trevor.

#### THELMA PAGE



The little Bostonian, who dropped in on Broadway after graduating from the Leland Powers Dramatic School. In less than three weeks she was the proud mistress of a contract to play the role of Lily in Lulu Vollmer's play of mountain life, "The Shame Woman", now at the Comedy Theater, New York. She survived the test of rehearsals and is now classed as a professional player of promise.

#### MCCORMICK HAS ANOTHER

New York, Feb. 22.—Langdon McCormick, whose "storm" of several seasons ago embraced a number of startling stage effects, has written a new play entitled "New York". It promises to be even more thrilling, as McCormick has long been engaged in perfecting the mechanical contrivances upon which hangs the major portion of the drama. Many years ago A. H. Woods made his entry in the producing field with a show of a similar title by William J. Harbit, in which appeared such well-known players as Laura Nelson Hall, Mary Shaw and Frank Craven. It was presented at the Bijou Theater, which passed out of existence about fifteen years ago.

#### BALTIMORE SEES "THE BRIDE"

New York, Feb. 23.—"The Bride" was initially presented in Baltimore this week at the Lyceum Theater, with Doris Kenyon in the leading role. Jewett and Brennan plan on bringing this production to New York early in March. The play is from the pen of Stuart Oliver, formerly owner of The Baltimore News. In addition to Miss Kenyon the cast includes Donald Cameron, George Pancoff, Jennie Eustace, Henry W. Pemberton, Robert Thorne, Jefferson Lloyd, George Henry Trader, Robert Harrison, Herbert Belmont and Marshall Vincent.

#### PLAY CHAMPIONS DUMB ANIMAL

New York, Feb. 22.—"The Cloak of Science", a new play by James Henry O'Brien, in which the author vehemently protests against the use of dumb animals for scientific research, will be financed and presented by the Anti-Vivisection Society of New York. O'Brien, a California newspaper man, some time ago submitted his drama to the tender mercies of Winthrop Ames, who liked it well enough as a vehicle for George Arliss. The manager lost all interest in the play when he sent the star to London to appear in "The Green Goddess".

Cosmo Hamilton, author of "The New Poor", delivered a lecture on "The Play in the Making" in New York last week at the Hotel Astor, before the members of the Drama League.

### Thelma Paige Proved the Value of Persistence

Altho Without Dramatic Experience She Made a Routine of Visiting the Agents' Offices and Landed Her First Engagement in Three Weeks

About three weeks before Lulu Vollmer's "Shame Woman" went into rehearsal, diminutive Thelma Paige, four feet eleven inches in height and seventeen years of age, arrived at the Grand Central Station, New York, from Boston. Figuratively speaking, she carried her courage in one hand and her Leland Powers Dramatic School diploma in the other, while the dark cloud of a porter hovered in the background with her luggage.

Thelma was filled with joyous expectation. She was to be the guest of friends on Long Island and commute each day to Broadway, in quest of a dramatic engagement.

Believing that persistence was her best friend in the matter of securing an engagement, Thelma arose each morning at 7 o'clock and arrived at the lower level of the Pennsylvania Station with the cream of New York's business hustlers at 9 a.m. According to plan, she visited each agent's office in the order of its location, and she never missed one. Buoyed up by that stimulating atmosphere that hovers over the Rialto, she remained happy for two weeks and five days. On the sixth day of the third unfruitful week she had begun to feel as little as a pin and just about as significant. After a tearful session with herself she decided that she would do two things. She would shake the wrinkles out of her persistence and take one more fling at the agencies and make train reservations to return to Boston the following day. She was about to visit the Grand Central when her subconscious mind became set on visiting the agencies first. "Maybe good old persistence will break the jinx of hard luck," urged hope.

"All right," said Thelma, taking Courage by the hand, "let's go."

"Come around another day," said the agents sweetly—all except Minnie Jacobs, who said "Go to see the Independent Theater Company. They are looking for a girl like you."

Mr. Blum, who was casting for "The Shame Woman", looked down on the wee applicant in such kindly fashion that she forgot to tell him the nice little fib she had made up about having past experience in the stage game. Instead, she told him the truth. She had only her dramatic school diploma and a chautauqua engagement to her credit.

"This is quite an emotional role," said Mr. Blum, "do you think you can play it?"

Then Thelma felt a big lump of fear in her throat, but she swallowed hard and said "Yes" so emphatically that Mr. Blum decided to take her at her word.

Rehearsals began. The necessity of acquiring a mountaineer dialect and getting just the right shade of sun-kissed hands, face and feet, caused Thelma to hug her little friend Perseverance close to her and work like a beaver. Minnie Dupree's encouragement helped work the miracle. Thelma Paige made good in the emotional role of Lily, the tragic little mountain girl.

"It is really awe-inspiring," said Miss Paige, as she was making up for the matinee, "to think that in three weeks I found a New York engagement. At that time I thought that three weeks was a long time to spend looking for work, but since I've moved to the Rehearsal Club, at Miss Dupree's recommendation, I've met many beautiful, talented and seasoned actresses who have assured me that my experience is quite unique; that I had accomplished a miracle in a comparatively short time. Perhaps I should not say 'I accomplished'. It seems that it was just to be."

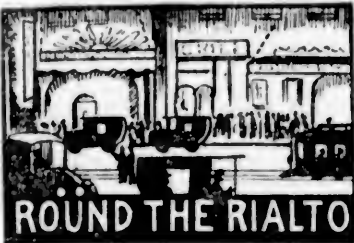
When we told Miss Paige that she appeared so large and buxom on stage that we were surprised to find her dainty, slim and short, she replied: "It must be this glow-of-health make-up that creates the illusion of a rosy state of buxom being. Teachers, pupils and friends from the Leland Powers School who have visited New York and have seen 'The Shame Woman' tell me the same thing."

She then proceeded to apply sun-kissed stain to her very fair face, as she chatted about her French lessons and the dancing and fencing lessons she hopes to take, in an effort to acquire all the requirements of a successful stage career—all except slugging, as that is a separate art in itself.

Altho Thelma Paige is youth personified and speaks with a meticulousness that, strange to say, is charming, she is mature in wisdom. She is a born worker, with a serious side that promises well for her progress in the drama. What we liked most about her was her wisdom. It is a most appealing quality and one we seldom meet in the successful ingenue.

Richard G. Herndon has accepted a new play known as "Nancy Ann", which will serve as a vehicle for Francine Larrimore. The name of the author and date of opening will be announced at a later date.





**ROUND THE RIALTO**

YOUTH friend Tom has just about settled down after a glowing weekend. . . . He attended the "Midnight" which THE GREEN ROOM CLUB held in honor of MORRIS GEST and the following night went to a midnight supper given by PAUL WHITEMAN in honor of VICTOR HERBERT, GEORGE GERSHWIN and ZEE CONFEEY. . . . Both were lively affairs. . . . At the Green Room racket we had the pleasure of meeting CONSTANTIN STANISLAVSKY and IVAN MOSKOVIN, of THE MOSCOW ART THEATER, but as they talked Russian and we talked English we can report no further. . . . One of the features of this affair was a staged presentation of some of the principal milestones in the career of the guest of honor. . . . It was most amusing and CARLO DE ANGELO, who impersonated GEST, gave an uncanny imitation of him. . . . These affairs of THE GREEN ROOM CLUB are getting to be talked about a lot and the demand for admission far exceeds the seating capacity. . . . More than sixty persons were turned away from this particular one. . . . At the WHITEMAN supper, which was held at THE BALMORAL CLUB, there was a big attendance of musical and newspaper men. . . . We were seated between FRANK OSGOOD, of THE MUSICAL COURIER, and GILBERT SELDES, of THE DIAL, and right across from us was HENRY BUSSE, the trumpeter of the WHITEMAN band. . . . We have seldom met quite so jolly a fellow as HENRY. . . . He seemed to be having the time of his life and kept everybody in an uproar of merriment. . . . GILBERT SELDES seems to be quite converted to "jazz" as dispensed by WHITEMAN and was unstinting in his praise of it, while OSGOOD had a very generous word to say for PAUL and his band. . . . Before we sat down we had a long talk with VICTOR HERBERT, who is a brilliant conversationalist. . . . He voiced the opinion that the creation of a real American school of music would have to await the creation of a real American folksong. . . . He said the reason we do not have any is because we have no American peasantry. . . . Tom voiced the opinion that perhaps the popular song would become the folksong of the American people, but VICTOR HERBERT was not inclined to agree. . . . GEORGE GERSHWIN tells us that his "Rhapsody in Blue" has been asked for by two or three eminent concert pianists. . . . To our way of thinking it is a real artistic expression of the American musical idiom, and it certainly was the hit of the WHITEMAN concert. . . . We hear there is a chance of it being recorded for the phonograph, and if it will do any good we here and now promise to buy it if it is done. . . . PAUL WHITEMAN tells us that the VICTOR COMPANY is going to put certain of his selections in the "blue label" class. . . . This will be the first time this has been done with a dance orchestra and it is quite an honor for PAUL. . . . Well, he deserves it. . . . "PEE WEE" BYERS, another of the WHITEMAN gang, gave us quite an earful about the current dolings in the Bohemian set. . . . "PEE WEE" seems to be known to everybody and everybody knows him. . . . What he told us is not for publication, tho. . . . Sorry! TOM PEPPER.

**WHITESIDE HAS NEW PLAY**

New York, Feb. 22.—Walker Whiteside will try out a new play that has to do with romance and adventure in Mexico, about the middle of June. In accordance with his usual custom, the star will stage several productions during his summer engagement in Chicago, from which group he will select a play for a tour of the road. Whiteside, at present starring in "Mr. Wn", will wind up his season in the Middle West next week, and is booked to appear on the coast.

**"WELDED" FOR 39TH STREET**

New York, Feb. 22.—"Welded", the Eugene O'Neill play, will be presented by the Selwyn in association with the author, Kenneth MacKowan and Robert Edmund Jones, at the Thirty-Ninth Street Theater March 10. Doris Keane and Jacob Ben-Ami will appear in the leading roles in a cast that calls for but four parts. Brock Pemberton's production of "Mister Pitt" will remain at the playhouse until the advent of O'Neill's drama.

A deal of skepticism accompanies the report that Peggy O'Neill will return to New York some time this fall. She is at present appearing in a revival of "Paddy's Next Best Thing", at the Savoy Theater in London.

**DRAMATIC NOTES**

When Leo Carrillo closes this week in "Gypsy Jim", at the Forty-Ninth Street Theater, New York, he will leave for the Coast, where he has agreed to appear in a picture.

The program of the Moscow Art Players for this week's bill at the Jolson Theater, New York, includes "The Death of Pazukhin", "Uncle Vanya" and "Ivanoff".

Gordon Ash has returned to the cast of "Spring Cleaning", at the Eltinge Theater, New York, after an illness lasting several weeks.

Katharine Cornell has just joined the cast of "The Outsider", the Dorothy Brandon play which comes shortly to the Forty-Ninth

duction will receive the financial support of Charles Wanamaker, who was associated with Fagan in presenting "Thumbs Down", seen in New York last year.

Eleanor Montell, daughter of the late Eugene Blair, has been engaged as general understudy for the feminine roles in "The Snow-Off", Rosalie Stewart's production at the Playhouse, New York. Miss Montell has not been seen on Broadway since "Mary the Third". She appeared with George M. Cohan in "The Tavern" and with Francine Larrimore in "Nice People".

It isn't often that one hears of a player being obliged to fill a vacancy after one rehearsal. Dorothy Haworth appeared in the cast of "Gypsy Jim" at the Forty-Ninth Street

**LONG RUN DRAMATIC PLAY RECORDS**

Number of consecutive performances up to and including Saturday, Feb. 23.

**IN NEW YORK**

PLAY.	STAR.	THEATER.	OPENING DATE.	NO. OF PERFS.
Able's Irish Rose	Jane Cowl	Republic	May 22	754
Antony and Cleopatra	Jane Cowl	Republic	May 22	754
Beggar on Horseback	Jane Cowl	Republic	May 22	754
Cyrano de Bergerac	Water Hampden	National	Feb. 12	16
Doll's House, The (Spe. Mat.)	Irene Triltsch	Vanderbilt	Dec. 17	61
Fushion	William Hodge	Provincetown	Feb. 21	1
For All of Us	William Hodge	Ambassador	Oct. 15	138
Goose Hangs High, The	Bijou	Jan. 29	82	
Gypsy Jim	Leo Carrillo	Forty-Ninth St.	Jan. 14	48
Hannele	Leo Carrillo	Forty-Ninth St.	Jan. 14	48
Hell-Bent For Heaven	Frazee	Dec. 30	35	
Hurricane	Oiga Petrova	Frolie	Dec. 25	73
In the Next Room	Mary Nash	Empire	Nov. 27	107
Lady, The	Mary Nash	Empire	Nov. 27	107
Laugh, Clown, Laugh	Lionel Barrymore	Belasco	Nov. 28	104
Living Mask, The	Lionel Barrymore	Punch and Judy	Jan. 21	86
Meet the Wife	Lionel Barrymore	Klaw	Nov. 29	101
Merry Wives of Gotham	Lionel Barrymore	Henry Miller's	Jan. 16	48
Miracle, The	Lionel Barrymore	Century	Jan. 15	48
Mister Pitt	Walter Huston	Thirty-Ninth St.	Jan. 22	39
Moon Flower, The	Elsie Ferguson	Astor	Feb. 25	1
Moscow Art Theater	Jolson	Jolson	Jan. 14	48
Myrtle	Jolson	Fifty-Second St.	Feb. 4	21
Nervous Wreck, The	Harris	Forty-Eighth St.	Feb. 7	20
New Englander, The	Ernest Truex	Fulton	Feb. 18	9
New Toys	Ernest Truex	Fulton	Feb. 18	9
Other Rose, The	Fay Bainter	Morocco	Dec. 20	89
Outward Bound	Fay Bainter	Ritz	Jan. 7	58
Potters, The	Fay Bainter	Plymouth	Dec. 8	91
Rain	Joanne Engels	Maxine Elliott's	Nov. 7	536
Rosmersholm (Spe. Mat.)	Irene Triltsch	Vanderbilt	Feb. 7	1
Saint Joan	Irene Triltsch	Greenwich Village	Jan. 31	29
Saturday Night	Garrick	Dec. 28	74	
Seventh Heaven	Cherry Lane	Feb. 9	8	
Shame Woman, The	Comedy	Oct. 16	579	
Show-Off, The	Playhouse	Feb. 5	25	
Six Characters in Search of an Author (Spe. Mat.)	Punch and Judy	Feb. 6	6	
Song and Dance Man	George M. Cohan	Dec. 31	67	
Spring Cleaning	Eltinge	Nov. 9	127	
Strong, The (Spe. Mat.)	Forty-Ninth St.	Feb. 26	1	
Sonup	Princess	May 24	94	
Swan, The	Cort	Oct. 23	150	
Tarnish	Belmont	Oct. 21	173	
Vilna Troupe, The	Thomashofsky's	Jan. 29	28	
White Cargo	Daly's	Nov. 5	132	
Wonderful Visit, The	Lenox Hill	Feb. 12	14	

**IN CHICAGO**

Able's Irish Rose	Studebaker	Dec. 23	82	
Beat People, The	Adelphi	Dec. 2	99	
Give and Take	Mann and Sidney	Jan. 20	45	
Kiki	Lenore Ulric	Dec. 23	83	
Mr. Wn	Walker Whiteside	Playhouse	Feb. 4	27
Nervous Wreck, The	Taylor Holmes	Harris	Dec. 23	82
N. Y. Thea. Guild Productions	Basil Sydney	Great Northern	Feb. 10	9
Peacocks	Cort	Feb. 10	9	
Red Light Annie	Mary Ryan	Princess	Feb. 10	9
We Moderns	Hayes-Hughes	Cohan's Grand	Dec. 30	73
Woman of No Importance	A. Margaret Anglin	Blackstone	Feb. 10	18

**IN BOSTON**

Stella Dallas	Mrs. Leslie Carter	Selwyn	Feb. 18	9
The Bat	Opera House	Feb. 11	17	
The First Year	Frank Craven	Hollis	Jan. 7	57
The Laughing Lady	Ethel Barrymore	Wilbur	Feb. 18	9
The Whole Town's Talking	Grant Mitchell	Plymouth	Feb. 11	17
Zander the Great	Alice Brady	Tremont	Feb. 25	1

Street Theater, New York. Miss Cornell replaces Ann Dora, who created the leading feminine part during a try-out engagement in Washington.

"Grounds for Divorce" will give its first try-out performance this week at the Apollo Theater in Atlantic City, with Ina Claire in the star role. Other players in the Frohman production are Bruce McRae, H. Reeves-Smith, Cora Witherspoon, Georges Renaud, May Phillips and Roberta Beatty.

The Inter-Theater Arts will take possession of the Cherry Lane Playhouse, New York, March 3, when that organization will present "Tyrants", a satire by Thaddeus Rittner, translated into English by Benjamin Glaser. "Saturday Night", closed at the little theater last week.

Myron Fagan, the Philadelphia manager, offers as theatrical fare a new play entitled "Two Strangers From Nowhere". The pro-

duction, New York, last week, when it was discovered that Elizabeth Patterson, who plays a principal role, was taken suddenly ill. Miss Haworth was newly appointed as understudy for the feminine parts and was allotted only three hours in which to replace the stricken actress.

George Kelly, who fortunately stepped out of the realm of vaudeville when he penned "The Torchbearer" and more recently "The Snow-Off", has set the pace for a number of sketch writers. Roy Bryant, heretofore known to the variety stage for his literary efforts, has written a full-length drama, entitled "What Women Want", which goes into rehearsals shortly. It will be sponsored by the Milex Production Company and will have Tom Moore, who recently closed with "Thieves in Clover", in the leading role.

Manart Klippen will have the leading male role in support of Bertha Kalich in the star's revival of "The Kreutzer Sonata". Klippen was

**COMING TO BROADWAY**

New York, Feb. 23.—Next week will be an extremely light one in the Broadway theaters as far as openings are concerned. Only two plays are scheduled for premieres and one of these will be given for special matinees only.

The first opening of the week will take place Monday night at the Astor Theater, when "The Moon Flower", a play adapted by Zoe Akins from an original by Lazos Biro, will be presented. The cast will be headed by Elsie Ferguson, and she will be supported by Sidney Blackmer, Edwin Nleander and Frederick Worlock. The play is under the management of Charles L. Wagner and has been staged by David Burton.

"The Strong", a drama which Henry Baron has adapted from the Danish of Karen Branson, will be presented for special matinees commencing Tuesday at the Forty-Ninth Street Theater. The cast includes Henry Herbert, A. P. Kaye, Helen Weir, Brandon Peters and Angela Jacobs. Henry Baron is presenting the play.

A change of bill will be made by the Vilna Troupe, which is holding forth at the Thomashofsky Yiddish Theater, Monday night. They will present "Green Fields", by Pertz Ilshbeld, for the entire week. The performances will be in Yiddish.

To accommodate "The Moon Flower" at the Astor Theater, "Sweet Little Devil", which is playing there, will be moved to the Central Theater, opening there Monday night.

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## SOMETHING RELATIVE TO STOCK

### That Furnishes Much Food for Thought—Consider It, Discuss It and Debate It With Your Company

Why do we need a Dramatic Stock Service Bureau?

Managers and directors admit the necessity but fail to take advantage of the opportunity given them on the dramatic page in The Billboard to express fearlessly views under their own signatures. Are they afraid of offending the very evils they admit exist? If we are to profit we cannot conduct a hypocritical warfare. It must be in the open. If necessary, does not the love of your profession and desire to see permanent dramatic stock on the highest elevation in the theatrical world justify temporary martyrdom, which will not be required if we all hit hard and straight to the same point?

We do need a Dramatic Stock Service Bureau for many reasons in securing actors, plays, directors, proper advertising and other information entailed toward vast improvements desired in bettering our efficiency. We need this bureau because of its technical knowledge in supplying our needs quickly and in a dependable manner.

The possibilities of permanent dramatic stock cannot be visualized in a few words, but the least intelligent realize its probability as a civic asset in any community when properly conducted, so let us take stock and ascertain our needs. Let us realize we must have actors; that their profession, one of the oldest, differs from no other in necessity of continuous education. If we go to law school we study Blackstone, because of history and underlying principles that led to modern application of law. When admitted to the bar, if we are to be a successful attorney, study still continues, digging into the past for precedents and rulings applying to cases involved. In the practice of any other profession the same condition exists, but with the thespians not a too great percentage realize the necessity of a trained mind or histrionic knowledge that leads to modern acting and stagecraft. Many modern-school actors believe that lines, crosses, positions and business given by the director are all they have to memorize. This type is as much good in stock as a diploma-mill physician in curing our ill.

Permanent dramatic stock requires the highest type of man and womanhood, who have a broad general knowledge—there are many such players—who appreciate the profession they represent is ever before the public, watchful of all they do and say, both on and off the stage. When an actor arrives in anticipation of an indefinite run it behooves him to uphold his own dignity and that of his brother thespians by attiring and conducting himself in a manner to secure the confidence and respect of the theatergoers.

When rehearsals start consideration must be given the characterization of parts not only the reading and action thereof, but in dress and make-up, an art in itself, and which, if mastered, enhances the actors' value many times. Type acting may be all right in productions. It has no place in stock, for stock is one production after another. Many parts are to be played. It is up to the actor to show each a different character, so make-up is a valuable assistant in eliminating too much of our own personality in every part. "Don't wear out your welcome" is good philosophy. Some possess personality the public never tire of, but it is not to be presumed we all do. Seeing us on the street each day we often become overfamiliar. On the stage be something different.

Dressing parts is a big feature. An actor's wardrobe is his tools. To do a good job one must have good tools, so a great asset is to have sufficient clothes to dress all parts correctly in modern plays.

Conscientious study is vitally important. Real, hard, earnest, concentrated effort must be utilized at all times. The actor in stock deserves no credit for ability to memorize accurately and quickly. That is a first essential. If his mind has no training in systematic study or cannot absorb lines quickly and surely he has not reached a degree of mental efficiency to be entrusted with important parts. There may be, but I have never seen an actor in stock who tried to mentally photograph his part or who

relied on "winging" his scenes that was worth his cakes. They are continually "fishing for lines" and show it plainly to intelligent patrons. They are a detriment not only to themselves but those who work opposite. It is impossible to work up or play a scene with any proficiency under such conditions. Therefore they are a dangerous liability to have.

This is an age of personal service, so the value of an actor and his art is in creating personal demand. Parts often made the actor but never the man. It is the man wanted for personal service. I have known actors to say: "When I do my 'bit' I'm thru. What I do away from the theater is nobody's business." It is true in every sense. It is also true that if your associates and conduct are such to create an unsavory reputation your usefulness as a drawing attraction is over, no matter how good you do your "bit". It is up to the management to dispense with your service in respect to other members of the organization and his own financial interests. Self-reliance is a wonderful thing to possess. A little egotism is good, but an excessive supply brings hard knocks. Don't let it make you a "know it all". Assumed dignity is disgustingly apparent, real dignity carries with it a pleasant smile and kindly word for all, no matter what station in life.

The stage director is truly an engineer of construction. As such he should be thoroughly intellectual in all phases appertaining to stagecraft; should have full charge, be consulted on the advisability of presentations and the adaptability of the cast for contemplated productions. His word should be law and be strong enough to force his requirements by practicable methods, overcoming evils that arise from overconfidence, thoughtlessness and often deliberate contrariness on the actor's part. With all this he must appreciate that actors are human beings, that there is no just feation in swearing at or humiliating them. Nothing is gained muddling their brain by direct antagonism. Success never follows such tactics. It is deplorable that many so-called directors are nothing but script holders who, after working out the action of a production, will allow actors who have worked in the bill before to tell what they did here, what cross they took there and what was done or not done when they played it before. The production they speak of is over, the one in rehearsal must be put over. If one or more of the cast are permitted to cross or assume positions contrary to what has been laid out it causes general confusion, loss of time in straightening out entanglements and disrespect for the director who allows it. He is the weak link in the chain that will soon break, leaving strong ones dangling and unable to support

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longer the weight of production. Suggestions are often most valuable, but there is a proper time and place to make them, a right and wrong way to work them out. It is up to the director to listen, give serious consideration, then decide what is best under conditions as they exist.

In opening a theater for permanent stock selection of plays is of great importance. We may think we know just what our patrons want, but mostly it is only guess. It requires time and study to determine just what to present for best financial results, the life blood of any business or profession. "Make them laugh" means nothing. I have seen farce-comedy drive them out while melodrama packed them in and vice versa. I also have seen comedy-drama die a quick, hard death. New York successes may or may not suit your purpose, so to contract for a specific line of plays may be the breaking point of what could have been a success.

Not many years ago a play could not get into New York City without having a long successful run on the road, but New York discovered Manhattanites did not patronize their theaters along the "Great White Way" so much as visitors, so those controlling bookings reversed the system to increase their own business. Many patrons who have viewed New York shows or have seen the road productions do not as a rule care to see them in stock, so we stand where New York stood before they changed the system. Don't let yourself believe you must play "The Flea on Mary's Ankle" or "The Wart on Papa's Nose" just because advertised as a

Mr. English made his entry into theatricals by taking minor parts in dramatic stock productions until he was sufficiently advanced to become a leading man, thence a director and manager of companies until branching out for himself as an owner of several indoor and outdoor shows.

Organizing the Paul English Players in 1915 he produced and presented dramatic stock in New Orleans for three consecutive years when he was induced to leave the city of Shreveport, La., where he remained for an entire year playing to good business, later on going to Little Rock, Ark., for a long run at the Kemper Theater.

Mr. English has had companies under canvas throughout the South, where they are favorably known for the interest the members take in social and civic affairs, for seldom is a social affair promoted that Mr. English does not take an active part in its management.

Mr. English had an article in this department two weeks ago that has attracted much attention, and it has been the means of arousing the interest of other directors and managers of companies to contribute their views on the conditions that influence the production and presentation of dramatic stock throughout the country.—ALFRED NELSON.

big New York success. They may not be all they claim as box-office winners. With a well-organized company and capable director, properly equipped to produce, it is a safe bet that new plays will get you the most money, if along the lines your patrons desire.

The theater manager has much to contend with, many things to oversee, but with your players try and promote contentment, good fellowship and an inclination to work in unison. Let me quote a little Kipling:

It ain't the bolts nor rivets  
Nor the ship that's on the way,  
But the close co-operation  
That makes us win the day.  
It ain't the individual  
Nor the army as a whole,  
But the over-riding teamwork  
Of every bloomin' soul.

Let your personal criticism of individual actors go thru the director, and above all don't cut down the quality of your players in order to pay exorbitant royalties on mediocre plays with doubtful drawing power and no afterdraft. Five or six good actors, meeting every requirement, will give more satisfaction and draw more money into the box-office than fifteen or twenty bad ones.

"If you can't see the moral, then there is no use mentioning it." If I am correct, then we need above all else a Dramatic Stock Service Bureau to sort out and furnish us with the caliber of actor we must have, the director necessary to handle productions, as a medium to give us the best in dramatic literature, giving authors a free hand to write as they please and not commercialize their ability in constructing plays for individual use and the acceptability for production dependent upon success in any one city rather than on merit.

Before the inception of type acting stock was the maker of stars. It still would be, but we must have proper material. Under the present system it is slow work that requires patience. For this reason alone—there are a hundred others—I say it is up to managers, directors and even the stock-holding public to insist on the establishment of a Dramatic Stock Service Bureau. (Signed) ALBERT DWIGHT.

COMMENT

When a man is said to think and write about what he thinks that others may read he is only doing what his work demands of him. Therefore he deserves but little commendation. But when a man thinks and writes about what he thinks without pay, that his fraternal associates may be induced to do likewise, he deserves a vote of thanks from everyone who reads what he has written, and we personally take this opportunity of publicly commending Mr. Dwight for the interest that he manifests in his fellow workers in putting his thoughts into writing that others may consider, discuss and debate the conditions that he calls to their attention as it relates to dramatic stock thru this department in The Billboard.

It is just such leaders in thought and action whose co-operation encourages us to continue our new policy in hope that we can render more and valuable services to our readers.

ALFRED NELSON.

## Companies' Openings and Closings

### Hawkins-Ball Stock Company

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 22.—The Hawkins-Ball Stock Company opened at the Kemper Theater Monday night to a full house with "The Meanest Man in the World". The company includes Florence Lewin and George Whitaker in the leading roles, supported by Eva Sargent, Alex Macintosh, Tom Cotthard, Alma Clark, Etta DeVoto, Helen Dunn, Charles Green, Frank Hawkins, Jack Ball, Nell McLennan, with Bert Stark as director. The scenic artist is Gus Reigler. Frank Hawkins and Jack Ball are managers. Mr. Ball is now sufficiently recovered from a leg fracture to again take his place in the cast.

This is the third season the company has played this city, and there was an enthusiastic audience the opening night. The company will probably continue at the Kemper until late in spring, when it will transfer activities to Lima, Ohio.

Cameron Mathews-English Players  
Toronto, Can., Feb. 22.—The Cameron Mathews-English Players, who operated two com-

panies and two theaters in this city for some time, have consolidated, and Monday night opened a new season at the Comedy Theater to a full house.

### The Garry McGarry Players

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The Garry McGarry Players opened a season of dramatic stock at the Cataract Theater last week with a company that includes Jessica Paige, Hamilton Christie, Edith Harcourt, Norman Wendell, Evelyn Watson and Carrington Short. Peggy Allen is leading woman and Roger Pryor the leading man.

### Barbara Winchester Stock Company

Ridgely Park, N. J.—The Barbara Winchester Stock Company opened a season of stock at the local theater with "The Small Town Cinderella", a play that deals with the adventures of a modern Cinderella in Ireland, by George Barnoth. The cast includes Barbara Winchester, George Macdonald, George Barnoth, Donald Duff, Chauncey Cusland, Agnes Earle, Nan Corringham and P. J. Conroy.



## PERSONALITIES Here and There

Mark Keel was out of the Boston Stock Company lineup last week. According to reports he left on an indefinite vacation.

What has become of the New York Players, now Don Gillette, Boston representative of the Billboard.

Joseph Crowe, house manager of the Maiden (Mass.) Auditorium, is said to have the prettiest wife in Maiden.

Joe Thayer, of the Empire Players, Salem, Mass., is a great circus fan and spends a good many of his summers with the white tops.

Ann Mason and Paul Gordon were warmly received in their opening play, "Moonlight and Honey-suckle", with the Boston Stock Company last week.

Charles R. Hector, director of the orchestra at the St. James Theater, Boston, has added some singing and whistling numbers to his always excellent musical programs.

Anna C. Vivian, well known and popular stock actress, desires her friends to know that she is spending the winter at Tampa, Clear ater and St. Petersburg, Fla.

Jack Valentine, formerly of the F. James Carroll Players at St. John, N. B., is now with another one of the Carroll companies that opens in Scranton, Pa.

Jack Motte is now in his fifteenth week with the Princess Players at the Princess Theater, Des Moines, Ia., and it looks like fifteen more weeks for Jack, as he has become very popular with players and patrons alike.

De Loree Graves, attractive ingenue formerly with the Leonard Wood, Jr. Players in Lancaster, Pa., was a caller during the past week and proved a very interesting conversationalist. Miss Graves is negotiating another engagement in the East.

The Trent Players at the Trent Theater, Trenton, N. J., are now in their fourteenth week, playing to good business. Allyn Gillyn, leading woman with the Trent Players last season, returned the week of February 4, and was given an ovation by her numerous admirers.

Glady's Hurlbut and James Billings are the two leads and Edith Spencer second woman with the Toledo Stock Company at the Toledo Theater, Toledo, O. Alice Buchanan, formerly second woman with the company, is now with the Princess Players at Des Moines.

A few weeks ago Captain Conrad Westervelt, author of "Not So Fast", was in San Antonio and personally supervised the production of his play by the Edna Park Players. He was unlimited in his praise of the company and said he was proud of the production, having given out a letter for publication of the above statement.

Jack Daly and his partner, Gertrude Espie, juvenile and ingenue, closed an eighteen-week engagement with the Ebbett Stock Company, which played them the South prior to Christmas, when Mr. Daly and Miss Espie closed with the company for a much needed rest and a visit to the home of Miss Espie at Fitchburg, Mass. Later Miss Espie visited Lynchburg, Va., and notified friends that she would remain there, as she had married a nonprofessional, Eddie Coleman, and friends would be welcome at their new home, 313 Fifth street.

Enlyn La Telle, extra character woman and wife of Carl Jackson of the Brockton Players at the City Theater, Brockton, Mass., who has been in the Goddard Hospital dangerously ill from pleuro-pneumonia for the past two weeks, is making slow but sure progress toward recovery. Mr. Jackson, during her illness, has been a constant visitor at her bedside, due to the scholarship of Manager James J. Hayden, who loaned him for the duration of his wife's illness, with the understanding that Mr. Jackson return to the cast as soon as Miss La Telle was out of danger, therefore he returned February 25 to the lead in "The Man From Home".

Jack Edwards, manager of the Edna Park Players at San Antonio, Tex., communicates that the featured articles on the Dramatic Stock game are not only interesting but instructive and should aid in all probability will bring desired results in stimulating more interest among those in this particular branch of athletics. He also informs us that Nell Buckley has replaced Jack Edwards as juvenile for several weeks while Mr. Edwards takes a much needed rest. The company is now in its fifty-second week at the Royal Theater, San Antonio, which proves that the class of plays and the

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caller of the personnel of the cast is a big asset to success.

The Leonard Wood, Jr. Players, now known as the Washington Theater Guild, Inc., at the President Theater, Washington, D. C., presented "Simon Called Peter" for a week, but the publicity given the presentation and the increase in patronage has induced Mr. Woods to continue the play for another week. Ralph Kellard leads, Emily Smiley as second and in heavy leads and Walter Scott Wales as second man will make their debut with the players in another new play of Wm. A. Brady, "Whose Baby Are You?", a farce-comedy. Jane Webster made such a hit as Madeline in "Simon Called Peter" that she is to get a good part in the new production.

Stuart Walker, who operated dramatic stock companies last summer in Cincinnati and Indianapolis, will in all probability be found at

the Shubert Theater, Cincinnati, the coming summer, if the Cox Theater continues to house "Able's Irish Rose", which is having a run there. Frederick Forrester, formerly of the Forepaugh Stock Company when it was in Cincinnati, is now renewing acquaintances as one of the principals in "Able's Irish Rose".

Spring Byington, a former leading woman with the Stuart Walker Players in Cincinnati, is now playing a leading role in the "Beggars on Horseback", which is having a preliminary presentation prior to its appearance on Broadway.

Corbet Morris, who became popular with patrons of the Stuart Walker Players in Cincinnati last summer, is playing in "The Highwayman", at the Shubert Theater, Cincinnati, this week.

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## Prologing Plays and Players

(Week of February 11)

### Jack X. Lewis Players

Roanoke, Va., Jefferson Theater—"Wife In Name Only" cast, viz: Ben Langhain as Guy Forrest, Ramon Greenleaf as Hugh Standish, Frank O. Ireson as Judge Randall, Eugene G. Harper as Arthur Saitus, Kirk Brown, Jr., as Jeff, Ella Malmrose as Phyllis Gray, Janet Carew as Mrs. Elizabeth Pembroke, Loretta Nicholson as Nellie Randall, Nat H. Wade as Charley Rae.

### Auditorium Players

Malden, Mass., Auditorium Theater—"The Love Bandit" cast, viz: Betty Lawrence as Florence Mulcahey, Jack Westerman as Snapper Hollis, Bella Cairns as Amy Van Clayton, John Holden as Fred Van Clayton, Gay Hutter as Henri Barbeau, Walter P. Richardson as Jim Hixes, Bessie Warren as Maggie Dempsey, Robt. E. Lawrence as Buck Ramsdell, Edith Gresham as French Auule, Richard Castilla as the Sheriff.

### Leonard Wood, Jr., Players

Washington, D. C., President Theater—"Simon Called Peter" cast, viz: Noel Tearle as Peter Graham, Bernard Pate as Wilkins, June Webster as Madeline, Alice De Lane as Hilda Lessing, John Hoffman as George Lessing, Robert Harrigan as Lieutenant Peter Jenks, John Hoffman as Major Pennell, Bernard Pate as Captain Fraser, Henry Crosby as Captain Mackaye, Edwin Chamberlain as Captain Drayton, Llewelyn Le Jeune as Captain Curry, Addison Smith as Lieutenant Donovan, John M. Kline as Major Langton, Peggy Coudray as Julie Gamelyn, Henriette Tighefman as "Tommy" Raynard, Margaret Hume as Louise, Stanley Stanton as an Orderly, Henry Crosby as a Clergyman, John Spelvin as a Private.

### Jane Hastings Players

Mt. Carmel, Pa., Huronside Post Opera House—"Cappy Ricks" cast, viz: Katherine Bauer as Ellen Murray, A. J. LaTelle as John Skinner, Charlie Greer as Alden P. Ricks, Jane Hastings as Florence Ricks, Robert E. Hall as Edward Singleton, Frank MacMunn as Cecil Pericles Bernard, Al MacKaye as Captain Matt Peasley, May Farrell as Aunt Lucy Ricks, Carle Brodie as Brookfield.

### Circle Theater Players

Dallas, Tex., Circle Theater—"The Bad Man" cast, viz: Russell Fillmore as Gilbert Jones,

Post Opera House with Jane Hastings and her associate players, who are now in their tenth week of permanent stock, presenting two late releases each week. The company opened December 17 and played to capacity houses at most every night performance.

Miss Hastings played a ten-week engagement at this theater last winter. Business this season is thirty per cent better than last year and this is remarkable considering that a new quarter-million-dollar play house has opened its doors this season in opposition. The plays presented by the Hastings Company this season are "The Girl in the Limousine", "It Is the Law", "East Is West", "Allas Nora O'Brien", "Getting Gerlie's Garter", "Cappy Ricks", "The Love Test", "Komy", "A Prince There Was", "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway", "She Walked in Her Sleep" and "Nice People".

The cast includes Jane Hastings, Katherine Bauer, May Farrell, Flora Fay, Mary Fox, A. J. LaTelle, Adam W. Friend, Charlie Greer, Frank MacMunn, Al MacKaye, Robert E. Hall, Carle Brodie and Francis Thompson.

## Dramatic Stock Decline —Cause and Effect

New York, Feb. 21.—Our irritation to managers of theaters, directors of productions and players to give an expression of their views on the decline of dramatic stock is bearing fruit. Every mail brings communications that are interesting and instructive.

For the most part the communications carry the name and address of the writers, who can not afford at this stage of the game to jeopardize their business interests by coming out in the open with their complaints, and we have no desire to embarrass them or those they complain against by a direct reference to one or the other, therefore we are leaving out names and addresses in many instances, and giving our readers the cause and effect, in hope that such publication will indirectly tend to improve conditions as it relates to dramatic stock in general.

### These Letters Self-Explanatory

"Alfred Nelson:  
"Sir—I am enclosing a letter from one of the play brokers which is self-explanatory. Have been so busy trying to get ready to open I haven't had much time to write anyone. I also have another letter which I will send. Quotations made by us for this town are \$50 to \$75 higher for the same bills than we paid a year ago in a town the same size. In this same letter they state the stock game is bad everywhere, and still they are pinching the stock managers, asking for more money. The great trouble is that most stock managers are afraid to open their mouths for fear the brokers will raise the royalties. I have got to the point where I am letting loose a howl and will continue. If they drive me out of business I can get another job. I have tried time and again to get them to take a percentage basis and if you do the business with a bill the manager is willing to pay more. But, no, they can't see that. They are going to get theirs whether the manager does or not. What's the use? Opening here tomorrow for an indefinite engagement, but it's just a question how long we can stand the gaff on royalties how long we remain. Best regards.  
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The letter from the playbroker, referred to above, reads:

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### Boston Stock Company

Boston, Mass., St. James Theater—"Moonlight and Honey-suckle" cast, viz: Jill Middleton as "Pet" Baldwin, Walter Gilbert as Ted Musgrave, Harold Chase as Jefferson, Ralph M. (Continued on page 29)



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## GLADYS KLARK COMPANY SAILS FOR WEST INDIES

### Bermuda Season of Seven Weeks Is Successful

The Gladys Klark Company closed its season at Hamilton, Bermuda, February 16, and sailed three days later for Bridgetown, Barbados, where the company will begin its West Indies tour. So successful was the run in Bermuda that an extra week was added to the six originally scheduled in that place. This is said to have been the longest run of any theatrical company that ever appeared at the popular island resort.

Thirteen different bills were presented at Hamilton, with two changes a week. Among the best liked bills were "East Is West", "The Man Who Came Back", "Up in Mabel's Room", "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" and "Smilin' Thru". Both Miss Klark and Earle Mayo scoring strongly in the chief roles of these plays. The company was visited by the Hon. Andrew J. Peters, former Mayor of Boston, and Mrs. Peters; Edward E. Rose, author of "The Rosary" and one time stage director of the Boston Museum and Castle Square theaters, and George E. Lothrop, the Boston theatrical man, whose accidental death occurred while on a visit in Bermuda. M. Charles Palazzi, of the Klark company, was at one time a member of Lothrop's company at the Bowdoin Square Theater in Boston.

The Klark players are due to arrive at Barbados February 2, opening the next day, and after a fortnight's run will probably choose Port of Spain, Trinidad, for the next stand.

### A. J. WILES MAY PRESENT VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

A. J. Wiles and his wife and vaudeville partner, also their daughter, were in Cincinnati for a few days last week. Pleasure was not the dominant note, as they played several dates in suburban houses. On a visit to The Billboard offices Mr. Wiles showed the writer a photo of his 50-foot motor boat, "Mary", named after his daughter, which is a beauty. During the winter the boat is docked at Louisville, Ky., and probably in the summer Mr. Wiles will present moving pictures and vaudeville in it at small river towns where larger showboats are unable to penetrate. Last spring the Wiles family played towns along the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and Mr. Wiles had some very interesting tales to relate of the trip, which was made in leisurely manner. Mr. Wiles is a great fisherman, and told how he brought in a good allotment of the finny tribe when provisions ran low last spring.

### LINCOLN PLAYERS OPEN WITH "THE BALLOON GIRL"

"The Balloon Girl", one of Robert Sherman's repertoire plays, with Frances Maynes and Tom Coyle in the leading roles, was the initial attraction of the Lincoln Players, which opened at the Lincoln Square Theater, Indianapolis, Ind., February 11. Mr. Coyle was a member of the Max Stone Company, which played a week's stand repertoire in Indiana towns last summer, and later appeared in comedy roles with the Jack X. Lewis Players in Roanoke, Va. The Lincoln Players are under the management and direction of Chas. Mercer, to whom all credit is due for effecting an agreement between House Manager F. J. Rembusch and the stage hands' union. All house employees at the Lincoln Square are union and the players are 100 per cent Equity.

### CLEMS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ralph Clem and wife, Lodema Corey, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary at their home in Mason City, Ia., February 15. Seven years ago they were married on the stage at Brewton, Ala., after the performance of "Darkness and Daylight" by the Ed. C. Nutt Company. W. Frank Delmaire, A. E. A. representative of the Kansas City office, was manager of the company, and Ralph and Lodema were doing the leads. Since that time the Clem-Corey Players have made an enviable reputation in Northwest territory. On their anniversary Mr. Clem presented his wife with an auto.

### GRIFFITH STOCK COMPANY HAS FAIRLY GOOD SEASON

Business with the Griffith Stock Company has been fairly good this season so far. The weather has been frightful at times, and, accordingly, receipts have fallen off in some of the best towns. This company has played the same territory for the past ten years, and is well established with its patrons, who look forward to the annual visit with pleasure. Only one change has been made in the cast since the opening and that was on account of sickness. Manager Jack Griffith says he has the finest bunch of people he has ever assembled in point of getting and congeniality. W. W. Hankins, well-known stock player, is handling the leads, while Lillian Hampton and Mrs. Griffith have been dividing the opposite roles. Harry Lloyd is doing the principal comedy and Mr. Griffith is heavy man and general utility. Jack Russell presides over the orchestra and has been playing minor parts in "St. Elmo" and "The Meanest Man in the World". The company opens under canvas the second week in April with a new outfit and a slightly augmented company.

### ACTOR PRAISES FORMER ASSOCIATES OF SWAIN SHOW

W. I. Swain's Show Company drew good-sized crowds during a week's engagement in McComb, Miss., and patrons could find nothing in the entertainment but what could be highly praised, according to Willard E. Cook, who was a member of the Swain show last season. Mr. Cook further writes: "Each bill was just as good or better than could be expected. Friday night, feature night, the company presented 'Pollyanna', which was the talk of nearly all who attended. The work of Jack Elmer Dean as King Grouch and Lorena Ingram as Pollyanna 'stole the show'. 'The Phantom Trail', the opening bill, was the best I've seen in years. The Italian part by Fred Woods, the Toby by Tom Mullary and the leading role by Mr. Dean were fine. Pete Palmer as 'Pap' was funny. Mrs. Woods had the lead and Iva Garrett filled the lovely role of Billie. Everybody likes a good quartet, and Mr. Swain has that. It's known as Swain's Comedy Four, and, believe me, stopped the show. The quartet comprises Rogers, first tenor; Jack Dean, second tenor; James Cullen, first bass, and Art Crawford, second bass.

### PICTURES LOSING OUT

Indication of the waning of motion pictures, particularly in the South, is witnessed by the growing amount of dramatic and vaudeville attractions that are being booked to replace or add to the regular silent programs. The Saenger Circuit, one of the largest in the South, is said to have booked a great number of first-class circuits this season that with few exceptions are playing to complete sellouts at every point they play. Vaudeville is being frequently added to the regular programs in an effort to hold business up for the pictures. Heretofore the Saengers are said to have booked few of the larger attractions and absolutely refused to play vaudeville or specialties as portion of the picture program.

### SMALL AND INFERIOR REP. SHOWS PASSE IN SOUTH

The six and seven-people repertoire companies and the inferior larger ones are a thing of the past in the South, according to Elton D. Morgan, secretary of Billy Terrell's Comedians. It is absolutely useless to go south with anything but a merited attraction and a fat bankroll, he says. Mr. Morgan also reports the recent failure of several small repertoire companies and a large one, the tent and equipment of the latter being sold at public auction in Louisiana. Billy Bennett, cornetist, and Harry Rozell, ball-tone player, are recent additions to the Terrell company, augmenting the band to fourteen pieces.

### WILLARD-CLARK "TOM" SHOW TO OPEN IN PITTSBURG

Willard & Clark's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company will open its summer season in Pittsburg, Pa. Members of the company will travel by auto and thirty head of stock will transport the tent theater, a 60-foot, with 40-foot middle pieces, and other equipment. A street parade will be given daily, with one white and one colored band furnishing the music. The company has been playing houses in Canada during the winter. John Huffle is manager.

### LODEMA COREY



Miss Corey is leading lady of the Clem-Corey Players, and, with her husband, Ralph E. Clem, has appeared with Angell's Comedians, W. I. Swain's Show, Ed. C. Nutt and many other reputable repertoire companies. They also made a tour of the Association Time as members of Jack Lait's "Oh, What a Day", act. Miss Corey is now recuperating from injuries sustained recently in an auto mishap at her home in Mason City, Ia.

### LAUDS CRAWLEY'S COMEDIANS

Crawley's Comedians are a high-stepping bunch of showfolk and performances by them class up to those given by better known and popular repertoire companies. In the opinion of Raymond S. Gardner, who saw the company in a presentation of "The Girl Who Came Back" at the Opera House, Hardinsburg, Ky., February 13, "The performance gave genuine satisfaction." Mr. Gardner writes, "They gave the folks a real show with plenty of vaudeville and honest-to-goodness music with the band and orchestra. A show of this kind leaves a good, clean trail. It gets the confidence of the folks and holds it by giving them what they have a right to expect—one mighty good show."

## REP. TATTLES

Jesse E. Norman has signed for the coming season with the Paramount Players, making his seventh season with the Russell Brothers.

Plays that were thought to have been assigned to oblivion have proven better drawing attractions than some of the late releases. Erman Gray, saxophone and clarinet player, joined Leslie E. Kell's Comedians in Center, Tex., for parts and band and orchestra.

H. La Roy, of the La Roy Stock Company, voices regrets for inability to acknowledge receipt of letters from those who responded to his recent ad in this department.

As yet no bill has been introduced to add further tax to amusements in Mississippi. The Legislature is in session, and amusement managers are watching its movements very closely.

Looking over the past five or six months, one recalls a few failures in the repertoire field, but the general success of this type of show overshadows them. The season has proven a draw for some shows.

Recent additions to the National Stock Company, which is playing thru Louisiana, are Hugh Reigle, drummer and xylophonist, and his wife, Gertrude Allen, as ingenue and soubret.

Prestige should not be relied upon wholly in framing your show for the summer season. The average theatergoer will want a full measure of entertainment, irrespective of how good your shows were in other years.

The winter quarters of Steece's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company are in Chicago and not North Baltimore, O., as was stated in last week's issue. Chicago also is the headquarters of Mort Steece, owner and manager of the company.

Harry "Doc" Heller will return to the Maude Henderson Stock Company as agent for the summer. The company will return to the States from Canada about the middle of March and close the winter season soon thereafter.

Reopening about April 12 the company will tour thru British Columbia.

"Dad" Zeino closed with the L. D. Bruce Comedians February 16, and after a few days' rest in San Antonio, Tex., will head party "Dad" wrote from San Antonio that Edna Perry and Jack Edwards are standing 'em up at every performance there, and Chas. Harrison is doing fine in stock at Corpus Christi.

Milt Tolbert is said to have lost more than \$1,000 when his tent burned recently in Bar Minette, Ala. This estimated loss does not cover other equipment that was totally destroyed. Mr. Tolbert has placed an order for a new top and equipment, and as little time as possible will interrupt the itinerary.

Mr. Charles Palazzi, who fulfills the duties of Equity deputy with the Gladys Klark Company, now touring in the West Indies, writes that the trials of making out an income tax report are mere nothing compared to the struggles with the different kinds of foreign exchange encountered in the company's travels.

Edward Russell, A. E. A. representative, passed a few pleasant hours in the Cincinnati offices of The Billboard February 19. He was en route from Columbus, O., to visit stock and repertoire companies playing in Kentucky, Tennessee and other Southern points. On his return Mr. Russell, a former actor, will work his way North as far as the Canadian border.

Chas. Harrison has been writing plays for eighteen years and made no effort to commercialize them until he and J. D. Colgrove, his business manager for many years, opened a play bureau in Colorado Springs several weeks ago, as he preferred to keep them for his own use. He has more than forty plays to his credit.

Did you know that in his younger days Ernest Sharpsteen clowned with crosses and like to bust about it? He says the education received then has been of great benefit to him. "The memories of those old days are very dear," he writes. "Recently I saw a circus picture in which Jackie Coogan was featured and it took me back to the time I was with a wagon show. That was the life!"

Mrs. Lawrence Russell and daughter, Mary Theresa, who are at home in Biloxi, Miss., had a pleasant visit with Jake and Ethel Donegan last week. Mr. Donegan, who is now owner of the Donegan Show, was formerly comedian with the Paramount Players, and Ethel played the character, "Jake", a clever comedian and a tireless worker, has built up an attraction of merit that has brought him much success.

Gladys Klark played the heroine in real life during a performance of "Smilin' Thru" by the Klark Company in Bermuda recently. Faulty insulation started a fire in the theater, causing the audience to rise in a body and start for the exits. Miss Klark immediately stepped out of her stage character and assured the audience that there was no danger. The flames were put out in a few minutes and the performance resumed.

Edward MacArthur, of the Frank Winninger Comedy Company, writes that he has just finished a new play, "The Courtship of Hesteria Hunkins". As the title suggests, it has a rural setting. This play was written especially for Frank Winninger, the comedy part of Poch Bab being well fitted to him. Mr. MacArthur has three other plays, "It Happened in Mexico", "The Town Dumbell" and "The Devil's Partner", on the market.

Allen Wisbert received a letter from Horace Murphy, playing permanent stock in Sacramento, Calif., as follows: "I produced the 'Law of the North' last week, following Morosco's 'Six-Cylinder Love', and it 'kissed 'em dead'. We had an excellent cast and made a beautiful production and everybody praised the play highly, which, I think, is the proof of the pudding, for we put on such plays as 'East Is West', 'The Bad Man', 'The Mad Honey Moon', 'Captain Applejack' and 'The Broken Wing'."

Not content with producing and playing the lead in a number of home-talent productions this season, Jack Lynn, former owner of a repertoire company, has taken it upon himself to direct the Warrensburg (N. Y.) Band. Jack swung the baton at the opening of the American Legion Fair in Music Hill last week. He was one of the entertainers at a Legion fair held in Lake George recently, and also appeared in a production staged at Bolton Landing. He has staged four shows in Warrensburg this season for the benefit of fraternal and civic organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Hyatt, who have put in the winter at Kissimmee, Fla., where they own a large orange grove, regret leaving there soon for Lowell, O., where their "Water Queen" floating theater is in winter quarters. "We had a nice visit with the John Lawrence Stock Company, playing at Deland, Fla., and enjoyed every play of their engagement," Mr.



Hyatt writes, "John and Mrs. Lawrence are of the real, sincere and congenial kind that are a real credit to the profession. They have a capable cast of ladies and gentlemen who make lasting friends wherever they go." Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt expect to open the season April 1.

A recent issue of The Dallas (Tex.) Dispatch tells of the educational progress of Clifford Ohlson, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ohlson, well-known repertoire people. Completing eight years of required school work in just one year and eight months is Clifford's claim to fame. Clifford's actual schooling represents six weeks in a Houston school, four months in Seattle schools, a short time in Portland and the rest of the time in Dallas, where he now attends the Forest Avenue High School.

School. Clifford played his first part on the stage when four years old. He is said to be a promising violinist, and began playing the instrument on the stage when seven years of age. His father was owner and manager of Ohlson's "Liberty Girls", a fourteen-people musical tabloid touring the South some years ago, and is now with the King-Thomas Dramatic Company. Mrs. Ohlson, professionally known as Emma West, and Clifford are residing at the home of Mrs. Ohlson's married daughter at 1622 S. St. Paul street, Dallas.

PROLOGING PLAYS AND PLAYERS

(Continued from page 27) Remley as Senator Baldwin, Anna Layng as Millie Baldwin, Paul Gordon as Congressman Hamill, Houston Richards as Courtney Blue, Ann Mason as Anita Baldwin, Viola Roach as Mrs. Langley.

NEW STOCK COMPANY AT UNION HILL, N. J.

(Reviewed Thursday Matinee, February 21)

The Hudson Players, under the management of the Arthur Leslie Smith Productions, Inc., presented "The Crooked Square" under the personal direction of W. C. Masson last week. The play and players were well received and Jack Lorenz and Mildred Florence were given an ovation on their appearance.

REVIEW

J. Irving White as James Darnell in his detective agency commanded the agency in a highly pleasing and dignified manner.

Will Davidge as Pete, Darnell's assistant, was all that was required of his role.

C. Russell Sage as Thomas Harvey was a wise actor of gentlemanly taste, good diction and easy manner of poise.

Mildred Florence as Barbara Kirkwood was so natural that we felt at home in listening to her story, at times bringing forth the deepest pathos that enhances her magnetism in her interpretation of the role she portrays.

Her role does not give her the opportunity to portray the emotion that she so aptly displays in other roles, but her lines go over well and her voice carries in pure enunciation. Her dressing of the role is very appropriate.

Jack Lorenz as Robert Colby singles him out in a role of a society gentleman. He speaks well, good composure, mannerism of voice that is never forgotten. Exceptional face, somewhat like a Van Dyke painting.

Frances Pitt as Annie Jordan is an endearing actress. She holds us in her every utterance, and so natural and real in her enactment of the character she plays.

Seth Arnold as Mike, assistant keeper of reformatory, was in full control of his role.

Gladys Alexander as Mrs. Emily Burnham, a society woman, possessed a charm of distinction in her part. Played and dressed the role well.

Mark Elliston as Mr. Edgemore opened the scene in act two in his office room, which was well staged and with an atmosphere that inspired the actors in this act to speak within keeping of its setting. Mr. Elliston has good command of language and well acted the role of head of service bureau and counselor of crooked schemes.

Seth Arnold as Mr. Dodson handled his lines well.

T. W. Gibson as Prince Stefano Solenski deserves great credit for his portrayal of a Russian Prince. He had good delivery and dressed the part well.

Zita Moulton as Alice Harvey was very statuesque in her portrayal of a society woman. She has charm in her carriage and poise, self-possessed and lends refinement and dignity to the play.

Edward LeDuc as Smith, the butler, was in perfect fitting with his role.

The Pekinese played by himself deserves mention, for when not in the arms of his mistress, Zita Moulton, was posed on chair in a most natural and at-home manner.

W. C. Masson, director, deserves credit for his limbing inspiration of making good to all the actors, for one and all alike seemed to live their roles entrusted to them. Also the same is applicable to the stage manager, William Davidge, and scenic artist, Arthur Bauer, for their work in staging and setting. The electrical effects lent an additional charm to the scenes.

COMMENT

We liked the Hudson Players and when each and every one was personally presented from stage to audience we noted that they were all in good composure and students of good diction. That means much to the elevation of dramatic stock.

W. C. Masson is as much an asset to dramatic stock as D. W. Griffith is to the screen—nothing faked, all realistic.

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## SOME FACTS

### Anent Frank Van Dusen and His Work in the Interest of Organ Playing

The influence of Frank Van Dusen in the field of theater organ playing, like the effect of a pebble thrown into a brook, has widened and widened until it has touched innumerable people and given them a broader vision of the importance of organ music in the motion picture theater. Frank Van Dusen, director of the Department of organs at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, altho still a young man has won recognition and achieved such great things that many older men marvel at his accomplishments. Many will like to know by what avenues he attained to his present rank, so we will relate a few of the steps taken by him. At an early age Frank Van Dusen began the study of music and it was not long until he realized that music was to be the field in which he would work and altho many influences were brought to bear to prevail upon him to turn to other interests his first decision held fast.

In order to earn money to continue his musical studies he took up the teaching of music and while so doing he definitely learned that in this branch of music lay his opportunity, as he early recognized a definite liking to impart knowledge to young people, also a passion to help his pupils develop their talent. While pursuing his studies he studied organ, piano and theory at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago; also gave attention to the best in art, was a reader of the best literature and utilized every opportunity to increase his knowledge of all that was worthwhile. After a long period of study and teaching he went to Paris where he studied organ with Gullman and piano with Moszkowski and upon his return to the United States he resumed his position as a prominent member of the faculty of the American Conservatory and determined to make the organ the means of delivering his message to the music world. His talent and ability has led to membership in the National Association of Organists, American Guild of Organists, executive positions in the Society of American Musicians, also in the Chicago Artists' Association, leading organist at several of Chicago's largest churches and a long list of notable recitals. His keen interest in the possibilities of the organ caused him to early realize the opportunity for a wider field of activity thru the development of organ playing in the motion picture theater and he is conceded to be the first professional organist and teacher to take up this branch of the work. Mr. Van Dusen quietly investigated this new field and soon learned there was a big demand for theater organists and in an incredibly short time had a large class of students. He taught them not only the theory which they would need, but made it a point to attend movie theaters in which his pupils were playing, study their method of interpreting both the music and the picture, then help them to attain more artistic results. Soon there was such a demand for organists trained by him that the American Conservatory established a department or School of Theater Organ Playing with a regular course of study and training which equips pupils thoroughly for a position as organist in a movie theater. Of course, Mr. Van Dusen was appointed head of this department and also was given a corps of able assistants, almost all of whom had been trained by him. The growth of the school was so rapid Mr. Van Dusen realized the goal he set could only be achieved by having a theater, screen, organ and complete projection outfit. This need was supplied by the conservatory thru making arrangements for the joint use of the school and the Fuleo Sales Company of the model theater just a short distance from the conservatory. The little theater is complete in every detail and the Kimball organ is equipped with the usual accessories of the modern organ with the minimum of traps. Teaching began under these ideal arrangements in May of 1923, under the direct supervision of Frank Van Dusen, and every facility is given students to develop their interpretative

powers, their ability to improvise and to further fit themselves to be able to creditably fill positions in the larger motion picture theaters. Last summer there were eighteen organists graduated from the organ department—six post-graduates were presented in public recitals in Kimball Hall, Chicago—all of whom received Mus. Bac. degrees—four who had just completed the full course of training and eight who received teacher's certificates. Among the organists who received their training at the school under Mr. Van Dusen and his assistants are M. Duke, of La Crosse, Wis., who has several times been chosen to open new auditoriums and theaters where large organs have

the best to be had in music thru the medium of the organ programs which are presented by men and women who received their training from Frank Van Dusen. More power to him in his good work.

## FIRST WEEK OF MAY

### To Be Music Week in Kansas City

At a meeting of organizations of Kansas City it was decided to observe May 21 as Music Week. Plans are under way and when further developed announcement as to the concerts and soloists will be made.

## DENVER MAN

### Personally Underwrites Guarantee Fund To Bring Chicago Opera Company to Denver

A. M. Oberfelder, who has beyond a doubt been more instrumental than any other one man in Colorado in educating the people of Denver, as well as the State, to an appreciation of the best that is to be had in music, has given further proof of his interest along this line in personally putting up a cash guarantee of \$30,000 to bring the Chicago Civic Opera Company to Denver. Thru his generosity the people of Denver, and as many others as desire to attend, will have opportunity to hear the Chicago organization in a two-day opera season, March 18 and 19, and Denver will be the only city in which the business men will not be called upon to underwrite the engagement. In the past Denver people have been called upon to guarantee from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year for a few performances of grand opera.

A. M. Oberfelder started out several years ago without reputation or funds to provide Denver with concerts by noted artists, and, thru hard work and a sincere belief in the cause of music, he has succeeded in building up a reputation for himself which is not enjoyed by many in the musical world. During the past few years he has brought many of the famous artists, not only of this country but of the world, to Denver, and by giving only the best audiences for these concerts have grown steadily. The coming of the Chicago Civic Opera Company will be the outstanding feature of the current musical and dramatic season in Denver.

## AMARILLO'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

### To Be Held April 21 to 25; Noted Artists To Appear

Amarillo, Tex., is to have a Music Festival April 21 to 25. The event will be given under the direction of Emil P. Myers, who for the last ten years has been untiring in his efforts to promote interest in music in Amarillo. The festival will be opened the evening of April 21 with a concert by the Kansas City Little Symphony, N. DeBartolis, director, and the evening of April 22 will be given over to a Sonata recital by Francis Moore, pianist, and Hugo Kristak, violinist, both artists noted in the concert world. On the evening of April 23, Ball-Curt will appear in a recital, assisted by Manuel Berninger, flutist, and Homer Sannich, pianist. The fourth event, April 24, will bring the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by a large chorus and celebrated soloists, the names of whom are still to be announced. And the festival will be brought to a close with a gala concert to be given by Tito Schipa, celebrated tenor of the Chicago Opera Company. During the festival the Amarillo Music Teachers' Association will award the prizes in the music contests which have been announced as an important feature of the Amarillo festival.

## GEORGETTE LEBLANC

Georgette LeBlanc, noted artist, will make her first New York appearance this season at the Booth Theater, Sunday evening, March 10. Her program will be a very unusual one, including music, poetry and drama. The musical selections will be very largely of the modern type and will include compositions by Stravinsky, Honegger, Poulenc, Milhaud, Satie, Anthelme and others. An important feature of the program will be a scene from the drama and also the opera of "Pelléas and Mélisande". In view of the first time Mme. LeBlanc will sing the role of "Pelléas" as well as that of "Mélisande". The assisting artist will be announced later.

## ORGANISTS' OPEN MEETING

### Announced by Washington Heights Musical Club

As is its custom, the Washington Heights Musical Club will give an open meeting at Aeolian Hall, New York City, the evening of March 20. The program for this concert will, as in the past, be largely given over to the organists, but there will be vocal solos as well. Miss Jane Cathart, founder of the Washington Heights Musical Club, reports the 1923-'24 season has been most successful and the membership has been greatly increased.



Frank Van Dusen, head of the Organ Department of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, who is a vital factor in the advancement of organ playing in motion picture theaters.

## SEVERAL NOTED SOLOISTS

### Announced for Last Lap of Season's Concerts by N. Y. Symphony Orchestra

One is reminded of the waning of the present concert season by announcements of the soloists to appear at the last several concerts to be given this year by the New York Symphony Orchestra. Jascha Heifetz will play the Goldmark Concerto in A Minor when he appears in the pair of concerts to be given February 28 and 29 in Carnegie Hall, under the direction of Bruno Walter. Gustave Thibot, the concertmaster of the orchestra, will be the soloist at the Sunday afternoon concert in Aeolian Hall, March 2. The final concert of the Young People's Series this season in Carnegie Hall will take place the afternoon of March 1, when the program will be devoted to music of the dance, and Virginia Maurel, concert danseuse, will be the assisting artist. Moriz Rosenthal, pianist, has been announced as soloist for the pair of concerts to be given in Carnegie Hall, under the direction of Bruno Walter, on March 6 and 7, which concerts will be the last, but one pair, in the New York Symphony's Carnegie Hall series this season.

been installed and who now is a featured player at the Majestic Theater in Shamokin, Pa.; Edward Edgenschick, who is now first assistant to Mr. Van Dusen; Paul D. Esterly, who has held many positions of much importance in theaters in Pennsylvania and well known in the concert world before becoming a theater organist; Ethel Hanson, who played in Chicago theaters for several years and also was demonstrator for the Bartell Organ Company, and who is a composer of songs that are used by leading concert artists; Helen Seales, who has a big reputation both as a church and theater organist; Mrs. Gertrude Daily, Emily Roberts, Earl Blades and many others.

The tireless and well directed effort of Frank Van Dusen in the interest of theater organ playing has resulted in a degree of success which is impossible of measurement. Due to his vision and a firm belief that a wide opportunity awaited the organist in this field he labored well and with the co-operation accorded him by the American Conservatory of Music he has been an important factor in revising opinion as to the place of the organist and organ music in the program of the movie theater, and in the music world as well. In every section of the country movie audiences are being helped to a better appreciation of



NEW YORK MUSICAL EVENTS

**Thelma Given**

After being absent from New York concert halls for quite some time, Thelma Given, American violinist, gave a recital in Carnegie Hall, the evening of February 18, assisted by Edward Hageman at the piano and Charles Albert Baker at the organ. A sonata by Frank Mendelssohn to demonstrate Miss Given's right to be classed with the violinists of the first rank as technique, bowing and tone was that of the true musician. Her rendition of Poppo's "Mendelssohn", also a number by Spalding, were likewise excellent and the audience demanded many encores. Both Mr. Hageman and Mr. Baker gave valuable assistance with their masterly accompaniment.

**Frederic Fradkin**

As concertmaster of the Boston Symphony at one time and later as a vaudeville artist, also soloist in the larger motion picture theatres, Frederic Fradkin, American violinist, has become well-known in musical circles. Due to the reputation he had acquired he was greeted by a large audience at his debut concert recital in Carnegie Hall the evening of February 19. His program included Tartini's "Sonata in G Minor", a concerto by Mendelssohn and shorter numbers by Bach, Lauterbach, Kreisler, Arndt-Fradkin and Ernst. Smoothness, technical skill, good tone were evidenced throughout the evening and the audience accorded enthusiastic approval. Harry Kaufman at the piano played with his customary skill.

**Clara and Maurice Brown**

A joint recital by Clara Brown, soprano, and Maurice Brown, cellist, was given in Aeolian Hall the evening of February 21. In arias from "Il Trovatore" and "Louise" and numbers by Rossini, Toselli, Stephens and Schindler, Miss Brown sang with a voice of much volume and wide range, but lacking in finish. Her best work was in Massenet's "Heguy", which was given with the assistance of Maurice Brown, cellist, and in which her tones were truer and of better quality than at any time during the evening.

Maurice Brown, in compositions by Eccles, Davidoff, Granados and others, played with skill, good technique and beauty of tone.

MARCH CONCERTS

Bring Noted Artists to Boston

The list of concerts to be given in Boston in the early days of March will bring many noted artists to music lovers of the Hub City. On Sunday afternoon, March 2, Ossip Gabrilowitch will present a concert of piano pieces and on that same afternoon at the Opera House Hall-Curtis will give a recital of old airs, operatic pieces and light songs. March 3 at the Concerts for Young People by the Boston Symphony Orchestra Lorraine Wyman, well known thru her work in the interest of folk music, will be the soloist. Arthur Shattuck, American pianist, will give a recital in Jordan Hall the afternoon of March 5, and on the evening of March 6, in the same hall, the Honzley Quartet will give the last of their series of chamber music concerts. Georg Schmevoigt, noted conductor, of Europe, will be guest conductor with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the concert to be given March 7. Saturday afternoon, March 8, brings a joint recital in Jordan Hall by Ernest Hutcheson, pianist, and Felix Salmon, cellist. Two con-

certs that are attracting much attention will be given the afternoon of Sunday, March 9, by Sigrid Onegin in Symphony Hall and Geraldine Farrar in the Opera House. That same afternoon at the St. James Theater the People's Symphony Orchestra will give a concert for which they will have the distinguished Pierre Monteux as guest conductor. That same evening Helen Stanley will be the artist at the last of the three "Sunday Evening Musicales" of the season.

BALTIMORE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES CIVIC OPERA

Frederick R. Huber, municipal director of music of Baltimore, Md., has announced plans are progressing most favorably for the activities of the Civic Opera Company. A casting committee has been formed which consists of Mabel Garrison, noted American singer; Harold Randolph, director of the Peabody Conservatory of Music; George Castello, of the Madison Avenue Temple, and also conductor of the Meyerbeer Ensemble; George DeFoe, New York impresario, and Frederick M. Supplee, who represents the singing portion of the Metropolitan Club, which last year fostered the Baltimore Opera Society's performances. This committee has selected "La Boheme", "Carmen", "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" as the operas in which to present the newly formed Civic Opera organization. Mr. Huber and the committee plan to afford every opportunity to local singers for appearance both in important roles and in the chorus. Auditions are to be held on February 29 and March 1. The operas are to be given with professional orchestra and the singers chosen to interpret the leading roles will be carefully trained free of charge by professionals. Mr. Huber and his committee are determined that every possible advantage shall be accorded the young musicians of Baltimore to make this opportunity for professional appearance count for the utmost in advancing interest in their talents.

FOUR AMERICAN SOLOISTS

To Assist Philadelphia Orchestra in Presentation of Ninth Symphony

Leopold Stokowski has announced the soloists for the Beethoven Ninth Symphony when it is presented in New York City by the Philadelphia Orchestra, under his direction. The famous Beethoven composition is to be given in Carnegie Hall March 4, under the direction of Leopold Stokowski and with the assistance of the Mendelssohn Choir, and the soloists will be Mabel Garrison, soprano; Merle Alcock, contralto; Paul Althouse, tenor, and Royal Damm, baritone. On the following evening, also in Carnegie Hall, the orchestra again with the assistance of the Mendelssohn Choir, Henry Frelker, conductor, will give a choral concert at which portions of the B Minor Mass of Bach, also a group of English, Russian and ancient Ecclesiastical compositions will be presented.

LINDSBORG MUSIC FESTIVAL

To Be Held April 14 to 19

The Lindsborg Annual Messiah Festival will this year be held April 14 to 19, and in connection with this there will be held a Mid-West Music Contest for piano, organ, violin, voice, expression and girls' glee clubs, for which cash prizes in the amount of \$750 will be given. The Music Festival this year marks the forty-third Annual Messiah Festival and opens with the program to be given the evening of April 13, when Paul Althouse, tenor, and Arthur Middleton, baritone, will be the soloists. Other artists who will be heard are Marion Talley, young Kansas City soprano, and Marie Sanderius. "The Messiah" will be presented by the famous Lindsborg Chorus of more than 500 voices on three evenings during the week, and the Bethany College Orchestra will furnish the accompaniment.

JASCHA HEIFETZ

To Play at Benefit To Be Given at Music Box Theater

A benefit performance in which many stars of the theater and concert world will participate will be given at the Music Box Theater, New

York City, the evening of March 2. Jascha Heifetz is announced to play with the Paul Whiteman Orchestra, and another artist from the concert ranks, Lester Donahue, American pianist, will assist at the piano. In the act to be given by Lamette Taylor and Margot Kelly, Elsie Janis will also appear, and included among the others will be Jeanne Eagles, Madge Kennedy, Fay Bainter, Beatrice Lillie, Irving Berlin, Fannie Brice and Frank Tinney.

MOTION PICTURE MUSIC NOTES

A rather interesting announcement was made by Managing Director Joseph Pinnkett, of the New York Strand, to the effect that ninety-three various compositions were used in the score which the orchestra played as accompaniment to the showing of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame", which is being shown for a second week at the Strand. "Ave Maria", with arrangement for chimes, is also sung by a mixed chorus behind scenes as the prolog.

Selections from "The Prince of Pilsen" formed the overture at the Howard Theater, at Atlanta, the week of February 18. As a classical jazz number the Howard Concert Orchestra played "Peachtree Blues", and as accompaniment to the comedy feature the orchestra played "I Can't Get the Sweetie I Want". The Two Ossmans, celebrated banjoists, played in a selection of popular numbers "Dixie Medley", "Stars and Stripes March" and "Parade of Wooden Soldiers".

Joseph Littau conducted the orchestra at the Missouri Theater, St. Louis, thru the "Queen of Sheba" (Goldmark) overture for a week, commencing February 18, and as a specialty number Managing Director Stuart introduced Mlle. Loretta deVohl in "At the Cafe Ronle", singing "My Man", by M. Yvain. Tom Terry used Paul Whiteman's "Chansonette", "When It's Night Time in Italy It's Wednesday Over Here" (Steve Cady) as his organ solos.

An unusually interesting symphony concert was given by Don Albert and the orchestra of the Palace Theater, Dallas, Tex., last Sunday which included the finale from Tschalkovsky's Symphony in F Minor, No. 4; Massenet's "Scenes Pittoresque" and Rubinstein's "Kamen Ostrow". Mr. Albert directed his players in selections from "Il Trovatore" during the week's musical program at the Palace.

This week's musical programs at the Riesenfeld theaters, New York City, contain a number of interesting items. At the Rivoli Carl Formes, baritone, is singing the prolog from "Pagliacci" and there is a dance divertissement interpreted by LaTorreclia, accompanied by Miriam Lax, soprano, and Adrian daSilva, tenor. At the Rialto Emma Noe, always a favorite here, is giving an aria from "Herodlade" and there is also a Riesenfeld classical jazz.

The Tivoli Syncopators were featured on last week's program at the Tivoli Theater, Chicago, playing "Blue Grass Blues". As an organ specialty "The One I Love Belongs to Somebody Else" was used.

When the twenty-third alternating program, by the orchestra of the Chicago Theater, Chicago, was given by Nat Finston on Sunday, February 10, Herman Devries' "Souvenir d'Orient" was given its first performance. Mr. Devries is the noted music critic of The Chicago Evening American and has already made a name for himself with his compositions. His artistic ability was recently recognized by the French government by the bestowing upon him of the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Paul H. Forster, organist at the Liberty Theater, Carnegie, Pa., has been receiving many favorable comments upon his picture accompaniments played on the Marr & Colton organ. The Liberty has had the pleasure of entertaining a number of patrons from Pittsburg, which is within easy reach of Carnegie, and Mr. Forster's solos and novelties have attracted considerable attention.

Agnes Lerstad, soprano, was soloist on a recent musical program given at the St. Paul Capitol Theater. She sang two solos, one from "The Firefly" and a selected number. Leonard Leigh and Lawrence Plante were also on the program in a novelty musical skit.

Oscar F. Baum and his Capitol Symphony Orchestra of the Capitol Theater of St. Paul,

Minn., is this week presenting "Finlandia" for the overture. Robert K. Heen, celebrated Hawaiian baritone, is being featured in a repertoire of songs, and, as usual, Leonard Leigh and Arthur Kowner are contributing interesting organ numbers.

Be sure to read the interesting article in this week's issue written specially for The Billboard's organist readers by Frank Van Dusen, well-known authority on organ playing in the motion picture theaters.

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### FIGHT ON FOR ENGLISH ACTOR?

**Nelson Keys To Appear in "Follies" and Shuberts Claim His Services**

New York, Feb. 22.—Nelson Keys, famous English musical comedy player, who will arrive here next Wednesday aboard the Olympic, is slated to appear the following week in Ziegfeld's "Follies", now current at the New Amsterdam Theater. He is under contract to Ziegfeld for his American appearances.

The Shuberts have been negotiating with Keys for some time and believe they have him under contract to appear in their forthcoming revue on the Century Roof. If this proves true there is likely to be some lively litigation over the comedian's services. Ziegfeld first started negotiations with Keys some months ago and it was only lately that they were ended. Keys, who has been in some of the biggest London musical comedy successes, was much sought for by American managers, who think that his style will be welcomed by American audiences.

The last big London success that Nelson Keys was in was "The League of Nations", and before that he was seen in "London, Paris, New York, Bozz-Buzz", and has been on tour with his own company in "Polly With a Past". He was born in 1886 and made his first appearance on the stage when ten years old.

### OPERA SINGER IN NEW REVUE

New York, Feb. 22.—Katherine Van Pelt, mezzo-soprano and late prima donna of "The Music Box Revue", was engaged yesterday by the Shuberts for a prominent role in the forthcoming "Century Roof Revue". Miss Van Pelt alternates between seasons on Broadway in musical comedy and revue productions and season in New Orleans, where each year she heads an operetta company bearing her name. The opera singer has also toured France, Italy and Spain with her own organization.

Odetta Myrtil, pantomimic violinist and international artist, has also been engaged for the new "Century Roof Revue". Born in Paris, Miss Myrtil has played in numerous musical productions in London and recently has been a headliner in vaudeville. She will appear in several violin-pantomimes surrounded by her company.

### DILLINGHAM AT TOP SPEED

New York, Feb. 22.—Charles Dillingham will be working under full steam by the time the new season rolls around. He is emphatic in his assertion that Marilyn Miller will appear under his management in a revival here of "Peter Pan" despite a contradictory statement from the Frohman forces, who claim they hold the American rights to the Barrie play. Next to occupy Dillingham's attention will be the continental operetta, "Madame Pompadour". The prima donna role for this production has not been definitely settled on, although possible candidates to date include Maggie Teyte, Geraldine Farrar and Evelyn Herbert. "One Kiss" and "Stepping Stones" will be among the manager's touring companies.

### FROM OFFICE BOY TO AGENT

New York, Feb. 22.—Johnny De Silva, who until a short time ago was head office boy for the Shubert Theatrical Company and who recently has been serving as assistant manager of "Artists and Models", was given a farewell party by the cast of the revue last night at the Hotel Astor. The occasion marked his retirement from the company to become a theatrical booking agent. By way of showing his versatility young De Silva appeared at the midnight performance of "Artists and Models" in an act with Frank Fay.

### "MY LADY FRIENDS" READY

New York, Feb. 22.—H. H. Frazee will start rehearsals next week of the musical version of "My Lady Friends", with Edward Hoyer engaged to stage the production. The leading roles will be played by Blanche Ring and Georgia O'Ramey.

### "JAZZ KING" A MUSICAL SHOW

New York, Feb. 22.—Low Fields' forthcoming offering, "The Jazz King", proves to be a musical comedy of very abbreviated proportions, so far as the cast is concerned. The production, scheduled for a try-out tour early next month, calls for seven principal parts. Fields has thus far engaged Eva Puck, Sammy White, Betty Weston and Fred Bickel.

### PREPARING "MOON MAIDEN"

New York, Feb. 22.—Josephine Stevens, who appeared in "Go Go", "Forbidden" and "Myrtle", is writing the libretto for a new musical comedy with the aid of George Stoddard. The story is based on a Chinese comedy and will be furnished with a score by Charles Burton, an English composer. Miss Stevens is engaged to play a principal role in "Sitting Pretty".

### GEORGE WHITE TO GO ABROAD

New York, Feb. 22.—George White, producer of "Scandals" and "Runnin' Wild", plans to sail shortly for Europe with a staff of librettists. While abroad he will look over an English musical production over which he controls the American rights in addition to preparing for the new edition of "Scandals". White will visit London, Paris and Vienna and has already arranged to do the entire trip in three weeks.

### CONTEST FOR UNDERSTUDIES

New York, Feb. 22.—Eleanor Painter, starring in "The Chiffon Girl" at the Lyric Theater, has cropped up as the friend of the budding musical comedy star. Miss Painter says she is going to offer such girls an opportunity to understand her and is going to pick her selection from those who apply for a chance and prove their ability.

## LONG RUN MUSICAL PLAY RECORDS

Number of consecutive performances up to and including Saturday, Feb. 23.

### IN NEW YORK

PLAY	STAR	THEATER	OPENING DATE	NO. OF PERFS.
Andre Charlot's Revue of '24		Times Square	Jan. 9	56
Artists and Models		Shubert	Aug. 21	228
Battling Butler, Mr.		Seawyn	Dec. 8	191
Chiffon Girl, The	Eleanor Painter	Lyric	Feb. 18	9
Kid Boots	Eddie Cantor	Earl Carroll	Dec. 31	64
Little Jessie James		Little	Aug. 15	217
Lollipop		Knickerbocker	Jan. 21	41
Mary Jane McKane		Imperial	Dec. 25	74
Moonlight		Longacre	Jan. 30	30
Music Box Revue	Madge Kennedy	Music Box	Sept. 22	180
Poppy		Apollo	Sept. 3	202
Rise of Rosie O'Reilly, The		Liberty	Dec. 25	73
Runnin' Wild	Miller-Lyles	Colonial	Oct. 29	149
Stepping Stones	Fred Stone	Globe	Nov. 6	131
Sweet Little Devil		Astor	Jan. 21	49
Topics of 1923	Delysia	Winter Garden	Nov. 29	119
Wildflower		Casino	Feb. 7	546
Ziegfeld Follies, The		New Amsterdam	Oct. 20	145

\*Moves to Central February 25.

### IN CHICAGO

Honeymoon House	Jack Norworth	Central	Dec. 23	82
Innocent Eyes		Apollo	Feb. 10	9
Lady in Ermine, The	Bennett-Woolf	Garlick	Jan. 27	59
Topic and Eva	Duncan Sators	Shubert	Dec. 30	73
Ziegfeld Follies		Colonial	Dec. 23	82

### IN BOSTON

*Clinging Vine	Vivienne Segal	Tremont	Feb. 4	24
*Earl Carroll's Vanities	Cooke-Joyce	Colonial	Jan. 28	41
Music Box Revue		Colonial	Feb. 25	11
Passing Show		Shubert	Feb. 11	17
Up She Goes		Wilbur	Jan. 7	58

\*Closed February 23.

## Musical Comedy Notes

With the cool breezes of Palm Beach fanning their feverish brows, William Anthony McGuire and Gene Buck are hard at it formulating ideas for the new edition of Ziegfeld's "Follies".

Paul Gerard Smith and E. K. Nefel have left for Lakewood, N. J., where they will begin work on a new musical revue. It will be presented in New York this summer under the title of "Keep Cool".

Donald Brian, who appeared with Alice Delysia in a try-out engagement of "The Courtesan", is to leave New York shortly for Miami. He was recently discharged as a patient from Stern's Sanitarium.

Flora Finch, who has been seen in a number of screen productions, will replace Emma Jan-

vier this week in the cast of "Poppy". Miss Finch was seen last in "We've Got To Have Money".

Phillip Bartholomae and Otto Harbach have finished the musical version of "Little Miss Brown" for William A. Brady. It has been named "Kittie's Kisses" and will be furnished with a score by Lou Hirsch.

Irving Berlin is at present cruising in Florida waters on board his yacht, the Music Box, and when not occupied with the intricacies of navigation the youthful composer is working on his next revue.

Roger Gray is to be transferred from the original "Little Jessie James" Company at

the Little Theater, New York, to the second troupe of the musical production which Lawrence Weber is organizing for Chicago, in which Olga Stock and Gregory Kelly head the cast.

Dagmar Oakland has succeeded Josephine Whittell in the cast of "One Kiss", now showing in Philadelphia. The Dillingham production is destined for an extensive tour of the road, with Boston and Chicago listed for runs of indefinite duration.

Carle Carlton announces that "Paradise Alley" will be disclosed in Baltimore next week. Helen Shipman has been engaged for the prima donna role. Others prominent in the cast are Paul Frawley, Ida May Chadwick and Arthur West.

Nancy Carroll has been recently added to the cast of "Mary Jane McKane" at the Imperial Theater, New York. She had been appearing in "Topics of 1923", but joined the Hammerstein production in order to be with her sister, Theresa Carroll.

Herman J. Mankiewicz promises to write a musical show that will out-chariot "Charlot's Revue", which has merited a well-earned hit at the Times Square Theater, New York. Mankiewicz is on the dramatic staff of The New York Times.

It is reported that Eileen Ziegfeld and Sam H. Harris are seriously considering the building of a theater in Palm Beach in addition to operating houses at Miami and Havana. They play on jointly presenting New York productions for the divertissement of vacationists.

Queenie Smith will be seen in one of the leading roles in "Sitting Pretty". P. Ray Comstock and Morris Gest's new musical comedy, "Kebecans", will begin this week under direction of Edward Royce or Fred G. Latham. Frank McIntyre has been engaged to play the leading male role.

The famous Colonial Theater in Chicago will be demolished in the very near future and in its place will be erected a motion picture house of large dimensions. Ziegfeld's touring "Follies" is in its last week of a long run at the old playhouse and will be followed by George White's "Scandals".

Don Barclay, comedian with Earl Carroll's "Vanities", which just completed a five weeks' engagement at the Colonial Theater, Boston, has taken keenly to amateur photography. Barclay declares his intention of setting up an establishment in San Diego and becoming a professional photographer in the event of his retiring from the stage.

Peggy Wood, now vacationing in Havana, has definitely decided to abandon the musical comedy stage next season for an engagement as a visiting star in a dramatic stock company. It is understood William A. Brady is considering Miss Wood for a stock company that he plans to present this summer on the Pacific Coast.

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# Tabloids

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**THE MCKINLEY** Theater, Canton, O., a neighborhood playhouse, inaugurated a policy of musical tab, and photoplays three weeks ago and business has been very satisfactory.

**JULIET HEATH** is resting at her sister's home in Blecknell, Ind., going there from Lansing, Mich., where she closed a twenty-two weeks' stock engagement with Claude E. Cady's Show at the Capitol Theater.

**LESTER LAMONTE**, female impersonator, was away from his home in Cincinnati for two weeks appearing as an added attraction with Jack Middleton's "Top-Notch Revue" in Columbus, O.

**OPENINGS OF FOUR** theaters February 18 with Sun tabloids are the Capitol, Bowling Green, Ky.; Washburn, Chester, Pa.; Family, St. Marys, Pa., and the Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**DANNY LUND'S** "Music Girl" Company is a very good show, Ben Walker, manager of the Lyceum Theater, Beaver Falls, Pa., where the show played the week of February 11, declared in a report to the Sun office.

**BOB SHAW**, manager of the Orpheum Theater, Lima, O., in a personal report to the Sun exchange declared that the Marshall Walker "Whiz Bang Revue" is an excellent show. This was the first theater on the Sun Circuit played by the Walker Show.

**BILLY ALLEN'S** "Broadway Beauties" Company, which has been playing New England houses, started back West on the Sun Time February 25 at Lebanon, Pa. Later it is to play other Pennsylvania and Ohio houses.

**WALTER (PEP) SMITH**, now appearing in his twenty-seventh week at the Venetian Cafe, Philadelphia, Pa., will open June 1 at "El Irinyso", Evelyn Nesbit's cafe in Atlantic City. Walter will be with Fred Clark's "Let's Go" Company on the Columbia Wheel next season.

**JAMES ARNOLD**, manager of the "Northland Beauties", was a visitor at the Sun office in Springfield, O., February 22, arranging for future bookings. The company was booked thru Michigan for about two months starting February 25.

**CRAIG ROYSTON**, who was with one of the first tabloid shows ever put out, Max Bloom's "Sunnyside of Broadway", for a number of years and later with other tabloid attractions, has temporarily deserted the footlights in favor of a night clerkship at the Hotel Inn, Cleveland, O.

**PEGGY COLEY**, who was seriously injured last June in an auto accident, is said to have received damages for personal injuries to the amount of \$20,000. Altho it will be impossible for Miss Coley to do any more toe dancing, she hopes to be back in the profession before long. Miss Coley's right leg, right arm and one finger on her left hand were broken.

**BOB AND GLADYS CONN** have been offered several principal jobs with Columbia Wheel shows next season on the strength of their fine showing with Lew Sidman's "Girls From the Follies" Company, formerly known as "Flirts and Skirts". This is Bob's first season in harlesque, having heretofore been with Southern tabloid shows, last appearing with Sam Loeb in Little Rock, Ark.

**CLARENCE WURDIG**



Mr. Wurdig is the popular leading man with the Al and Lole Bridge Company, musical comedy stock organization at the Garden Theater, Kansas City, Mo.

**DESMOND'S** "New York Roof Garden Revue" is reported to have been out for eighteen weeks this season without a layoff. The roster includes Ethel Desmond, Della Robinson, Lellia Anderson, Holly Desmond, Martha Sutton, Stella Bennett, Onza Gray, Bettie Belmont, Bobbie Gray, Letta Gelson, Florence Bell, Lew Belmont, Roy Ellwood, Harry Sutton, Lew Desmond, Jr.; L. H. Devine and L. L. Desmond.

**PICARO AND BEATTIE'S** "Broadway Jesters of 1924" was a recent good drawing attraction at the Crocker Theater, Elgin, Ill., a report says. The usual newspaper and out-of-door advertising was done. Four vaudeville acts were added features, including the Romar Trompe, tumblers; Billie Louise, "The Blue Streak"; Geo. Wong and Roy Mapes in "Fun and Laughter"; and Jean and John Massey, violin and banjo fends.

**BOB (CASEY) GREER'S** "Girle Girle" Company is alternating every eight weeks with Jimmy "Slat" Allard's Revue between San Antonio and Houston, Tex. Both companies are owned by W. J. Lytle of San Antonio. Supporting Mr. Greer, director and comedian, are Hazel Mason, Bill Lewis, Ruth Rollig, Lucille Seymour, Pewee Ridgell, Whitley Holtman, Billy Holt, Mae Murray, Billy Murray, Babe DeMont, Buddy Carmen and a chorus.

**THE "1924 MUSICAL REVIEW"** is on the road again following twenty weeks of stock at the Rialto Theater, Oklahoma City, Ok. With the company are Toots Thompson, soprano; Ethel Day, ingenue; Vera Mauchman, characters; Johnny Ryan and Ralph Pullen, comedians; Clem Pullen, straight; Jack Harris, juveniles; Bonnie Brack, characters; Bobby Roberts, musical director; Bessie Seward, Dorothy Copeland, Hazel Pennington, Ice Pennington and Myrtle Pullen, chorus.

**TOM GRIFFIN**, lead singer, has been replaced with the California Quartet by Harry Bowers, who is also a pianist of ability. Mr. Griffin will enter the music business. Members of the quartet enjoyed a visit with Jasbo Mahon and Paul Cholet when the double-act played the Mainstreet Theater, Kansas City, Mo., recently. While passing thru Kansas City Lasses White also renewed friendship with the popular vocalists of the Al and Lole Bridge Company.

**BILLY BARRON'S** "Beauty Buds" are playing rotary stock in Chicago and vicinity with the following people: Billy Barron, producer and Hebrew comic; Angelo Caruso, wop comedy; Roy Morrow, singing and dancing straight man; Pagar Wilson, prima donna; Miss Isabelle, soprano; Mille Alice, specialty dancer; Dolly Murray, chorus producer, and eight choristers. The company is presenting miniature musical comedies with special novelty opening and closing. The attraction is working five nights and expects to have full weeks booked in a short time.

**GEORGE CLIFFORD'S** "Pop and Ginger Revue" is reported to have not lost a day since Labor Day. At the expiration of the company's engagement at the Casino Theater, Ottawa, Can., where it has played for the past eight weeks, it will move to Montreal for an indefinite run. Dnd Smith (Clifford's father) is with the show visiting his son and the latter's wife, Marlon Mason, preparatory to opening his own show in Massachusetts April 7. At the end of the current season Mr. and Mrs. Clifford will take a much-needed rest at their summer camp on Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

**THE "OH OH GIRL" COMPANY** did not close in Augusta, Kan., as was reported in the February 16 issue under the Kansas City column. James Moss, manager, who denies the report, says the company laid off three days on account of sickness, but resumed operations the following week with the following people: James Moss, manager and lead; Clark Moss, comedian; Jack Staley, dancer; Howard

Van Alstyne, characters; Louis F. Grabs, pianist; Pansy Williams, prima donna; Francis Doyle, Theo. Christian, Jean Farley, Ivan Paine, Hazel Kissinger, Doris Black, chorus, and the Hawaiian Duo, specialties.

**THE THREATENED** rise in prices of motor cars within the next few months was cause for Oliver Kight and wife to buy a new machine earlier than they had anticipated. Their new car is described as a beauty and was purchased about a week ago at Springfield, O. Other members of the Chas. W. Benner's "Peck's Bad Boy" Company to recently buy new autos in which to make "jumps" are Glenn Singer and wife, Adalyn Mack, and Cliff Witt and wife. The DeRita Sisters and their brother, Joseph, also placed an order for a seven-passenger machine to be delivered to them at Muncie, Ind., last week. Best of all, they paid cash for them.

**GRACE BENNETT** called at The Billboard office in Cincinnati last week and emphatically denied the report that she was left stranded and did not receive her salary during her engagement with J. E. McGeorge's "Gambols of 1923". Miss Bennett stated that she gave Mr. McGeorge a two weeks' notice before leaving the show in Charlotte, N. C., in order to fulfill some vaudeville dates. She is now motoring leisurely thru the country playing vaudeville with her husband, Lew Palmer, well-known tabloid manager, who just sold his Adams street grocery in Toledo, O. "Buddy" writes his mother and dad from Toledo that he is doing nicely in school and believes he will be ready to play piano accompaniment with the Palmer act in another year.

**MIKE SACKS**, principal comedian with the Thayer & Sacks Revue, demonstrated his personal popularity in Springfield, O., last week when the show played the New Sun Theater and set an even better attendance record than on the occasion of its first appearance at the house this season. Sacks received an oration at every performance. Dave Harris, second comedian, making his first appearance with the Thayer & Sacks show in Springfield, also won his way to favor. Gale Stewart, new prima donna with the show; Mae Thayer, soprano; Tom Brinker, straight, and Billy Dale, tenor, all shared in the success, while Marie Gerard, solo dancer, and Martin McNea, clog dancer, were pleasing. W. H. Thayer is business manager of the show.

**RAY DALEY** has opened a Negro orchestra and revue department in connection with his theatrical booking exchange in the Miller Building, Cincinnati, O., in charge of Howard Washington, writer of "Lonesome Mama Blues", "Railroad Blues" and other popular song hits, some of which are now pending publication by Irving Berlin. Mr. Daley is keeping several colored orchestras well booked and last week placed the Cincinnati Six at the Auto Show to be held in Logan, W. Va., under auspices of the Logan Automobile Dealers' Association, March 10-15, inclusive. He reports a large amount of business during February. Another innovation with the Daley office is a dancing studio, over which Ray's wife, Lucille, presides. Mrs. Daley conducts day and evening classes, which are growing steadily.

**THE RECENT WEEK'S** engagement of the "Odds and Ends of 1924" Company at the Strand Theater, Charleston, W. Va., is reported to have been a very successful one. This show has been playing the Sun Circuit successfully for the past three years and lost very little time during that period. Managers Vogel and Miller have made a few changes in the personnel, which now includes: Tom Miller, black-face comedian and dancer; Fred Vogel, straight; Tim Newman, characters; Al Thornburg, general business; Carrie Handy, ingenue; Ray Thornburg, prima donna; F. Nealy, specialties; Helen DeBoise, characters; Margaret Thornburg, Estelle LeRoy, Billie DeBoise, Violet Faust, Carlo Roden, Virginia Nealy, Manola Melochie and Kathryn Moore, chorus. Six wooden-shoe dancers, the Thornburg Musical Trio and the Odds and Ends Harmony Trio are featured specialties.

**AL (CASEY) REDMOND** was right when he said that to hear from him would seem like a message from King Tut's Tomb. The only (Continued on page 35)

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## HERK LISTENS TO REASON

### Calls for a Cleanup of Shows—More Power to Him if He Makes Good

New York, Feb. 22.—For weeks we have called on I. H. Herk, president and general manager of the Mutual Burlesque Association, to say something for publication as to his intentions relative to the shows that the M. B. A. is booking over the Mutual Circuit, but for reasons best known to himself he has declined to commit himself up to this afternoon, when we called on him to confirm or deny the report that Tom Sullivan's show billed as "Hits and Bits" prior to its repeat over the circuit, Inter titled "Merry Makers", and now called "Sweet Bay Bees", would close its season on the Mutual Circuit at the Empress Theater, Cincinnati, O., at the end of this week.

Mr. Herk not only confirmed the report but was emphatic in stating that it was not due to the closing of the New Academy in Pittsburgh at the same time, as that theater is to be demolished. The cause of the "Merry Makers" being canceled was due to the fact that "it was a bad show", he said. What Mr. Sullivan will have to say when Mr. Herk's statement becomes public is problematic.

In reply to further questions Mr. Herk stated that some shows on the Mutual Circuit on their repeats must show changes for the better, or there will be a cancellation of franchise operating rights to the producers of shows who fail to meet the requirements. Just what those requirements are Mr. Herk did not state, further than the shows must be good. Now, that word good implies much, and as Mr. Herk is not given to any loose talk these days, his statement is significant that there is going to be a cleanup in shows, and possibly a cleanout of those which are not willing to clean up.

Burlesquers in general are anxiously waiting for the forthcoming meetings of house managers and producing managers of Mutual Burlesque, and this is especially true of those who are seeking franchises, the old and new alike. The meetings will have a far-reaching effect on burlesque in general, for if the M. B. A. arranges a more equitable sharing basis for houses and shows, and all the houses on the circuit agree that they will demand clean shows and take the necessary steps to keep all shows clean, it will forestall the organization of the prospective Columbia Burlesque Junior Circuit and bring into the Mutual Circuit several producers who are fully prepared to give the circuit bigger and better burlesque than it has been getting. But in doing so they will have to get such sharing terms that they can come out whole on the season, for they are the type of producers who set an example for others to follow, and believe in paying salaries that warrant them in getting clean and clever principals and talented characters.

The main issue is now up to Mr. Herk and his associates, and it depends on what they do at the forthcoming meetings whether the Mutual Circuit is to become stabilized or stagnated.

More power to Herk if he has listened to reason, demands a cleanup of shows, and makes good his statement of today that Mutual shows must be made good.

The report from New York that the "Sweet Bay Bees" Company, which last week played the Empress Theater, Cincinnati, would close as a Mutual show and demand at the conclusion of the week's engagement was confirmed by E. L. Loefler, company manager. Mr. Loefler emphatically stated that it was not a "bad" show and added that the house managers, both in Cincinnati and Louisville, where the show played before coming to Cincinnati, were of the opinion that it compared favorably with others on the Mutual Wheel this season.

According to Mr. Loefler the show, when it began playing repeat engagements at Louisville three weeks ago was completely made over. An effort was made to eliminate objectionable features and had almost succeeded, but prejudiced house managers still continued to boo the show as "bad", he also said.

A representative of The Billboard was told by

a member of the company that he surmised that the show was being closed not because it was objectionable but because the Mutual's franchise on the Academy Theater, Pittsburgh, had run out and had not been renewed. This, the member said, would mean that one show playing the Mutual Wheel would have to be closed in order to avoid another layoff. So far as could be ascertained, no show has been booked at the Academy, Pittsburgh, for the coming week.

In discussing his future plans Mr. Loefler said that the company would be disbanded and that the properties would be removed to Cleveland or Indianapolis. He also intimated that the show might go into stock in one of the two cities.

## COLUMBIA PRODUCERS' ASSN.

### Calls for Bigger and Better Shows

New York, Feb. 22.—This week the Columbia Producers' Association sent out a letter to its members producing "Columbia Burlesque", viz.: "Dear Sir—You will recall that at several of our meetings held prior to the opening of the present season great stress was laid upon all of us to put forth our most diligent and conscientious efforts to produce better shows in every sense of the word, and we all agreed to follow out both in spirit and in action to the best of our individual ability this most commendable step forward in our business."

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Producers' Association, Incorporated, held Friday, February 8, 1924, at the Burlesque Club, the foregoing subject, among others, was discussed. In view of the fact that this season has now turned the half-way mark and the results of our several producers' efforts are fairly apparent, your Board of Directors after a comprehensive and impartial canvass of the situation is unanimously of the opinion that our producers, with very few exceptions, have faithfully lived up to their promises and the shows in general are better than they have ever been before. This all indicates progress in the right direction and we earnestly urge you to continue your efforts to increase the quality and standard of your shows. The resulting financial benefit to all of us is self-evident. Please be assured of the proper appreciation of your accomplishments. Let us keep up the good work and aim to make our shows even bigger and better for next season. Very truly yours,

THOS. H. MINER, "President."

The other officers are Dave Marion, vice-president, and Barney Gerard, secretary-treasurer. The Board of Directors includes Henry C. Jacobs, W. S. Campbell, Geo. Dresselhouse, Bobby Clark, Maurice Cain and Harry Hastings.

## ACTIVITIES IN THE AGENCIES

New York, Feb. 21.—Nat Morton this week placed Charles (Red) Marshall as second comic in Fred Clark's "Let's Go", to replace Pat White; Billy Cochran in Jack Reid's "Record Breakers", to replace Fred Hill as straight man; Marie Vernon, a blues singer, in Cain & Danvers' "Dancing Around", to replace Sybil Gray; Russell Brown, a colored juvenile singer and dancer, in Rube Bernstein's "Bathing Beauties"; Ruth Osborne, formerly prima donna in "Jimmie Cooper's "Beauty Revue"; and Lillian Evans, with the Metropole Hotel, Panama.

The Weber has placed Eddie ("Bozo") Fox as producer and principal comic, Harry Left, Hebrew comic; Gottsch and Miller, juvenile and soubret; Harry Beasley, straight man, and Will Rogers, character man, with Al Sherry's Academy Burlesque Stock Company in Buffalo, to open there February 25.

We again hear complaints from agents of performers who sign contracts and accept transportation, and at the last minute fail to keep their engagements. The latest concerns a feminine principal whom the agent provided with transportation and a Pullman sleeper ticket, who sent the tickets back by another girl with the explanation that she had changed her mind and decided not to go. The agent can get the transportation ticket redeemed but is out the price of the sleeper ticket, and the girl is queered in that office for all time.

## HELEN KENNEDY

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### A Pupil of Walter Damrosch Who Has Made Good in Vaudeville, Musical Comedy and Burlesque



An ingenue-prima donna and violin specialty artiste with Jack Reid's "Record Breakers", a Columbia Burlesque attraction.

Helen Kennedy is proud of the fact that she is a product of New York City, and that her childhood days were spent in its public schools until she became a pupil of the Walter Damrosch Conservatory of Music, from which she graduated as an accomplished vocalist and instrumentalist.

She made her stage debut with the Dorothy Southern Trio, a musical act in vaudeville, and from there to a prominent role in Fanchon & Marco's "Smokist" in New York City.

Having made decidedly good in her former engagements, Miss Kennedy decided to go it alone, had an act especially written for her, and equipped it with the necessary scenery for a single in vaudeville for a couple of seasons, until Harry Hastings, a producer of Columbia Burlesque, offered her a lucrative engagement as ingenue-prima donna, and a spot for her violin specialty, in which she sings and dances to her own violin accompaniment. She appeared in Hastings' "Silk Stocking Revue" the early part of this season, and after closing with that show joined Jack Reid's "Record Breakers", another Columbia Burlesque show, in which she is now making a decided hit.

## HILL'S NOVEL ENTERPRISE

New York, Feb. 22.—While Walter K. Hill conducts a news bureau for Columbia Burlesque, he is also an active member of the Theatrical Press Representatives of America. In an effort to bring those important factions in closer relation for the betterment of burlesque in general, Walter has succeeded in obtaining an invitation from the Board of Governors of the Burlesque Club for the Theatrical Press Representatives to hold their weekly meetings in the Burlesque Clubhouse Friday afternoon of each week, as there are few burlesquers present at that time of the day.

In doing this Mr. Hill is bringing into the clubhouse a body of men who can do much for the betterment of burlesque, and if some of those men can be induced to become members of the club it will work advantageously to one and all alike.

## PICKED UP IN PHILLY

Last week the Cashio with the "Sitting Billy Watson Show", drew good houses and the Bohn with the "Kandy Kids" likewise. Both dandy shows from start to finish.

The Troubadour did fine business with a nifty show well put together by a hard-working, capable cast: Arnes West, Connie St. Clair, Violet Wagner, Sam Rankin, Geo. Carroll, Lew Deane and Sam M. Walter, well assisted by the Tread's poppy chorus.

The Gayety also had a good show and the cast worked hard to put the songs and bits over and succeeded. Cast: Frank Moore, Frank Warden, Elmer Lister, Nellie Crawford, Grace Howard, Jean Warden, Sam Shaw and Phil Berg, with the famous Gayety chorus giving fine support. Excellent houses.

An odd-looking snowstorm, almost a blizzard, struck the town on Monday and lasted until Wednesday. Monday night was the lightest in all the burlesque houses here in a long time. Your correspondent was—ULLRICH.

## MICKEY LUKER CONTRADICTS

In the last issue under "Coming Marriage" was published an item saying that C. E. Travers, former advance and press agent, was to be married to Mickey Luker, of the "Hollywood Follies". Miss Luker writes that the item is not true. The item was given to a member of The Billboard's staff in Cincinnati by Travers himself, or at least he claimed that was his name, and, if untrue, as Miss Luker says, goes to show that for some people will stoop to evidently gain a point.

Jack Perry, who has been producing burlesque stock for Fox & Kraus at Milwaukee and Minneapolis, arrived in New York during the past week to negotiate the purchase of scenery and costumes to lend additional brightness to the Fox & Kraus Shows.

## FORMER STARS

### Shine at "Uncle Bill" Campbell's Beefsteak Dinner

New York, Feb. 22.—Sid Rankin is credited with the promotion of a beefsteak dinner that had "Uncle" Bill Campbell scheduled as the victim, and never have we seen or heard a more willing victim. The Campbell mansion at 182 State street, Brooklyn, was thrown wide open last night and the hospitality of "Uncle" Bill and Rose Sydel Campbell will be remembered by all present for a long time. The ceremonies started at 5 o'clock. Being assured of the drinks the chef-in-chief, who prefers to remain incognito, proceeded with his culinary art, of which he is a past master, specializing in steaks only, and what he turned out sent the assembled guests to the spacious dining room, where beefsteak-dinner agrons were doled by the men with the assistance of the ladies present, for some of the men hadn't had an apron since they were kids.

Giving the round table the once over we glimpsed the smiling countenances of Hostess Rose Sydel Campbell, Phil and Grissie Sheridan, Harry and Vinnie Henshaw Hyman, Mrs. Sam A. Scribner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hastings, Mrs. Tom W. Dinkins, Mrs. Florence Cadenas, Kitty Gebhardt, James Sutherland, Sid Rankin, Charlie (Una) Feldhelm, and last, but far from least, Julia Conroy, who gets Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell as if they were her own kiddies.

Each and every one of the former stars of burlesque present contributed songs and scenes from their successes of years ago. Our only contribution to the entertainment was the single line "I feel that I have finally arrived in burlesque." There is no double entendre in the line, for to sit at the board and break bread with those who participated in "Uncle" Bill Campbell's beefsteak dinner one must have arrived in burlesque.

## BUYS "SCANDALS" EQUIPMENT

New York, Feb. 22.—William K. Wells, producing manager of the "Bubble Bubble" Show, completed arrangements for the purchase of the entire equipment now being used in George White's "Scandals of 1923" and will utilize all of the scenery and costumes in his new Columbia Burlesque show for next season.

The original cost of the equipment was near \$200,000. The costuming of the jewel number by Eric de Paris cost \$25,000, and this will be a big feature of the Wells Show next season. Billy is now at work on a new book for the George White "Scandals of 1924".

Jim Tom Story, master extraordinary of the saxophone, has been signed by Fred Clark for his "Let's Go".



# MUTUAL CIRCUIT

Star Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## "THE SPEED GIRLS"

(Reviewed Tuesday Matinee, February 19)

Mutual Circuit attraction, presented week of February 18.

**THE CAST**—Nellie Nice, Margie Catlin, Jackie Addison, Billy Cochrane, Frank X. Fay, Comie Grady and Billy Mike Kelly.  
**ROLES**—Ellie Kelly, Bobby White, Jean Anne, Mary Knox, Gerlie Lane, Polly Bennett, Joe Lee, Bill Vinat, Radio Henderson, Ann Baker, Anna Cook, Isabelle Dean, Louise Whitely, Anna Lang, Yvonne Burke and May Mott.

### Review

#### PART ONE

Scene one was a corset shop interior with an ensemble of chic feminines in ingenue costumes that evidenced newness and attractiveness. Margie Catlin, a bolded, auburn-haired, ever-smiling ingenue soubrette, led off with a song, followed in turn by Nellie Nice, a dazzling blond mod-besque leading lady prima donna, and Jackie Addison, a slender, bobbed, blond ingenue. All three handled their lyrics well. Billy Cochrane, a tall, manly appearing straight in high silk hat and afternoon dress attire, and Frank Fay, juvenile straight, handled their lines clear and distinct in their scene with Comie Billy "Mike" Kelly, a tall, clean-faced, black-haired eccentric, and Billy Grady, a short-statured, wise-cracking loob, who fell for Juvenile Fay's magic puff box worked on women for kisses and by the women on the comies for their bankrolls. Ingenue Catlin led the first runway number in which the girls in their chic costumes appeared to great advantage, for they are of the kempt and vivacious type and evidently enjoyed their work, which was full of pep from start to finish. In this number Comie Kelly and Grady demonstrated the fact that they are real hoofers. The comies' frisking of Miss Nice for a necklace went over for laughs, as the double entendre was well handled. Juvenile Fay, leading a bathing-suited number, proved himself a good singer and nifty dancer, and on being encored sent the girls out on the runway, where one, a petite, pretty, bobbed brunet, distinguished herself with a little movement all her own, such as we have never seen before, which leaves us undecided if it should or should not be criticized. Cochrane with guitar, Fay with uke, as accompanists to Prima Nice, blended harmoniously for repeated encores. Ingenue Addison, introducing lingerie girls, razzed by the comies, went over for laughter and applause. Ingenue Catlin, leading a number, sent the girls out on the runway with balloons on the end of fishing poles and it could have held up the show indefinitely. Straight Cochrane's system for kissing women was well burlesqued by Comie Kelly. Ingenue Addison leading a peek-out number brought forth several of the girls who show real talent and ability in staging and dancing and should be given ample opportunity for the balance of the season to advance themselves. The women haters' union bit was worked along the usual lines and led up to Cochrane, Fay, Kelly and Grady as a comedy quartet. Prima Nice, at table razzing the comies in pantomime, worked the hit well and led up to the finale number with a ragtime band and song-a-phone ensemble.

#### PART TWO

Scene one was the interior of a theatrical manager's office with Straight Cochrane as the manager and Comie Kelly as the roughhouse janitor trying out the applicants for engagements, during which Juvenile Fay in old legit. makeup and mannerism, Ingenue Catlin in song, Comie Grady in a dance, Ingenue Addison in song, and Prima Nice as "Crazy Opheelia" put over fast and funny laugh-evoking comedy. This was followed by Ingenue Catlin in a singing specialty, then the uniformed cop bit by Cochrane and Kelly, with Ingenue Catlin as the feminine crook, Juvenile Fay and Prima Nice as the domestic quarrelers, and the shooting of each for a burlesque finish.

Scene two was an elaborate cabaret scene for the choristers seated for the making love in French bit supplemented by an apache dance by Juvenile Fay and Isabelle Dean, a petite, pretty, bobbed brunet, who were burlesqued by Comie Kelly and a bobbed blond comedienne. Straight Cochrane and Juvenile Fay in a singing and dancing specialty were well applauded.

### COMMENT

This is the former "Miss Venus" show that we reviewed and criticized severely the earlier part of the season, and let it be said to the credit of the producer that, when he found his show to be all that we claimed it to be, he took immediate action in a change in management, cast and chorus.

New scenery, gowns and costumes are equal to many larger shows in and out of burlesque. Billy "Mike" Kelly and Billy Grady are the same comies that we felt called upon to criticize in the early part of the season, and whom we now commend for their improvement in

frequent changes of wardrobe, exceptionally clean facial makeup, clean comedy, mannerism, lines and action. These two boys are a revelation of what can be done by those willing to listen to reason and can now be listed with the best in the business. Juvenile Fay has been given more to do than earlier in the season, and he distinguishes himself in this show as a clear-dictioned juvenile straight singer and dancer and a decidedly clever character man. Billy Cochrane filled the straight-man role to perfection. Jackie Addison shows improvement over what she did earlier in the season. Nellie Nice, a newcomer, is sufficiently well known for her personality and ability, and the same is applicable to Margie Catlin, and both are a valuable asset to the show. In addition to their apache dance, Fay and Dean should be given a spot to do a singing and dancing specialty, for they both evidence the talent and ability to do so in an admirable manner.

If all the shows now due to repeat on the circuit show the same improvement as this particular show, there will be much to commend and but little to criticize. **NELSE.**

### CHATTER FROM CLEVELAND

Corinne Arbuckle, in burlesque with Dave Marlon's "Own Show" two seasons ago, billed as the Broadway Country Girl, is making her first appearance locally since then at Reade's Hippodrome with her Royal Canadian Jazz Band. Corinne has a host of friends and admirers here, as she makes this city her home. She is Mrs. Ray Hoeline, wife of the stage carpenter at the Columbia Theater.

Hert Newell, feminine impersonator, arrived here from Cincinnati. He has already worked several outlying houses and expects to join one of the downtown stock companies soon.

Gertrude Parish, of the "All Aboard" Company, at the Columbia recently, wore a very charming gown of pale green chiffon in the double number with George Carey. Her cute mannerisms did much to put the number over. Mae Dix more than pleased with her interpretation of the Hawaiian Hula.

Ray and Ricco Hughes left recently for Tulsa, Ok., to organize a twenty-people show for R. Thompson. Then to Port Arthur, Tex., for ten weeks and Beaumont, Tex., for twenty weeks. They have concluded a pleasant engagement at the Bandbox of twenty-five weeks.

After Hal Big and his Pop-O-Mint Revue reached the depot and had their trunks all checked to Buffalo a messenger arrived just before train time and informed him that three of his people had changed their minds. This left Mr. Ring short of people to fill his contract, and he is still in our midst. The cause of this expense to Mr. Ring and disappointment in a date to the theater management were chorus girls who decided at the last minute to stay "home guards" and not go on the road. When will this expensive nuisance be abolished?

Pierre and Paget, character dancing team, have finished at the Star after a nice engagement of six weeks.

Jessie McDonald, well-known soubrette, is laying off in town for a fortnight and taking in all the big productions.

Johnny Goodman, the comic, arrived in the city from Pittsburg the other day and intends to go into stock at one of the downtown theaters.

Montague Wallace, race-track man known to hundreds of burlesquers, who was a familiar figure around the Hotel Hannah for the past ten years, died February 17 at the City Hospital, after a lingering illness of major complications. "Monty", as he was familiarly known, was in his seventies, and an unique character, always ready with a helping hand to the newly amongst professionals. He was taken to the hospital three days before his death.

Hilda Kline, popular chorister who has been working stock, says she is going on the road again.

Loretta Hayes is back in the lineup of chorines at the Star. She was out with one of the Mutual attractions.

LaMont and Schriener, Bobby Elmo and Val Emiline are amongst the new additions of the cast at the Banbox. The Dempsey-Firpo pictures are held over for a second week at this house, and also the Empire. They have proved unusually good box-office attractions.

John Quigg, "Acordion King", is the extra attraction of Sim Williams' "Radio Girls", and Funny Billy Gilbert, with his "Oh, Charlie" bit, was one of the biggest hits at the Columbia in a long time.

Ruth Olson, who made such a name for herself here last season; Bennie Moore and Al Golden, the dancing straight man, are outstanding performers at present with Tom Sullivan's "Gimme a Thrill" Company, at the Empire the past week.

The Majestic had Klark's "Kute Kiddies" the past week and alternate this week with vaudeville.

Woir's rotary dramatic stock holds the boards at the Lorain-Fulton for a week. **FLO ROCKWOOD.**

### TABLOIDS

(Continued from page 33)

difference is that Al is very much alive, having fully recovered from the throat operation he underwent last July and which left him speechless for three months. Before Al could recuperate the season was too well on its way for him to reorganize his show. However, he joined Arthur M. Petrie's "French Doll" Company as feature comedian. Here is what Al thinks of Mr. Petrie and the show, to quote his letter: "Mr. Petrie is a real showman and, like myself, one of the pioneers of the musical comedy tabloid field in Eastern Canada. We opened here (Quebec, Canada) December 17, 1923, and are booked solid until after May. It is two seasons since I played in this city, but I have the honor of playing here five consecutive seasons of eight and nine months each. I do not like to boast, but the company is strong and well balanced. Mr. Petrie has spared no expense in securing the best of draperies, drops, scenery and elaborate wardrobe. We do not resort to hokum, but to the contrary, he is using up-to-date playlets with a story which goes to elevate tabs. The roster includes Mr. Petrie as the beau brummel; Mr. Martel, new to the tabloid game and very promising, second comic; Miss Julian Fittre, with a splendid voice and pleasing personality, prima donna of the burlesque type; Miss Gilberte, "Tanquay comedienne" and characters; Aureore Demers, Marcel Lorenger, Scottie Frazer, Beatrice White, Rita Fitzgerald, Bonnie Barry, Mamie Kelly and Dorothy DeVere, chorus and specialties."

CIRLEY BURNS and Howard E. Paden have formed a partnership to produce and present a tabloid show. They say that all productions will be perfect from the standpoint of scenery, wardrobe and electrical equipment, not to mention novelties they have received copyrights on. Mr. Burns, who began his theatrical career as a medicine performer, has been identified with several big-time vaudeville acts. At one time he was in partner of Ed. Gallagher of the now famous team, Gallagher and Shean. For the past three years he has been featured comedian of the Graves Bros. "Honey Bunch" Company now playing the Butterfield Time. Mr. Paden also has been identified with several big Eastern girl acts, spent a number of years in burlesque on the Columbia Circuit, also with the "Star and Garter Show", and more recently was with Cain and Daveport's "Mimic World". There is secrecy in the title of the Burns and Paden show for the present, owing to the unique advertising possibilities it will offer. Offers from prominent managers to book the show are said to have already been received.

MEMBERS of the Jack Hutchison "Ziz Zaz Revue" met with an accident February 16. After the night performance in Barnesboro, Pa., they accepted an invitation to sleighride in the Alleghany Mountains and, on the return trip from a jolly time at a farmhouse where they enjoyed supper, were discussing the good time, etc., while coasting down a steep grade when one of the couplings broke on the sleigh. The sleigh skidded over an embankment and capsized, pinning the occupants underneath. The driver showed presence of mind in checking the horses from running, otherwise some one probably would have been seriously hurt. All went to a nearby farmhouse where the injured were treated. The casualties are:

Charlotte Hedrick, bruised and sprained arm; Bettie Rawlinson, wrenched side and sprain; Tommie Pickert, broken nose and lacerated thigh; Ray Hedrick, sprained leg; Tom Hutchison, sprained leg and bruises; Bobbie Savage, body bruises; Bettie Hutchison, wrenched and bruised back; Bill Harney, lacerated lip. The other members had a general shaking up, but otherwise were unhurt. Tommie Pickert is wondering how to have his nose set, Roman, Greek, aquiline or just pug.

FRANK NEWMAN writes from the Strand Theater, East Liverpool, O., where he was playing with his "Fashion Plates", that many changes have been made in the show within the last three weeks. Bevo Barrett and wife joined in New Kensington, Pa. Newman says "Bevo" is one of the funniest comedians in the game, and that his wife is a smart, quick and up-to-date soubrette. New wardrobe and scenery have been added to the show, along with several specialty people. Sam Lee, musical Chinaman, is still with the show, also Bob Lane and Bill Millin. Ward Blue, top tenor, and his wife joined recently in Unlontown, Pa. Frank Hale, musical director, and wife joined in New Kensington, Pa. His wife, an ingenue, is said to have a youthful appearance and able to lead all types of numbers.

BILLY ALLEN'S COMPANY recently entertained theatergoers of Middletown, N. Y., at the Stratton Theater with "Temptations of Broadway", "Minstrels of 1924", "Around the Map", "Scandal Seekers", "My Vampire Queen", "Jack and Jill in Fairyland", given at a special children's matinee, and "Too Many Sweethearts". Billy Allen and Bert Leighton, comedians, made an immediate hit and grew in favor as the week progressed. Jean Lowery scored with her staging of "The Rosary", and Luella Pullen with "Chinese Lullaby". Leighton, Baby Josephine and Ruth Pettit had a clever number, entitled "The Elixir of Life". Virginia Lee made a hit with her dancing, as did The Bachelor Harmony Four, including J. Warren Lawler, Billy Turner, Tommie Moran and Robert E. Fisher. In "Minstrels of 1924", Billy Allen scored with his number, "Dance at the Barn", while his egg trick attracted no little interest. Gladys Briggs, in "The Old Fashioned Cakewalk", showed a neat brand of stepping. "The Searf Dance", in which she and Ivy Griffith appeared, was heartily applauded. Jean Lowery found favor with "The Case Dance", and Luella Pullen was well received in vocal selections. A specialty, called "Lollypops", in which Bert Leighton, Ruth Pettit and Baby Josephine appeared, went over for a hit. A very effective scene in which the entire company took part was entitled "Visions in Verse of Old-Time Favorites". Robert E. Fisher did the singing in this number. "Around the Map" introduced a novelty in a satire on the third degree, staged by Bert Leighton. The sketch was in rhyme, and was well handled from a dramatic point of view. Billy Allen appeared in several new comedy roles in Arabian and Mexican scenes. "The Bachelor Harmony Four" did some warbling to good effect, and J. Warren Lawler handled a bass solo in his usual fine style. A series of art studies was another high light of "Around the Map". In "Scandal Seekers" Allen and Leighton uncovered a lot of excellent comedy. Allen as Jeremiah Jenkins and Leighton as Baron Blavoni. J. Warren Lawler played Count Ivan Scopioff, and rendered a bass solo.

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The Antony of Rolla Peters is not quite so satisfying. He is far from being the "Hesperian Roman" which the text calls for...

The cast of the play is an extremely long one and I have little space in which to speak of their individual merits...

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CHARACTERS
(In order in which they appear)
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Will Webb... Ernest Truox

Comparisons will inevitably be made between "New Toys" and "The First Year".

"New Toys" shows its difficulties after the baby comes. In this particular case it is a domestic flurry occasioned by the wife wanting to adopt a theatrical career...

The juice of plays like these, where the tempest is in a very small tempo, lies in the universality of the situations and a reproduction of the exact manner in which the characters can be expected to meet them...

And it is just there that the authors of "New Toys" fall often enough to take the edge off their play. You get a situation or a line that is absolutely the right thing...

Now, all that may sound pretty bad but as a matter of fact I would not call "New Toys" a bad play. It is simply a bad example of its genre.

I would say that the acting of "New Toys" is superior to the piece itself. Ernest Truox is cast for the part of the deserted husband...

Vivienne Osborne is the stage-struck wife and fills the requirements very well; Mary Duncan is Mr. Truox's ex-fiancee, a sweet vamp with an insinuating manner...

A fairly amusing comedy; admirably played. GORDON WHYTE.

A glance at the Hotel Directory in this issue may save considerable time and inconvenience.

WHAT THE NEW YORK CRITICS SAY

"New Toys" (Fulton Theater)
TIMES: "Professes to be both comedy and tragedy, but it ends in being neither..."

WORLD: "Has moments of engaging wit and humor, but it will be of too many which have done the same thing..."

HERALD: "Does not go very deep, and for a good deal of most of the evening the evening wears on it is felt to be a pretty pedestrian and laboriously contrived play..."

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TIMES: "Miss Cowl is always intelligent, always competent and frequently she rises to imaginative masterpieces..."

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TRIBUNE: "Miss Cowl seems to be a find at home, if not so happy, in Alexandria as she recently was in Verona..."

POST: "It was a creditable effort, a series of appreciative responses, and better, in the wide, than in existing circumstances, that was undoubtedly reason for expecting..."

DRAMATIC NOTES

(Continued from page 24)
Seen last season at the Lakeside Kreischer and later in "Tapa doo".

Meredith Esmonde is the only member of "The First Year" Company. In which Frank Craven is playing a starring engagement at the Fulton Theater in Boston...

London reviews are good in "The First Year" which has just opened at the Aldwych Theatre. It is conceded to be a better piece of dramatic writing than the author's more recent play, "The For Three", already seen at the British Empire.

Mrs. Tilla Durieux, German star, has sailed for her native country, where she is booked to appear in Berlin. She will return to America next fall, and, under management of A. H. Woods, will be presented in a new play in English.

"Rust" is now within halting distance of New York's theatrical center, having moved this week from the Greenwich Village Theater to the new Fifty-second Street Theater...

Professor Emil Orlik has done a group of portrait drawings and scenes from "The Miracle" which are now on view in New York at the Anderson Galleries...

William Harris, Jr. has completed negotiations for the Forty-Ninth Street Theater, and it is expected that the New York premiere of his new production, "The Outsider", will take place at that house in another week or two...

"The Lady" will give up her place at the Empire Theater, New York, next Saturday night, and the following Monday the Theater will move in their production of "Saint Joan"...

Josephine Boyl, daughter of Edwin Booth, the playwright, participated in the Harmony House benefit performance held in New York last week at the Anderson Galleries...

George M. Cohan is represented on the East by three organizations of "So This Is London". The company playing at the Garrick Theater Philadelphia, is reported to have grossed \$21,000 last week...

The New Orleans (La.) Item paid a tribute to Guy Bates Post, starting in "The Climax", in an editorial in its issue of February 8, nine days previous to the opening of his New Orleans engagement at the Lyceum Theater...

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# A LONDON LETTER

Treating of the "Legitimate"  
By "COCKAIGNE"

### All Clear

LONDON, Feb. 7.—With the speedy settlement of the engine drivers' strike business is on the up grade again. Toward the end of last week indeed, after the strike remained unsettled, the West End theaters were filling up and the threatened dislocation of the underground railway never materialized, so once more the green lights go up and satisfactory business is as full as ever.

Magicians who achieved an outside success in Paris because a labor government was coming along have thinned down their batches. Sobhan has been so high for improvement in style and good times. Raissa Macdonald has gathered a splendid and capable cabinet. It is a long time since we had such a promising cabinet of five men and a woman, and the reaction from misgivings will doubtless have a favorable effect on trade generally and so on the show business.

Even the most timid pellets of rural deans and Indian army commissions can scarcely credit Lord Leith-Stewart and Parmer intend to inaugurate the Royal Family on the rostrum of Buckingham Palace, while the Hon. Arthur Ponsonby and Tom show rifle the pockets of the scattered middle-class spectators. So the box seats will probably get their usual quota of the loose change left to the address of millionaires, and others by the income tax-men and their uncompromising like.

### Nellie Kelly and Company

A cast will be given at the Prince's Gallery February 11 by the company of the "Nellie Kelly" show from the New York. This farewell ball will give Nellie a chance of meeting her and her entourage before she leaves town for her normal life. Proceeds will go to the Actors' Orphanage and the Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund.

### Lehar Here and There

Among the "The Three Graces" from London musical comedy successfully produced at the Empire last week, a correspondent writes that the composer of "The Merry Widow" has a universal vogue having town after town. J. L. Saxe's production of the latest Lehar was still in rehearsal. My informant found "The Lassie White" going strong in Germany. "The Dame LaVedova Allegro" was allegro most as the music-makers have it. In London "La Veuve Jeunesse" was as lively as was her Spanish equivalent in Gibraltar.

### "Emperor Jones" for London

I learn that P. H. Goddard hopes partly to modern his promise to present "Emperor Jones" in the West End. This production will probably be connected with the series of continental plays which I previously announced and which will be run under a new company of which P. H. C. is managing director. A theater will be devoted entirely to foreign and "topical" productions, and it would seem that, at long last, our most versatile impresario and manager-inventor is likely to realize one of his dreams, namely, to follow that of running an Art Theater in London.

### Barry Jackson's Big Plans

Some weeks ago I prophesied that Barry Vincent Jackson would soon be running a theater that operate shows in London. I did not anticipate that he would close down the Birmingham Repertory Theater and devote all his attention to the metropolis and I cannot help feeling that it is a pity, not for Birmingham playgoers and for his work's sake, that he finds himself obliged to do so.

The continuous work at the Repertory Theater with a new production practically every week has proved a heavy strain, and Jackson has been advised by his doctor to ease up. He does not feel disposed to delegate his responsibilities and so the Birmingham house will be closed to the public for at least six months. The wardrobe, paintshop and workshops will carry on as usual for his London productions, however.

The Repertory Company will begin operations of the Court Theater, of which Jackson has taken a year's leave. "Back to Methusalem" is the first offering of the translated company in February 18. This will be the first London performance and it will probably be followed in a piece that has proved a firm favorite in Birmingham, Eden Phipps' "A Farmer's Wife".

The Court Theater has had a checkered career, but its principal associations are with the somewhat highbrow types of players. It was, of course, at the little theater in Stone Square that the Bernard Shaw Grandville Barker performances gave a new turn to English dramatic history. Here, too, James Bernard Pagan ran his adventurous, brilliant but ill-starred season.

Jackson will have to combat a certain disaffection of the average playgoer to go to

theaters that are outside the mile or perhaps the half-mile radius of Charing Cross. To do this something more than good plays will be needed. That "something more" is first-rate acting.

Now at Birmingham the acting has, with the exception of a very few performers, been very far behind the place in quality. I doubt if London audiences, used to histrionic style, if to nothing else in the theater, will for a moment tolerate the kind of work that I have seen at the national playhouse. I hope, therefore, that Jackson will not give us unadorned repertory acting. If he does, it will, I fear, prove a costly experiment. And the director is reputed to have an income of \$20,000 per annum such an experiment is not likely to prove as valuable as costly. I make this point of the necessity of tip-top acting because any serious critic of the theater is in duty bound to combat the oft-lauded suggestion that "good plays play themselves". I heard one young highbrow actor confiding to an admiring audience not long ago that "Shaw is actor-proof". A similar pernicious theory has been used by Shakespeare in England, and with the Birmingham production of "Back to Methusalem" and moreover with conversations with several of these responsible for that performance, fresh in mind I take this chance of getting in a preliminary word in case of being later to say: "I told you so."

The London public has nothing to fear from Leslie Harcourt, Margaret Clifton, Eileen Hobson and their like. But there are others, of such others: And London audiences are not likely to make the kindly allowances that critics make when they see a workman-like show in a provincial repertory theater. And the audiences will be quite right.

### Brevities

"Stop Flirting", with Fred and Adele Aitane in leading roles, has made a record hit at the Prince of Wales, Birmingham, with record receipts amounting to over \$4,000. Sir Alfred Butt is making a theater for a London revival of this popular musical show in the new spring.

Norma Wilkinson has designed new costumes for D'Ally Carte's revival of "Iolanthe" at the Princess. Mrs. Claude Lovat Fraser has made the dresses. Bridges Adams is doing several settings for the Gilbert and Sullivan season. The preliminary bookings are enormous.

Arthur Bourchier will return to the Strand at the end of the run of "The Daredevil" (i. e., very soon, in all probability) to present J. B. Fagan's adaptation of "The Beetle", the creepy novel by Richard Marsh.

Jane Bacon will be the Marguerite, and Ion Swanley the Faust in the 1914 Vio presentation of a new version by Tristram and Graham Lawson of Goethe's "Faust".

Maurice Masovitch, having satisfactorily established that he is not a German the court stating that as a settlement was reached the question as to whether calling a man a German was defamatory did not arise, now goes on a second tour thru South Africa with "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Outsider".

"The Immortal Hour" was again revived last week at the Regent Theater with every sign of renewed success.

Frank Curzon has acquired another play by the author of "Havoc", Harry Wall. It is entitled "Sunday Island". Wall has three or four other pieces already completed.

Florey Byrne who appears in the leading part of Sir Gerald du Maurier's new piece at Wyndhams, was at one time leading lady at the Birmingham Repertory. She is the wife of that skillful and brainy actor, Felix Aylmer. She and Dorothy Massingham, authoress of "Not in Our Stars", are old stage associates.

Henry Hayton, who has been touring Shakespearean repertory for some months, will play the chief role in Robert Courtneidge and Alex M. Thompson's adaptation of Merger's "La Vie de Boheme". The Prince of Wales Theater, Birmingham, will see the first production February 18. A short provincial run precedes the London performance of "The Bohemians".

So successful has von Hofmannsthal's "The Great World Theater" proved at the Leeds church that it is running for a third week.

Another clerico-dramatic effort is the promised production of the four-act play by Marguerite Abotie de la Ruy, called "The Lord of Death", and dealing with the Passion. This is due at the Church House, Westminster, in April.

Ralph Neale, who has been Sybil Thorndike's stage manager for some years, recently was given a silver cigarette box by his staff at the New. Neale is going abroad to study Continental stage management.

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To hit five city theaters, the Washington People leaving taken over the remainder.

Hal Freeman, who took a sabbatical for a few days four months ago, returned here last week. He states that the performers, with one or two exceptions, got out of hand a month after arrival in that country and the result was a canceled tour. This experience will affect Australian vaudeville in Java and its environs for some time.

Joe Lipman's announcing the 1924 policy of the Australian American Releasing Corporation. Many big stars are included in a formidable list.

Beaumont Starr, only Australian producer now active, will start work again this month with "The Danger Earl", in which Arthur Toothert will be the central figure. This performer was the original screen hero in "The Samaritan Roke".

L. Andrews has been appointed First National's Queensland and manager in succession to George Duggan.

Fox is announcing eight specials for release in the near future. Fox features are now being released in most principal city theaters.

Australian acts that have played South Africa speak highly of the treatment accorded them by African Theaters, Ltd. The engagement from this side is made by the Musgrove firm.

Ada Reeve is meeting with a good amount of success in the Arabian pantomime, Melbourne, with Amy Roethelle and Dorothy Brunton sharing the honors with the Ward Fisher pantomime.

Micky Donaldson and his sister, together with Justin Flynn, all of the Paramount forces, have been summarily dismissed from that organization. The two former, who had been with Paramount for some years, were very popular.

Mr. Flynn, who served with them for a few months on the Visual Instruction Department, was relieved in favor of John Kenrick, a recent importation from Australia. Mr. Flynn joins up as Melbourne representative for Everyone's.

Mr. Hill, representing South African Theaters, Ltd. who is on a brief visit, received a cablegram recently to the effect that his wife had been killed in South Africa. He will have to return for that country within a fortnight.

Bones Kouchner is still exploiting La Ventura, the Venus of Flowers. This act is at

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# AUSTRALIA

By MARTIN C. BRENNAN,  
114 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

SYDNEY, Jan. 12.—There is great discussion of an art-recesses nature in the daily newspapers regarding Madame Mella's intention of bringing Italian choristers for the next opera season, commencing next May.

Columns of matter are being printed daily, taking the pros and cons of the case. It is apparent that Mella and her supporters are of opinion that the local choristers, who have been studying for three months and have seven operas better perfect, come in no way up to the Italian standard. So acute has the argument become that federal aid was recently sought to bring over Italian choristers under the alien restriction act but the authorities have so far refused to increase, since when many prominent society leaders and others have signified their intention of boycotting the grand opera season. It is thus seen that the position is most serious.

William Scott, general manager of New Zealand Picture Supplies, Ltd., is in Sydney on a brief visit and returns again next week.

Cable rumors regarding the connection of Mabel Normand and Edna Purviance with the Los Angeles shooting affair caused consternation in the managing offices of United Artists (Australia), Ltd., which is shortly to put out "A Woman of Paris", by Charles Chaplin and starring Miss Purviance. Up to now it looks as if the picture will be prohibited, altho we are hoping otherwise.

It is noteworthy that there will be far less feature films released in Australia this year. The exhibitors are crying fewer and better pictures and we are hoping this will be the case but up to now there is no substantiation of this.

James Caffrey, a visitor from one of the other States, was over this way recently and informed our representative that he will soon be exhibiting a very big picture of Rome, entitled "The Vatican".

Jack Fleeter, who went to Los Angeles from here six months ago with Jack Brice, is now working in the laboratories at the Charles Ray Studios, Los Angeles.

Clem Edgars, manager of Fuller's Grand Opera House, Auckland, was the victim of an assault by roughs during the Christmas holidays.

Edmund Benson, representative of Douglas Fairbanks, now lives at Poogee, facing the northern end of the beach. He says it will be hard to leave such a delightful spot.

To keep up the very high standard of vaudeville since he took over the Tivoli, several acts are en route to Australia and will, in due course, appear on the circuit. Those listed for an early appearance include Windsor, Edgar and Kellaway, instrumentalists and vocalists, who present their offering in a Boomian; Julian Rose, the original Levinsky at the Wedding; Will Hay, known as the "schoolmaster comedian"; Alec Rogan, English light comedy star; Harry Cliff, known for some years as the White Knight, and Jen Latona, a performer at the piano, who is no stranger to these shores.

"The White Rose" is due for a season at the Crystal Palace this month. Other United Artists' attractions are listed for the Lyceum.

"My Lady of the Cave", a New Zealand film production of no great import, is securing a few dates in small Dominion towns.

Lindsay Barton is exploiting his buckjumping show around the New Zealand towns, where support is satisfactory.

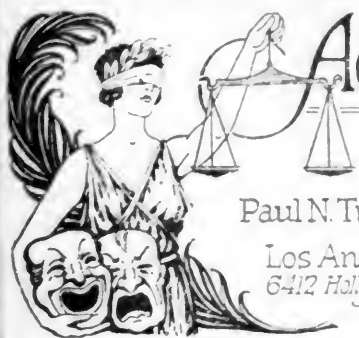
H. B. Marinelli's death was called here this morning. From time to time he had sent acts to this country.

"Robin Hood", Douglas Fairbanks' big feature, is still running well in this country and there are still many big towns to play.

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### Attention, Mathematic Sharks!

THOSE members who are of an analytical turn of mind may be interested to figure out the error which was made in the "Retrieve the One-Night Stand" editorial in the February issue of "Equity".

Look on page 9, the third paragraph, which begins: "Then a route of thirty theaters should be mapped out, susceptible to increase later." Now, the next sentence contains the mathematical error. Before reading the correction below figure it out for yourself. It is simple on the face of it, but we admit in the rush of getting the copy to the printers we failed to check up our first calculations and therefore the following explanation is necessary:

"Forty-five companies in ninety theaters would have fifteen weeks' work, but if the theaters were to devote only one night a week to legitimate attractions, instead of three, which we used solely as an illustration, then for ninety theaters committed to the plan fifteen companies would have to be employed. This would mean that the resident manager in the first city would select, or be willing to accept, Monday night for legitimate attractions, the next city Tuesday, the following Wednesday, and so on.

"If ninety theaters were on a three-night basis, i. e., three legitimate attractions per week, that would mean forty-five companies, if on a two-day basis it would mean thirty companies, if on a one-day basis it would mean fifteen companies. On second thought Equity believes that it would be wiser to start on the one-day basis per week."

### Loyal Support Aids Equity Officers

There is a very beautiful thing that is brought continually to the attention of Equity executives, and that is the faith of our members in their officers and council. Of course it is this that has made Equity what it is today.

Members often have to accept apparently drastic rulings without explanation of them at the time. When they have claims, and are in need of the money due them, they are rarely impatient, but show that they believe their representatives are pushing their cases with the utmost possible speed.

Then, too, consider the untrue stories that are printed in the press, and particularly in one trade paper. Our own people pay no heed to them the sometimes the insinuations and false statements are enough to make one's blood boil.

If we hear anything at all from the true Equityite it is: "What rot. We don't know anything about this particular incident personally, but we know that what our officers and council do is right, so we'll not concern ourselves with it."

### Some Unfinished Jobs

This five-year period since the strike of 1919 has been a busy one. New values for an actors' organization have been found that previously hadn't even been suspected. But after a new agreement with P. M. A. has been signed Equity will then be obligated to take up in a broad way many matters affecting the theater.

We refer, offhand, to such questions as child labor in the theater and other legislative matters; a joint committee to pass on the legitimacy of benefits; thorough investigation and survey of theater conditions, with a view to finding means of bettering them; theater sanitation; closer co-operation between the manager, author and actor, and other matters which will become apparent as the organization progresses.

### The Season Holds Its Own

The statistical department reports as follows: "Companies engaged in and thru New York (production only), 341; companies closed, 118; companies still running, 223. This shows an increase of two companies over the same date as last year with twelve companies in rehearsal."

### "You're Not the Type"

It's bad enough when the author designates characters as "a young John Drew", "Ed Wynne type", "an old Katherine Cornell", "Edna May type", etc., but Lord help the poor director and actors too when the conception is purely in the dramatist's mind and he cannot describe any human being that approaches his ideal.

### Now Mike Wishes He Hadn't Said It

"No brazen painted chorus girl will my sweet daughter ever be." I do not mean to

condemn the whole profession, for some of our best men and women are actors, but I do mean that ninety per cent of them are rotten about thru." It was not a professional reformer who was responsible for this sweeping condemnation of the stage, but M. M. (Mike) Irwin, stage carpenter of the Orpheum Theater, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

This "athurst," which appeared in The Muskogee (Ok.) Daily Phoenix of December 16, 1923, brought a storm of denunciation upon the head of the man who thus unfairly stigmatized the profession which gave him his bread.

But Mike's definition of morality is more liberal than the paragraph just quoted would seem to indicate. On January 31 the same paper noted that he had been arrested charged with giving a drink of whisky to a patient of the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Muskogee.

It sounds as tho Mike had spoken too soon.

### Unseen Film Expensive

The extras below is taken from Robert E. Sherwood's column in The New York Herald. The same story was told us in Los Angeles by a man at the top.

"Out at the Goldwyn Studios in Culver City Erich von Stroheim is immersed in a sea of celluloid that will ultimately be guided into the channels of a feature picture. It is the movie version of Frank Norris' remarkable novel, 'McTeague', which is to be issued under the title 'Greed'.

"At present 'Greed' is distributed thruout forty-two reels (Von Stroheim always operates on an expansive scale; you may remember that he used up 350,000 feet of film in 'Foolish Wives'). Ultimately thirty or more of these reels will be eliminated, and 'Greed' will be ready for release. It promises to be a sensationally realistic picture."

### Who Holds Longest Record?

In a recent deputy report comment was made upon an announcement in a Boston newspaper that Walter Gilbert, Mars Kent, Harold Chase,

Viola Roach and Ralph Remley had passed the 1,000th performance mark with the Boston Stock Company at the St. James Theater. Mr. Gilbert leading with 1,056 performances.

Anne Bronaugh, now at the Alhambra Theater, Brooklyn, New York, writes that she can surpass that record, having played six years in a Winnipeg company, 1913-1919, her closing performance being her 2,376th.

### Now That Actors Play Themselves

A weak point in modern stage methods was indicated in a recent issue of The Philadelphia Inquirer. Referring to the fact that capable actors are often denied the opportunity of practicing their profession, it said:

"In a sense the theater offers too many opportunities. Young persons with little or no experience find an opening easy. It might be said that the well-trained and competent actor suffers most from neglect. Hundreds of these are playing minor parts unworthy of their powers, while they see others with a tinge of their ability receiving the acclaim of the public. Perhaps the chief reason for this is the practice of keeping an actor who achieved a single success in parts that fit him. He simply plays himself, and no one knows the difference.

"In the old days versatility was a quality highly esteemed by managers. An actor was expected to take any role given to him and play it competently. If not always brilliantly. There may have been fewer sensational successes, but there was a higher general level of excellence. The stage will not be all it might be until faithful devotion to the profession is better rewarded."

### New York Ball Film Nets \$1,250

The scenes that Warner Brothers photographed at the New York Equity Ball, at the Astor Hotel, November 17, 1923, will be incorporated in their motion picture, "Broadway After Dark".

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## Chorus Equity Association of America

JOHN EMERSON, President.

DOROTHY BRYANT, Executive Secretary.

THIRTEEN new members joined the Chorus Equity in the past week.

We are still holding a check in settlement of a claim for Ann Smith.

Anyone knowing the address of Eugene Sinclair will please notify this office.

The dancing class has proved such a success that we have been unable to accommodate half of the members who have wished to take lessons. For that reason we are now taking five in a class instead of three. Members who have been unable to make reservations are urged to come in and do so. If the class proves self-supporting it is not beyond the bounds of possibility to hope that we may have a much larger room for it, and possibly another teacher. It is safe to say that nowhere else in New York City can instruction, such as we are able to give, be obtained for fifty cents an hour. Leading men and women of the profession have enrolled for lessons. It is an opportunity of which every chorus member should avail himself. Help us put the class over and there is no limit to the advantage you may get from it. Because of the demand it is wise for you to make early reservations.

Members should remember that deputies are not on a salary. They are giving their services to help a cause in which they believe—and to help you. For that reason it is up to you to make their work as easy as possible. If you have a claim write in to the office yourself—or come in. If you don't do this you

can neither blame the Equity nor your deputy if you don't collect. And if you have written in and don't receive an answer—write again. If you haven't been answered it is because your letter was not received. When you feel your claim has been neglected, the part of a good Equity member, as well as a good business man, is to come to the office and find out what has been done. Don't wait several months—meanwhile telling all your friends of your grievance. If you haven't had the energy to find out what is the matter it is you who is at fault.

No member of Equity should sign a contract for services to be rendered after June 1, 1924, unless the following clause is included in the contract: "Should on or before May 31, 1924, the Chorus Equity Association, by certificate of its authorized officer, certify that no agreement has been entered into between it and the Producing Managers' Association in place of the agreement of September 6, 1919, the chorus member may, until such new agreement is entered into and until the fact is certified by the Chorus Equity Association in the manner aforesaid, suspend the operation of this contract, and during such suspension the chorus member may not perform any services hereunder and on and after June 1, 1924, any new conditions agreed upon between such associations shall apply and be a part of this contract."

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### Half Pay During Enforced Layoffs

Several requests have been received recently from managers for permission to lay off their companies one week without salary because of lack of bookings. In every case the council has felt compelled to refuse, as consent would have broken the consecutive employment provision of the contract—something which Equity fought hard and successfully to obtain.

However, there is no doubt that it is a heavy expense to the manager to be required to pay full salaries for such layoffs, and the council has decided that in such cases the manager shall be obligated only to the extent of fifty per cent of the full salaries of the members of the company.

This is enough to make the manager use every effort to secure consecutive bookings, but if, thru no fault of his own, he is unable to do this, his penalty will be not sufficient to make him prefer to close the company and throw the actors out of employment.

### Nowell Is Equity L. A. Representative

Upon receipt of the sad news of the death of Ernest C. Joy we immediately got in touch with the chairman of the Los Angeles executive committee, Wedgwood Nowell, and asked him if he would kindly fill the position of Equity representative in Los Angeles. This appointment has been confirmed by the council and Mr. Nowell has consented to remain at the post.

We are confident that our Los Angeles members will appreciate this selection.

### Our Figures Stand Up

We recently estimated the number of actors and actresses playing in motion pictures on the Coast at 3,000. This figure was questioned by someone, apparently in authority, in the New York end of the industry, and his statement was published broad as.

However, the Standard Casting Directors' Directory, issued monthly in Hollywood, lists with their addresses and telephone numbers 1,800 film actors and actresses in Los Angeles. A small charge is made the actor for this service, and it was admitted to us by the editor that there were still a large number who had not yet come in.

So we feel that our original figure was probably pretty nearly correct.

The estimated number, of course, does not take into account the army of purely "atmospheric" people.

### Scalpers Lose in Court of Appeals

The theater is expected to benefit by the recent decision of the New York State Court of Appeals which upheld the ticket speculation law. The question in dispute was whether a broker was entitled to exact more than a "reasonable profit" (which was defined as being fifty cents on each ticket) on the resale of tickets for amusements.

If this decision (prohibiting a charge of more than fifty cents over the price on the face of the ticket) speculators have been dealt a severe blow. If the law is strictly enforced it will mean the virtual disappearance of ticket speculation in New York. Few of them can afford to do business on such a basis.

It is expected that the office of the District Attorney, which has not passed the cases brought under this ruling, pending the establishment of its legality, will take immediate action. FRANK GILLMORE, Executive Secy.

Executive secretary's weekly report for council meeting February 19, 1924.

### New Candidates

Regular Members—John Boles, Shaun O'Farrell, George Reinherd.

Members Without Vote (Junior Members)—Miriam Hlebs, Landert C. Larking, Thayer Roberts, Albertia Tuttle.

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A LETTER to The New York Times from Blackinton, Mass., commends President Coolidge's "Good Dictation" as follows: Among all the other good things in the president's speech at the Waldorf-Astoria was the full, honest value given to the pronunciation of the word 'government'.

Here we are again face to face with the idea that spelling pronunciation and sounding every letter full value is the "honest" and correct thing. Persons who make such remarks do not know the A, B, C, of spoken English. Stressed syllables have full value, and unstressed syllables are weak.

Imagine Thomas Louden giving "honest value" to every word in "The Living Mask". It helps a lot to say (l-"ma-dzh-l-n-r-i) rather than (l-"ma-dzh-l-ne-r-i), and the acoustic qualities of the first pronunciation meet all requirements.

"Usurp" is pronounced with a z-sound in America and in England (ju-"zup). S H. Van Buren says (ju-"sup). This pronunciation is dialectal in America and should be avoided.

"Frequent" as a verb, is stressed on the second syllable (fri-"kwent). "Quinine" is (kw-"ni-nu) is British usage as she is constantly reminded by the doctor's pronunciation (Conway Wingfield) in "The White Cargo".

The Spoken Word

Conducted by WINDSOR P. DAGGETT

"Obdurate" is stressed on the first syllable ("awb-djoo-rit). "Connoisseur" and "consomme", discussed last week, turn up in Stormonth's dictionary with stress on the first syllable.

Fliege O'Hara is in "Jack of Hearts", played at the Montauk. Mr. O'Hara has Irish music in his voice, a wholesome smile, a sociable per-

good taste he gave a straight performance, appealingly youthful and sympathetic. Mr. Sanford had a crooked leg and a limp that would make a surgeon swear that he was maimed.

George Connor played the scamp artist as a deep-dyed villain, but a good appearance and forceful personality made the villain palatable to the deep-dyed. This dash into melodrama faded into mist.

In the scenes with the villain Mollie has opportunity for emotional acting. Peggie Paige in this part was more than adequate. Her emotional acting had depth and force.

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In "Beggars on Horseback" Mr. Young brings a fresh supply of hooks onto the scene. Someone asks him what his latest purchase is. He replies (dzhubst zabuh: books). He doesn't hurt out that they are "books".

Folks always talking about "honest value" in pronunciation ought to extend their observations and listen in at the theater. Mr. Young says (pju-noo). He says it in a jiffy with a quick glide (j) and no fuss about "sonorous" vowels.

What would become of the personality of Mr. Young if he had to talk like a book of put the brakes on his brain so that his mouth could sound all the letters. Again there is reference to a piece of music which is "next

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Watch Your Eyes. Are they sparkling and alive, or dull and unattractive? The beauty of the face is largely dependent upon the EYES. Through them glow youth, personality, magnetism. Many women, by neglect or improper care, allow their EYES to grow lusterless, dull and sullen.

sonality and a flowery vocabulary of "colleen", "ml dading", "Kilmarney Green", and "God bless you". He loves his audience and invites all present to return the compliment.

The supporting company plays in two directions, partly for the story and partly for the social prestige of Mr. O'Hara. "Pat" Clary, as the leading woman, is pretty and gifted in the proprieties of sedate speech and self-suppression.

Tony Sanford gave a good deal of charm to the crippled soldier boy. He has a speaking voice of real beauty and speech of clean-cut sincerity. With personal authority and

character janitor. George Sydenham and J. R. Armstrong, as the fathers, did all that the parts required. Broadway has poor shows and scant material, but the Broadway show usually has a veneer of good direction and smartness.

The personal equation in speech is highly marked. No two persons speak exactly the same way. Speech bears the mark of personality. This personal equation in the speech of Roland Young is fine and subtle. It would be hard to imitate and impossible to caricature.

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Fashion's Themes

THE LARGE HAT IS WITH US!

Altho we told you in last week's column that the small and medium sizes are much in evidence at advanced seasons, we lately attended a fashion show where the large picturesque hat with a wide brim was shown in many charming poses. Hair braids are used mostly for these hats. The veil makes a more satisfactory substitute for the woman who works a very soft complexion.

We were so fascinated by a large hat with a wide brim trimmed on the underbrim with long, narrow leaves that we almost forgot to note that brown is second choice for the dress, while red and green hats are suggested to lighten the tallness. This hat was very thick, and to stress the irregularity of the large brim the millinery maker who fashioned the wire frame cunningly left a square space directly in back, while the front flared into a suggestion of the poise bonnet that displays the silver-leaf facing to decided advantage. With this wonderful hat was worn a black line frock with a cape panel, a large sash of blue velvet tied into a dashing bow at the side, encircling the normal waistline.

While we have had the straight peplot blouse, the straight frock relieved by pleats and panels, at several recent fashion shows sponsored by leading designers the raised slightly fitted waistline was a feature. Skirts are larger and Parisian models exaggerate this point by terminating the skirt just below the knee. While American designers are shortening their creations, they do not attempt such exaggeration.

The silhouettes of the season are man-made. We have the straight-line frock, relieved by a scarf treatment, a long scarf being draped about the neck and permitted to flow down the back and over the arms. Another scarf is set low on the hips like an Oriental dancer's belt.

Again we have the straight-line frock treated with tiers of pleated ruffles which may be arranged diagonally. Then comes the unbelted type, which may consist of a short-sleeved blouse and straight skirt, relieved by panels.

Another unbelted frock has a long peplum-pointed panel extending the full length of the back, and still another is relieved by patch pockets and a hem ruffle of peplum-pointed style.

There is also the circular type, consisting of a circular skirt and a rather low waistline. We have, too, the Directorate, with its raised waistline and graceful circular lines.

The belted sheath gown has become the vogue at Palm Beach for evening wear. The back decolletage is deep and pointed, and occasionally the hem is edged with fur banding.

Yellow in the range of shades designated as sunshine, gold lace, white velvet and Spanish shawls are other high lights at Palm Beach.

At the Bonux Arts Ball, where the smartest women are usually seen, white satin and taffeta evening gowns following the Colonial type were much in evidence. An eerie charm was imparted to these all-white frocks by artificial moss wigs in white, silver and colors.

Hand-painted designs on white taffeta, as well as colored bands on white, are decorative effects seen at the fashion displays.

Blanca Gunn, one of our cleverest fashion writers, who is sojourning at Havana, writes in Women's Wear:

"Altho there was another gala dinner to celebrate the opening of the Sevilla-Biltmore and the roof was crowded, the Casino attendance did not lack in number or style. Adolalde and Hughes again danced in both places, and the tiny Adolalde in white, with garlands in her hair, was enveloped in a magnificently flowered Spanish shawl.

"One table drew a larger crowd, the cause of it being not a rim on the bank but Gloria Swanson, looking very picturesque in a dull gray blue taffeta, the full skirt painted in large pastel flowers, those painted on epaulettes edged with narrow fur; blue velvet ribbon falling from either shoulder was knotted below the waist.

"The Casino had more than its accustomed number of lovely gowns and on among the many shawls and wraps was remarkable, being also painted in huge decorative birds done in amber and orange shades. The wrap was deeply fringed in white and had a white fox collar.

Spring Jaquettes are vied in treatment, altho the short box effect is most popular. We see in the shops many attractive double-breasted models of dyed cream ermine, white ermine and camelid. Contrasting colors are stunning and throw effects, are considered smart, and one model included a fob brooch pocket.

Speaking of necklines and collars, the baton neckline, which has been popular for such a long time, is still in vogue. (Continued on page 42)

The Shopper

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Buyers the world must need to describe the jaunty new suits for women now on display along Fifth Avenue. Other adjectives like jaunty, debonaire and swagger also apply to them. Knowing that many of our readers were looking for new suits, we called from the display the most reasonably priced model, constructed with quality and good lines, and sent our artist to sketch it (cut A). It is made of tweed in navy or black, and may also be had in Bobby Tweed in a very smart shade of tan. It is selling in one of the smartest shops for \$29.50. To this amount add 50 cents for postage.

As soon as we wrote you about the Madame X. Restoring Girdle we were swamped with requests for descriptions. As words seem inadequate to present a perfect picture of the garment we are introducing a sketch of it on the Feminine Frills page (cut B).

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There was a woman named 'The New York', who was a shopping tip. She has sent us a sample of a new gown which she considers to be one of the best and for which she paid \$10.00. We have been very interested in it. We have been very interested in it. It is a very nice gown and makes a specialty of catering to the smart or cowboy, both of whom (Continued on page 41)

The Value of Color

Some attending a lecture on color as applied to costume, during the course of which the effect of color on different types of femininity was demonstrated, we have been wondering why every actress does not pursue a course in color in dress. The right color or complement to a woman's hair and complexion will make her appear beautiful.

For instance, we noted that a blond with a sallow complexion was dressed in light purple, the complementary color meant to yellow, to emphasize the yellow in her hair and to subdue the sallowness of her skin.

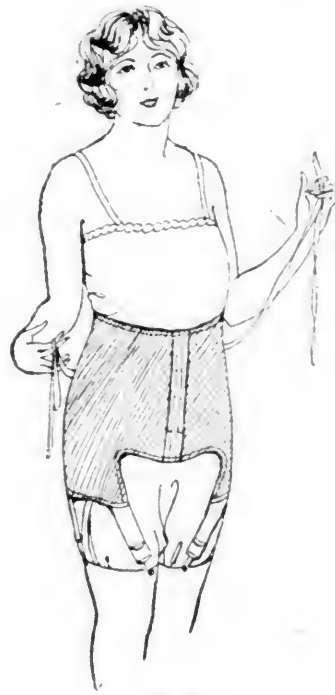
We learned, too, that the too florid complexion can be toned down by wearing near the face an intensified red.

Brown hair, for instance, is not of itself a specific color, but a mixture of red and green. It is warm brown when more red than green predominates and cool brown when more green than red predominates. To determine the most becoming shades to the warm or cool brown type, one needs a color chart until one is familiar with all the tones of color and fit in harmoniously with one's individual color scheme.

The study of color and line in dress is most fascinating, and if any of our readers care to pursue it the Shopper will be glad to send particulars about a course that may be pursued at home and in the dressing room between acts. The amount involved is \$5.



CUT A



CUT B

(For descriptions see The Shopper column).

Milady's Youth

Recently we were privileged to sit in the dressing room of an actress who, altho popular, is no longer young. The impression we gathered when seeing her before the footlights was her youthfulness. We were quite amazed to behold in her a woman past middle age, when without facial makeup. She told us frankly that she was going to retire from the stage very shortly because of the fact that she was "growing old". Her eyes appeared dim, or faded, to use a common expression, yet the application of a bit of eyelash darkening and lacing that gave the lashes an upward curl imparted to them a youthful brilliance. We asked her why she did not keep her brows and lashes young by the application of an oily preparation, which, when applied twice a day, promotes the growth of brows and lashes, lending to them a soft, glossy darkness. She replied that she had never thought of it. She has since used the preparation we recommended and reports a slow but favorable progress in renewing the natural luxuriance of the brows and lashes. Those of our readers who feel that their faces are losing verve should begin immediately to promote the growth of the eyebrows and eyelashes, for

they are the accent of beauty. A preparation to assist this effect sells at \$1 a jar.

It does not seem amiss to tell our readers of a bit of advice given us by a hair specialist recently. He said that women past middle age should be very careful in "tweezing" the eyebrows. Very often the hairs plucked from the brow at this time of life never renew themselves. Therefore, it is wise to pluck only the stray, frowzy hairs.

For those who feel the need of an eyelash and eyebrow darkener, there is a preparation that is quite permanent in effect, a harmless dye, which lasts for about two weeks—in most cases. The price of this preparation is \$1.

Bagginess under the eyes is a contributing cause to the aspect of age. The tissues and muscles become flabby and relaxed, encouraging the appearance of lines. Because of poor circulation this flabby flesh becomes discolored. With patience this condition can be remedied. The first step is to procure a cream of stringent qualities, such as Kathleen Mary Quinlan's Val-Dah. This cream is to be patted around (Continued on page 41)



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We have before us an assortment of symmetricals. Among them are a padded shirt at \$8.50, a padded pad at \$3.50 and padded tights. Collar and cuffs padded are quoted at \$7.50, while cuffs, collars and the pads are \$8.50 under from The Shopper or send for illustrations. The company making these symmetricals offers to make paddings to correct any imperfection of figure.

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**FASHION NOTES**

Several of our men readers have asked what we think about the new blue shirts with collars to match. The blue shirt, when made of the imported oxford of a pale blue shade, almost gray, is becoming to most men, provided it is worn with a navy blue or gray suit. But deliver us from the bright blue shirt of this description. It is both vulgar and unbecoming. That's that!

Another shirt novelty that is not at all cracked up to be is the shirt that is advertised as "both stiff and soft", featuring the new cross-strips on an oval bosom. Men who have invested in this shirt say it is an abomination, not good in effect and far from comfortable.

White buckskin shoes with rubber soles, with black or nubogane trimmings, when worn with white wool hose ornamented with circular strips of soft pastel tints, are extremely good looking with the sports suits.

Even South M'Leod, who plays with the showman works for his next play is disporting himself in flannels and bouespans which will be THE fabrics most worn "hereabouts" this summer.

**THE SHOPPER**

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must have plush that resists strenuous wear. At this writing Miss Gable is sailing for Australia.

We have had a number of letters from our readers concerning the Daisy Hat Bags which they purchased thru the Shopper. All provided lighted with it and one young lady says it has enabled her to dispense entirely with a heavy traveling bag. It is round like a drum and made of black patent leather. In it is room for a change of costume and toilet articles, in addition to space for a couple of hats. A button model, 16 inches, costs \$9.25; same style, 20 inches, \$9.75, and a Daisy DeLuxe with a patented chain pull and extra pocket, in 16, 18 or 20-inch sizes, \$5.

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**MILADY'S YOUTH**

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Berlin News Letter

By O. M. SEIDZ

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Important negotiations are now taking place between the V. A. F. and the I. A. E. with a view to re-organizing an exchange of vaudeville artists between the two countries. The writer understands the V. A. F. has decided to send a commission of executive officials to study conditions here and in all probability there will be English acts again appearing in the Reichland, with a corresponding number of German vaudeville acts going over to Big City.

In the meantime German big time managers are not been slow to look foreign at attractions. A number of American acts have signed contracts, among them the following: Winifred Irving Nymphs and Sals (seven months' tour), Okta, well-known American conjurer; Mabelle, who will open on February 1 at Hamburg and March 1 at the Wintergarten here; Tando and Tambo, tambour ne spinners; MJames Ross, high rope performer, etc.; Baegessen, famous plate-smashing juggler, another foreign act, opens February 1 at the Wintergarten; Chetienne and Loalsette, well-known Dutch entertainers, March 1 at the same house. Professor Manzano's Spanish Bulls have been signed by the Circus Busch.

L. A. Kainer, famous stage designer, sailed a few days ago for New York under contract for the Shuberts. Mr. Kainer has been staging "Boards of Cypatria", Oscar Strauss' latest opera, in Vienna.

The Albert Billin, leaving Hamburg January 30, are Oscar Heinemann, American impresario, and Jules Greenbaum, American film expert.

Charlotte, of Ice Ballet fame, and Paul Kozlov have been booked for the New York Pantages and are sailing next week.

Ernst Weingartner, noted German musician and composer, will shortly leave for your side to take up duties as leader of the Chicago Opera.

Barbara Kemp and Heinrich Schorr, both of the Berlin State Opera, will sail February 3 to again open at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Americans have been figuring in Berlin musical events of late, the outstanding name being that of H. H. Weitzler, who has given two big concerts with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra at both of which he displayed himself as a composer of distinction. American singers are beginning to return to the German concert and opera stage. The singer most firmly established here is Madame Schlosshauer-Reynolds, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who, after two seasons with the Chicago Civic Opera Company, is now leading mezzo-soprano at the People's Opera, besides being in demand for oratorio and concert work. Madame Eleanor Sawyer is singing at both the State Opera and the German Opera, as the economic situation has made it necessary to introduce a system of interchange of artists. Madame Sawyer has been heard in "Tosca" and "Aida" and expects shortly to make her debut as Elizabeth in "The Barber". Mrs. Melyna Finesmore, young Texas soprano, has been appearing as Golda at three houses. Madame Edgel Hanna and Mrs. Laila Serehova, a young Russian-American singer from the New York and Berlin studios of Madame Nessen-Stone, are also singing at the State Opera. Lillian Nadelman, whose name is unshakable, played a very amusing singer in a difficult Mozart aria. Madame Nessen-Stone, who came to Berlin from New York two years ago, is now firmly established as one of the leading teachers of singing.

A young American dancer appearing under the name of Henri has just given a fourth and highly successful evening at the Berlin Opera.

Polina Perozoff, well-known act from Madrid, Spain, is here booking and offering acts thru the Paul Schutze Agency.

Willy and Ernest Schuman, following their successful season at Bertram Mills' Olympia, London, have gone to the Cirque Royal, Brussels. They will open March 27 at Stockholm, and May 5 at Copenhagen in their own building. For next winter the Schumans have signed for Paris with about fifty horses.

Circus Orlando from Sweden is at the Coliseo de Reims, Lisbon, Portugal.

Circus Busch goes to Scheveningen, Holland, next summer for the first time.

The Warsaw Circus is experiencing difficulties because of the continued heavy decline of the Polish mark; most of the performers walked out February 16 after futile efforts to get a substantial increase of their salary, and took the next train to Berlin. Instead of a fifty per cent increase as demanded they were only offered ten per cent. Poland, from all accounts, is now in the same mess that this country had been until two months ago, with food getting dearer every day and the exchange moving steadfastly to disaster.

The Seala will have the following bill in February: Claudia Issat-elento, Russian bal-let; Hiawatha Troupe, who; Two Paris, tra-va; Four Bonellis, gymnasts; Albert Berg's Trained Bears, Paul Paetzold Troupe of Comedy Cyclists, Duplo and Gagna, eccentric musicians;

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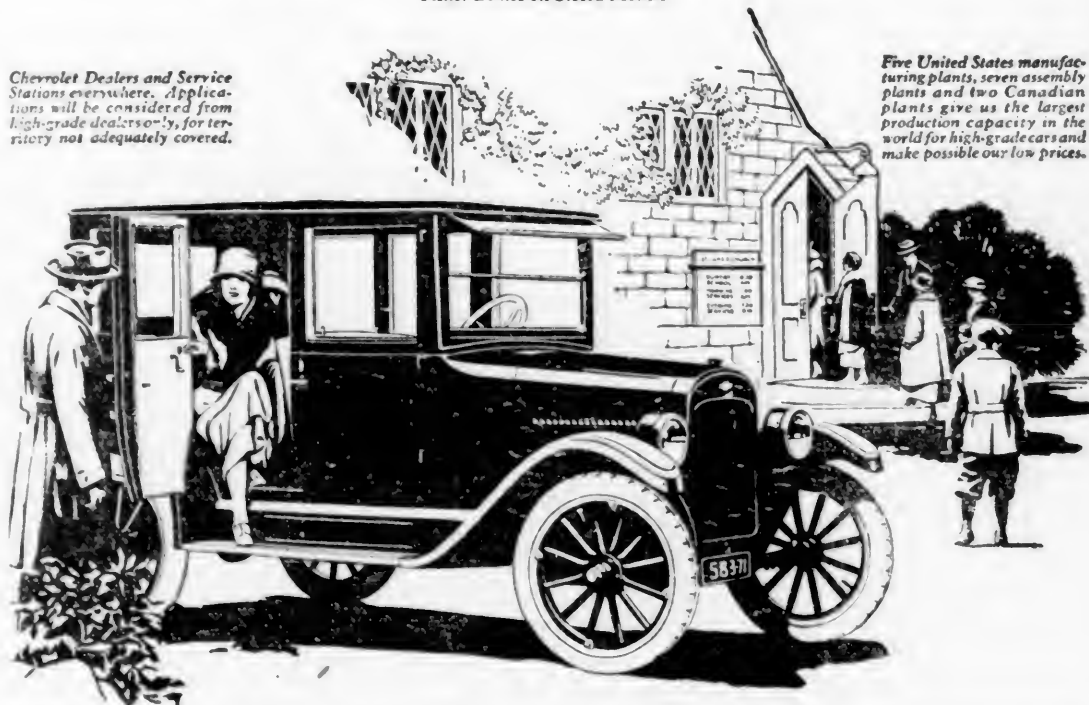
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Plenty of big talk at the general meeting of the Managers' Association, with termination of the tariff contract per May 1 and a threatened closing of all vaudeville houses and cabarets in the country on account of a new additional amusement tax. Das Program, in its current issue, reminds managers that salaries would have to be paid in such an emergency.

Wille Zimmerman, American vaudeville agent here, has booked a fine balalaika orchestra of twenty-three pieces for a long run, opening February 1 at Munich, Penthes Theater. Wille has been approached by several leading London agents to represent them in Berlin and has just signed with Jack Somers' Agency (Bert Bernard) for a mutual booking combine and exchange of acts.

"Magie" a comedy by Gilbert Keith Chest-

ter, has been acquired by the Kurfuerstendamm Theater.

"Professor Klenow", a drama by K. Bramson, at the Comedia Valetti, is disappointing.

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to manage a house, recently gave a little party to Baron Golden, Townsend Walsh and several other agents who happened to be in New Haven. Bill wants all agents to know that "Welcome" is on the doormat of his office for all agents who happen to be in New Haven, regardless of whether they are playing his house or not. Another oldtimer in New Haven is Jimmy Powers, who is managing one of the Pull theaters.

Louis "Duke" Fosse has forsaken the road and is now general manager for all the Shubert enterprises at Washington, D. C.

Haven't caught up with Charley Braggs late-

ly, but understand he has forsaken burlesque to exploit other forms of entertainment. Wherever you are, Charley, we wish you luck and know you will make good. AN AGENT.

NOTE—The foregoing items are from a pot who is a regular agent and a regular fellow. While we have other pots who are regular agents and regular fellows, they aren't sufficiently interested in the column to do as much as "an agent" has done to add in holding out "meal tickets". If more don't come across with news it's going to be a hard winter for us, for we like the "Big Boss" is getting wise to us. Come on in, fellows, and "keep the home fires burning", and that goes especially for Wells Hawks. NELSE.

Agents Active in Buffalo and Ithaca

Some gathering last week in Buffalo: Al Spink after doing a little missionary work for

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The Billboard's Little Theater Handbook, containing reports of articles submitted in the Little Theater Article Contest is now in the course of preparation. Just as soon as it comes from the press our readers will be invited to send for free copies. This is for the information of those who are thinking of making their name on our mailing list to receive the book.

Another New York Little theater group now owns its own theater. The Union of the East and West has fitted up a little theater at 148 West 109th street, which will be known as the East and West Theater. Here plays will be presented in true Oriental style, and on Sundays will be the scene of philosophical plays in English. The first evening performance was given February 23, when a sketch, entitled "The Eternal Life," written 2,000 years ago, was offered. The next play to be given is "Light, More Light," dealing with fundamental and modernist problems.

The Gloucester School of the Little Theater, Gloucester, Mass., is offering two scholarships to undergraduates of American schools and colleges for its fifth summer season, July and August, 1924. In their little theater, a picturesque wharf building nesting among the shippards and studios, the Gloucester Players last summer produced almost forty plays, including "A Night at an Inn," by Dunsany; "Wurzel-Fummery," by Milne; "Elders to the Sea," by Synge; "The Land of Heart's Desire," by Yeats, and "Moon Tide," by Clements. Letters for information concerning the scholarships (covering courses in stage lighting, scenery, makeup, dancing, public speaking and acting) should be addressed to Florence Cunningham, 112 Charles street, Boston, Mass.

The Society of the Green Lamp, Milwaukee, Wis., recently presented two one-act plays, "Purple Youth," by Robert W. Camp Leland, and "The Sweetmeat Game," a Chinese tragedy. Gretchen Golik, Charles Berens, Andy Doyle and Arthur Schellinger comprised the cast.

One of Long Island's most active little theater groups is the Jackson Heights Players. "Just Like Judd" was given by this association the evening of February 19 in the Community Clubhouse. Lillian Claire, Evelyn Kent and Jack Falkingham, who have had professional experience, made their first appearance with the Jackson Heights Players in their offering. Others in the cast were Katherine C. Garde, Anna Mae Hanbury, Margaret E. Betsch, "Phili" Campbell, "Hug" Loccett and J. K. Waterhouse, popular amateur players of the Heights.

Jamaica Plain, suburb of Boston, Mass., claims to have the oldest amateur player association in existence. It is called the Footlight Club and was organized in 1877. Almost since its organization it has made Eliot Hall, at Jamaica Plain, its home.

Most members of the club, when it was first organized, lived at Jamaica Plain, but today only one-third of its membership of 400 reside there, the other two-thirds being scattered thru Boston and its suburbs.

The next offering of the Footlight Club will be "The Choice," by Alfred Suro, which will be given before the club's membership March 3 and 4. A week before the club performance the play was given to the general public. Proceeds will be devoted to alterations and improvements of Eliot Hall.

The Little Theater Guild of Atlanta, Ga., gave "Only 35" in the Women's Club Auditorium the evening of February 15 before an enthusiastic audience, many of the box holders being folk of social prominence. Annabelle Horn of the Girls' High School, and Henry Quillian, Jr., of Emory University, played the leading roles.

The Masque of Troy, N. Y., has received special permission from George A. to broadcast his "County Chairman" Monday evening, April 14, from Station WHAZ, Roosevelt Polytechnic Institute.

Plays and Players, 1714 Delancy street, Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated their sixty-eighth club night with a program of three one-act plays, "Values," by Marya Kent; "Legal Title," by Luigi Pirandello, and "The Three Maskers," by Charles Mere. The performances were given the evenings of February 23 and 26.

The Hart House Players of Toronto, holding forth at Hart House Theater, who have made several visiting performances recently, are planning to tour the Province of Ontario during June by special requests. Various clubs and societies in the smaller cities will sponsor the performances and thus give lovers of the drama throughout the Province a chance to see the productions which have made famous Toronto's Little Theater Players. The touring company will consist of twenty players, headed by Bertram Forsyth, director of the Hart House Theater. A complete technical staff will be car-

# Little Theaters

(COMMUNICATIONS TO ELLA MILLER MENZ, NEW YORK OFFICES)

ried, including electricians, property men, stage carpenters and the like.

"Tampa, Fla., soon may have a little theater of its own," says The Tampa Morning Tribune, from which we glean further:

First movement in this direction has been started by the Fine Arts Department of the Tampa Woman's Club. This department, which meets every Wednesday night, has a number of one-act plays under preparation, and will present "For Distinguished Service" the night of February 21, when a number of well-known local amateurs will appear in the cast.

It is believed by those in charge of the movement that Tampa offers a splendid opportunity for a little theater, and this belief will be backed to the limit. There are many clever amateur actors in the city and the services of these will be called for.

"Efforts are being made by those in charge to boost the attendance. Mrs. Alonzo Turner, herself a graduate of the Boston School of Expression, is leader of the movement. Mrs. Robert Brodie is president of the Fine Arts departmental meeting over which Mrs. W. G. Thompson, Jr., will preside at the time of the presentation of "For Distinguished Service."

The Strolling Players, Springfield, Mo., write:

"We have a hall fitted up with quite a modern stage, where we rehearse and give performances every month. We have a circuit of five small towns, where we present our bills. We go in cars to play high schools, etc.; hence our name, the Strolling Players. Financially we have been quite successful."

This group recently presented a bill of one-act plays, "The Trusting Place," by Booth Tarkington; "Miss Civilization," by Richard Harding Davis; "For France," by Stuart Benson and Mercedes De Costa, and "Pierrot Home From the Wars," by Thomas Wood Stevens.

Joseph Pennell Peck is director of this group, Henry Hodge manager, and Frank Williams personal representative.

The Pitt Players of the University of Pittsburgh offered "Moonshine," by Arthur Hopkins; "Matinata," by Lawrence Langner, and "The Conflict," by Ballette McCauley, Wednesday evening, February 6, at the Heinz House.

Detroit's Little theater, Theater Arts' Club, gave its second bill of the season at McColester Hall Tuesday afternoon, February 5. The following one-act plays constituted the bill: "Mah Jong," by Alice Gerstenberg; "Flourette and Company," by Essey Dane, and "Manikin and Minikin," by Alfred Kreymborg.

Members of little theaters who desire to purchase costumes and accessories, makeup or scenery are invited to avail themselves of the services of The Billboard Shopper, who will also be glad to see that lists of one-act plays are sent to those desiring them.

Johnny Clements, youthful justice of the peace at Bayonne, N. J., and director of the Thespians, announces that the beauty contest being conducted by that group has become so interesting that the club has voted to change the entrance requirements so that members of all little theater groups, regardless of the

States, may enter, as well as beauties residing in the State of New Jersey.

In a letter to our Windsor P. Daggett, Oliver Hinsdall, director of the Little Theater, Dallas, Tex., says in reference to the production of "Romeo and Juliet," given by his group February 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, as follows:

"It would have done your heart good to have seen the way the people of Dallas received our efforts. Our performances, which usually run for four nights only, were extended to two extra. We sold standing room for each performance and even then had to turn hundreds away. My people gave a very creditable performance and I can truly say I was pleased.

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The role of Juliet was played by Mrs. Henry Exall, Jr., and that of Romeo by Louis V. Quince.

For their third of four subscription programs this season the Washington Square College Players of New York University presented Saturday night, March 1, Harry James Smith's comedy in three acts, "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh". The first two productions, Barrie's "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire" and Peple's "A Pair of Sixes", are retained in the repertory of the University Players, and, with "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh" and Milne's "Belinda" to be given next, will be presented by the players during the summer.

All of the at-home performances of the Washington Square College Players are offered in the University Playhouse, 100 Washington square, where Randolph Sumerville conducts his classes in dramatic art. The personnel of the players is made up of former and present students in these classes, which comprise "The History of the Theater," "Dramatic Interpretation," "Rehearsal and Performance," "Shakespeare on the Stage" and "Contemporary Dramatic Art."

With their repertory comprising twenty one and two-act plays and six three-act pieces the Washington Square College Players in their fourth season stand unique among New York theatrical organizations. They have made an addition to their professional advisory committee, Cleon Throckmorton, who is now associated with the Jones-McGowan regime of the Provincetown Theater, situated across Washington Park from the University Playhouse, has been assisting the University Players with several of their settings, and has had his name placed on the scenic complement of advisers along with those of Norman-Hel Giddes and Sheldon K. Vele. Walter Hampden heads the advisory committee, which also includes Dudley Digges.

St. Peter's Little Theater Company of St. John, N. B., been particularly active during the past few years, tho it has been alive for more than thirty-five years. During the past three years it has been under the direction of the Rev. J. Cloran, C. S. R., who is an accomplished director of comic operas and musical comedies. He has directed two successful comic opera productions in the past six months, namely, "The Yokohama Maid" and "The China Shop", each with a cast of more than seventy-five men and women. He also organ-

ized and directed an orchestra of fifteen pieces and directs the dramatic performances. A production is staged every three weeks for engagements of from two to three nights and one matinee in St. Peter's Theater, Seattle, 700.

An official little theater organization to produce musical vehicles and dramatic productions has been proposed for the city of Halifax, N. S. Tho there are a number of little theater organizations in Halifax, the intention is to ask the city council to sponsor a civic organization to be in charge of a professional director imported from the States. If the council will not assist financially it has been proposed as an alternative that wealthy citizens subscribe to endow the organization and provide a theater seating about 500.

Plans are being prepared by little theater organizations in the maritime provinces for dramatic productions to be staged St. Patrick's Day. It has been customary for Catholic little theater clubs to produce plays with and without the Irish flavor, for St. Patrick's Day and either the preceding or following night. In St. John, N. B., four such productions will be staged this year and each in little theaters for the general benefit of orphaned children. The little theaters seat from 500 to 700, two of them being newly built and modernly equipped. To aid in productions professional directors have been engaged for stipulated periods.

### Community Notes

The Community Service Players of Barre, Vt., recently presented the three-act farce, "Nothing But the Truth", in Barre, and repeated the performance in Montpelier. The cast included George J. Swager, Ralph Olliver, Percy Angwin, George Angwin, George Douglas, Deane C. Davis, Mrs. H. Gale Bennett, Mrs. W. Fay Mann, Jr., Clara Lawless, Nathalie McMahon, Dorothy C. Perry and Phyllis Nichols.

As an outgrowth of a committee formed in the community players' organization of Augusta, Ga., to write plays has come a writers' club, a group of enthusiastic authors of stories, plays and verse, who meet regularly to discuss writing. Several of the members have published plays.

The newly organized community players of Blytheville, Ark., pleased good-sized audiences with three one-act plays, presented in the high-school auditorium January 29 and 30 with a different cast for each play each evening. Booth Tarkington's "The Trusting Place" was directed by Mrs. John Baitton; "King Tut's Dream", a pantomime, by Juanita Bower, and "The Valiant", a drama of faith, by Mrs. William Foster. The program was prepared during the laboratory periods of the drama institute held under the auspices of Blytheville Community Service and directed by George Junkin. During the institute the stage was equipped with modern lighting and draperies.

The Pasadena Community Guild has incorporated under the laws of the State of California for the purpose of erecting on a lot already purchased a new community playhouse. The organization is initiating a campaign for the sale of its stock, out of the proceeds of which the community playhouse is to be built in the near future.

The Denver Community Players, in starting their second year, have made public a retrospect of their last year's work with a horoscope of their future. The group now has 135 members, the oldest aged eighty-four, the youngest twelve. Seventeen plays were produced last season. Eighteen dramatic programs were put on at schools, clubs and hospitals, using in their casts 300 players and entertaining 15,000 people. New activities now starting are a playwriting class, with prizes offered for the best plays, and a drama study group to read and discuss worth-while plays.

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# MINSTRELSY

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Dan Holt, who replaced Skeets Mayo with the Lassies White Minstrels, is doing fine and working opposite "Lasses" as smooth as tho he had opened with the show last August.

By-Gosh, "That Celebrated Clown", has passed his thirtieth consecutive week in and around Pittsburgh, Pa., with his Seldom-Fed Minstrels, new in its fifteenth season. By-Gosh is playing three-day engagements in the better class picture theaters and says many return dates are forthcoming.

When the O'Brien-Swar Minstrels played LaGrange, Ga., home of "Sugarfoot" Gaffney, one of the stars of the company, more than 500 people were turned away. The show has been passing thru LaGrange for years and the boys always used to kid "Sugarfoot" about a box car preventing sight of the town. But LaGrange will be on the route from now on.

J. A. Coburn's Minstrels made a big hit in Wilmington, N. C., recently, according to a letter from Peggy Paquette of that city. She states: "Slim Vermont is great, especially in the jailhouse scene. Nate Mulroy is good; Hank White is a scream with his jokes and the comedy bar act of 'Devaro and Decardo', programmed as 'Old Daddy and Rastus in Blackville Stutats', was very good. Edward C. Clifford was there with his extra good voice. From the remarks I heard among the ladies in the audience about Ed. C. Clifford, 'Nobody Loves a Fat Man' does not apply to him. I enjoyed every minute of the show."

George Worden, whose "Potpourri" act scored big in the Majestic, Chicago, a few weeks ago, is one of the old-time showmen. Fifty-two years ago he was "doing black" with Hi Henry's Minstrels. Fifty-one years ago he was going that and other bits with the Georgia Minstrels. Mr. Worden thinks if there is a "tank" he hasn't played it isn't entitled to the name. Forty years or so ago Mr. Worden said he and E. F. Albee both worked on the P. T. Barnum Circus. He was with Sells-Floto in 1910. "Potpourri" is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Worden, their son and his wife, two dogs and thirty-four birds.

"All my boys are rarin' to go," pens Murray ("Slim") Livingston, who is making his advent in the home-talent producing field by staging a minstrel production for the C. M. C. Club of Homestead, Pa., February 29-March 1. Murray says he is the sole producer and will be personally to blame if the show is not a success. From what he has told us, "Slim" has worked conscientiously rehearsing the participants, about ninety-five per cent of whom are amateurs, and he deserves no less. The elongated minstrel is using wardrobe and other properties of L. Barton Evans, former producer, who is also "Slim's" pal. Mr. Evans is with Earl Carroll's "Vanities", now enjoying a run in Boston.

The rumor that Jack Richards is to be a member of the J. A. Coburn Minstrels next season is false. Jack will be with the Al G. Field Minstrels the coming season (1924-'25), of which company he has been a member for the past sixteen years. Everything is going along fine with the show, and Richards is in better voice than ever before. The company is headed for the South, where the boys will take up golf after a several months' lay-off, caused by cold weather in the North and East. Mrs. Edward Conard, Edward Conard, manager; Nick Hufford, Maurice Sharr, Billy Church and Jack Richards are golf "bugs" and for the past several weeks have been polishing up their favorite clubs.

That trite saying, "We learn something every day," can be applied to the information just received that Byron Spaul, owner and manager of Spaul's Family Show, advertised as "The Show That Never Missed a Salary Day," is an erstwhile minstrel man. Mr. Spaul was a principal and man opposite Lew Benedict and as a member of the team of Barry and Spaul, knockabout song and dance comedians, trounced with the W. S. Cleveland Show. Other comedians with Mr. Spaul and Mr. Benedict at that time were Charlie Goodyear and John Queen. After Barry and Spaul split John H. Barry formed that well-known act "The Four Hornings", which was a headliner on the Keith Circuit for years.

Frank E. McNish, famous minstrel man, who has been living in Chicago since his retirement from the stage last May, arrived in Rochester, N. Y., last week, and announced that he would remain there until spring. His first stop after leaving the train from Chicago was at the Franklin Street Station, where he renewed his friendship with Captain Collins and Patrolman Andy Moynihan, desk man in the station house. Mr. McNish grew up in Rochester and is known to many old-time residents. He was a great friend of the late John A. Arth, investigator in City Court.

The Al G. Field Show received splendid notices in its tour of the Hudson (N. Y.) Valley. The night a Billboard representative saw it there was a small audience present. The Billboard man further says: "While a pleasing show, certain parts lacked punch, due, no doubt, to the lack of incentive. The performance was a trifle shy on comedy. Billy Church scored heavily with 'Reside the Babbling Brook'. In the second part his double singing turn 'In one' with Jack Richards went over big. Church sings without any visible effort. He and Richards made a corking appearance in evening dress, with top hats, black capes lined with white satin, and canes. Richards is just the opposite, putting every ounce of strength into his singing and straining perhaps a little too much at times. His splendid build is even more noticeable in a 'Robin Hood' costume in the closing sketch, 'Lost in Luray'. Of the other vocalists, Ed.

Jones, with 'Somewhere for Me There's Someone Waiting', and Leslie Berry with the descriptive number, 'To the White House in Washington', scored heaviest. Nick Hufford's monolog tickled the audience. Hufford worked like a Trojan to warm up the small crowd and was quite successful. He has a breezy, likable personality and good material. His voice and delivery seem ideal for 'blues' numbers. Pete Detzell's rendition of 'That's All He Could Play', with the accompanying dance business, earned three or four encores. Detzell continued his fun making with good results in the olio sketches. Carl Cameron's Savoland Five pleased not a little. Rody Jordan's comedy business with the bass sax 'connected'. Jordan also did something in the first part with 'He's in the Jail House Now', and also showed a good Negro dialect in the sketch, 'Surprising the Sphinx'. Bill and Leo Doran slammed over a hit with their dancing. The evolutions on the stairs in the latter number were well-nigh perfect. Not a little credit is due Bill Doran for direction of the 'stepping' fools. Leslie Berry proved an efficient interlocutor. The ensemble singing was splendid. The orchestra gave the vocalists fine support, and during intermission scored with a ten-minute program. Director Maurice Sharr contributed a fine violin solo in spotlight and did an efficient bit of 'straightening' in Nick Hufford's monolog. The two-fifty admission price was undoubtedly responsible for the small house. A rule of the theater probably forced them to adopt the two-fifty scale instead of the customary one-fifty."

Blair, Neb., and will erect a movie theater. The building will be up to date in every particular.

A new moving picture theater for Allender & Neal will be built at W. 520 Main avenue, Spokane, Wash.

Work will commence on or about March 1 on the erection of the new City Theater at Durham, N. C.

The new Liberty Theater, Bunkie, La., opened recently. It is equipped with a stage to accommodate road shows and vaudeville.

The Cameo Theater, Eastern Parkway and Nostrand avenues, Brooklyn, N. Y., opened recently.

B. B. Scarborough and associates, operating Highlands Theater, will erect a store, office and theater building at Frostproof, Fla.

The Drollinger Theater Corporation has begun work on a theater building in South Jacksonville, Fla.

Clayton D. Bass has bought a site 60x200 feet and will erect a theater with a seating capacity of 1,800 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

According to reports, Alexander Pantages will build a theater in San Bernardino, Calif., and one in Hollywood and later turn his attention northward on the Pacific Coast.

The Rialto Theater, Camden, Ark., built at a cost of \$75,000 by Dr. J. S. Rinehart, opened recently under the management of E. C. Robertson.

The Howard Theater, Lebanon, Tenn., will open as a movie April 1. Neal Ligon and J. R. Hatcher are the owners. It will have a seating capacity of 300 and a stage 25x20.

It is believed that the proposed theater in connection with the Henry Grady Hotel project, on the Governor's mansion site at Peachtree and Cain streets, Atlanta, Ga., is now assured.

J. Graham Brown has confirmed reports that plans are being considered for a theater to be built adjoining the Brown Hotel on Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

A modern moving picture theater with a seating capacity of 1,200 will be erected on the southwest corner of Grand street and Fifth avenue, Maspeth, Long Island.

Governor Whitfield of Mississippi delivered the dedication address at the opening of the new \$100,000 Princess Theater at Columbus, Miss., February 25.

Construction work on an outdoor Greek theater for the University of Arizona, at Tucson, started recently. With Tucson's climate and the department for this kind of work well developed the theater should prove popular.

Promoters are shaping plans for a modern motion picture playhouse to be erected next to the Coverstone Bargain House, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in Richmond, Va.

The Fitzpatrick-McElroy Company, Inc., of Chicago, operating a string of forty moving picture houses in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, is to have a cinema theater erected at Morgan Park, Ill.

Plans to open a new moving picture house in Guthrie street, Indiana Harbor, Ind., are being made and will soon take definite form. It has been announced. It will give Indiana Harbor nine theaters.

A \$250,000 theater will be erected at the northeast corner of High and Charlotte streets, Pottstown, Pa. Bennethum & Snyder, theatrical promoters, expect to have building operation begin early in the spring.

The new Bradentown (Fla.) Theater will be ready for opening about March 1. It will have a seating capacity of 1,200 and has been leased for a long term by the E. J. Sparks Enterprises, operators of a chain of theaters in Florida.

A \$200,000 theater will be erected in Bluefield, W. Va., to be managed by George Brown, present manager of the Colonial Theater, owners of which are interested in the new enterprise. It will have a seating capacity of 2,000.

## NEW THEATERS

The picture theater at Ismay, Wash., under management of J. H. Mogg, opened recently.

A motion picture theater is under construction at Big Lake, Tex.

'Tis reported that a new motion picture theater will open soon at West, Tex.

The new Strand Theater, Minden, Neb., opened recently.

The contract has been awarded for the construction of a modern theater at Russell, Kan.

Remodelling the Princess Theater, Bloomington, Ind., which was recently damaged by fire, is under way.

A theater will be built at the northwest corner of Ditmars and Second avenues, Astoria, Long Island City, N. Y.

C. J. Robinson has purchased property at

## THEATRICAL MUTUAL ASSN.

By DAVID L. DONALDSON, Grand Sec'y-Treas.  
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This year's Spring Special number of The Billboard will appear the middle of March. Let us have as good a showing in that issue as we did in the last big one. Get your publicity money busy and send in some news. They have done well in the past few months. Now let them do better and keep things moving.

The publishers of The Billboard have been very kind in allotting us a place in this periodical, so let us show our appreciation by keeping the space well filled with news that is of great benefit to us. Everybody get busy and have your copy in by March 4 at the latest.

### Buffalo Lodge, No. 18

Buffalo Lodge had a good attendance at the regular meeting February 24, several new members being admitted. A social time followed.

Brother Dan Murphy recently joined the Elks. There is some crow at the Garden Theater, and the stunts pulled off by our genial brothers there is sometimes better than the comedy of the shows. Brothers Sullivan and Hutchinson are the chief fun makers. Atta boy.

Messrs. Van Wie and Otto, treasurer and assistant treasurer at the Majestic, became members at a special meeting held backstage at that theater February 18.

All road members when in town are requested to make it known that they belong to the T. M. A., and their stay will be a pleasant one. Please take notice.

Quite a few prospective members are in line for initiation—coming slow but sure.

The Majestic crew, 100 per cent T. M. A., is taking things easy for a few weeks on account of "Able's Irish Rose" being there for a run.

### Bronx Lodge, No. 38

Bronx Lodge just held its annual entertainment and ball. It was a grand success and enriched the treasury with a tidy sum. There was a larger attendance than last year and quite a few brothers from No. 1 attended, also a large gathering of political leaders from Manhattan and the Bronx.

Brother Al Rulin of No. 1, who instituted this lodge, and his wife were present and complimented No. 38 on its progress. William Canavan, president, and Harry Spence, vice-president of the I. A. T. S. E., were among the visitors. Brother Friedman presented Mrs. Weiss, wife of our president, a bouquet of flowers from our boys. The ballroom was well taken care of by Brother Harry Krelisman as floor manager, assisted by Brothers Emil J. Lorange and Friedman. Brother David Schaefer, who has been on the road and came to town at the last minute, took charge of the entertainment and announcing. Brother Bendheim looked after the financial end, and Brother Romeo looked after the door and tickets. Brothers Weiss and Stewart were at the door extending the hand of welcome to everybody. Brother Harry Braun ran the picture machine and looked after the spotlights. Brother Macqueen had charge of the refreshments and saw that everybody had a goodly supply of good things. Vincent Stefanette furnished the music and made a big hit with everybody. All members gave their assistance, and Brother Giovanni, as chairman, made sure that it would be run right.

As a result of this affair eight new members will be initiated at the end of the month.

A certain projection machine manufacturing company, one of the advertisers in our program, issued statistics of its output in our city, and mentioned one house that was using a machine of a make now extinct. Brother Romeo acknowledged he was the guilty party.

In a few weeks the lodge will hold a monster smoker. With energetic members behind it we can't go wrong.

### Minneapolis Lodge, No. 50

Minneapolis Lodge is still hitting the high spots. There were twenty-one candidates initiated at the last meeting, and thirty-five more are on the waiting list.

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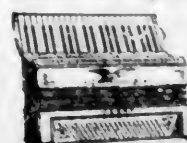


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### Question of Champion Juggler

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15, 1924.

Editor The Billboard:

Sir—A few weeks ago on the North Circuit I had the pleasure of seeing the act of Enrico Rastelli, billed as "The Master Juggler". I think this act is one of the most wonderful acts the world has ever known. I don't know how many balls he is able to juggle. However, he juggles eight plates, which is quite an accomplishment. He also juggles six sticks, three in each hand. A stick is more difficult to handle than a plate, so these two accomplishments alone surely make him one of the world's greatest.

The greatest ball juggler I have ever seen is Frank LeDent. I saw him handle nine balls years ago. I hear that he, in later years, juggled eleven balls. To the best of my knowledge he holds the world's record in this line. I have seen many jugglers perform, among them Salerno, Kara, Paul Costas, Delmo, Nichols, Fredenz, Juggling Normans, Everhart, Lucy Gillette, Schaefer and many others.

I formerly had a juggling act, but have not trumped since 1914. However, I have kept in close touch with all in this line. I hope that others will write something of interest on this subject. (Signed) GEORGE W. RUSSELL.

### Show Days of Yesterday

East Point, Ga., Feb. 18, 1924.

Editor The Billboard:

Sir—The Billboard publishes some mighty fine show days and it is certainly enjoyed by our old-timers. The Christmas number, truly a wonderful one, had an elegant article by James Madison on the early variety theater of San Francisco and all its old associates. It was one of the truest and finest articles ever written on that subject. It also had a cut of a three-sheet descriptive of Bessie Koenig's Gardens in 1892 billing Cunningham and Grant (The Brutal Brothers). That recalls to my mind that later on in the same section we were both with the same combination, the Fields & Hanson Drawing Cards, and we had the distinction of having to follow the gentlemen and close the show for thirty-two weeks with my Delavoys and Frits trick horse act. I remember these gentlemen well. Their opening was as the drop rose on the scene in two, a three-sheet lithograph of them was on each side of the stage and their entrance was made right and left in front of it. I saw what was needed. I suggested it and they agreed. Then I made the first walk-thru lithograph ever produced. I made one truck walk-thru door and passed their litho, on same. I cut round neatly to allow the working of the door, which was impossible to see from the front. That made a novel opening, as it caught the audience from the opening of their act. For when they made their entrance they walked thru their three-sheet lithograph right and left on the stage and at closed behind them. You see I didn't like to see these two small three-sheets calling there and doing nothing, so I put them to work.

Here is the program of the Fields & Hanson Drawing Cards in 1892: Will and Vera Manning, rube skit; Madge Heast, singing soubrette; Lang and Sharp, singing and dancing act; Jules Keller (crippled), hand balancing act. He did a clever act, also a sand dance with his hands upside-down with a special gray glove to protect his hands. Luci Dolora, musician; Dick Welch and Dan Collins, singers and dancers; Charley Case, monologist; Maunuel and Murphy, Irish comedians and bovers; Fields & Hanson's musical act; Cunningham and Grant (Brutal Brothers), knockabout act. Delavoys and Frits, clown policeman-trick horse act, closed the show. The year previous, in 1891, a fine array of talent was presented with the Vardes Sisters' combination, consisting of Petrie and Elsie ("At the Old Toll Gate"), eccentric skit; Fred Albert (Will Delavoys), singing and dancing act; Blanch Boyer, transformation duress; Basco and Roberts, burlesque trapeze act; Eddie Giguere, quadrille voice vocalist; James Donovan and Lulu Albright, Irish sketch; Maaty Eros, hand-balancing and head-to-head concertina players; Martins and Delavoys, trick horse act, and an afterpiece called "The Coming Man", played by the company and produced by James Donovan with Eddie Giguere as show. While this was in progress they prepared the big aerial rigging in front of the stage for the Vardes Sisters' novel revolving aerial act, with Lizzie Vardes' famous walking on the ceiling, accomplished by wearing suction rubber circles on the feet. All revolving aerial acts of every description of today get their ideas from some

source or other already in use. From the Vardes Sisters' apparatus some of you may remember many of these clever and old-time performers, which, to me, are very pleasant memories. (Signed) WILL DELAVOYE.

### Radio Not To Replace Orchestras

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18, 1924.

Editor The Billboard:

Sir—I have read with great interest the article, "Why the Radio Should Pay", by E. C. Mills in the February 16 issue. It seems that the well-meaning gentleman is unduly alarmed and a bit premature in his conclusions. Radio should and will pay when the American public has been educated to the point of demanding artists who are accustomed to receive and demand pay for their work. A demand must be created before a desire to have can develop. When once the people have the desire to have better music you may rest assured they will have it.

At the present time a very small percentage of the so-called artists broadcasting are professionals. They are mostly amateurs and not at all up to professional standards. The public is rapidly tiring of them. At first anything that came thru the air was accepted. In the natural course of radio development finer instruments are invented and better broadcasting stations are erected and a more critical public is developing. A demand for higher grade artists then is only natural and will come, but the method suggested by E. C. Mills and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is positively delaying this development.

To hear popular music over the radio will not wear out the demand for that music, but on the contrary it will create the demand for every listener to have that piece of music, since it is quite natural that words and music cannot be memorized or played by simply a radio reception. Mr. Mills does not seem to take into consideration what a great teacher radio is. It has forced music upon endless thousands whose inclinations were entirely in different channels, far from music. They want to hear music, see the performers and own and have instruments even to the extent of taking up instruments for their own amusement and pleasure.

We do not agree with Mr. Mills' statement that the dollar for radio equipment can not be spent for music. All that is necessary is to create a demand and the dollars will be

coming. The American people will adjust their purse to meet the demands. There will be radio equipment and musical instruments, too.

Mr. Mills' article must have been influenced to some extent by professional people. It is typical of the profession to fear and look with suspicion upon new inventions in the music line. The writer recalls an incident in Chicago when the first orchestration organ was installed in a local theater of seventy-five men and that the special effects obtained were identical to the instrumentalists' individual players.

The local musicians' union became alarmed and forbade all professionals to attend or have their families enter any theater where such an organ was used. The results are well known today. This large and wonderful organ created a demand for large orchestras, and today we have them, large organs and orchestras. No mechanical instrument of any kind has ever replaced a single musician anywhere, but on the contrary it has created a greater demand for music. The same may be said of the player pianos. Has a player piano ever replaced the pianist? He will admit that it never has nor never can. Instruments of this kind will find their proper place and that applies to radio. Radio will find its proper place and absolutely a new place in the home, the dance hall or theater. It will never replace a dance orchestra anywhere. That thought is entirely impractical.

Mr. Mills must take the opinion of the public into consideration when making such statements. No doubt music can be transferred to the dance hall via the radio, but what will the people say about it? That is the question. It is our guess that they will have better and larger orchestras instead of radio.

There seems to be a natural inborn fear in professional people that some mysterious element may come along at some unexpected moment and rob them either of their talents or opportunity to display their talents. They do not seem to take into consideration the great musical American public whose demand for better music is rapidly growing. Rest assured that individual talent will ever be in demand. No mechanical instrument or device can or will replace it and the radio in due time will pay properly and adequately for the services that it receives from artists as well as anyone else.

(Signed) LUDWIG & LUDWIG  
 (by Wm. F. Ludwig).

## FROM LONDON TOWN

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### The International Vaude. Situation

LONDON, Feb. 9.—This is receiving the attention of the V. A. F. committee and its officials. It occupied the major portion of discussion at the last annual meeting and at several committee meetings. The embargo has been enforced for the past nine and-a-half years, but more so since the 1918 armistice. The present political situation has something to do with the matter and a strong protest has been lodged with Tom Shaw, the new Minister of Labor, pointing out the present unprecedented unemployment and the impossibility of British acts competing with Germans and Austrians owing to the crash of the exchange. That the German organizations and agents expect a sympathetic consideration from the present Labor Government seems probable because at the moment of writing there is an intensive campaign amongst British acts from German agents offering from seven to eight months' work in Germany with payment in American dollars. Paul Schultze and Paul Spadol are actively engaged on this business, with the curious part that Schultze always inquires whether the person is British or American. With the state of the British market very bad the effect on the approached act is one of inquiry. From investigations made in Berlin the following is an account at first-hand of German conditions. The authority is undeniable but for obvious reasons the identity cannot be disclosed.

### What German Managers Want and Will Pay

As far as salaries are concerned it is very hard to give any definite statement. Salaries depend upon the value of the act. But generally speaking, salaries are, so far as real attractions are concerned, equal and in some cases superior to pre-war salaries. The great

majority of acts, however, receive only about 80 per cent of their pre-war salaries. This is due to the fact that these same acts have played time and again at the same houses and some have played as much as six or eight months every year in Berlin alone. This naturally deteriorates their value, unless they happen to be topnotchers. As far as English acts are concerned it is assumed that they will find no difficulty to obtain the same salaries as in 1913. The kind of acts which are wanted most is grotesque or eccentric acts, English style, also step dancers (grotesque), dancing girls of the Tiller type, from four to eight in a troupe, and dumb acts, if they are unique. There is no doubt that illusion acts, eccentric musical acts and animal acts would be in demand. The general run of salaries would range from \$100 to \$375 per week, but no limit to big attractions. The Wintergarten would readily pay \$300 per week for a Tiller troupe of eight girls.

These salaries are for monthly engagements, a month being the custom even in towns in the provinces where before the war fifteen days were given. Furthermore, matinees are paid extra with 50 per cent additional, which was not the case before the war. Many houses, not the big variety halls, have a matinee daily, called 5 o'clock tea. Also fares and baggage are paid by the management, the limit, however, being 500 kilometers, or about 300 miles, the distance from Cologne to Berlin. Baggage is also paid the same distance, but if same costs more than 10 per cent of the monthly salary the weight, etc., must be stipulated in the contract.

All contracts are play or pay. There are no cancellations, no options and even the barring clause is reduced to almost nil. In fact, where before the war it was an absolute exception for any act to play more than one

month per year in Berlin, there are dozens and dozens of acts staying there the larger part of the year. The number of halls has multiplied greatly and even provincial towns, which before the war were not on the map, at least not on the variety map, have now one or two halls and a number of cabarets.

As to cost of living the "index", which is supposed to show the cost compared with July, 1914, is now 108, but that is deceptive as it applies to the standard of life of the middle class, not to people who have to eat in restaurants and live in furnished rooms. Rents are very low, being kept down by law and that keeps the index down. But these legal facts do not apply to furnished rooms.

Meals can be had at all prices, depending what one calls a meal and dine at a small restaurant or in a beer hall. All in all, the way the average professional lived here before the war would cost about \$20 a week.

The above sounds as if there was a war and as if there was no such thing as reparations. Yet, when talking to globe-trotting Plirot he gave the reverse opinion and swore that under no consideration would he ever live again in Germany. Despite the ambassadorship of the above, the V. A. F. officials are determined to look the ground over for themselves, and accordingly Albert Vorce and Monte Italy are scheduled to go to Berlin February 11 and they will probably be there for a week or ten days. This does not necessarily mean that the V. A. F. will lift the embargo at once, but the position will be considerably altered if there is a possibility of a fair exchange of acts between Britain and the Central European States. The whole thing is in the melting pot with the present intention not to budge one iota from their expansion policy, but at the same time it is considered essential that some plan should be evolved for the time when the barriers are broken down and the exchange of acts begins to operate. When that time does mature the readmission of the V. A. F. and the I. A. L. may be a subject for consideration and maybe the re-establishment of a real World's League of Artists, such as was set up in 1911 at Paris. With the V. A. F. and the I. A. L. again in affiliation it is safe to assume that matters affecting the contractual relationship between performers and managers on the continent of Europe and Great Britain would be stabilized as regards the performers' interests—a matter of the greatest importance to the actor. But this is a bit of a pipe dream at the moment.

### Rift Between V. A. F. and A. A.

This has arisen thru the A. A. in two cases, having forced managements with whom they have had a dispute to sign an agreement whereby they undertook to engage none but A. A. members and further undertook to dismiss with a fortnight's notice anybody who was not an A. A. Lugg refused to recognize the V. A. F. card but insisted that the actor might have a V. A. F. card he had also to take out an A. A. card. The V. A. F. executives were not standing for any such coercion and that is why the warning advertisements were inserted in the professional press. Matters in the meantime had not been improved thru the exchange of letters between Vorce and Lugg so the V. A. F. committee instructed the officials not to mind matters but to broadcast the trouble so that those who can read or hear. It is obvious that no self-respecting union could sit down under such a policy of exclusion, and the counterblast seems to be the accepting to membership of the principals of the revue. It's a pretty kettle of fish and one that could have been avoided. Some discussion has also been caused thru the action of various A. A. folk in their method of getting members and the dope they give out as regards the V. A. F. One strong cause of criticism is the running of dances in which the attraction has been the admission of the A. A. female members free of charge whilst the townsfolk pay the full rate. This commercializing of their female members has been most adversely criticized as encouraging a most undesirable element and propagating that which every organization in show business is avowedly out to discourage. Well this is the A. A. business but they must not object to the recording of the remarks against them, the Lugg thinks that it is less naïf to criticize him or the A. A.—of which there will be more anon. Remember the row there was when we announced that the A. A. last December had around \$1000 in their bank? Lugg insisted upon a committee of inquiry as to who had divulged "stable secrets" and there was quite a court martial. The upshot was a kind of whitewashing, but as David Leslie, the assistant secretary, and Alfred Lugg, the general secretary, did not seem to be able to work in amity the committee thought it better that Leslie resign. There will be more heard of this very, very shortly.

### Outlook Is Bad for 1924

We seem to be going from bad to worse. That is as far as vaude, is concerned and productions seem as strong as ever. Everybody seems to be hooking them and agents are specializing in them wholesale. They said revues were dead, they seem to have just been revived. Options on vaude contracts are not being taken up. Managers know that they

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MUSICAL MUSINGS

By the MUSE (Communications to Cincinnati Office)

J. William Feil has been elected musical director of Doring's 105th Infantry Band of N. Y. M. J. H. McDonagh is business manager, and George A. Severance, secretary.

Paul Davis is managing Davis' Dance Bands, operating in Toledo, O. Her bands are playing some real tunes and the musicians are all about the minute. There are said to be some good singers in the bands, too, including Miss Davis.

A. H. (Bill) Fowler, bandmaster the past five years on the Walter L. Main Circus, writes that he is located at Lima, O., for the winter. "There is a five piece club here," he writes. "and Billboards are on sale at all newsstands Wednesdays. What more could a trouper want for?"

Ray Mullins' Orchestra was engaged by Jack Dempsey for his private dance February 21 at El Dorado, Ark., and is reported to have played the champion immensely. The orchestra consists of nine pieces and has a laughing bass player, Lloyd Williams, whose playing never fails to bring enthusiastic applause.

Several hundred patients at Camp Kearney Hospital, San Diego, Cal., were recently given a rare musical treat when Cliff Webster's Savoy Stompers gave a concert in Red Cross room at the hospital. Louise Sullivan, the new prima donna at the Savoy Theater, rendered several selections with the orchestra. A visit to the naval hospital in Balboa Park is planned in the near future by the orchestra.

Leola J. Deola advises that he and his band closed at Mer Rouge, La., February 9, with the G. W. Nash Shows. The band thus concludes a season of forty-five weeks—thirty-four weeks with the D. D. Murphy Shows and eleven with the Nash Shows. During the coming season the band will be with the DeKroger Bros. Shows opening April 19. At the present time Mr. Deola is at his home in Chicago.

Abner F. Sangulnet, one of the cleverest rapid-fingering banjoists in the country, has been engaged to appear at Dexter Hall, Worcester, Mass., February 25, in a concert and lecture to be given by John J. Harney, a former minstrel, and May E. Fields, in the interests of some building. Sangulnet has been a bandy artist for some thirty-odd years, and has by accident incidentally become a writer and a music publisher.

Pat's Orchestra, of Huron, S. D., is said to be making an excellent reputation thru Dakota territory with a six-piece combination. The personnel of the band is as follows: Pat Ryan, violin and leader; Clyde Tanner, piano; W. Christensen, banjo and sax; W. H. Hammer, mellophone, sax and clarinet; and H. Glicker, drums. The orchestra is booked thru Lent, Mr. Hammer writes, and has a string of pavilion dates thru the summer.

The Dahlstrand Orchestra, well-known thru Illinois and Wisconsin, is spending the winter in the South, and is now located until Spring at the Ocean Casino dance palace, Daytona Beach, Fla. Members of the orchestra are Ralph Dahlstrand, violin and director; Bud Fisher, piano; Laurence Dahlstrand, sax and clarinet; Turk Turner, banjo and entertainer; Ed Dahlstrand, drums. Harry Dahlstrand is advance agent.

Wm. Kuhn and Mrs. Kuhn, known as the "Kuhn Quartet," past five seasons on the Johnny Jones Shows, are located at the Dixie Theater, Ocala, Fla., and expect to stay there for the summer. Kuhn is on drums, bells, xylophone and tympan, and Mrs. Kuhn on piano and accordion. They play the picture and put on specialties. "Would like to hear from some of the old bunch occasionally," Kuhn writes, "especially Slim Pope, Paddy Wolfskille and Russell Hubert."

Don Warner's Orchestra is getting excellent notices in the press and is going over big wherever it plays. From Hot Springs, Ark., Warner writes: "We don't make records; we just jam. Listen: Concert from 4 to 5 at U. S. Army and Navy Hospital; our regular evening concert at Hotel Tomo, 6:30 to 8; "

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REINHARDT AND HIS WORK

THERE are few living men who have affected the art of theatrical production to the extent that Max Reinhardt has, and this is made abundantly plain in MAX REINHARDT AND HIS THEATER, edited by OLIVER M. SAYLER. Here is a huge book, covering all phases of Reinhardt's work, compiled by MR. SAYLER from what many authorities have said about the producer and his work. It is a full record of a very busy life.

The versatility of this man Reinhardt is perfectly amazing. He is at home in all sorts of theatricals. He has staged plays in little theaters, in huge auditoriums, he has put on Greek drama, Shakespeare, all sorts of modern plays, grand opera, light opera; everything is grist to his mill. The man likes tackling theatrical problems and he works them out in his own way. That way is particularized by a sound feeling for what is theatrically effective, whether it necessitates playing in a nine-foot stage opening, as was done in his production of Goethe's "Faust", or tearing the Century Theater apart and making a cathedral of it as is the case in his staging of "The Miracle".

Reinhardt came to the theater as an actor. Born in Baden, his first acting was done at the Municipal Theater in Salzburg. There Otto Fraham, the great German producer, saw him and engaged him to appear in his Berlin company. Reinhardt specialized in the playing of old man parts, and at the age of nineteen had quite a reputation as a character actor. Acting, tho, could not hold him. He wanted to create the whole performance, not just be a part of it. He got a theater for himself in Berlin and began there the long chain of productions which have brought him international fame.

One of the first productions which Reinhardt made in his newly-acquired theater was "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Into it he put the ideas that had been summing in his brain while he had been acting. He did then what he has always tried to do with every other production he has made: he subordinated everything else to creating a mood for the play. This seems to be his chief characteristic as a producer. It is this which makes him do things differently to other stage directors, and it is this which has kept him from developing any particular style of staging. To me that says more for his ability than anything else. It is only too easy for a producer to wrap himself up in a particular method of staging. We have seen many otherwise capable men who try to press all plays, no matter how they may differ in structure, into the same mold. Reinhardt does not do this. He has tried all the methods, but he has been careful to choose the one which suits the particular play in hand. Opinions may differ as to the wisdom of his choice, but at any rate he has worked out special ways to produce a special play, and not a general way to fit all plays. Each play is a problem in itself for Reinhardt and each requires its own solution. It may be that this will mean its staging in a special type of auditorium, it may mean that it must be done in a church or on the streets.

So far as my knowledge extends, there has been no other producer who has worked quite like Reinhardt. Certainly there have been few with his daring in conception and his courage in executing; few so well able to weld all that makes a theatrical performance into a compact unit. Reinhardt looks on the drama in the same way that Wagner viewed the lyric stage. Just as Wagner conceived the music drama as the unit which would be made of the music, the acting, the libretto and the music, none of them occupying more than their just place in the general scheme; so does Reinhardt conceive a dramatic performance. No one element must dominate, all must contribute to the creation of the whole according to their importance as related to the particular play being done. In one case this may mean that the acting is to be thrown into high relief, in another the scenery, in another the music, but the conception behind it all is the creation of an organic whole, with the establishment of the play's mood the prime object sought for.

This is set forth time and again in MAX REINHARDT AND HIS THEATER by men who mean much to the theater. Such men as Von Hofmannsthal, Hermann Bahr, Alfred Rollet and Marsden Hartley. Each of these men, and the rest who have contributed to the book, take up a different phase of Reinhardt's work, explaining, expounding and criticizing it. While they differ in their estimate of the man, they all agree that he is a great and significant figure in the theater. The glimpses we have had in this country of his work, "Sumurun", some years ago, and "The Miracle" now, confirm that. When one reflects that besides these particular plays, each of which is a superb creation, Reinhardt has produced hundreds of others, one wonders at his industry. What the total number of his productions is for the twenty-one years he has been a stage director, I do not know. There is a complete list of them in this book, and for one sea on I counted thirty-three. It looked like an average season for Reinhardt.

As a trainer of actors Reinhardt is said to be very great, and, from the number of fine players who have reached fame under his direction, one guesses that this estimate is not far out of the way. At one time or another he seems to have had the finest players in Germany working for him. The same can be said for scenic designers and musicians. All seem to have been glad to work for Reinhardt.

I have not much space left in which to speak of MAX REINHARDT AND HIS THEATER as a book, and that should call for quite extended comment. It is not often that such a handsome volume is produced. In all it contains 57 illustrations in full color and 164 in black and white. They constitute a remarkable pictorial record of Reinhardt's work and are a splendid complement to the text. In addition to the matter about Reinhardt proper, there is also a complete text of "The Miracle", illustrated with a great many colored plates of the sets and costumes designed for the New York production by Norman-Bel Geddes.

OLIVER M. SAYLER has done his share of the task with his usual good workmanship. There does not seem to be any angle of Reinhardt's work that has been overlooked, and some of the contributions are brilliantly written. All are interesting. It is safe to say that this book will be the standard work on Reinhardt in our language, and not to know the accomplishments of this man is to be woefully deficient in theatrical knowledge. It is a book which everyone concerned with the theater ought to have.

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DRAMATIC NOTES

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twenty-minute act Princess Theater, starting at 8:20; dance at De Soto ballroom, 9 till 12. Everything went over without a hitch and we feel rather proud of ourselves. Have Brose, Leitner, Glava, Blanc and Oliver with me and am using seventeen instruments."

W. Al Gabel and his Broadway Entertainers are at present making a tour of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, playing independent theater and dance engagements. The personnel is as follows: Al Gabel, piano; Jimmie Edmondson, sax and clarinet; Ed S. Johns, sax and clarinet; Herschel Bauer, banjo; Chas. Hopkins, trumpet; Harold Moeller, trumpet; Larry Van Latten, trombone and baritone; Pat Mulloney, mellophone and Sousaphone; Art Arms, bongos, drums and violin. Jack Grimes is looking after the bookings and business details of the organization.

Harold G. Heyn, two years ago ahead of Sells-Floto advertising car No. 1, doing "Main Street" lithographing for Paul Harrel, car manager, is now booking the White Kuhn Band in Wisconsin, featuring Allen Knellheller on jazz trumpet. Heyn informs that he has also signed a contract with Herb Bredow, cabaret banjoist and singer. The White Kuhn Band is a six-piece orchestra and has gained a splendid reputation playing dances and vaudeville. Each man plays two or more instruments. The personnel includes Herb Bredow, singer and banjoist; Allen Knellheller, trumpet and violin; Stanley Wiedenman, drums; Erve Sell, sax, and clarinet; Earl Smith, sax. Harold G. Heyn is general booking agent.

Eight performances were given, including the usual Wednesday matinee and a special matinee Friday.

Rauff Acklom, who was compelled to cut short his tour with the Theater Guild Repertory Company because of illness, has fully recovered and will again be identified with the organization. He was stricken with appendicitis last fall during an engagement in Washington.

It is believed that Fay Bainter's new vehicle for next season will be "Tin Gods", which was tried out by Sam H. Harris last season with Francine Larrimore in the stellar role. William Harris, Jr., will begin on the production where the other Harris left off. The play is by William Anthony McGuire and will be rewritten to suit the talents of Miss Bainter.

Philip Moeller is directing rehearsals of "Fata Morgana", the new Theater Guild production, which comes into the Garrick Theater, New York, March 3. Lee Simonson has designed the setting and costumes. The play is the work of Ernst Vajda, noted Hungarian author, and has a cast including Emily Stevens, Morgan Farley, Helen Westley, Josephine Hull, William Ingersoll, Orlando Daly, Helen Sheridan, Armina Marshall, Edith Melser, Charles Cheltenham, Patricia Barclay, Sterling Holloway, Aline Berry and Paul Martin.

Theatrical Notes

Andy Easton will operate a cinema theater at Belleville, Ill.

Elmer Lewis has purchased the opera house at Watonga, Ok.

Harry Tanner has purchased the new Palace Theater at Pana, Ill.

Albert Kremer has purchased the Rialto Theater at Stanton, Neb.

The W. O. W. Lodge has purchased a moving picture theater at Wilber, Neb.

The new municipal theater at Lancaster, Wis., will be known as the Grantland.

The Royal Theater, Carroll, Ia., after being renovated and redecored, has reopened.

Floyd E. Weep has taken over the management of the Liberty Theater, Nelsa, Wash.

Claude Kelly has purchased the new Hilway and the Victory theaters of Richmond, Ore.

The Cozy Theater, Twin Valley, Minn., recently closed for two weeks, has reopened.

T. Aaron Levy and Ralph Shulman are new owners of the Savoy Theater, Syracuse, N. Y.

M. M. S. Murray succeeds J. G. Black as manager of the Broadway Theater, Columbia, S. C.

George W. Latenser has purchased the Empress Theater, Central City, Neb., from M. H. Garvin.

The Victory Theater of Anacortes, Wash., formerly the Rialto, opened recently after being newly decorated.

The H. H. & A. Holding Company bought the theater and stores at 1763-1771 Amsterdam Avenue, New York.

S. Z. Poll's Palace Theater, Hartford, Conn., is offering pictures, leaving Mr. Poll's Capitol the only vaudeville house in Hartford.

William Thornburg of Marshalltown, Ia., will succeed H. P. Thompson as manager of the Empress Theater at Kearney, Neb.

The Clarksville Opera House, Clarksville, Tex., will be sold at auction by the sheriff of Red River County some time in March.

The Alhambra Theater, a neighborhood house at Tulsa, Ok., has closed for lack of business. A deal is reported on for other parties to operate it.

The Monache Theater, Porterville, Calif., has been sold by the Monache Theater Company to the National Theaters Syndicate of California.

E. A. Phillips will become manager of the Orpheum Theater, Fargo, N. D., March 3, when the American Amusement Company of Minneapolis takes over the Orpheum.

R. E. Platt, of Dallas, has accepted the management of the American Theater, Bonham, Tex., succeeding Mr. Lindsey, who recently resigned and moved to Fort Worth.

Harry Pace, Jack Bonma and William McGraw have purchased the Princess Theater, Trora, Ia. They also operate theaters at Pochabontas, Ia., and Hartington, Neb.

The Metropolis Theater, 142d Street and Third Avenue, New York City, has been leased to Joseph Solly for ten years, commencing May 1 next. It will be devoted to productions by a stock company managed by Mr. Solly.

Maurice E. Minert, manager of the Scottdale and Arcade theaters, Scottdale, Pa., has tendered his resignation to take effect March 1. He will engage in business in Uniontown, Pa.

Jake Wells, operator and owner of a string of theaters in Virginia, and W. Greener Neal, capitalist and principal owner of the Academy of Music, Richmond, Va., have purchased the Strand Theater in that city.

The city of Milwaukee, Wis., owns fifty per cent of the stock in the Milwaukee Auditorium Company, having acquired many shares at the time of the organization of the company and thru the donation of stock by individuals during the past two years.

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informs that his greatest difficulty is in getting capable dramatic people to place with shows and managers.

The Ed F. Felst Booking Exchange, in the Gladstone Hotel Building, and the office of Mrs. Kathryn Swan Hammond, in the Oakley Hotel, are commencing their annual spring rush. Morris Dubinsky was in town the middle of February. Didn't make his plans known.

Tom B. Parker, playwright, was in K. C. recently with plenty of new scripts, which he was placing advantageously.

J. K. Vetter, who has been scouting the past week or so has returned to the city.

Bessie Lee recently went to Chanute, Kan., to take part in a home-talent show.

Monte Stuckey's Show closed February 16 at Arkansas City, Kan., and Mr. Stuckey arrived in town, busy getting things lined up for the opening of the tent show season.

Benny Benson is ahead of "The Flaming Cross", which opens at Coffeyville, Kan., February 25.

Sam Barlow passed thru the city last week on his way to join the Sadler-Hendricks new tent show at Waco, Tex., making the jump from Watertown, Conn. He was placed thru the Ed F. Felst Theatrical Exchange.

Ruth Hall, leading woman in the stock company organized recently at Austin, Tex., was brought from Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gross, of Kansas City, by the Felst Theatrical Exchange of this city for this engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pendexter, with the close of the Stuckey American Company, have come here for a short rest.

"Picked Up Around Town"

It is rumored that Keith Vawter, whose name is known in nearly every town where a chautauqua has been held, will put a large tented repertoire show on the road this spring, playing the larger towns of Illinois and Iowa.

Hurd, the printer, whose plant recently was destroyed by fire, has re-established himself and is filling orders at Sharsburg, Ia.

Doc Wilson and his medicine show played two weeks at a picture theater at Fairmount, just outside the city limits of K. C. With his wife and family he is making K. C. home. He informs that he expects to remain and play lots here this summer.

Aller Von Toska and his ten-piece concert orchestra are traveling with "The Birth of a Nation" picture company, No. 2, touring Kansas.

Mrs. Ellie D. Palmer and daughter, Queen Palmer, formerly with Gus Hill's "Barney Google" Show, are K. C. visitors for a few days.

Home Productions

"Minstrel Mimics", presented at the Lyric Theater, Traverse City, Mich., February 11 and 12 by the John F. Rogers Production Company under the personal direction of Francis P. Gorman, was a big success from a show and financial standpoint.

"Spider" Green of the Sells-Floto Circus is directing a home-talent minstrel show for Lotta Lodge No. 116, I. O. O. F., at Evansville, Wis., to be presented February 20.

The "Junior League Revue", composed of 100 amateurs, recently put on a dandy show at Parson's Theater, Hartford, Conn., to big attendance.

George H. Hoskey reports that he recently secured some pagan contracts in Atlanta and other Southern cities.

Adelle "Micky" Wilkin, clever six-year-old singer, took part in the "Roof Garden Frolic", minstrel show, recently presented under direction of Wilmer "Bud" Groce for the benefit of Sgt. Hayes Wilson Post, No. 874, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the Driggs Theater.



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St. Louis, Feb. 23.—"The Business Widow", with Leo Dittreichstein and Lola Fisher in the leading roles, is next week's attraction at the Shubert-Jefferson, and Thurston, the magician, will make his eighteenth appearance in this city at the same time at the American.

The week of March 2 will see the first visit of Ziegfeld's "Polles" here for two years. It will hold forth at the American Theater. The old favorites, E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe, play another return date at the Shubert-Jefferson Theater then.

The St. Louis Grand Opera Company will give a series of performances at the Odeon March 11 to 15 under the direction of M. A. Rossini. Frederick Fischer will conduct.

Juan Manen, Spanish violinist and composer, gave a recital Tuesday evening at the Sheldon Memorial Auditorium before a small audience.

Junior Players

"The Dragon", a play in three acts by Lady Gregory, was the fourth production of the Junior Players for the current season, and was offered to a good house at the Little Theater of the Artists' Guild last night and this afternoon. Alice Martin directed. The cast included Bill Rabenberg, Cieta LaGrange, Helen McDermott, Frederick Myer, Karl Krummenschner, Peter Schuck, Patricia Tierney, Estelle Maginai, Gertrude O'Neil and others.

Indoor Bazaars

The Auto Show, Style Show and Exposition and Circus under auspices of the Allied Central Trade and Labor Unions of East St. Louis and vicinity is going on across the river this week, and indications point to a successful promotion for Sam Gordon, O. H. Tyree and their associates.

The American Legion Indoor Circus, under auspices of Calvin Hyde Post, No. 194, the colored local of the American Legion, is having a big advance sale. The doings will run from March 4 to 9.

Lewis LePage is working hard and receiving splendid co-operation from the colored Knights of Pythias and allied organizations for the bazaar to be held under their auspices from March 31 to April 5 at the colored K. of P. Hall.

The Guild Players

The Guild Players will present Bernard Shaw's four-act play, "Great Catherine", the evenings of March 5, 6 and 7 in the Little Theater of the Artists' Guild, under direction of Joseph Solari. Lawrence Ewald will stage the production. The leading role will be taken care of by Susan Lovett Cost. In the cast will be Charlotte Wagner, Ruth Elsing, Jane Sante, Gordon B. Sommers, Norman Bailey, Percy Ramsay, Gustavus Tuckerman and Carlyle Friton.

Pickups and Visitors

Mystic Karma will soon play his act at a string of theaters in this city and vicinity. He has been visiting Kibron, his uncle, who is one of the oldest mentalists in the States and has been in this city for the past twenty years.

Charles K. Vance left these environs last week with the "Talk of the Town" Company, with which he will remain for the balance of the season.

Arthur Wood, president of Arthur Wood & Company of this city, is visiting his brother in New Jersey. On his way back Mr. Woods expects to stop off at several towns in the interest of his business.

Chester J. Monahan, who last season had the "Carolina Smarter Set Minstrels", is building a small circus, which he expects to take out early in spring, opening in this section.

Doc Baldwin and wife and the Baldwin Twins have returned here after playing neighboring towns with their family show. They will stay in town and play independent houses until spring, when they have plans of going with a large carnival.

H. D. Webb, well-known showman, who has been sojourning in this city all winter, will take out a one-car show in spring and intends to play in Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri.

Jim Patterson spent a day in town last week, visiting various showmen. Returned to winter quarters in Paola, Kan.

John F. Fenelon stopped off and paid a visit on route from Dallas, Tex., where he spent most of the winter, to Fern, Ind. He will this year go out as twenty-four-hour men with the John Robinson Show.

Mrs. Eddie Vaughn has been in good health since her return from the East a month ago. She has a smile for everyone and has made many friends since her return to the Mound City.

Billy Stiles left February 19 for his home in Burns, Tenn., where he will remain until the bluebirds sing, when he will again be seen with a big circus.

R. A. (Bob) Campbell, armless wonder, formerly with the Ringling-Barnum Circus, advises that he will arrive here shortly.

J. C. Donahue, of the Con T. Kennedy Shows, arrived in town last week, and, according to reports, will be here for some time.

Others in town included Earle Klebe, Charles J. Roach, the Great Kneitzger, Albert Dwight, Jane Houston, Stanley Harrison, Malcolm Duncan, P. R. Benton, R. C. Gentry, Estelle LeMar, John Gentry, "Big Bill" Demarest, Jos. E. Watson, M. T. Webb, Reynolds, Denton, George Warrington, Della Evans, William Webb, Ben Johnson, Lydia Wilmore, Joe Lugo, Mildred Cozzere, Roy Sears, Jimmie Moore, Mildred Austin, William Howard, Will H. Ward, Frank H. Murphy, Mabel McCloud, Mildred Campbell, Marlon Blake, Kitty Kay, Jack Thomas, Walter Baldwin, Emma Dunn, Gladys Darling, Jack Coyie, Phil Cohan, Minna Hunter, George Phillips, Ernie Gline, Julian Woods, Jack Belmont, Louis Jordan and Eugene E. Boone.

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Clearfield, Pa. Scenery and costumes were from the Hooker-Howe Costume Company.

Some of the best juvenile talent in Duluth, Minn., will be in the "Y" Boys' Minstrel Show to be presented March 7 at the Central High School. Willis Peier is manager of this year's show. The chorus will be composed of sixty boys.

Overflowing with humor from start to finish, large crowds of theatergoers were highly entertained at the two performances of the American Legion play, "A Night in Chinatown", presented at the Civic Center Theater, Bartlesville, Ok., February 11 and 12.

The annual revue of the Kiwanis Club of North Adams, Mass., was presented recently before large audiences. It was under the direction of Harry S. Orr who had charge of the show last year. Ralph Durman was musical director.

Harry Miller, president of the Harry Miller Producing Company, of New York, is staging "The Masonic Frolic" for Cincinnatus Lodge of Masons of Great Barrington, Mass., to be given at the Mahalve Theater March 3 and 4.

The annual Odd Fellows' Minstrels of Ithaca, N. Y., will be given this year in the Lyceum Theater March 10 and 11. Glenmore Holmes, for years leader of the Lyceum Orchestra, will have charge of the performance. Harry Morey, vocalist, is coaching end men and chorists.

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Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—The weather is at a July temperature and all amusements report the usual great business. It is difficult to gain admission at theaters at night. "Sold Out" signs being displayed in electric lights in front of most houses each night. The annual Orange Show opened February 15, to run ten days, and brought 12,000 people the first day. Exceptional weather has made attendance big each day. The exhibits are more artistic and numerous than in previous seasons. The Wortham Shows have the midway attractions and are reporting splendid business, although no concessions are running. The Tower of Jewels, the crowning exhibit, is a wonderful display of oranges and skillful designing.

Frank Curran, who will be interested this season with the Wilkins Exposition Company, is rehearsing his program. The season on this Coast will be well filled with industrial exhibitions, and Curran's ventures will be almost exclusively with the Elks and Masonic orders.

Samuel Bischoff, general manager of the Grand-Asher organization, announces that Ethel Clayton, long a Paramount star, has signed for four productions in which she will feature an all-star cast.

Probably the largest adding machine ever constructed for a stage setting is part of the scenic production used during the presentation of "The Adding Machine", at the Fine Arts Theater here. The play is getting splendid patronage and is unique in its plot.

During January ten films were declared unfit for showing in Pasadena, according to the report of the Censor Board of that city. The majority of the pictures were shown in Los Angeles without question.

Announcement is made that the New Biltmore Theater will open March 3, with "Sally", featuring Leon Errol. This is Los Angeles' newest

K. & E. house and is the most modernly equipped of any on the circuit. It will mean that Los Angeles will get many New York successes for two weeks at least. It will be open summer and winter.

Mrs. Park Prentiss will leave in a few days for a tour around the world. After a short stay in New York she will sail for Shanghai, China.

The following officers of the Wampas Club were elected the past week: Harry Wilson, director of publicity of Principal Pictures, president; Roy Miller, of the California Theater, vice-president; Thomas Engler, of the Hamilton-White Pictures, secretary; Adam H. Shirk, of Grand Asher Pictures, treasurer. The board of directors includes Harry Graham, Mike Boyland, Pete Smith, Ray Leek, Joe Jackson and Erick Reeve.

Henry Engard, who will manage the side-show with Al G. Barnes' Circus the coming season, has arrived in winter quarters and is assembling his attractions.

Signora Eleonora Duse and her company arrived during the week and direct from Rome. They will appear for four performances at the Philharmonic next week. Italy's queen of tragedy and acknowledged greatest actress of the world will play to packed houses, as the advance sale so states.

Herb Wiedoeft's Cinderella Orchestra has recently completed its first record for the Brunswick, and the California supply of it lasted but two weeks.

Practically every convention to be held in Los Angeles this year has arranged for at least one night at Grauman's Egyptian Theater. This unique theater, acknowledged to be the finest of its type in the country, is one of Los Angeles' greatest attractions.

Chas. Redrick will direct the Al G. Barnes Circus Band and is conducting daily rehearsals. With all arriving at winter quarters it looks like a real city. But three weeks until the show moves.

The Mission Theater here has been leased for three years by the Pacific Southwest Theaters, Inc. The new holding company is headed by A. H. Emmebiser of San Diego. The stated that \$200,000 is the amount of the lease.

The Bernardi Exposition Shows will open its season in Glendale the coming week. After a few weeks in the South they will head north.

Louis Lee has sold the Moonstone Apartments at Redondo Beach and will make an extended tour of the East. Whether he will return to the beach or make his home in Los Angeles will not be decided until his return.

The Jennings Tent Theater, touring Southern California, has been doing uniformly good business; played every hamlet and now playing Los Angeles suburbs.

Harry L. Leavitt, who conducts the Universal Lyceum Booking Offices here, is putting on a huge industrial exposition for the colored population of Los Angeles. The space for exhibits and the advance publicity is drawing wide attention. It will be the most elaborate colored celebration held here.

Ascot Speedway Park drew another crowd of 20,000 Sunday. The auto races are arousing enthusiasm and when the park is completed this will be the greatest outdoor amusement plant in Southern California.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association is beginning to create an influence among the show ladies of this Coast. The card parties and the socials that occur semi-monthly are popular means of bringing together the ladies of the show world. Mrs. George Hines, the president, has succeeded in having new surprises at each session.

C. W. Parker was here last week in regard to installing another of his rides in Long Beach. Parker made a flying visit to the Orange Show and then back to Frisco, where his factory is running full blast.

# MAGIC AND MAGICIANS

FROM Paris comes word that Stockmann, the hypnotist, who for many years has toured the world in his "magic" with his credit demonstrated, has returned to a monastery of Franciscan monks near Lyons, France, where he will end his days, as he is not a Catholic.

He is now a disheveled old man, whose magnetic eyes have grown dim and he will walk. He says: "It is an organization. If I succeeded in impressing so many people, it was only because I was impressed then myself." He commended his career by leaving the Capucian monks.

Back to the States once more after a four-month tour of the Hawaiian Islands, Baby Face Woods' Youngest Mind Reader, writes from Los Angeles of the world's hospitality shown by the Hawaiians who make the Pacific Isles their home. She concluded her engagement at the beautiful Hawaii Theatre Honolulu, and in all her other engagements has "the pleasure to find more modern and luxurious comforts" behind the scenes.

"Enough can never be said," she writes, "of the beautiful farewell given to all who leave the island. And the sweet sounds of 'Aloha' the Hawaiians sing out to me, and I know they are saying farewell, which means that: 'Some day I'll return to thee'."

About the publication of magazine articles exposing magic, the Mysterious Holbert, of Cushing, Ok., says: "One expert of how any trick or the principle is performed, only helps the public to see thru many other tricks. . . . I do not say that the expose of the small parlor tricks makes much difference, but I have run across articles that explained how big illusions and stage tricks were performed. . . . If a magician is performing any of these exposed effects, there's only one thing for him to do and that is, dispose of it. . . . I do mean for a living and the apparatus and effects I have collected represent many days of hard work. . . . Isn't it possible for us magicians who depend upon the performance of magic for our living to stop these exposures? I am in for anything that will help."

Wallace, the Magician, is playing the Carolinas, where he reports business as excellent. He writes:

"I believe I have the largest one-man mystery entertainment en route. Of course, there are amateurs who stay in one place who have more apparatus than I, but I know of no other entertainer who travels and entertains every night who carries as much apparatus as I do."

Wallace does all his own routine, and doesn't carry an advance man. He has a clever "give-away" in the form of a small pamphlet for publicity purposes, which on the fly-leaf says: "How Wallace, the Magician, Performs His Trick". Aside from this intriguing announcement the other pages are entirely blank.

Mimo Reno is taking a long needed rest at her home in Kankakee, Ill. She is readying a new act to open in June, while her husband, Edward M. Reno, continues with the Redpath Lyceum Tour, for which he has played for seventeen years.

"I will probably stay with them," he writes, "until I retire from the profession. I have been on the road for fifty years, in the magic game, and my hands are as good as ever for manipulating coins, cards, balls, etc. And I am always on the lookout for something new and novel to improve my show."

Hall, "The Miracle Man"; Edna Blanche and Princess Marjah are making their headquarters in Johnstown, Pa., while playing nearby towns. This is Hall's eleventh annual tour.

Speaking editorially of a recent performance for "women only" by Zangar, the Rockville Center (L. I.) newspaper says:

"He deals with human interest along the lines of psychology and is not a romancer in the sense of the majority of his calling on the entertainment stage."

Mrs. Lucy Lingerman, magician, wife of Sam Lingerman, Philadelphia ventriloquist, has been discharged from a hospital after seven months' treatment for mental breakdown, an after-result of typhoid fever and "flu". Her address is 705 North Fifth street.

Sailer Finek and Company communicate that they are playing to good business in Missouri. Finek is still doing his navy escape act, and plans to resume his regular route in April.

This is a department of news and opinion. It will be the aim of the editor to present to the readers each week topics of pertinent interest to magicians, embracing the highlights on activities in general in magicdom. Magicians are invited to contribute items of interest regarding their doings and personal views on things magical. Communications should be addressed to the Magic Editor, The Billboard, 1493 Broadway, New York.

## FAMOUS COWBOY AND GREAT MAGICIAN MEET

### Sullivan and Thurston in Joint Exhibition of Speed

"The hand is quicker than the eye." For years this has been a standard line with magicians and draws to the imagination a

keen memory of disappearing dollars, rabbits, cards and even faces. But it has remained for Jack Sullivan (Texas) to enter the field of fast-hand manipulation as the best combat to introduce such unbelievable speed and quickness of the pistol hand as to astonish even the great magician, Howard Thurston.

Having heard of Mr. Sullivan's wonderful development of speed on the draw and replacement, hammer, hammer forward, repeats and the famous "Bronch" revolver, and hearing that Mr. Sullivan was a Cincinnati visitor at the same time that he, Mr. Thurston, was playing Cincinnati last week, he invited Sullivan to visit him in his dressing room at the Grand Opera House and exchange a friendly exhibition of speed on the "draw". Sullivan with his Colt's six gun and Thurston with the magician's deck.

Mr. Thurston astonished the cowboy with his inimitable adeptness at making coins already apparently in his grasp disappear, card tricks that would have seemed impossible to the early Western gambler. Then in turn he was entertained by an exhibition of lightning draws and fast gunplay made with a heavy Colt single-action forty-four revolver by the cow-

## ON THE LIVING THEATER

By MAX REINHARDT

[From "Max Reinhardt and His Theater", edited by Oliver M. Saylor (Drentano's), 1924]

IT would be a theory as barbaric as it is incompatible with the principles of theatrical art to measure with the same yardstick, to press into the same mill, the wonderful wealth of the world's literature. The mere suggestion of such an attempt is a typical example of pedantic scholasticism. There is no one form of theater which is the only true artistic form. Let good actors today play in a barn or in a theater, tomorrow at an inn or inside a church, or, in the devil's name, even on an expressionist stage; if the piece corresponds with the play something wonderful will be the outcome. All depends on realizing the specific atmosphere of a play and on making the play live. And yet do not banish from the temple marble traders and money-mongers, but also the overzealous high priests who desire to rob the theater of all its brilliancy and sensuousness, who would like nothing better than to turn it into a preacher's pulpit, who swear by the written word, and who after having murdered the spirit of that word would like to press it back again into its place in the book.

Just the contrary is the true mission of the theater. Its task is to lift the word out of the sepulcher of the book, to breathe life into it, to fill it with blood, with the blood of today, and thus to bring it into living contact with ourselves, so that we may receive it and let it bear fruit in us. Such is the only way; there is no other. All roads which do not lead into life lead us astray, whatever their name may be. Life is the incomparable and most valuable possession of the theater. Dress it up in any manner you wish, the cloak will have to fall when the eternal human comes to the fore; when, in the height of ecstasy, we find and surpass each other. The noble dead of a hundred, of four hundred, of a thousand years ago, arise again on the boards. It is this eternal wonder of resurrection which sanctifies the stage.

Therefore, do not write down prescriptions, but give to the actor and his work the atmosphere in which they can create more freely and more deeply. Do not spare stage properties and machinery where they are needed, but do not impose them on a play that does not need them. Our standard must not be to act a play as it was acted in the days of its author. To establish such facts is the task of the learned historian, and is of value only for the museum. Now, to make a play live in our time, that is decisive for us. The Catholic Church, which aims at the highest, the most spiritual, the most supernatural, does so by means which appeal directly to the senses. It overwhelms us with the pathos of its temples towering in the sky, it surrounds us with the mystical dimness of its cathedrals, it charms our eye with wonderful masterpieces of art, with the brilliancy of its colored windows, with the luster of thousands of candles which reflect their light in golden objects and vessels. It fills our ear with music and song and the sound of the thundering organ. It stupefies us by the odor of the incense. Its priests stride in rich and precious robes. And in such a sphere of sensuousness the highest and the most holy reveals itself to us. We reveal ourselves and we find the way to our innermost being, the way to concentration, to exaltation, to spiritualization.

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Mr. Park also has a rink at Mercer, Pa., known as Mercer Gardens, under the management of Besale Specht, the Pittsburgh and Acron "Flying Dutchman".

SKATING NOTES

Harold Keefe writes that he is operating a rink at Galion, O., and one at Crestline, O., and that business is good at both places.

Joe Lauray and Jack Clarke have been racing on a Monday night at the Lehigh River Armory Rink, Chicago, and drawing good crowds.

Cliff Howard, manager of Poughonias Garden Rink, Washington, Pa., finds that the plan of having a "hostess" in the person of Mrs. Howard, is very popular with his patrons.

S. J. LeMay writes that he opened his rink in the Armory at Kookik, Ia., February 1, and has been enjoying good business.

Rollie Barkhimer, speed skater of Columbus, O., and manager of Smith's Roller Rink in that city, wants to head an association of speed skaters that would supervise championship events and maintain a booking office for skaters.

Cliff Howard would like to see the racing meet held in a number of cities instead of concentrated in Chicago. "Why single out one place?" he writes. "Why not let Chicago have one or two distances, Cincinnati have a distance (Cleveland another), and so forth?"

The staff of the Merrick Gardens Rink, Oklahoma City, Ok., includes H. W. Clemerson, manager and floor manager; Rudolph Williams, Wm. Barth, Howard Lacy Austin and Chas. Cooper, instructors. The skating crew is C. L. Smith and George Arnold, check room; Henry Bridges, matron; Mrs. F. L. Smith; ticket seller, Mrs. Wood; doorman, Frank Hlavy; special officer in charge, Claude Booth.

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of the Oklahoma City police force. Skate boys, Wm. Russell, Claude Myers, Raymond Spencer, Verne Brewer, Ralph Brewer, Elmer Houdler and Chas. Brock. Mr. Clemerson finds that interest in skating is keen, and he has a large number of college students taking private lessons every day after school hours.

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Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—This week started off with a terrific snowstorm that kept up until Wednesday, delaying traffic and hurting theater business in general.

At the Theaters Players here for the first time are: Irene Bordun in "Little Miss Bluebird" at the Broad Street Theater scored, "You and I" at the Walnut Street did fine, and "Sally, Irene and Mary" at the Lyric is a success.

Continuing plays are: Richard Bennett in "The Dancers", Adelphi; "So This Is London", Garrick; "Greenwich Village Follies", Shubert; and "The Bingham Girl", Chestnut Street Opera House.

About Town Notes Photoplays drawing well are "The

White Sister" at the Arcadia, "The Covered Wagon", Forrest; "Humming Bird", Stanton, and "The Ten Commandments", opening this week at the Alden.

Stid and Jane, a two-man act in "one" (singing, talking and ukelele playing) are a hit at the Girard Avenue Theater this week.

Johnny Black, well-known showman and composer of "Dardanell", is connected with and part owner of a cozy luncheon shop, "The Tea Pot", 327 S. Camac street, where he is welcoming old and new friends.

The Nelson Family was a big hit at the Strangers' Circus last week and scored likewise at the Girard Theater the first half of this week.

Millie Gambarelli and the Capitol Ballet from the Capitol Theater, New York, is added attraction this week at the Stanley Theater.

Maie Desmond and Her Players are giving a fine presentation of "Over the Hill" at the Desmond Theater this week. "Kempy" next week.

The De Marcos and their Seven Musical Shells scored in the Keith Chestnut Street Theater and VanArman's Minstrels of thirty-two people—five acts, a band of sixteen pieces and orchestra of ten pieces—were the whole show at the Alhambra.

The cafes and cabarets are under the watchful eye of the General Butler crusade. With enforcement of the proper closing hours it seems that people here are sort of "home tired" and staying home to be entertained by radio. The past two weeks have been about the quietest in all lines of show business in Philly for a long time.

BILLBOARD CALLERS

(NEW YORK OFFICE) William Glick, M. J. Lapp, Joseph B. Kuhlmann, Russell Start, Ed G. Holland, J. E. Pool, Arthur E. Campfield, Walter Berry, representing the Artisan Factories, Inc., makers and dealers of musical instruments for show purposes, North Tonawanda, N. Y. George W. Smith, booker of musicians and musical acts, New York. R. C. Carlisle, James E. Orr, W. H. Middleton, C. A. Bell, Mystic Clayton, Charles Lindan, representing Kennerly Company, New York. Back after a tour of New England States. P. Percy Morency, James W. Boyd, Charles A. Robbins, King Karlo, W. J. Hanley, J. J. Kelly, Peter Brody, Hamida Ben, Barney Lopez, Charles T. Heap, of publicity department, Tex Austin's "prodios", Will open office in New York to get organization ready for British Empire Exhibition, Samuel Modelsky, concessionaire, New York. Miss T. Bassler, playwright and sand-volley author, New York. John C. Wannor, dealer in all kinds of animals and trapezies for circus, carnival and moving pictures, Newark, N. J. Frank J. Broder, last season general agent James M. Benson Shows and recently agent for one of the "Hunchback of Notre Dame" film companies. J. J. Mistrot, water show manager of Stratton Island, New York. William Baughin, Will play his carnival at attractions on Long Island, N. Y. the coming season as usual. Alfredo Swartz, high-wire artist, playing in and out of New York at indoor events. George Barlow, veteran "Dutch" comedian of Brooklyn, N. Y. Harry E. Tudor, of Thompson's Park, Rockaway Beach, N. Y., accompanied by J. W. Zarrow, of the International Device Manufacturing Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa. Joseph S. Semon, librarian for Merle Evans band on the Long Island Circus, was wintering in New York. Donnell Farnsworth, talker and lecturer. May enter a commercial line adaptable to his talents in New York. If he does he plans to retire from show business. George L. Jolyne, in New York Richmond, N. Y., an business for the Charles L. Douglas Shows, Ralph Finney, of New York. Is making preparations for his coming season's tour with an outdoor amusement organization of some magnitude. George H. Hamilton, of Floral Park, Long Island, N. Y. is back in the outdoor amusement field and recently transacted some business at Stratton, Pa. In this connection, C. W. Morey, who does rhapsody in the Luna Park Circus at Coney Island, N. Y. Plays in a motion picture now and then during the winter season. He is a capable actor and lecturer as well. Benjamin Williams, back in New York after a tour of New England and Eastern Canada booking his carnival attractions for the coming season. Reports as having met with considerable success. Chief White Hawk, Indian actor, playing in the "White Cargo" in New York. H. N. Body, of the Endy Shows, Tamaqua, Pa. Edward M. Johnson, carnival general agent, of New York. M. J. O'Grady, concessionaire, New York. Hamida Ben, of the Hamida Ben Carnival Attractions, New York. Leslie A. McCracken, business manager Mystic Clayton, J. E. Pool, the well-known radio comedian of the team of "Jo-ha and Tidd", playing in motion pictures in New York for the David Wark Griffith studios. George W. Traver, general manager George

W. Traver Chantanna Corporation, New York. Wintering at Coney Island, N. Y. Percy Morency, closed his indoor season with Charles Carlisle's attractions at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Will post a while in New York before taking on his duties on the advance staff of the Bernard Greater Shows at Baltimore. M. J. Arthur Hill, manager Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and well known indoor and outdoor showman, New York. Victor Lee, has before leaving for Shreveport, La., to join the Morris & Castle Shows. Ed G. Holland, concessionaire, manager of Philadelphia, Pa. will again be with Samuel Semon's carnival until the season opens. George W. Rollus, just before sailing for Charleston, S. C., with Mrs. Rollus. They will later join the Morris & Castle Shows, on which they will have several attractions the coming season. Albert K. Ironsland, representing the B. S. Pazzell Corporation, New York. Harry Thurston Showman, of Chicago and former of Howard Thurston, the internationally known magical entertainer who makes his summer home on Long Island, N. Y. Jack Lerman, animal trainer, late of Christy Bros' Circus, just before leaving for Columbia, S. C., to join the T. A. Wolfe Shows as manager of the annual arena. James Heron, manager "Toyland", B. F. Keith's New York Hippodrome. Walter Wilcox, well-known carnival showman, of Wharton, N. J., accompanied by G. B. Kuss, concessionaire, who says he will join Harry and Mark Witt's carnival attractions when they return from South America. James H. Scudding, retired railroad conductor, of Stamford, Conn. Known to practically all circus men of the country and well liked by all. He will make a tour the coming season and will visit a number of circuses. M. B. Golden, general agent and traffic manager Bernard Greater Shows, after a tour of a number of States booking for the season. He works the booking of all the class A fairs in Virginia outside of the State fair for his company. He left to close a few more dates, after which his route for the season will be complete. Bert B. Perkins, of the Metro Pictures, New York. Edwin Stephens, talker, living at Coney Island, N. Y., for the winter. He expects to again be engaged there for the coming season. Frank Holton, representing the engraving firm of H. M. Williams Company, New York. J. H. Klecht, Wild West singer, just before leaving for Orlando, Fla., to take the front of the I. X. L. Ranch Wild West of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition. H. L. Hamilton, former business manager Dorman & Krause Shows. Has for the past six years been with Nancy Boyer and Company, which is at present playing a sketch over the Fox vaudeville time in and around New York. He is managing the act and playing a part. May return to the outdoor field the coming season. E. L. Gamble, vaudeville author, of East Liverpool, O. Ted Metz, just before sailing for Havana, Cuba, to join the Canosa Shows with his side-show attractions. George D. Steele, of the Sells-Floro Circus, East from Port, Ind. Raymond Hathaway and Homer B. Bert, concessionaires, Adolph Seeman, of the Hubert A. Cherry Shows. Doing some work on a show which will be shipped to Montgomery, Ala. for the opening of the season. Is making headquarters for the present at the Boston Hotel, Coney Island, N. Y. Mrs. Captain Powers to report her husband as much improved after an operation in a hospital in New York. Tim Murphy, decorator, of Pottsville, Pa. Courtney Ryley Cooper, famous writer of press columns, wintering in New York. Samuel J. Banks, circus press agent. In the city for a dry or two on business. James H. Lyons, representing the Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia, Pa., accompanied by Al T. Halstein, of the John W. Moore Amusement Enterprises, with headquarters in New York and Chicago. R. S. Uzzell, of the B. S. Pazzell Corporation. Plans to exploit something unusual in outdoor amusement. James F. Vinton, of James P. Victor's musical attractions, Brooklyn, N. Y. Reports a very successful booking tour of the fair men's meetings in various parts of the country. Steve Lynd, circus and carnival boss hostler. In New York arranging for the coming season's tour. J. J. McCarthy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., buyer and seller of show property. W. H. Godfrey and Arthur E. Campfield, of the Blue Ribbon Racer, Inc., with offices in New York. Bill Callers at J. A. Jackson's desk; C. Lucian Skinner, editor of The Washington Gazette. Mary Scott, a record artist, from Washington. In town to record some more numbers. Minto Cato, singer, who has been launched as a single in the "better" vaudeville houses. Viola McCoy, an Aeolian recording artiste and vaudeville singer. Leroy Crosette, the "dancing wonder". Ethel Hill, who has a female band now. Attorney Rivers, president of the Erielee Club. Arthur Granville, a freelance writer. Musical Semboles, with Jack Reid's "Record Breakers" Company. Brassfield's Orchestra. Wilbur Sweatman, band and orchestra agent. Denslow and Boone, a vaudeville team. Joe Simms, from the "Shuffles of 1924". Love and Mitchell, vaudevillians. Billy Cumby, from Jack Reid's "Record Breakers". Gray and Histon, singers. Alfredo D. Pizarro, who has the "Tasmanian Trio". Maharajah, the Mysterio. Edith Doran, of Jersey City. Claire Campbell, a Maryland chorister. Hooten and Hooten, who jumped in from Baltimore. Kinney and Batchelor, who have a show in preparation. Fred Jennings, banjoist, who has joined "Shuffles of 1924". Will Marlon Cook, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyer and her child dancer—a little marvel. Dan Michales, of the Michael Bros. Carnival. Bob Slater, secretary of the C. V. B. A., who is leaving to visit his home in New Orleans for a few weeks. Theodore Pankey, actor-manager.

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FAMOUS COWBOY AND GREAT MAGICIAN MEET (Continued from page 50) ago. He also has an international reputation as an athlete, big-game hunter and traveler, and is a close personal friend of Fred Stone, James J. Carbett and many other notables. Last summer, in June, he astounded sportsmen and lakemen by paddling an eighteen-foot canoe across Lake Erie from Rondeau, Can., to Cleveland in rough weather. He is the son of Col. J. H. Sullivan ("Broncho John"), who is well known in army circles and a veteran showman of the original Buffalo Bill outfit and of B. F. Keith's and Mr. Albee's earliest Boston vaudeville ventures.

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## THE PAGE "PLAYS" CHICAGO

Last week's "PICKUPS" left us in Chicago, where we were a delegate to the SANHEDRIN or all-Race conference. This movement is beyond all doubt the greatest inspirational achievement within the Race in recent years. Knowing the possibility of being kept busy, your Page tried to get his showfolks' interests in line FIRST. On arrival we went to the VINCENTS HOTEL, and show people or anyone else really caring for comfort will do well to do likewise when in Chicago. MRS. BARNETT has a hotel in the whole meaning of the word.

In spite of the snow-covered sidewalks we promptly set out "legging" after the amusement folks. Called at the GRAND THEATER, but there was no matinee. We went to the COLUMBIA HOTEL, where we found ERNEST WIPPMAN, and thru him relayed word to the company that we were on the job. Wednesday night with DAVID HAWKEY, vice-president of the APPOMATTOX CLUB, we visited a performance of "Let's Go", the second production of MR. WEINGARDEN'S troupe. Back stage, after BILLY HIGGINS had given us away to his audience, we had a glorious visit with SUSSIE SUTTON, WACE GORGAS, MRS. JACOBS, CLIFF ROSS and the whole good-natured gang. A packed house obliged us to occupy the very last row and this after the show had been in town for three weeks. Missed friend MAX MICHAELS, but had a phone chat with the busy manager, and was honored by having Mr. Weingarden take us home in his new car.

Of course, we reported at THE DEFENDER early in the week. TONEY was on his good behavior, and our arm was no quite broken. Looked over Brother ABBOTT'S big DEFENDER plant and recommended an exhibit in progress to anyone who is pessimistic on the matter of Race progress. What a brilliant staff that paper has, and what an efficient organization—time clocks and everything else that's in their line. They get out two editions, the Chicago city edition and one for us country folks.

Over on State street had the pleasure of calling upon W. L. JACKSON, who has a combined music studio and store. He sells everything in the line of music and instruments and enjoys big classes. He is another old codger with whom we tramped in the days of long ago.

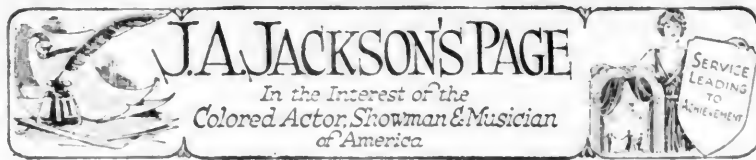
At ST. MARK'S CHURCH Sunday night the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS conducted a "watch-meeting service". WALTER E. GOSSETT and a choir of thirty very excellent voices with the organ and four violin accompanists were a feature attraction. I pity the REV. J. B. REDMOND'S congregation if show managers ever hear those voices.

Later the same night we encountered DR. HARRY GARNES, husband of MME. ANTOINETTE GARNES, operatic singer, and CLARENCE MUSE of the producing firm of MUSE & CARPENTER, but we could not establish a connection with BILLY KING to save our little life. In the meantime we had the pleasure of serving with J. WESLEY JONES, PROF. MUNDY and T. THEODORE TAYLOR, who served on CLARENCE CAMERON WHITE'S committee on music. Sure there were ladies there. Why, it was MRS. ANDERSON who demanded on the floor that cognizance be taken of the importance of music. FLORENCE COLE TALBERT and PAULINE LEE very belligerently sustained her idea and it prevailed.

Two of the sessions of subsidiary bodies were held at the NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC, and between these we met the faculty of an institution that seems destined to become a history-making feature in the life of our generation.

The Faculty is: Piano—Hazel Harrison, Hilbert E. Stewart, Cleo Mae Dickerson, Pauline James Lee, Ione M. Trice, Grace Dunlap, Della Davis, Pelacie Blair, Lucille Diemer and Mallie McKay. Violin—Harrison Emanuel, J. Howard Offutt and Charlotte Paige. Public School Music—Pauline James Lee, president, and Ione M. Trice. Vocal—Florence Cole Talbert, Hugh Buchanan, Antoinette Garnes, Bessie E. Hicks, Winona Mason Brown, Lucille Diemer, Lemmyon Amoureux and Clara Hutchinson. Organ—Sterling Todd, Pelacie Blair and Juliette Cameron. School of Dramatic Art—Carol McCoy and Lou Ella L. Smith. Harmony, composition, counterpoint, canon and fugue, Hilbert E. Stewart. Full orchestra, military band, conductors' course, Major N. Clark Smith. Toe, ballet, interpretative and classical dancing, Hazel Thompson Davis. Physical education, playground recreation, Katherine J. Flowers. History of music, Lucille Diemer. Violin and cello, Charles Wilson and N. Toomey. Clarinet and saxophone, Albert Jones, Sterling Todd and A. C. Fernandez. Cornet and trombone, Harry Johnson. Tympanist (drums), James A. Bertrand.

TIFFANY TOLLIVER, Roanoke (Va.) theater owner and film distributor, was attending both conventions. JEANETTE CARTER, Washington correspondent so well known to showfolk, was a busy guest at the Vincennes, as was JULIA RUMRY JONES, the delicate little feature writer of The Pittsburg Courier staff, who has so often promoted actresses to headline



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places in that paper. HARDY KEITH, of The American, published in the same city, and the whole A. N. P. crowd, including "TEN EYK", had assembled in the town. More than thirty other pencil pushers were in the hotel and only two showfolk to help them get atmosphere. Say, didn't MISS MAITLAND, of "FOLLOW ME", and MRS. KINNEY, a New York girl with the Shubert "ERMINE" COMPANY, have the time of times, all the visitors to themselves?

The most impressive feature, banks, clubs and insurance companies aside, was the Metropolitan Community Center, where the REV. COOK administers the religious life of 3,000 people, and his daughter, EDNA H. COOK, a trained social worker, cares for the material welfare of his congregation. It is a picture of the finest sort of spiritual and practical co-ordination that has come to our notice.

Solomon Bruce, leading man in "Uncle Sam's Mail Sacks", one time star of the Ethiopian Art Theater, and his friend, Sylvester Russell, took an especial interest in your humble scribe, and acted as a volunteer committee to care for our happiness. If you want good clapperage get a theatrical writer and a dramatic actor together.

Even if we did come back to a lot of waiting duties we are glad we went to Chicago.

## CLARENCE CAMERON WHITE



The greatest violinist of the Race and president of the National Association of Negro Musicians. He acted as chairman of the Music Commission at the Chicago Sanhedrin, or conference of sixty Negro organizations of nation-wide character, that assembled to create greater co-ordination of Race effort of advancement. Incidentally, it was the first time the profession has been accorded complete recognition as a factor in civic progress.

## COLORED ACTORS' UNION IS CAMPAIGNING FOR MEMBERS

Vice-President S. H. Dudley, of the T. O. B. A., met members of the Colored Actors' Union in Washington at union headquarters February 17 and the indication of favorable consideration for the union interests by the circuit has been a tremendous influence toward a renewed activity on the part of union officials.

Tellair Washington, in reporting on the get-together meeting, commends most highly the work of Jules McGarr, who has been functioning as a traveling delegate tustling the revival of real interests. The secretary is anxious that every former member send in his assurance of continued interest and that every colored performer with the interest of his profession at heart get in touch with him at once. He wants all to be ready to catch hold of a spoke in the wheel that must be turned to success. He makes it clear that he does not want any money at this time, tho it is self-evident that financing will be required before the desired ends are accomplished. Mr. Washington may be addressed at union headquarters, 1223 Seventh street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. Dudley has sent out the following statement on the matter of relations between the circuit and the union:

"All acts and managers that I have spoken with personally are elated over the classifying of acts and companies now playing the T. O. B. A. Time. I have worked hard on this matter for more than a year and called a meeting of the acts and managers in my office. The

Page was present and I regret to say that very little was done at this meeting, but I am proud to say that at the annual meeting in Chattanooga my idea met the hearty approval of all present, and it looks like a sure go this time. I am asking acts to make good my promise by bringing us new songs, jokes and scenery and better costumes and eliminate all smut. It is up to the acts to classify themselves and the T. O. B. A. is ready to accept your classification and pay you more money. There will be three grades. Of course it is up to the acts to make Grade A as soon as possible, and we are anxious for you to make this grade as it will encourage Grades B and C to improve their acts. By improving all acts it will improve business in theaters and booking offices. If we can pay more salaries we can and will collect more commission, so you see we are as anxious to help you as we are to help ourselves and the managers at the same time."

## THE SANHEDRIN

When the All-Negro Sanhedrin adjourned in Chicago delegates of sixty-seven different national Negro organizations had pledged themselves to Prof. Kelly Miller and his plan to consolidate all active forces of the group in an effort to better the condition of the Race. The groups represented the range from Racial labor to the National Negro Business League and every type of body between. The interests of the profession were provided for in the findings of the body by the following resolutions prepared in a commission headed by Clarence Cameron White. A careful reading of it will convince the artist that he is fully accepted as a very vital part of the forces for good. The report:

The Commission of Music and Kindred Arts respectfully submits to the Negro Sanhedrin the following report of its deliberations:

In view of the fact that music and its kindred arts (the drama, etc.) form a point of contact with the other races, we beg recognition of the importance of the arts toward the achievement of a better understanding between the races. We feel that this can be brought about in the following ways:

1. Education of the general public to appreciate artistic worth in Negroes both in music and the drama. We mean by this the acceptance of Negro artists as soloists, composers and instructors wherever their qualifications warrant and the acceptance of the Negro actor and dramatic writer wherever their ability and qualification warrant.

2. That the Negro student in music should be given an opportunity to enjoy the privileges of various scholarships both at home and abroad wherever their talents merit, thus giving the Negro student the preparation in his art that will allow him to contribute his bit to the future of American art.

We believe that these points are of vital importance to the higher development of the Negro in America in an art where his talent is generally conceded to be pre-eminent. It is worthy of mention that the two outstanding achievements of the Negro during the past year have been in the field of art, i. e., Roland Hayes' and Marlon Anderson's engagements as soloists with two of America's leading symphony orchestras and the awarding of the "Legion of Honor" by the French Government to Henry O. Tanner.

William Dean Howells once said: "I permit myself to make the prophecy that all restrictions and prejudices which surround the Negro will vanish in the air."

## BATHHOUSE AND HOTEL

The Knights of Pythias have in all probability realized more than any other of our fraternities the material ambitions of the Race. The order has erected auditoriums, theaters and hotels in many cities. Last week in Chicago their finance and building committee authorized the erection of a structure that will cost between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. Work will commence at once. In Hot Springs, Ark., they recently opened a hotel and bath house that is admittedly the finest structure of the sort in the big national park without regard to race. A most completely equipped sanitarium is featured. The hotel, a five-story structure, topped with a roof garden, has every modern facility. Rates range from \$7 to \$21 per week, well within the range of all. Performers playing the city would do well to avail themselves of the period of maximum comfort made possible by Grand Chancellor Green and his many thousand Pythians.

William Tucker, Cassie Morris and William Turner have been added to the orchestra of the Douglas Theater, Macon, Ga.

## Minstrel and Tent Show Talk

## Officer Gets Robinson Show Band

David C. Officer has been booked for the John Robinson side-show band for the coming season thru the F. C. Davis music office of Nashville, Tenn. He also will be in charge of the minstrel performance and announces that when the show opens, about April 15, he will have an excellent group of musicians and performers.

## Sells-Floto Side-Show Band

Montell Proctor, of Lebanon, Tenn., will have the side-show band, numbering sixteen pieces, on the Sells-Floto Circus this season. He was leader of the side-show band on Howe's Great London Circus in 1920 and 1921. The following year he furnished music for fairs in Tennessee, and last season was cornetist in the side-show band of the S. F. Circus. The colored band will, for the first time, take part in the spec. of the Sells-Floto Circus.

## The Corey Minstrels

The Corey Greater Dixie Minstrels report continued good business thru Pennsylvania. The band has been enlarged by three pieces, and George Mitchell, jazz drummer, is making a hit with the public everywhere. Mr. Corey had the car brought. It was overhauled for the summer season, according to a letter from William Allen, who has been managing the winter tour.

## "Silas Green"

Stage Manager Harry Gray of the "Silas Green" Show has provided a new and interesting letter from the old Southern Institutional show. It is still in Florida and doing a great business. He informs that Bob Inness was a recent visitor at Plant City. Bob is located in Tampa, where he is staging a new show for Frank Young. Willie Edards, who and contortion artist, has joined the "Silas Green" Show to compensate for the absence of Walter Gray, who was hurt in a recent auto accident. Mildred Scott resigned in Palatka. Wonder where the little lady went? Billie McAllister succeeded her on the show. James Penny has been doing the straight part since Isiah Martin left the cast. Prof. Booker continues with the band, of which he is so proud.

Hurl and Harry Nay and "Doc" Gardner, owners of the Busby Minstrels, have provided The Billboard with a revised roster of the show that includes all the original members remaining with troupe and the recent additions as well. Mr. Gardner is company manager and G. W. Hopkins is ahead. Roy Armstrong directs the orchestra and G. W. Davis is band leader.

Nny Brothers are featured comedians, with Fred Tucker, Hoyt Jenkins, Bennie Wilkinson and Kent Smith supporting their work. Lawrence Nay is the interlocutor and is a ballad singer.

Others are Arthur Meadows, W. P. White, Rosetta Smith, Lillian Turner, Ada Armstrong, Edith Smith, Charles Green, Frank Perkins, Herbert Whitfield, Roy Armstrong, Jem Wylie and Mr. Route. The show is still in South Dakota.

The Minstrel Show with the Wise & Kent Shows will open at Atlanta, Ga., March 1, with fifteen people, including an eight-piece band, according to R. L. Davis, who says contracts call for thirty-six weeks' work.

Pearl Manning, wintering in Meridian, Miss., expects to be with the Sparks Show again and to join shortly. Thanks, Pearl, for the sympathetic expressions in your letter.

George C. Christian of 1308 Madison street, Louisville, Ky., advises that Mr. Monahan, owner of the "Smarter Set Minstrels", will not send the attraction out this season, due to other interests that require all of his attention.

Buckwheat Stringer, whom we thought lost in the jungles is with the C. R. Leggett Show. After closing his season in New Orleans, he joined Capt. C. W. Nall's Minstrel, but did not remain long. Incidentally, he says "Slim" Oscar Jones, stage manager of that company, is a most worthy man and a real trouper. Biddle Jackson, late of the Alabamas, also was on the show. So was Willie Crocker, once with the "Habit's Foot" Company.

Fred Kent, musical director, and his wife are with Stringer on the Leggett Show. Happy Hinson and W. I. McDonald were visitors on the show at Leesville, La. Joe Stevens, a brother of Willie Stevens, was there seeking his brother Willie, who is now with a medicine show.

Rosetta Smith of Shoshone, Wyo., advises she is going to join Nay Brothers' Show soon, as she holds the boys in the highest esteem. She has taken the baths at Thermopolis and has completely recovered from the illness that obliged her to take a vacation.

Lawrence Baker writes from San Antonio, Tex., that he jumped from New York to become a feature on the Campbell Minstrel Show. Lawrence, you are mistaken about that. Every



I ever received was most complimentary to you and your talent.

Kid Checkers and his wife, Helen, are wintering at 1100 Burnett street, Paducah, Ky.

Neil Young informs that his company of twenty people will altogether likely be seen with one or the other of the organized carnival companies this season. Rain, cold weather and early opposition has made the going for the exceptionally well-framed attraction a bit hard, but M. K. Feltz, who has been ahead doing "wildcat" booking, has pulled enough people stuff to keep the outfit going.

Bob Williams and his Kentucky Rosebud Minstrels are in the coal fields of West Virginia. They report turning away more than 500 people at McComas. Eva Williams, Babe Roberts, Mack Lovingsood, C. L. Smith, Grandpa Johnson, Francis Baurnelre, V. T. Robinson and a six-piece jazz band constitute the bunch, according to a letter from H. S. Butler.

Marguerite Montagne, who closed with the Sparks Show in December, and has since been at her home, 403 East Third street, Carrollton, Mo., is undecided whether she wants to leave her recently purchased house to travel this season or not. Two years ago she did painting on the Main Show.

Dan McBeales, one of the brothers who own the only Negro carnival company, was a caller at the New York office just prior to starting for Washington to attend the convention of Negro fair officials.

T. O. B. A. REVIEWS

Shreveport, La.

(Star Theater, February 11.)

Ted Pope's "Dixie Serenaders", a company of twenty-five people, occupied the house for the first two weeks' engagement by any show within the knowledge of the writer. This, the first of four bills, ran an hour and forty minutes and was a 100 per cent attraction as to talent, material and costumes. Despite rain, patrons stood up downstairs and the management was obliged to throw open the seldom-used gallery, which was about a third full.

Eddie Moore is featured, May Pope is leading lady and Ted Pope is the featured male. J. A. B. Taylor has the straight parts and "Dusty" Brown is principal comedian. Others are H. Perry, H. Charleston, Allen Spears, Rosa Taylor, Bobby Broadway, Ruth Brown, Ethel Mayo, Rosa McMillen, Thelma Tuggett, Kitty Parker, Cora Foster, Mary Francis, Francis Golnes, Willie Mayo, Jasper Brown, Chas. McMillen, George Tuggett and A. Lopez.

After an overture that drew applause, J. A. B. Taylor, as master of ceremonies, introduced the company before a special drop in "one". A nice electric effect enhanced the bit. Raising this drop revealed another before which the company put over the initial song and dance ensemble. A full-stage setting with effects was then revealed and the principals went into a highly amusing plot, the lines of which drew steady applause. The bit was called "Life". Then Bobby Broadway and the chorists gathered an encore and two bows in "one". Charleston, in full stage and working under cork, but over a highly commendable avocable offering. He declined an encore. Ethel Mayo and the chorus did a number built around the song "Indiana", and Taylor and "Dusty" put over a line of street patter effectively. Miss Taylor and chorus took bands on "Dearest", followed by two yodeling numbers by Eddie Moore, who for an encore handed out a "blues" that riled the house.

The second bit, called "The Quitter", with Pope as a bad man in Western dramatic stuff that utilized all the principals, provided a finale filled with thrills and sent the people home thoroughly satisfied.

WESLEY VARNELL.

Macon, Ga.

(Douglas Theater, February 4)

Jimmie Cox and his original "Georgia Red Hats" made a big hit in Macon. The first show brought a two-thirds filled house and the second show for opening day drew a full house. The opening chorus was a medley from Longshaw's "Ragtime Dances", followed by a quartet in "That's Why We're Called the Georgia Red Hats". This number went over well. Baby Ernestine proved the fastest one on the stage. Fat Johnson, black-face comedian, was a big hit and earned applause thruout the show. Baby Ernestine followed with "Way Down South", "Who's Sorry Now", and a buck and wing dance. She received hoovy applause. She is in a class by herself, rating 95 per cent. The "Crazy House" went over fair. The final chorus was "Sitting Pretty in a Pretty Little City."

Cox was not able to get out until the last half of the week, being ill since arriving in Macon, and his first appearance went well. He states that he has added to his company three chorus girls, making a total of thirteen people.

GARFIELD L. SMITH, Jr.

NOW IT'S IN PICTURES

A FEW ignorant fellows have jeopardized the tenure of the group in burlesque. A few friends have been trying valiantly to stem the tide for the sake of the decent colored performers in the field; whether with success or not remains to be seen. We have at any rate postponed the evil day.

On top of this we find the following story in The Los Angeles Now Age-Dispatch, authoritative organ of the colored group in Western filmdom, of February 9: "January not only set a record for the number of calls for colored talent at the studios, but also set a high mark for the number of complaints received at a local booking office."

"Reporting late and not reporting at all formed the largest number of complaints. Bad department on the set was reported in several instances. Missing wardrobe and unsatisfactory acting swelled the list of complaints. "Moving picture work is no longer just a day's diversion or the means of getting a meal ticket."

"Those who accept engagements and then do unsatisfactory work jeopardize the living of those who take pictures as a serious business."

"It is quite refreshing to know that there are some workers who can be relied upon to deliver the goods whenever sent out on an engagement."

In the face of such developments as these, performers, it's distinctly up to you not only to govern your own department, but to educate the ignorant, shiftless and irresponsible ones in the profession as an insurance against losses to yourself. The morally and mentally worthless ones must be eliminated that the profession may survive.

HERE AND THERE AMONG THE FOLKS

P. G. Lowery advises that the Elks' Indoor Circus in Cleveland, the first ever given by a Negro organization, was an immense success in every way. Turnaway business was registered several nights, and on Saturday the show was obliged to provide an extra performance. The backers had a good show, a good band and spent money to advertise—and it paid. Who will be next to try the big idea!

Whitney and Tutt have contracted to star in Mitchell Bros.' "Come Along, Mandy", for a ten-week tour of Southern territory.

A local paper reviewing the performance at the State Theater in Beacon, N. Y., makes the following statement: "Copeland and Jones, clever colored entertainers, are the outstanding bit of the bill." Short and sweet, that is.

The Tasmanian Trio were victims of robbery while playing the Standard Theater, Philadelphia, week ending February 9. The performers lost their tuxedos and some miscellaneous wardrobe. Mr. Gibson adjusted the loss of the artistes to their entire satisfaction.

Dan Wylie, skater, and Jack Taylor were the colored contributors to a twelve-act bill that constituted an indoor circus February 13 to 23 in Richmond, Va. Dan advises that he was featured.

The George Wintz "Shuffle Along" Company is now domiciled in a new 75-foot sleeping car that was delivered in Macon, Ga. Mr. Wintz informs us that the attraction is doing great business and is booked solid till the latter part of May.

The Lafayette Theater, Winston-Salem, N. C., was totally destroyed by fire the night of February 14. The bookings will be transferred to the Duubar, another house owned by William Scales in the same city. Mr. Scales has placed a hurry order for 200 additional seats for the smaller theater to accommodate the patronage of the burned theater. The loss is about \$25,000, partially covered with insurance. The company playing the house at the time lost everything in the way of scenery and properties. Except for water damage, however, the wardrobe in the basement dressing rooms was saved. Three weeks will be required to restore the house.

Jack Cooper writes from West Palm Beach, Fla., that "Doc" Johnson and Turner Layton are at the great resort and getting \$75 per hour for their entertaining talent, and that "Broadway" Jones is a favorite at the bigger club on the Island. Cooper recently gave a party for the bunch. Plates for forty were set. He continues as manager of the Dixie Theater in West Palm Beach, tho' the house has been sold by the Kettler Enterprises to Arthur Benjamin of Detroit.

Glenn Basfield, Youngstown (O.) A. F. M. official and band manager, writes to comment the "Brotherhood" idea among musicians, and to compliment the Warmack Orchestra of Cleveland, whose broadcasted program he enjoyed recently. Fine spirit, that.

James Goodman, producer of the Lyceum units that bear his name, has transferred his headquarters from Brooklyn, Conn., to 271 Main street, Worcester, Mass. He is now preparing for the summer's work.

Bobbie Bramlett, of the Four Dancing Devils with the "Temptations of 1921" on the Columbia Burlesque Wheel, writes to encourage us in our fight to keep colored folks in burlesque on the straight and narrow path for the benefit of all for the coming season. Thanks, Bob. Hope that they all have the same sensible views as you on the matter.

The Chintz-Moore interests are trying to locate a house in Fort Worth, Tex., with a view of filling the gap in the jump to San Antonio so that the distant theater there may be more easily supplied with acts. Chintz seems to have solved the trick of making money under the conditions that prevail in the Lone Star State.

Joe Russell writes from St. Louis telling of his meeting with Moss and Frye, Slim Larker and Little Jeff. They, with the "Shake Your Feet" Company and the bill at the Booker T. Washington, gave the Mound City a lot of high-class talent for one week.

Eddie Thompson advises that Evelyn Preer, leading lady with the second group of Bishop's Lafayette Players, is now Mrs. Edward Thompson. He further advises that the company has

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more than a year's work ahead in Southern territory. For that reason Miss Preer declined the offer of Raymond O'Neal to join his New York promotion. May be good judgment in view of previous experiences. Edward says he "remembers 'Dumb Luck'."

Leon Gray writes from the Boisy DeLegge "Baudana Girls" Company that the show has been doing nicely for the past two weeks in Baltimore. Florence DeLegge, Viola Wilson, Ethel McCoy, Thelma Moylen, Virginia Parker, Ike E. Moore, Jimmy Warren, "Old Folks", Zollie Ford and Leon constitute what is reported as a clean and redned little show of unusual merit.

An altercation between Louis Azorsky, manager of the Robert Levy Company of Lafayette (Continued on page 70)

DRAMA RETURNS TO LAFAYETTE

Robert Levy has revived his Lafayette Players, and a company headed by Ida Anderson opened at the Lafayette Theater, New York, February 25. The troupe had been in the Dunbar, Philadelphia, for two weeks prior.

"The Wicked House of David" was the initial New York offering. Charles Olden, Rupert Marks, Marle Young, Arthur Taylor, James Norman, Dan Edwards, Hetta Smith and Kate Shipley were in the cast.

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**Editorial Comment**

**T**HAT musicians gain rather than lose prestige by appearing in more than one field of entertainment was again proven by the large audience which gathered recently to hear a recital by Frederic Fradkin, violinist, in New York City. The artist was at one time, not long ago, concertmaster of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and then became a member of the orchestra in one of New York's largest motion picture theaters. Following this he appeared as soloist at another large movie house and thereafter played the vaudeville theaters. That his art was in no way impaired by these departures from the concert world was proven at his recital, and there was also proven the fact that his following had been greatly increased.

Other artists would do well to abandon their mistaken idea that only in the concert field can they develop an audience which will appreciate and understand the beauties of music.

**G**IVING samples for the purpose of establishing trade has been a practice with business houses from time immemorial—and a legitimate one.

If those receiving samples were satisfied with the quality of them it meant sales.

With the stage it would seem the same holds true in some if not all cases.

For instance, we'll take magic. Complaints, we understand, have been made against Thurston for the teaching of small pocket tricks to the public. The master magician admits that he has been doing this and will continue to do so. He contends that thru this he has been doing a great thing for the future of magic by getting people, old and young alike, interested in that art to such an extent that they afterwards go to the theater to try to figure out just how he does the professional tricks and illusions, which, of course, he doesn't expose. The magician also contends that the teaching of small tricks to the younger generation and interesting them in the art of magic will be the means of furnishing the next gen-

**T**HE Negro Sanhedrin All-Race Conference, held in Chicago recently, did a world of good.

Representative members of the Race from all over the country attended and discussed their problems with their fellow members. It helped them to realize the wonderful opportunities they have nowadays.

Nowhere is this opportunity more marked than in the theatrical profession. Relatively speaking, there are probably more members of the Race in the show game than any one other profession in the country.

Negro humor appeals very strongly to white audiences. That is why the "Shuffle Along" and "Runnin' Wild" companies have been so successful. They could never have been successful on the patronage of their own people alone. It is also one of the reasons why so many actors do a black-face act, imitating the humor of their colored brothers.

**E**QUITY is to be commended for the efforts it is putting forth to restore the one-night stand.

There are scores and scores of towns

actor, he contends, is at his best when he feels the emotion that he attempts to convey to his audience. To use Mr. Arliss' own words:

"There can be little doubt that in certain telling situations supplied by the author an actor who is master of his art can move an audience without himself being moved, and I have known many instances where the play is so appealing that even a bad actor incapable of great feeling has succeeded in creating a deep impression upon his audience. But if it is suggested that it is an actual advantage for the actor to abstain from feeling the emotions that he is intended to arouse then I am bound to say that this is entirely contrary to my own conviction. However great an impression an actor may create by this method, I can never be convinced that he would not have made a still deeper impression if he had felt the emotion himself. Surely the best and truest acting must come from within and not be merely external. I am not in favor of an actor who is so emotional that he gives a different performance every night; as a rule he is a temperamental performer, but not a good actor. In my opinion the best actor is likely to be the man who forms an absolutely fixed opinion of his character during the period of rehearsal and maintains his creation during the entire run of the play. But that is not to say he may not improve it in detail, and I fail to see how he is to enrich his performance if he does not feel it. He cannot be guided by laughs or applause from the front. To gauge success by these audible punctuation marks is most dangerous and is liable to lead to destruction. Then how are we to get these sudden flashes that enrich a performance and that only appear when an actor comes in contact with an audience—how are we to get them if we do not feel?"

"Coquelin had a great personality and could act while thinking of other things with less detriment to his reputation than the majority of actors. I find that if I think of other things my audience follows my example and I am recalled by hearing cough, enough, cough from different quarters of the house. If I then pull myself together and think of what I am doing I can generally succeed in bringing the audience back again. And I can't help wondering what happened to Coquelin's eyes when he was thinking of other things. An actor who has ever played in the 'movies' will have discovered that the camera registers thought thru the eyes; the most fleeting emotion is recorded and the camera has no mercy on the actor who is thinking of other things or is incapable of imagination, and what the camera sees, the audience sees—in a lesser degree perhaps, but sufficiently plainly. My opinion is that the eyes are the actor's most valuable assistants if legitimately used and that they cannot truly register an emotion that is not behind them."

**THE BALLAD SONG IN ENGLAND**

By DOUGLAS GRANT

(Author of "Little French Baby" and Other Popular Ballads)

**W**HAT HAS become of our popular ballads? Up to two years ago one could depend on a more or less consistent succession of "winners". Lately, however, they would appear to have become "conspicuous by their absence", which seems a pity, since they undoubtedly filled a very human want. It is an interesting fact that at the present moment two of the largest song houses hold diametrically opposed views on the subject: One contends that the ballad song is dead and is adjusting its business accordingly, and the other is optimistic of its revival. Which is right? We all know that the dancing craze, the cinema and broadcasting are largely responsible for this neglect of a very delightful art, but the question remains—have we seen the last of the popular ballad?

We must remember that in France the ballad, as we know it, is almost nonexistent, so that is by no means impossible. It has been said that popular taste is only turning to what is known as the "art song"—something on a little higher artistic plane. But can this be possible without a similar advance in the capabilities of the amateur? The artistic level of most of the popular songs of the old days was infinitely higher than that attained by the average amateur who rendered them. Have we any reason to believe that he has improved to justify this contention? I think not. What then is the explanation?

The real explanation lies in the fact that the amateur has at last awakened to a realization of the fact that he can't sing! It has taken him a long time, but try how you will, you will not get him on his feet now, and the result is he buys no songs, even tho he likes those he hears. It was always the instinct of mimicry that made songs popular. He has no use for anything that will be merely a visual reminder of something he has heard. Suburban hostesses have done their best in times gone by to persuade him that he can sing—and failed! I should be inclined to add "fortunately", only, alas! I happen to be—a Ballad Songwriter!

eration with magicians of greater ability.

Thurston threatens to resign from the Society of American Magicians if his contention is not upheld by that organization.

**T**HE Upshaw Bill, now before Congress, if passed means federal control of the movies, with a commission of seven to license all films which conform to the necessary standards.

It is doubtful if federal control would improve matters in the movies any more than State control has helped boxing. It might even muddle things.

New York State boxing is controlled by a commission, yet only recently Berlenbach, pugilism's newest luminary, met a palpable setup in Pat Walsh, an unskilled novice. Here a boxing match that had drawn thousands to Madison Square Garden to witness what had been extensively advertised as a "contest" degenerated into a fiasco.

Almost daily the papers and fans rave about "punch" decisions rendered by the State Boxing Commission's judges at bouts.

Congress might do well to consider these things and make haste slowly with the Upshaw Bill.

thruout the country that are hungry for dramatic shows; in fact, have been for months.

With amusement it is identically the same as with food. People tire of being fed with the same thing. They want variety, and when they don't get it they become disgusted. Who wouldn't? Who would want to eat nothing but pie or cake for every meal for months and months?

Little Theaters and home-talent shows have helped some, but far from enough.

High railroad rates, it must be admitted, are the greatest drawback. But if at all possible under these conditions let the one-night-stand show come back. There is probably nothing that would receive a greater welcome.

And not only that; it would create more work for actors, actresses, managers, agents, etc.

So we repeat: Welcome, one-night-ers!

**G**EORGE ARLISS, in The Illustrated London News, gives some interesting points in his opinion on "Acting and Feeling". He argues that acting is an art, not merely an exhibition of emotions. The practiced

With factories, residences, etc., being built on them, show "lots" for circuses and carnivals in a number of cities and suburbs are getting to be as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.

The situation seems to grow more serious from year to year.

If officials of these places don't get busy and make provision for show grounds, lovers of circus and carnival amusements will have to "go begging" for them.

The merchandise wheel won out in Virginia when the Willis Bill was recently rejected by the Senate. A number of Senators agreed that there was no need for any more law and that if the officers of the counties and cities did their full duty every one operating such a concession unlawfully in that State could be penalized.



# Qualifications and Preparation

## Required for Maintaining Artistic Standards in Organ Playing for Motion Pictures

**T**HAT organ playing for motion pictures is a new art in a formative stage of development, with a very brief history and not a little of tradition. Its history covers a period of little more than two decades, but this brief period has been one of remarkable development and progress. All of the motion picture industry has been one of marvelous growth. Looking back at the beginning of this great industry and tracing its development we find that the type of picture, the class and kind of actors, the settings—all have changed and the little hand-box type of theater has given place to the luxurious motion picture house of today; and with the growth and improvement of the pictures and their luxurious handling has come a demand for better and improved organs and for a gradually higher standard of organ playing. Naturally with this rapid spread of large and splendidly equipped motion picture houses all over the land comes an increasing demand for organists who can enter this new field of work which has become recognized as a distinct, dignified and lucrative profession.

Now these questions arise from the great mass of young organists who wish to enter this very interesting and promising profession: What are the qualifications required and what is the preparation needed for motion picture organ playing which will not only satisfy the demands of the present but which will meet the demand made upon the organist of the future.

Let us first consider the qualifications for this line of work, then we will better know the preparation required. Now it is plainly demonstrated that it is not possible to state definitely just what qualifications are necessary for the playing of motion picture accompaniment on organ if we consider these facts:

First—Motion picture playing is a new art in a formative stage of development.

Second—There has been an unequal development of this art in the larger houses in the big cities and in the smaller houses throughout the country.

Third—It has developed along different lines in different sections of the country. This is particularly true of the styles and standards of playing on Broadway and generally through the West.

Fourth—The qualifications which make for success in one organist may be quite different from the qualifications which make for equal success in another.

Thus it can readily be seen that there can be no specific set of qualifications for the success of all motion picture organists with some general opinion as to what constitutes good picture accompanying and with such general development in the art of picture playing. In an art so young and so rapidly changing and developing one can scarcely define the qualifications necessary for success at the present time or prophesy what attributes will constitute most to success in the future.

Now in face of all these facts, it is the opinion of the writer that there are at the present time and will be in the future certain conditions which the motion picture organist must possess, if he enters this field of activity with view of giving a musical accompaniment to pictures along lines which are in keeping with the ideals and standards of art, and of making of his playing a real musical thing or a companion to the motion picture. It is the object of this article to consider these qualifications and the preparation needed to meet these qualifications.

First—If one is to use the organ as the instrument for his musical accompaniment, he must first of all have a thorough knowledge of the organ and an acquaintance with all of its possibilities and have a technique adequate to the demands for execution. An acquaintance with the organ and its possibilities of registration is to give the varied coloring and effects to be used for the shifting moods, and action of the picture, will come thru the organist's own fingers. He will gain much by listening to the playing of good organists as he may be able to do, but in the end he must be the master of his own palette, he must experiment and find colors until he gets all of the coloring he needs and that it is possible to obtain, throwing aside tradition and fear and not being misled by what others have done or are doing. Learning to the sympathy of nature will train the organist to discriminate in tone quality and will give him a sense of balance and proportion. But as to the acquiring of a technique adequate to the demands made upon the player, that will come only thru a thorough, systematic, fundamental training on organ which be best received under a competent organ teacher and continued until the organist is well enough equipped to meet every demand which the organ places upon him.

**T**HE time is past for pianists to be made into "picture organists" by magic. There have been many piano players who in the earlier period of picture playing have been transformed from piano player to so-called picture organist by the simple process of changing from the piano bench where they have been playing piano to the organ bench where they have continued to play piano, and brazenly announce themselves picture organists to the manager and to the public. Fortunately both managers and audiences are being educated to recognize the difference between the well-trained organist and the pianist on the organ bench. That the picture organists already have awakened to a realization of the fact is evidenced by the great number of organists who, having played organ in picture houses for years, are setting about seriously to improve their organ technique and to enlarge their capacity for good organ playing by systematic study and practice. This is best accomplished under the instruction of a well-schooled organist who knows the art of picture playing as well. But it is better to carry on this fundamental or advanced technical training with any good legitimate organist of good standing than to try to gain any good results from study with the type of organist who, because of cleverness and a certain experience before the screen, occupies a prominent position as theater organist but who has not been well trained himself in organ playing and theory of music.

The day is not far distant when all who hold positions simply because of cleverness and trick playing and because they are jazz specialists will have to "look to their laurels". The public and the managers will not always be fooled by tricksters; there are too many finely trained organists being thrown into the profession who can offer cleverness, trick playing and good "leg" and at the same time set standards of organ playing and musicianship which are being more and more demanded by the public, which is becoming better educated musically and becoming more discriminating as time advances.

Second—The motion picture accompanist must be sensitive and imaginative and have ability to anticipate the screen. No matter how good a musician he may be, if he is not sensitive and imaginative he should not expect to succeed as a motion picture organist. One is either sensitive and imaginative instinctively, or is not. If he knows that he is not, he had better keep out of this kind of work, and if he does not know he will soon find it out thru his manager and the public. Often it happens that one who is instinctively sensitive does not display much imagination in his playing of the picture, partly thru fear, partly thru indifference; it is simply necessary for such organist to put aside fear and stimulate his imagination.

For the encouragement of those who may lack in this qualification, let them be assured that if they are sensitive, emotional, and imaginative by nature, they can put these elements into their playing before the screen by concentrating and by throwing themselves into the story as it unfolds.

Third—Must have a good memory both for compositions of wide range and for remembering characters and the story of the picture. The good picture organist must have at his command a large repertoire of compositions by our best composers, as well as lighter numbers, popular melodies and jazz for the greater part of his work. While all of this material does not need to be memorized, yet he cannot play successfully without enough of it memorized that he is not handicapped in his adapting of this music to the picture. This will be accomplished with time and effort. Much of the memorizing of the music which adapts to pictures is accomplished thru the routine of daily playing.

Fourth—Must have talent for improvisation. By this I do not mean that to be a successful picture organist one must be able to improvise all of a feature or comedy or news weekly. As a matter of fact, with few exceptions the organist had better confine his improvising to effect smooth transitions between his selected compositions and to insert effects which are better created thru a free improvisation. I have yet to hear the picture organist who can interest me thru the improvising of the whole picture. To improvise in an interesting and effective manner the organist must be able to mold his improvisation to definite form and structure and keep proportion and balance. This may be done nicely with a few self-created numbers and for a short time, but unless one is well trained and schooled in harmony, counterpoint and composition, his improvisation becomes a mere mindless wandering thru unnatural progressions of commonplace harmonies which, instead of affording a pleasant and satisfactory setting to a picture,

becomes a source of irritation to the listener and detracts from the interest in the picture rather than enhancing the beauty and power given out.

Again I say improvise well where it is adapted to the requirements of the picture but do it sparingly.

Fifth—Must have a good working knowledge of harmony, and of harmonic progressions. This qualification has already been mentioned above as a requisite for good improvisation. A mere theoretical training in harmony is not sufficient to meet this demand, yet to prepare for this qualification one should have thorough theoretical training, but should from the beginning of his training make it practical on the keyboard. His ear as well as his mind must be trained. In selecting a teacher for this training it is well to discriminate between the theoretical teacher and the teacher of theory who is a practical musician.

Sixth—Must have some knowledge of orchestration. In most of the larger houses with large orchestras, and even in smaller houses with the smaller orchestras, the organist is called upon to play with the orchestra. This requires that he have some knowledge of orchestration to be able to maintain correct balance with the other instruments; to play so as to allow solo voices to be heard; to reinforce the orchestra to the extent required, and to fill in missing parts, which the score calls for, which can frequently be taken by the organ. A knowledge of the orchestra will assist the organist to a better sense of registration in his picture playing and will enable him the better to keep a correct balance of tone at all times.

Seventh—Must be a good sight reader. This is a qualification not to be overlooked. In playing a recital or a church service one may be able to prepare carefully in advance the numbers to be used, but not so in picture playing. To accompany pictures seven days in a week from four to seven hours per day, requires that much new music be thrown into the organist's repertoire continually, and without time to carefully prepare it in advance as may be done in recital or in church service. It is here that the ability to read well at sight is of inestimable value to the picture organist. This qualification is acquired naturally and gradually thru the experience of reading much new music in this way if the organist has been previously well trained on piano. If he has not had good fundamental piano training, it is well worth the time spent to give over some time each day to systematic piano study.

Eighth—Needless to say one should have a good sense of rhythm and pitch.

Ninth—Must be alert, full of "pep" and have good judgment. The unexpected so frequently happens in the incidents of a picture that one must be ever alert. Even to care properly for the expected when it happens requires alertness. This is acquired thru training in concentration on the thing at hand to do and is naturally sharpened thru the routine of picture playing.

There is no place in a picture house for a dull organist. He must be full of "pep" and keep his playing at all times of interest. An occasional afternoon or evening away from the grind of seven-days-a-week playing is advisable to keep up enthusiasm and "pep"; also some keen interests outside of his work should be cultivated.

**GOOD JUDGMENT.** By this I mean GOOD JUDGMENT in all that the organist has to do. GOOD JUDGMENT in the adaptation of the music to the screen. GOOD JUDGMENT in his use of registration, not keeping a few stock set combinations to be played with the use of the same set pistons for all occasions, but using taste and judgment in having the desired coloring and effect and the necessary variety and contrast to make his playing of interest and to make it adapt to the shifting moods of the story and picture as it unfolds. GOOD JUDGMENT in the amount of tone that he uses. (Some organists seem to think that only ff or fff is desirable from start to finish; this surely is a case of bad judgment.) GOOD JUDGMENT in all that one does before the screen can be acquired thru a careful consideration of all matters at hand and comes with experience in playing just as it comes into our lives thru the experience of living, if we think and live right as we travel along our journey.

Tenth—Must have tact and ability to understand and adapt to manager and to audience. To be a success in any picture house one should have tact when being "handled" by manager and when he is "hauling" the manager. He should study the desires, tastes and whims of his manager and be able to forget his own pet ideas which do not conform with those of his manager. He is being paid by the management to deliver the goods which the manager wishes. If we go to market to buy prunes we do not wish the dealer whom we pay for the goods to force upon us strawberries because they may be more to his taste or may happen to be in season. It is enough that he deliver to us what we want and what we pay for, and not what he thinks we should buy. If, however, he should tactfully remind us that strawberries are in season and we take the strawberries instead of the prunes and are pleased with our bargain, all well and good; but we do demand that it shall be done tact-

fully, not arbitrarily. Just so a little tact in consideration of the wishes of the manager may smooth over many a hard row and often can be used effectively against the all too common two weeks' notice. Not only should the organist study the desires and taste of his manager, but let him make as well a study of his audience. He should in time know pretty well their musical taste and their capacity for different grades and standards of music, and try to keep at least a part of his music in keeping with these likes and standards.

Now the young organist who reads over these qualifications may say to himself, "What is the use, such qualifications cannot all be combined in any one organist?" But take heart, be of good courage. Many are the organists who have started with but few of these qualifications, but who thru years of well-directed effort have little by little prepared to meet all or most of these qualifications and have had a jolly good time along the road and are now reaping a rich harvest as reward for faithful pursuance of the ideals they have kept at all times before them—but remember they have been RESOURCEFUL, CLEVER, FAITHFUL, EARNEST, DETERMINED and DEVOTED to their work.

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Communications  
to New York Office

## Plan To Foil Thieves by Marking Films

### Independent Producers and Distributors Work Out Scheme of Code Mark- ings To Prevent Thefts

New York, Feb. 25.—The Independent Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association has worked out a scheme which is hoped to be the solution of one of the most trying and persistent troubles of the picture business, film piracy. The stealing of prints of pictures and selling them for showing in this country and foreign countries—principally the latter—has always bothered the producers and distributors. In many cases, when film pirates have been apprehended abroad, lack of ability to prove actual theft has defeated prosecution of them. The new plan is hoped to do away with this hardship.

A special committee of the I. M. P. D. A., composed of Arthur M. Smallwood, Jack Cohn and John Lowell Russell, has been investigating the situation for some weeks and has conferred with executives of the Eastman Kodak Company in an endeavor to have manufacturers of raw film stock place some sort of marking upon unexposed film which will serve to identify all product. This having been found impracticable, the committee devised the plan by which each producer will work out a private code, to be kept secret, for each release, which will be inserted at different intervals on the margin of all films. In this way, when disputes arise, positive identification will be possible.

The I. M. P. D. A., which has been in existence for only a short while, has established offices in the new office building at 1650 Broadway. Charles Hoy, of the Hoy Reporting Service, is in charge.

### STRAND TO GET "BEAU BRUMMELL"

New York, Feb. 25.—Altho Warner Brothers consider their new picture, "Beau Brummell", which stars John Barrymore, to be strong enough to get a special Broadway showing at one of the legitimate theaters, the picture will play at the Strand. The Strand contracted to show it along with several other Warner pictures, and insists that the contract be carried out, refusing to waive its rights.

### TO PRODUCE ROOSEVELT PICTURE

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—The life of Theodore Roosevelt will be made into a feature picture, according to an announcement made by W. F. Wood, general manager of United Producers and Distributors, Inc. Alf. Goulding has been signed to direct the picture, which will be episodic in nature, showing Roosevelt from a schoolboy to his adventures as an explorer in the jungles of Africa and South America.

### BROMBERG SELLS INTEREST IN EDUCATIONAL 'CHANGE

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—Arthur C. Bromberg, head of Progress Pictures, of this city, is no longer handling the distribution in this zone of the educational short subjects. He has sold his interest in the Atlanta Educational Exchange to Earl W. Hammons, president of Educational. Arthur Lucas is now managing the local Educational Exchange.

### LOCAL PICTURE WORK STARTS

New York, Feb. 22.—Production work on "The Puritans", the picture which the Film Guild has undertaken for The Yale University Press series of "Chronicles of America", got under way this week. The picture is being made at the Pyramid Studios, Astoria, L. I.

### WITHDRAW CHRISTIAN'S NAME

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The candidacy of George B. Christian, secretary to the late

## It Strikes Me—

THE REACTION to the spread of the producers' gospel, "bigger and better pictures", was the loud and long cry of the exhibitors, "Give us the pictures that the public wants, with the simple stories and the direct dramatic action that always have popular appeal; never mind the 'bigger and better' pictures, if you mean by that the kind of over-their-heads stuff you've been handing us." But the "bigger and better" pictures were already completed and they had to be sold; and the exhibitors suffered; and so did the producers. Then the producers announced that they were thru with the "bigger and better" films and were going to make pictures with the kind of stories the public demanded. And now these "better, but not so big", pictures are coming out on the market. And they have the simple, understandable stories the public wants, but—

It takes ability and intelligence and dramatic insight to make an interesting picture. A producer can't take a story theme that has been done many times before, change it around a bit, engage cheap pinds to make it into a picture and then expect satisfactory results. You've got to have more than an attractive title and a conventional story; YOU MUST HAVE BRAINS IN THE DIRECTION.

Too many of the picture directors are men without creative imagination. A director must be an artist to be worthy of his position.

Take this illustration of my idea: Two directors, one of them an artist, the other just a misfit, decide to each make a picture with a similar theme; say, for instance, the familiar and popular story of the wealthy young man who loves a poor girl and marries her in the end. The misfit director either merely sets forth the bare plot without interesting variation or distorts it in a desperate attempt to make it "different". But the director who is an artist builds up his principal characters into distinct personalities; he surrounds the main theme with colorful detail. He covers the bare branches of the story with a verdant foliage of characterization, of byplay, of subtle humor and satire. The misfit director's picture draws the disgust of the spectator. He goes out remarking that it is the "same old thing." But the picture made by the artist-director is "something new"; the spectator doesn't recognize the similarity of story.

Good examples of the two cases can be found in two pictures reviewed last week. One of them, "Restless Wives", is that "same old thing". The other, "Twenty-One", is the product of brains. Yet both have themes that have been done time and time without number.

The quality of the pudding depends upon the cook, not upon the ingredients.

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Censorship gains most of its support from people who are nothing more than busybodies, people of wealth and position who have so much time on their hands they don't know what to do with themselves. I bumped into one such, an elderly woman, at a trade showing last week. She was very talkative and manipulated a lorgnette like one to the manor born. I gathered from her talk that she had just witnessed, in the same projection room, a showing by the New York State censors of a number of "immoral" scenes that had been eliminated from various pictures. She had apparently enjoyed the show.

"I don't see why the producers don't make sweet, nice pictures," she complained. "I own stock in several picture companies." The last remark was intended to convey the impression that she knew a lot about pictures and the picture business. Didn't she own stock in picture companies?

It is from such people that the censorship advocates draw their inspiration—and their ammunition.

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The picture business needs more stars. Better than any other attraction to get the public into the theaters is the personality of particular actors and actresses. People go to see Thomas Meighan, not the pictures in which he appears. There are not enough Meighans. Stars must be made. Famous Players-Lasky is going to make one of Adolphe Menjou. And it is going to remake William Farnum.

There are a few people who can be made star attractions if the right campaigns are put behind them. First National hopes to make one of Corinne Griffith, but I think they picked a dud. Norma Shearer is ready-made material for some producer to cash in on.

*H. E. Shumlin*

President Harding, for membership on the Federal Trade Commission, has been withdrawn by President Coolidge. The immediate cause for the withdrawal is the charge made against Christian that he attempted to intimidate the Federal Trade Commission against issuing the Sherman Law complaint against the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.

## First-Run Theater Planned for Newark

### Famous Players-Lasky Reported Negotiating for Market Street Site

Newark, N. J., Feb. 25.—Another first-run picture theater may be built in Newark, according to persistent reports which credit the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation with conducting negotiations for the site in Market street, in the center of the city, now occupied by The Sunday Call building, which will be torn down. Famous Players-Lasky has had no suitable first-run house for its Paramount pictures since the beginning of the present season and it is known that serious consideration has been given to a theater building project to fill this requirement.

A first run in downtown Newark is recognized to be of great importance for the Northern New Jersey zone, and because of the inability of Paramount Pictures to get into the existing first-run houses Famous Players-Lasky has lost many bookings in neighboring houses. The Newark Sunday Call has evacuated the Market street building, moving to a new structure which it has built some blocks away. The old building is within a hundred yards of Adams Brothers' Newark Theater, which until the present season played most of the Paramount productions. The Adams did not come to terms with the Paramount people for this year, however, and the pictures have had to play at Loew's State Theater, playing vaudeville and pictures, which is not considered a good first-run house.

The Fabian interests, which control the New Jersey distribution of First National pictures, operate the other downtown picture houses, the Branford, Goodwin, Bialto and Strand. If the Famous Players-Lasky go thru with the theater building project, it will be the first house to be operated by the company in Northern New Jersey. Current reports have it that a house costing close to \$1,000,000 will be constructed.

### PARAMOUNT FILMS IN EIGHT PHILLY HOUSES

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—The unusual record of having eight of its productions playing at first-run theaters was made by Paramount this week. Seven of the houses are regular picture theaters and one is a legitimate house. A special advertising splurge in the Sunday newspapers called attention to the event. The pictures and the theaters are as follows:

"The Ten Commandments" at the Aldine, "The Humming Bird" at the Stanton, "Hed P'per Malone" at the Stanley, "West of the Water Tower" at the Fox, "Flaming Barbells" at the Victoria, "The Covered Wagon" at the Forrest, "Around the World in the Speedjacks" at the Carlton and "His Children's Children" at the Palace. The last-named picture was generally released several months ago, but its showing in Pennsylvania has been held up until now by the Board of Censors.

### HODKINSON GETS LOAN OF ANOTHER F. P.-L. STAR

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—Walter Hiers, Paramount star, will be co-featured with Dorothy Doyure in the Al. Christie feature, "High and Dry", which is to be released thru the W. W. Hodkinson Corporation. Hodkinson and Paramount have entered into extremely cordial relations, since Hodkinson gave up its contract calling for Betty Compson's exclusive services and in return obtained the services of Lois Wilson. This is the first occasion that picture stars have been "traded" in this manner.

New York—Hodkinson will release the James Kirkwood-Lila Lee vehicle, "Love's Whirlpool", March 2. "Try and Get It", with Bryant Washburn and Billie Dove, is set for release March 9, and "His Darker Self", the blackface comedy featuring Lloyd Hamilton, will be released March 16.



REVIEWS

By SHUMLIN

"RIDE FOR YOUR LIFE"

A Universal Picture

This latest Hoot Gibson Western is not up to the entertainment standard set by some of his previous productions. The fault lies in the story, which is highly improbable and, at times, a bit foolish. Hoot plays a cowboy who does a lot of shooting and riding in order to win the girl of his dreams. As a means to an end he takes his life into his hands by impersonating a bandit with a price on his head, staging a spectacular holdup now and again in the cause of Law and Order.

The time in which the story is set is that vague motion-picture age when modern railroad engines, stagecoaches, roost agents, gold strikes and frock-coated gamblers held sway over the West. This mixture of the present and the past in this way is a bit incongruous, but the producer hopes that the fast action, the horseriding, the shooting, etc., will cause the flaws in the story to be overlooked. I hope so, too.

In the supporting cast are Lanna La Plante, Harry Todd, Robert McKim, Howard Truesdell, Clark Comstock, William Robert Daly and Fred Humes. Miss La Plante is her usual sweet, appealing self, while McKim is as mean and malicious a villain as you could wish for.

The action all takes place out West, where straight shooters live honest. In the little nondescript town of Dusty Bend lives Betsy Burke, daughter of the sheriff and the town belle. Slade, the grim-visaged owner of the local gambling hell and combination gin mill and dance hall, holds Sheriff Burke's notes. He presumes, on this account, to pay sinister court to Betsy. But Bud Watkins, owner of a ranch he has allowed to fall into decay, even if he is a shiftless, lackadaisical sort, loves Betsy, too. One day, when Betsy is returning to Dusty Bend from a trip somewhere or other, the stagecoach is held up by a bandit called the Cossack Kid. The bandit acted right nice to Betsy, even if he did take her ring. Sheriff Burke and a posse get after the bandit, and succeed in wounding him, but he manages to drag himself to the Watkins ranch, entering Bud's home and then obligingly falling unconscious. The Cossack Kid dies, and Bud thinks it would be a good idea to keep the fact secret, and impersonate the bandit. This he does, making a dramatic entry at the Burke home, just as Betsy is being attacked by Slade. Before this, Slade won all Bud's property at a game of poker. As the bogus bandit, Bud acts very gentlemanly and impresses Betsy strongly. The action then shifts to the nearby town of Gold Center, where all the characters go. Slade also has a gambling hall in this burg, and he holds the entire population captive, forcing them to work their mines and give him half the proceeds. But Bud, with his bandit getup and trusty Colt, spuds Slade's well-laid plans and wins the goil.

Direction by Edward Sedgwick. Distributed by Universal Pictures Corp.

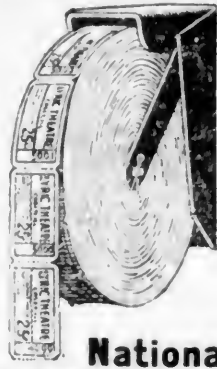
"FLOWING GOLD"

A First National Picture

Beesida having all the elements that go to make a box-office attraction, "Flowing Gold" also has everything that is needed to satisfy the entertainment desires of the majority of the public. And not only that; it can also be said that, for the most part it has been handled so intelligently that the idea of making it to conform with the public's taste has not been allowed to cheapen the manner of its presentation. It has been cleverly produced and has some mighty fine characterizations, over and above the strength of the plot. As a matter of fact, the plot is by no means novel, but the fine building of characters and situations make it seem unusual.

As for the box-office qualities, "Flowing Gold" has a top-notch cast: Milton Sills, Anna Q. Nilsson, Alice Calhoun, Josephine Crowell, Bert Woodruff, Charles Sellon, Crawford Kent, Gladie Fitzgerald and John Roche are well-nigh perfect in their parts. The characterization of a family of hard-poor Texans suddenly made wealthy by the oil boom, as created by Miss Nilsson, Josephine Crowell, Bert Woodruff and John Roche, is one of the best things ever done in that line. The fidelity of her performance in the character of the daughter of the family—crude, uneducated, yet craving for the better things, the refinements of life—is something Miss Nilsson may well be proud of. She is true to life to the end, demanding no concession, as ninety-nine out of a hundred other actresses would, that she be permitted to show at the end her ability to wear fine clothes with the air of one to the manner born. Milton Sills is also especially good.

"Flowing Gold" is a picture of the Texas oil fields during a boom. It has caught the spirit of feverish excitement, rush and hurry, the amazing overnight change from poverty to wealth, the utter disregard for money that



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follows always in the wake of discoveries of such things as gold and oil. This spirit it maintains to the end, without a letup. The action takes place in the town of Ranger, the nearby district, and the city of Dallas, metropolises of the Southwest. The picture of the mushroom town of Ranger is amazingly picturesque.

The story: Calvin Gray is a soldier of fortune, a gentleman of adventure. He comes to the Southwest on the crest of the oil-boom, with only a dime in his pocket, but possessing the "front", the nerve and the confidence to create a place for himself at the top of the heap. The first discovery of oil was made on the almost worthless farm of the Briskows, and that family has more money than it ever believed the world contained. Pa Briskow and Ma Briskow, their youthful son, Buddy, and pretty but uneducated daughter, Allie, try to get the most they can out of their money. By a clever stroke of self-advertising, Gray obtains the confidence of the leading jeweler of Dallas, who has received an order from the Briskows to send a large selection of jewelry to their farm. He has been afraid to send it, because of the thieves that infest the region. Gray agrees to take the jewelry out to the Briskow farm, altho he realizes the danger. At the farm he gains the confidence of the Briskows, sells them the jewelry they want, and returns in his car with the balance to Ranger. On the way he is held up, but succeeds in overpowering two thieves who waylay him and takes them in to Ranger his prisoners. Here he comes face to face with Henry Nelson, crooked banker, who was his superior officer in the American Army in France and whose perjured testimony got Gray dishonorably discharged. Gray is determined to revenge himself on Nelson and clear his name, and enlists the aid of Pa Briskow, who also has cause to dislike Nelson.

Gray's business ability and Briskow's money soon make the adventurer a commanding figure in the oil regions. Gray helps the Briskows "take their place in society" and rescues Buddy Briskow from marrying a blackmailing vamp known as "the Suicide Blonde". He succeeds in breaking Nelson and forcing him to sign a confession about the army affair that clears Gray's reputation. Then Calvin rushes to Allie Briskow and for good measure there is a "punch" scene in which Calvin's well is struck by lightning and takes fire, the two are trapped by a cloudburst, and Allie saves Calvin from a terrible death in the turbulent waters whose surface is one mass of burning oil. They reach safety, and confess their love for one another, and all is well.

The last scene is not really needed in the story, but the added punch will, of course, get it over much stronger with the dear old public.

Directed by Joseph De Grasse. From Rex Beasly's story. Produced by Richard Walton Tully. Distributed by Associated First National Pictures, Inc.

"SHADOWS OF PARIS"

A Paramount Picture

In this picture Pola Negri is displayed to better advantage than in any previous American-made film she has been starred in and, what is more, this picture is the best thing she has done for Paramount. And what is still more, it is the most interesting picture Paramount has turned out for a long time. It is the real goods. Another one of those rare occurrences, a fine box-office picture with strong audience appeal, that, at the same time, is intelligent themat.

"Shadows of Paris" is a play about the moxie and society life of the French metropolises. Miss Negri plays an apache queen, called "the Blackbird", who becomes the wife of a wealthy man, but finds herself unable to resist the attraction of her old life in the slums. She has several scenes in which her old-time fire and passion return to the full. The numerous changes she goes thru from the apache costume to the fine feathers becoming to her social position give her plenty of opportunity to both act and pose, but it must be said that her posing is not one-tenth as effective as her work in the more emotional moments.

In the supporting cast are Adolphe Menjou, Charles deRoche, Hunter Gordon, Gareth Hughes, Vera Reynolds, Rose Dione, Rosita Marstini, Edward Kipling, Marlice Cannon, Frank Nelson and George O'Brien. Menjou

plays an underhanded villain, which part does not give him much of an opportunity to display his remarkable talents. Charles deRoche shows to better advantage than ever before in the role of a daring apache gang-leader.

"Shadows of Paris" is an adaptation of a French play called "Mon Homme". It tells the story of a scintillating, passionate woman of the underworld, called the Blackbird, whose apache lover, Fernand, is reported killed in the war. She then leaves the apache life and becomes one of the most admired beauties of the quasi-concessions of Paris. She wins the love of a wealthy man who is the Prefect of Police of Paris, and becomes his wife. But Claire—that is her name—is unable to resist the glamour of her old life, and often sneaks out of her luxurious home to be for a few hours again the Blackbird of old. On these occasions she goes to the Cafe Boule, where she is always welcomed back. One night, when Claire's husband is preparing to raid the slum district, Claire goes to the Cafe Boule in her apache getup, and comes face to face with Fernand, whom she had thought dead. She still feels that she loves him, and is determined to tell her husband the truth. The police descend upon the place, and Claire escapes with Fernand, telling him to come to her home. Her husband hears that she has been seen in the cafe, and also that Fernand and his gang are preparing to rob his home, so he hurries back there.

Claire returns to her home, dons all her jewels, and then Fernand enters. When he sees the jewels upon her and learns she is married, his only desire is to take them from her, which he does. She then sees that he is nothing but a thief and loses her affection for him. Georges de Croz, her husband's secretary enters just then, also intent upon robbing her, and he fights with Fernand, killing the latter. Then Claire's husband enters and she tells him the truth about herself. But he still loves her, and she has come to love him, so everything turns out o. k.

It is not in the story, which is nothing new, but in its clever working out, its bright and attractive mountings, the close attention to detail and characterizations, that "Shadows of Paris" excels. It is a dandy picture and a great box-office bet.

Direction by Herbert Brenon. Produced and distributed by Famous Players-Lasky Corp.

"RESTLESS WIVES"

A Burr-Mastodon Picture

I never heard what person is the owner of the copyright on the story of the busy business man who allows his lonely wife to drift away from him, but, judging by the number of times that story has been made into pictures, that person must have to pay an enormous income tax. In "Restless Wives" that same theme appears again, with hardly any variation. This picture is because of that very fact rather uninteresting.

Granting the indisputable fact that the audiences in a great number of theaters—other than the so-called first-run houses—are not very discriminating, that they like the old stuff most of the time, it is perhaps true that "Restless Wives" will be able to satisfy such audiences. It should not cost the exhibitor much money for the privilege of displaying this production on their screens, however, for it is a distinctly third-rate film. It is, primarily, a box-office title upon which has been fastened several thousand feet of film to carry the name along.

In the cast are Doris Kenyon and James Rennie, who are featured; Montagu Love, who plays a trifling part; Edmund Breese, also in a two-minute role; Burr McIntosh, who I could never see as a picture actor; Edna May Oliver, Colt Albertson, Naomi Childers and numerous unimportant persons. Miss Oliver gives a humorous tinge to a few scenes as an old-maid stenographer.

The general idea in back of the story is that husbands should not pay too much attention to business, especially in this jarring age of overindulgence in prohibition, when there is so much to attract a young and pretty woman once she finds it necessary to seek for companionship from her husband. (Yes, "Restless Wives" delivers a sermon and teaches a moral.)

This general idea is illustrated by the history of the first year of the married life of James and Polly Benson. For the benefit of the chil-

dren of all ages who may view the picture, the course of the couple's life together is allegorical, say compared, all things the same with the fate of a little toy sailboat, which sails out from port so brightly, gets caught on sudden shoals, is buffeted by winds and waves, gets aground again. Such a thing being ideal.

James Benson is a busy man, the kind you hear about who is always swamped in deals and has to work so hard to earn his money and time to eat a single hot and steaming morsel of lunch. He marries Polly Benson, whose Wallingford-like mother always gave her something she wanted. For their honeymoon, the Bensons go to James' cabin in the mountains. They haven't been there three days when James, in answer to an important wire from the office, drops the honeymoon and returns to business. From then on his career is marked accordingly by the times he rushes out at broad fast without waiting to eat with his wife, the occasions that he could not find time to go out to lunch with her, and the times that he didn't come home for supper. The climax to all this is the occasion of the little dinner Polly and James prepared to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage, when James did not even come home. This makes Polly really angry, so she puts on her ermine wrap and goes to join a party at a swell club. One of this party is Curtis Wilbur, a typical hound, who has been making a play for Polly. Now, this is the very restaurant in which James is eating with a prospective client, who drove out of his mind all thought of his wedding anniversary. Naturally, Polly is sore when she sees him there. She drinks a lot of liquor just to spite him, and tells him where he gets off. James sees the error of his ways and makes a deliberate attempt to rectify the damage done. He takes Polly on a second honeymoon, but she leaves him there alone, after staying awhile, to attend a party in the city. This leads to the smashup, and the couple separate, Polly suing for a divorce. James loves her awfully, is always looking out for her, and one day, getting real cavemomish, steals her away from Wilbur, the villain, and takes her to his cabin. Here James is shot from behind by a drunken mountaineer, the cabin takes fire, Polly saves his life, and, with the flames crackling a few feet away, she realizes that she still loves him, and all is well. And, oh, yes! I almost forgot to mention that Polly's father was ruined in business just before the war, committed suicide and Polly had to give up all her jewels and everything.

Direction by Gregory La Cava. Produced by C. C. Barr. Distributed by Mastodon Films, Inc.

"TWENTY-ONE"

A First National Picture

This is the real goods. Absolutely, there isn't one thing wrong with it, from the showman's angle. It's what the public wants, and it is dished up in a way that is beyond reproach. It is no cheap film that is machine-made, but rather it is a first-class production given a story theme that the public is always crying for. You can plug this picture to the limit and know positively that even if you have to drag 'em in against their will they will go out thanking you for having done so.

Richard Barthelmess is the star, and he is far and away the best juvenile actor in pictures. He is perfect in "Twenty-One" in the part of the young son of wealthy parents who has made a mollycoddle of him. How he breaks away from the killing sappiness of his home life and wins the girl of his heart, over the objections of his parents and hers, who are poor people, is the story, and it's a bear.

Dorothy Mackaill is the girl. She does with the part what she has done with every other part she has had: Makes a real, human, breathing personality of it. A comer? She landed long ago. Dorothy Mackaill and Colleen Moore—they are my selection for a brace of the best little actresses in pictures.

As a whole, the supporting cast is splendid, each one being finely suited to his or her part. Dorothy Cummings is fine as the shallow, ritzy, domineering mother of the hero, who tries her utmost to make a sissy of him. As the father, Joe King is likewise very good. Ivan Simpson as the typical "virtuous" middle-class father of the heroine gives a perfect performance, and Bradley Barker makes a fine lower-class villain.

Barthelmess plays the part of Julian McCullough, the son of wealthy parents who hate one another and together manage to almost ruin his life. In Julian's early childhood his father committed certain indiscretions, knowledge of which gave Mrs. McCullough a whip by which she compels him to agree that he shall never have any authority over the boy, that his bringing-up shall be entirely in her hands. Mrs. McCullough has strange notions about the bringing-up her son shall have. She forces him to engage in girlish pastimes and pursuits that are poison to his boyish spirit. When he is nearly twenty-one Julian becomes fed up with his mode of living and seeks a way out of it. He makes the acquaintance of a poor young girl, Linnie Willis, daughter of a mechanic in the McCullough factory, who is spending the summer at an old farm house nearby which Mrs. McCullough has endowed as a vacation home for factory girls. He falls in love with her simple charm, and to Linnie, Julian

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## Wm. Farnum Signed by Famous Players

To Be Starred for Long Term—  
Adolphe Menjou Also Signed;  
Will Be Groomed for  
Starring Parts

New York, Feb. 25.—One of the most interesting announcements in the film world is that just made by Jesse L. Lasky, of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, that William Farnum has been signed to a long-term contract to star in Paramount pictures. Farnum, whose position in the public's esteem a few years ago in the "he-man" class of actors was second to none, has been allowed, for some reason or other, to sink almost into obscurity as a movie star. The new plans call for his early appearance in Edward Peple's play, "The Littlest Rebel", in which Farnum appeared successfully upon the stage. Peple left for the Coast Thursday with Farnum to begin immediately upon adapting his play for the screen.

William Farnum's contract with the Fox Film Corporation expired some time ago and the actor has been resting at his beautiful home in Great Neck, Long Island. He is reputed to be one of the wealthiest actors of the movies. During the last two or three years the quality of Farnum's pictures, as made by Fox, has been allowed to gradually decline. The exact reason for this is unknown, since he has always been a box-office attraction, but it is believed that Farnum was dissatisfied with his treatment by Fox and made his feelings known. Fox, not willing to cancel his contract, it is said, insisted upon him fulfilling its term and allowed the star's product to deteriorate. With Famous Players-Lasky, however, the star will be given every opportunity to regain his high position.

Adolphe Menjou, the sterling actor whose work in "A Woman of Paris", "The Marriage Circle" and "Shadows of Paris" have brought him great praise as being one of the most unusual figures on the screen, has also been signed for a long term by Famous Players. He will be featured in pictures and later starred in his own right.

### GOVERNMENT MAKING MANY INTERESTING FILMS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The various Governmental departments are turning out a number of interesting films on various subjects, from mining and forest-fire prevention to anti-rat campaigns. These pictures are attractively dressed-up propaganda, all serving an important purpose in bringing the service side of the Government to the public.

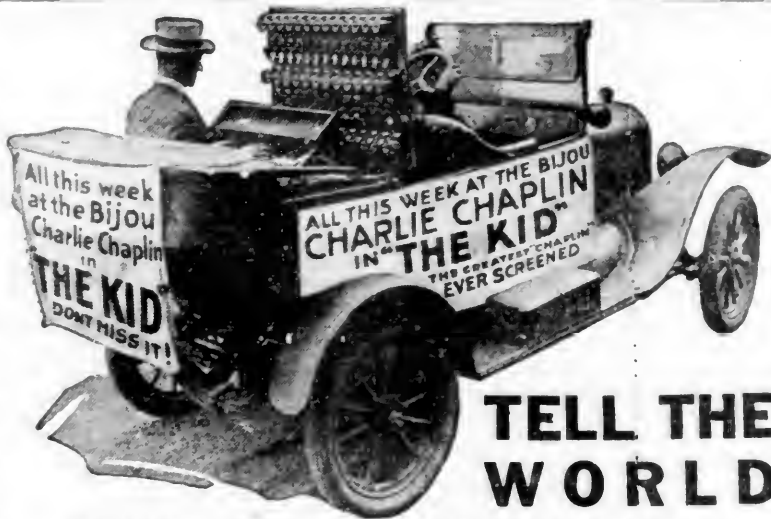
A series of films strikingly depicting the production and preparation of coal, oil, sulphur, copper and other minerals have been completed, and a picture is now being made by the Department of the Interior displaying means of prevention of loss of life in coal mines.

"The Modern Pied Piper", a two-reel motion picture just released by the United States Department of Agriculture, portrays in detail a city-wide anti-rat campaign. Uncle Sam himself appears in the role of the modern Pied Piper, strolling majestically into a city council meeting, and giving an agitated Mayor and his worried councilmen some fundamental advice on mode of procedure in ridding "Mousetown" of rats.

The picture is based on Browning's story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, presenting a whimsical quasi-modern version of the old tale of the piper who piped the vermin of Hamelin to a watery grave in the Weser.

The Government films may be secured for showing from the following schools and organizations, or by writing direct to the offices of either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture:

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; University of California, Berkeley, Calif.; Department of Visual Education, Los Angeles County Public Schools, Los Angeles; University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.; University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.; Bureau of Visual Instruction, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago; State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.; Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.; Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.; University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.; State Normal College, Natchitoches, La.; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; State Department of Public Instruction, Lansing, Mich.; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.; University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.; Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, A. and M. College, Miss.; University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, N. J.; State Department of Education, Raleigh, N. C.; Educational Museum, Cleveland School of Education, Cleveland, O.; University of Oklahoma,



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### MANY MOVIES-TALKIES SOON

New York, Feb. 25.—The DeForest Phonofilm, Inc. is shortly to begin the production of a series of talking motion pictures, which will be extensively marketed. This series will include dramas, comedies, condensed versions of famous operas, scenes (in which nature's sounds, the singing birds, roaring of animals, dashing of waves, etc., will, of course, be brought out), news pictures, famous vaudeville acts and comic cartoons with the characters' words actually spoken instead of being printed in "balloons". J. Searle Dawley, one of the foremost directors in the motion picture industry, will direct the larger productions. Mr. Dawley directed the DeForest "Lincoln" talking picture.

Dr. DeForest's experimental studio at 318 East 48th street is now being remodeled so as to admit of making motion pictures of the most elaborate kind.

### "TWENTY-ONE"

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is a fairly price. He persuades her to steal out of the house night after night and go riding with him in his motor car. One night he takes her to a country dance some distance away, and they get into trouble. At this affair is present one Peter Straski, a low-brow, who thinks Lynnle is his girl, and who attacks Julian. Julian and Lynnle manage to get away in the car, but the drunken Straski shoots his revolver after them, and one bullet punctures the gasoline tank.

The car stalls twenty-five miles from home, in the middle of the night, and Julian and Lynnle are forced to stay at an inn over night, registering as brother and sister. They get back to the "home" early the next morning, but Lynnle's truancy has been discovered by the matron, who marches her to her father's home in the nearby town. Lynnle's father becomes highly indignant when he learns his daughter has been out all night and, when hearing she was out with Julian, rushes to the McCullough home demanding his daughter's virtue be safeguarded. Julian wants very much to marry Lynnle, regardless of the situation, and tells her father and his father then. But both are unwilling, especially when Julian's father offers to give Lynnle's father plenty of money. Julian rushes to Lynnle at her home and tells her not to marry Straski, but to wait until he is twenty-one. He then runs away from home, going to New York, where he becomes a taxi driver, hiding away from his

parents. His intention is to stay away until he is of age, when they will be unable to make him do anything he doesn't want to do. One day, however, he sees his father meet Straski and they enter his car. He drives them to a large, gloomy garage, where Straski intends to kill Mr. McCullough for his money. Julian watches and, when hearing a fight going on, enters the building and helps his father fight off Straski and several other crooks. He is stabbed by Straski, but drags himself to a telephone and calls the police.

After it is over and Julian is hospitalized for aiding in the capture of a band of automobile thieves he is taken by his father to their home. Here he convalesces—meanwhile reaching his majority—and marries Lynnle.

Directed by John S. Robertson. Produced by Inspiration Pictures, Inc. Distributed by Associated First National Pictures, Inc.

### "LEAVE IT TO GERRY"

A Grand-Asher Picture

Billie Rhodes looks very much like Mabel Normand, works a lot like her, and, in "Leaving It to Gerry", appears in a picture which is likewise an imitation of the sort of stuff Miss Normand always does. It is one of those comedy-dramas in which the heroine is a cute tomboy, the daughter of a poor woman, and is awfully misunderstood, but she goes to live with a wealthy aunt, blossoms into a beautiful butterfly, is wooed by a well-to-do young man and saves her mother from the poorhouse.

Excepting for one thing "Leaving It to Gerry" has a fairly good story. That one thing is the strange spectacle of the heroine's mother, a woman of middle age, choosing to wend her way to the poorhouse when her home is taken away. This is piling it on pretty thick, for in this enlightened day people don't go to the poorhouse unless they are too old to work and earn their living. There are several other inconsistencies in the story, slighter than the one above described, but despite them the picture is interesting enough for audiences which are not too discriminating.

In the supporting cast are William Collier, Jr.; Claire McDowell, Kate Lester, Joseph Girard and Kathleen Kirkham.

The story of the play centers around the fortunes of Geraldine Brent, who lives with her widowed mother in the small town of Oliveville. A mortgage on Mrs. Brent's home is held by the aristocrat of the town, Mrs. Charity Masters, who knows there is oil on the property and wants to get it. Mrs. Masters conspires with an oil company promoter, Colonel Pettijohn, who is the villain of the piece, to do Mrs. Brent out of her home. Gerry goes to the city to live with her wealthy aunt, Mrs. Louise Prescott, who wants to make a lady of her. Col. Pettijohn is the most indigent and favored suitor of Mrs. Prescott, who is a widow. A

well-to-do young man by the name of Paul falls in love with Gerry, and she likes him, too. In the meantime her mother has been evicted from her home, and has gone to the poorhouse, not letting her daughter know of the trouble that has befallen her. But Gerry finds out about it, and with Forbes' aid rescues her from the poorhouse. Then they rush to Mrs. Prescott's home and demand Col. Pettijohn for the craven villain he is. It was he who forged a warrant used to send Mrs. Brent. They also confront him with the wife, whom he has conspired to keep a prisoner in an insane asylum and Mrs. Prescott from announcing her engagement to him. The villain is carried off by the police, and the virtuous characters are all made happy. Mrs. Brent getting her valuable property back again.

Produced by Ben Wilson. Distributed by Grand-Asher Distributing Corporation.

### "THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING"

A Burr-Mastodon Picture

By generously passing over a few silly spots this picture can be called a pretty good bit of entertainment. It's one of those pictures about the younger generation—the young girl who stays out late at night and drinks and smokes and thinks she can overthrow all the conventions and get away with it and ends she can't nothing new, I understand, but it should please the young because it plays as if so.

It is because of the ability of the man who directed the picture, Kenneth Webb, that "Three O'Clock in the Morning" is as good as it is. He has done everything he could to make the story interesting and the actors human, and it isn't his fault if the story gets kind of hokey at times.

Constance Binney is the star. She is an interesting-looking little thing—too innocent of acting ability to lend impressiveness to the part of the naughty little girl who almost broke her parents' hearts. Edmund Breese and Mary Carr play the parents. Richard Thorpe is quite good as the virtuous young hero, and William Bailey quite bad as the wealthy villain.

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## THE HOME OF JEAN VAL JEAN

By A. A. DAVIS

Western Oklahoma, but yesterday known as a portion of the Great Plains Country, are the little cities—one of peculiar interest to the average people is Arapaho, county seat of Custer County, for closely adjacent thereto is the home of Jean Val Jean and therein resides the Jean Val Jean man.

Here the weary lyceum traveler, coming in from long roads, is at once put at ease by the friendly S. pump-handle handshake by the Val Jean man, and the other pleasant members of the family are presented. The good wife of the home, herself a former teacher at the Weatherford State Normal School; Misses Margery and Virginia, two talented young ladies, each a year in advance of the college grade, and both soon ready for the university, comprise the membership of this domestic home.

reading of a series of twelve volumes on psychology. He, too, has aspirations as a cartoonist, and if ever he announces a humorous illustrative lecture it will be a winner, for it will be of himself—original.

Along with the writer he has gone thru Valparaiso, when they were trotted into recitation at 6:30 a.m. and had but one holiday out of each year—Christmas Day.

All of the time he can give is sold solid by the Artists' Bureau, of Oklahoma City, and he always strikes twelve, for he is resourceful, and, with irresistible humor, meets seemingly impossible situations.

Who is this writer, humorist, jurist, lecturer—the Jean Val Jean man of the Val Jean home on the Virginia farm in Oklahoma? Do you not guess his name? To many he is well known, at least by reputation. To those who have not yet met this small-of-stature, laughing-eyed genius of the plains, then come with me and see him hold his audiences, gripped as if in a vise, with never a break. This Jean Val Jean man is Judge Walter S. Mills.

## JUDGE M'KENZIE CLELAND

With the passing of Judge Cleland, whose death occurred at his home in Chicago February 13, the platform loses another notable character. For years he was one of the most notable platform speakers, and a head-line attraction upon both the chautauqua and lyceum. Attorney Cleland was a vice-president of the Moody Bible Institute and publisher and editor of *Newer Justice*, a magazine devoted to prison reform.

Mr. Cleland was born in Delhi, N. Y., 64 years ago, and began the practice of law in Chicago in 1884. In 1908 he organized the National Probation League, of which he was elected president, and inaugurated the adult probation system which has been adopted in twenty-five States.

Prof. Ray W. Burns, superintendent of schools at Ft. Cobb, Ok., is lecturing on South America. He has been an extensive traveler in that continent, and reports indicate he is able to interest audiences in his subject.



Judge Walter S. Mills

At this democratic, hospitable institution you may come just as you are, lounge about, be yourself, relax, recreate. Then you are shown thru the house which is now being rebuilt and enlarged, the room of the Val Jean home is to be occupied exclusively by guests—lyceum and chautauqua guests, if you please. The guests are to be adorned with lyceum circulars of the occupants, who will be required to pay, but whose bills are to be paid only in the currency of good will. Next in order to be considered about the yard and the most beautiful, artistic but thoroughly domestic and delightful the visitor as he is shown the hundreds of young chicks of varying ages. At the stage of your entertainment the Val Jean man presents a little jaunt over his goodly acres of crimson-colored soil. He has named this "The Virginia Farm", in honor of one of the young ladies. You are conducted to a small wooded ravine grove, wherein are planted a great variety of trees, which stand in sharp contrast to the miles of rolling prairie lands. This shaded nook, with its small trees and vines and rustic seats, is a desirable resort for picnic parties. The description of this and other interesting places on the estate is the result of careful selection, conservation and conservation—one of the several other lions of the Val Jean man. Over these little lands graze herds of thoroughbred of his own selection.

Essential also to his professional life, as it may seem, we find him contributing to agricultural journals and addressing farmers' meetings and conventions.

On the head of this home is an attorney, and legal decisions are widely sought, for two offices are maintained to himself and another, one at Arapaho—the permanent one—so declared by Val Jean—and another at Minot, four miles to the south.

The many-sided busy man of affairs is a student. He has just completed a close

## BILLBOARD'S PLATFORM SERVICE

The effort of The Billboard Platform Service to be of mutual help to attractions and committees has borne immediate fruit. Calls are coming in every day for help in securing speakers, entertainers and musical attractions for special occasions. It is the purpose of the Platform Service to furnish this sort of help.

Among the many attractions which have gone out to fill these special engagements is the Dixie Jubilee Company, which was sent recently to Kewanee, Ill. The Craftsman, of Kewanee, mentions that occasion as follows:

"Certainly the committee knew what it was about when it left it up to A. Flude, the lyceum editor of The Billboard, and the manager of the Colt-Adams Lyceum Bureau to furnish talent for the occasion. The Dixie Jubilee Singers, a colored company of seven under the direction and management of W. C. Buckner, of Chicago, certainly more than lived up to the twenty years' reputation that they have established in the United States and Canada. In addition to the male quartet of which Mr. Buckner is a member, the company also carries Madaine Buckner, a most talented soprano; Helen Connelly, noted concert contralto, and Albert Buckner, a most accomplished pianist. Their program ranged from the grave to the gay, from the Negro spirituals and camp meeting songs to the lighter opera. The solo numbers of Madaine Buckner and Miss Connelly were exceptional by line, as were the readings given by Mr. Buckner. Every singer had a wonderful voice, and each of their numbers was greeted with loud applause. The quartet numbers were especially good, their imitation of harmonica-cello bringing down the house. The singers were more than generous with their program, as they deeply appreciated the fine treatment that had been given them by the club, and for nearly two hours they put forth an entertainment which probably eclipsed anything of its kind ever given in this city. Certainly the club will be glad to welcome them back again some time, as they are fine people and delightful entertainers."

## IMPAIRMENT OF CHAUTAUQUA WOULD BE LOSS TO COUNTRY

Declares P. L. Campbell, President of University of Oregon, in Letter to Dr. Paul Pearson

President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, at Eugene, wrote recently to Dr. Paul Pearson, giving his views on the importance of the chautauqua movement. We are pleased to reproduce his letter below.



P. L. Campbell

I am glad to have the opportunity to say a word in commendation of the splendid service which your association is rendering and in acknowledgment of the great contribution which the chautauqua movement has made to this country. It seems almost superfluous to point out how the present chautauqua institution, together with the very numerous chautauqua centers throughout the country, have been a tremendously important and formative and cultural agency throughout the whole United States. No intelligent American can be unaware how the chautauquas have been centers from which stimulating suggestions, valuable information and clean entertainment have been distributed throughout the country. As forums for the discussion of important current problems they have an additional value. I hope very much that the proud traditions of the lyceum and chautauqua as the free forum of America to which you refer in your letter may be sustained. Any impairment of the great American chautauqua would be a profound loss to the country."

showed "marvelous pictures of high mountain peaks, foaming rivers and sheer drops of hundreds of feet to swirling streams. Her pictures were all taken on her explorations and show some of the daring feats she accomplished."

That railroad fully understand the value of the platform in their publicity is evidenced by the fact that the Chicago & North-West and the Union Pacific are furnishing train lectures with the idea of interesting the traveler in the West. Their representative, Jos. Mueller, gives a series of four platform lectures for that purpose. He recently gave this series at Muncie, Ind.

In a recent visit to Minot, N. D., for the writer's pleasure and good fortune to meet with our old friend Harry Lee Bland, now at the head of the music department of the State Normal school in that city. Bland is doing fine work and has a great future before him. Both he and Mrs. Bland are connected with the musical work of that institution. He is energetic and aggressive, and is certain to put over a campaign of music there that will mean much for the musical future of that institution and for the State at large. Recently he was selected by the district-Kewanee council to look after the musical

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# News Notes

The Moline (Ill.) Dispatch speaks very highly of the Troubadour Male Quartet, which appeared in the high-school course recently. It states: "The number was declared to be the best of the lyceum course this season. They were especially clever in the use of comedy." This is one of the Redpath companies and offers not only a male quartet feature, but also several orchestral numbers.

One of the most attractive circulars we have seen for some time is that recently sent us by the L. Verne Slout Players. The circular is issued by the W. M. King Service. It certainly should sell the company. The circular shows them as able to present any one of five different plays, including Shakespearean dramas as well as more modern presentations. The Slout Players have been featured upon many of the best lyceum and chautauqua programs for several years.

The Century Opera Revue proved a popular musical organization when presenting its program at the Toulon (Ill.) High School recently. The Toulon News says: "The organization is composed of a mixed quartet with an accompanist, and the various solo, duet, trio and quartet arrangements were especially pleasing. Many regard the Revue Company as the best number of the lyceum course which has so far been presented."

The Yonkers Art Association, of Yonkers, N. Y., is presenting a fine course of art lectures to the people of that city. Wm. Hutchins recently lectured on that course upon "Some

Phases of American Painting". He uses seventy stereopticon slides depicting masterpieces which are on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of New York City. These specialized courses, which are being run in various cities upon literature, travel and art, are among the most promising features of the platform movement of today.

Dr. Jos. Alexis, Ph. D., of the University of Nebraska, has been delivering a series of lectures in Illinois and neighboring States upon "The Europe of Today".

Ralph Helm Johnson, well-known designer and colorist, has been giving a series of lectures and demonstrations at various colleges throughout the country. He spent a week recently at the State Teachers' College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., conducting classes in design, color and landscape, etc., and lectures on the last night with illustrations on decorative landscape.

Mrs. Edwin Wiley, of Peoria, has been giving a series of eight lectures on the history of Illinois. She gives these lectures before the schools, and recently presented them before nine of the schools of Peoria. A series of lectures of this type are undoubtedly educational and have a valuable place upon the school course.

Dr. Cora Johnstone Best, well-known expert and mountain climber, is lecturing thru the Middle States upon her experiences in exploration. The Waukegan (Ill.) Sun says she

### COLLEGE PLANS LYCEUM BUREAU

The Albia (Ia.) Union writes as follows regarding the new bureau to be started by Parsons College at Fairfield, Ia.:

"A lyceum bureau which will offer the services of Parsons College talent to the towns of Southern Iowa is being organized by the educational extension committee of the college.

"Members of the Parsons College faculty who have had lyceum and chautauqua experience, student and faculty concert companies and a play presented by the college dramatic club will be among the features offered by the bureau.

"For the last few years there has been a growing demand from the towns in the neighborhood of Fairfield for speakers or musical entertainments from the college. This year the town of Sperry has asked for a complete lyceum course of four numbers. The course is being furnished, and the bureau which is being organized will do the same for other towns next winter. As a part of the educational extension work the college will put on the entertainment at cost, so that the towns will not only get a lyceum course, but will get it for small expense."

### NEW BOOK BY COOKE

The making of books is a common-place event with Edmund Vauce Cooke. His newest volume is a primary reader, entitled "Cheerful Children", and consists of thirty-one Cooke poems selected from his many verses, which will hold the attention and interest of the primary students. The book contains some of the old favorites with which most everyone is familiar and some new ones which will soon be old favorites. There is a hit and a jingle about Cooke's poetry which makes it easy reading for either old or young, and, moreover, much of it is true poetry. This latest book is published by the Beckley-Cardy Company, of Chicago.

### NEWS NOTES

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needs of the Kiwanis clubs of the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Runner left last week for a vacation of several months in California. They will return in time to look after their summer companies.

Fairmont, W. Va., is taking a wise course in merging all of the platform interests of the city in order that they may enjoy the benefits of one great course.

A platform war seems to be on just now on the subject of spiritism. Fr. C. M. De Heredia is apparently leading the attack.

A series of "Stagecraft Lectures" is being given under the auspices of the Peoria (Ill.) Art Institute by Mrs. Frank Gillingham Morrill. The series consists of ten lectures upon the history, the art and the technique of the stage.

Bookings of the Skibinsky-Reed Duo, under the Colt-Alber Lyceum Bureau, have been canceled on account of illness, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Toy, of Chicago, are filling the engagements.

The Huntington (W. Va.) Herald-Dispatch says of Ralph Bingham: "Bingham came, talked, or rather punned as he would say, and conquered the largest audience that ever packed and jammed its way into the Huntington High School Auditorium last night. As early as seven o'clock the people began filling the seats and by eight o'clock every seat, including extra chair seats in the aisles, was sold. His up-to-date dialect stories, including, of course, 'The Tossam Hunt', the final number, scored a knock-out blow which sent the people home laughing to keep the tears from their eyes. He thanked the audience for its kind attention, and spoke briefly of ex-President Wilson, who was lying at death's door at the time of the entertainment. He came recognized as an artist and left as a genius."

The death of Peter McQueem, which occurred January 10 at his home in Maine, came as a shock to the many friends who had known him of old. His illustrated lectures, the result of years of exploitation in Africa and other out-of-the-way places, were of fascinating interest. His passing removes one of those speakers who brought a real message.

"The Table Grove Players give the first presentation of their new play at Ipara, Ill., February 14. This is the company which played to more than 4,500 people at Vermont, Ill., last summer, and to 2,500 at Table Grove. They have several dates to fill before officially opening the new theater in their home town."

Slivis, Ill., has contracted for a five-number lyceum course for next winter. The third number of the course, the Chicago Lyceum Players, was presented January 30 to a capacity

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According to a bill recently introduced in Congress, all aliens who come to this country for the purpose of lecturing will be required to file a sworn statement of their purposes and intentions. The object of the bill is to enable the Government to keep track of foreign propaganda.

### FROM LONDON TOWN

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will be able to get the acts they want, and that, at figures lower than the option money. Booking managers declare their "books" are closed until July, when they will start thinking of the fall. Every act is trying to book Africa or Australia so much so that the salaries for these countries are real heartbreakers. Barnett, who does the booking for Africa for the I. V. T. A., breaks his heart if he has to offer a double act more than \$100 for six weeks, certain with a seven weeks' journey there and back and 10 per cent deducted at that. Sir Benjamin Fuller is here throwing salaries about like a man with no arms. Acts which ordinarily get \$150 a week in London are glad to accept his magnanimous offer of \$100 for a twenty-four weeks, to be played in thirty, for Australia, involving a seven-week boat journey on an "all-class boat". And there are more acceptors than offers.

### "THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING"

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who tries to do wrong by little Elizabeth. Edna May Oliver is in the cast, playing one of the warm-hearted and bleak-visaged maids of all work that she can do so well.

There are many scenes of rollicking parties of young folks at Broadway cabarets where joy reigns unrefined until as late as four-thirty in the morning (Where, oh where, is there such a place?). All the girls smoke cigarettes, and all the boys get tanked up plenty, that is all except the hero. Then there are similar scenes at roadhouses. For contrast we are shown the old-fashioned life led by Elizabeth Winthrop's (the heroine) parents in their old colonial mans at Lyme, Conn. You see, it was this way: Elizabeth's father was a very moral, man-principled old gentleman—he came from old New England stock—and her mother a very sweet and gentle woman. Mary Carr plays the mother, and you know how terribly sweet and gentle she is in the pictures. Elizabeth is engaged to marry Clayton Webster, a

sincere, honest young man, who finds it hard to understand why she keeps the fast company that she does. The breach comes on Sunday morning, when Elizabeth, out on a wild party all night, brings the whole party to her home just as her father and mother are leaving for church. Clayton is along, and when he remonstrates with Betty for being so abandoned with Hugo Von Strohm (the wealthy villain), whose reputation along the Gay White Way is none too savory, Betty gives him back his ring. Then Papa and Mama Winthrop come home from church and are properly scandalized at the goings-on in the parlor. Papa gets wrathful and orders all the guests out of the house. When he tries to order his daughter to her room she gets very snippy and tells him that she is going to do just what she feels like doing, etc. They quarrel and Betty decides to leave her home and make her own way in the world. She does so, going to New York.

In New York Betty can't find any theatrical manager who cares to engage her, and is forced to take a job as a waitress. If you'll look close in the scene showing her crossing Broadway, you'll see the windows of The Billboard offices. The publicity is appreciated. One day she accidentally meets Van Strohm and he immediately gets her to dancing at some cabaret. The rogue doesn't tell her that he got her the job by promising to pay her salary. Betty gets along fine after this, with a nice apartment, maids and everything. Then one night, when Clayton comes to call on her to make one last plea for her love, and she goes out in his auto, she causes him to run down a little boy by her action in grabbing the gas lever in an effort to make him go faster. The boy recovers, but Clayton is arrested and sentenced to serve a year in prison. That's the silliest thing in the picture.

After his year is up Clayton takes passage on a steamer sailing for South America, where he hopes to make a clean start. The boat is to sail the next day. That same night Betty goes with Von Strohm to a roadhouse—re-modeled from her old home, which her parents had to sell—and Von Strohm gets very nasty indeed. She then recognizes the error of her ways and is happily reunited with her parents. When she asks for Clayton she is told that he is leaving next morning, so she gets up and rushes for New York. She gets to the dock too late—the boat is in midstream. But Clayton on deck sees her signals that she loves him and he leaps overboard and swims ashore.

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Edward McCoy (Alias Carl Eisman) Not a Billboard Employee

CHARLES A. PICKETT, proprietor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Troy, N. Y., sent The Billboard's New York office a telegram Friday morning, February 8, stating that he had a man giving the name of Edward McCoy staying at the Fifth Avenue, who represented himself as being in the employ of The Billboard and wanting to know if such was the case. As there is nobody by that name employed by The Billboard, Mr. Pickett was immediately notified by wire to that effect. Mr. Pickett later advised by letter that McCoy left Troy without paying his hotel bill. Another letter about a man giving the name of McCoy and soliciting business for us was received by our New York office from Joseph Houle, 2610 Sixth avenue, Troy, N. Y., about a week previous to the letter from Mr. Pickett. This apparently was the same person mentioned by Mr. Pickett. R. M. Lawton, advance agent, has also written our New York office from Troy relative to a young man who told him his name was McCoy and that he was representing The Billboard. This was probably the same Edward McCoy as referred to above. McCoy told Lawton he had come from our Boston office, but Lawton knew better, as he was in Boston for six weeks in advance of a slow put on there recently for the Shrine. Lawton further says he found out that McCoy also uses the name of Carl Eisman. Billboard advertisers and readers will confer a great favor by notifying either our New York or Cincinnati offices if said Edward McCoy continues the tactics mentioned above.

FILMS FOR RENT

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FOR RENT—Pathe Passion Play (Life of Christ film). C. J. MURPHY, Elyria, Ohio.

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FOR SALE—Passion Play and Holy City Films. BOX 86, Elyria, Ohio.

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FIRST \$40.00 POWER'S 5 complete, equipped for gas. HERBERT THE GREAT, Barnhart, Mo.

HOME PROJECTOR, 1,000 foot, \$25; 1,000-foot Motor-Driven Projector, \$50; new \$250 Motor-Driven Simplex Projector, projecta 45 feet, \$75; new \$275 G. Soling Electric Generator, \$125; 5 Reel used Shipping Cases, \$1.50 each; 100-foot Movie Camera, F. 3.5 lens, \$50. RAY, 221 5th Ave., New York.

MACHINES, Films, Supplies. Bargain lists. NATIONAL EQUIPMENT CO., Duluth, Minn.

NEW AUTOMATIC TICKET SELLER, \$7.50; 15 Assorted Slides, 5¢ each; Metal 2 Lines, 2 sets (15) for \$1.00; Theatre Art Purifier, \$5.00; Camera, 100-foot, \$3.50; Micrograph 1-A, \$40. FANTUS WAREHOUSE, 1329 South Oakley, Chicago.

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HERE AND THERE AMONG THE FOLKS

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Players, and Jesse Danson, manager of the Dumbor Theater in Philadelphia, resulted in the latter being held under bail by Magistrate Amos Seol. J. T. Gleason, owner of the theater, brought counter charges against Azorsky and he was held under similar bail, according to a letter from Lewis & Norris, attorneys for Mr. Azorsky.

Johnson and Vaughner are with the C. E. Leggett Shows. Andrew Johnson, Rose Kent, Jim Meredith, Bill Harris, Bill Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Sam Johnson and the Kents make up the bunch that Stringer has on the show.





Managers and artists are respectfully requested to contribute their dates to this department. Routes must reach The Billboard not later than Friday of each week to insure publication.

When no date is given the week of February 25-March 1 is to be supplied.

Al (Grand) St. Louis.
Harry, Co. (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.;
Pantages Portland, Ore., 3-8.

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Arleys, Lee (Orpheum) Omaha, Neb.; (Main St.) Kansas City 3-8.

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Table with columns: WEEK, THEATER, CITY, STATE. Includes a 'NAME' section above the table.

Bison City Four (Roanoke) Roanoke, Va.
Blair & Pennington (Lyric) Birmingham, Ala.
Blank, Mary, Co. (Pantages) Des Moines, Ia.; (Pantages) Kansas City 3-8.

Cleveland & Dowry (Robinson-Grand) Clarksburg, W. Va.
Clifford, Jack (Rube (Majestic) Little Rock, Ark., 28-March 1.

D. D. H. (Keith) Winston-Salem, N. C.
Dainty Marie (Palace) Cleveland.
Dale, Hobby, & Sister (Arcade) Jacksonville, Fla.

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Character, \$1.50 and \$3.50; Babbed, \$2.50 up;
Soubrette, \$5.00 up; Colonial, men, \$4.00; ladies, \$5.50 up; Negro, 30¢; Lined, 50¢ up;
Masks, 35¢ dozen up; Tights, \$1.50 up; Make-up, 3 sticks, 50¢; Full Beards, 75¢ each; \$2.50 dozen; Mustaches, 25¢ each, \$1.25 dozen Catalog free.

Dooley & Morton (Majestic) Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 Dooley, Bill, & Co. (Temple) Detroit.  
 Doolin & Sales (Proctor) Newark, N. J.  
 Dooley, Jed (Orpheum) Ogden, Utah; (Pan-  
 tages) Denver 3-8.  
 Dorais' Dancing (Bushwick) Brooklyn.  
 Dotson (Rialto) St. Louis; (Orpheum) Kansas  
 City 3-8.  
 Downey & Claridge (Orpheum) Boston.  
 Downing, Harry, Co. (Palace) Waterbury,  
 Conn.  
 Drew, Mary, Co. (Pantages) Denver; (Pan-  
 tages) Pueblo 6-8.  
 DuBois & Co. (American) New York 28-March  
 1.  
 Dufrance, Georges (Keith) Cincinnati.  
 Duffy & Daly (Warwick) Brooklyn 28-March 1.  
 Dugan & Raymond (Adm-on) Chester, Pa.  
 Dugan, Danny (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia.  
 Dunbar & Turner (Hipp.) Pottsville, Pa.  
 Dunham & O'Malley (Emery) Providence, R. I.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Dunlay & Merrill (Orpheum) Tulsa, Ok., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Dura, Cross & Renee (Boulevard) New York  
 28-March 1.  
 Duval & Symonds (Palace) Manchester, N. H.  
 Dwyer & Orma (Orpheum) Allentown, Pa.  
 Dyer, Hubert (Majestic) San Antonio, Tex.;  
 (Majestic) Ft. Worth 3-8.

**Eadie & Ramsden (Bijou) Savannah, Ga.**  
 Earl & Matthews (Delancey St.) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Earle, The (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.  
 Edwards, Irving (Proctor) Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Edwards, Julia (World) Omaha; (Pantages)  
 Des Moines, Ia., 3-8.  
 Edwards, Gus, Revue (Colonial) Erie, Pa.  
 El Cieve (Cross Keys) Philadelphia.  
 Elaine & Marshall (Washington St.) Boston.  
 Ellmore & Williams (Poll) Worcester, Mass.  
 Ellsworth, H. & G. (Shea) Toronto.  
 Elm City Four (Palace) Cleveland.  
 Elroy Sisters (Lyric) Augusta, Ga.  
 Emmett, Eugene, Co. (Olympia) Lynn, Mass.  
 Emory, Carl, Bette (Main St.) Kansas City;  
 (Rialto) St. Louis 3-8.  
 Enchanters, The (Kearse) Charleston, W. Va.  
 Englin, Maureen (Rivers) Brooklyn.  
 Enos, G. & M. (State) Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Ergott & Herman (Jole) Ft. Smith, Ark., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Espe & Dutton (Orpheum) Denver; (Orpheum)  
 Omaha 3-8.  
 European Boxing Girls (Hipp.) Terre Haute,  
 Ind., 28-March 1.  
 Evans, Mero & Evans (Pantages) Denver;  
 (Pantages) Pueblo 6-8.

**Fables of 1924 (Palace) Chicago; (Orpheum)  
 Kansas City 3-8.**  
 Fagan, Noodles (Pantages) Spokane 3-8.  
 Fagan's, Raymond, Orch. (Orpheum) Fresno,  
 Calif.; (Hill St.) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Falls, Gertrude, Co. (Majestic) Emira, N. Y.  
 Fantino Sisters (Orpheum) Tulsa, Ok., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Farzo & Richards (Grand) St. Louis.  
 Farnell & Florence (Music Hall) Lewiston, Me.  
 Farnum, Frank (Orpheum) Seattle; (Orpheum)  
 Portland 3-8.  
 Farrell-Taylor Trio (Tower) Camden, N. J.  
 Farrell & Hatch (Pantages) Kansas City; (Pan-  
 tages) Memphis 3-8.  
 Farnham, Lillian, & Co. (Loew) Ottawa.  
 Fay & Weston Revue (Lyric) Richmond, Va.  
 Faynes, The (Crescent) New Orleans.  
 Fayre Girls, Four (Orpheum) Vancouver, Can.;  
 (Orpheum) Seattle 3-8.  
 Fearless Flyers, Five (Eagles' Circus) Can-  
 ton, O.  
 Fein & Tennyson (Gates) Brooklyn 28-March 1.  
 Fejer, Jos., Orch. (Majestic) Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Fenton & Fields (Orpheum) Winnipeg, Can.;  
 (Orpheum) Vancouver 3-8.  
 Fenwick Sisters (Pantages) Hamilton, Can.;  
 (Chateau) Chicago 3-5.  
 Ferguson & Sunderland (Orpheum) Galesburg,  
 Ill., 28-March 1.  
 Fern & Marie (Keith) Columbus, O.  
 Fifty Miles From Broadway (Palace) Milwan-  
 kee; (Palace) Chicago 3-8.  
 Fink's Mules (Orpheum) Kansas City.  
 Finley & Hill (55th St.) New York.  
 First Love (Majestic) Chicago.  
 Fisher & Gilmore (Proctor) Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 Fiske & Fallon (Hipp.) Pottsville, Pa.  
 Fitch's Minstrels (Lyceum) Canton, O.  
 Fleeting Sisters, Three (Majestic) New York.  
 Flippen, J. C. (Columbia) Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
 Foley & LaTour (Palace) Springfield, Mass.  
 Follis Sisters (Den All) Lexington, Ky., 28-  
 March 1.  
 For Pity Sake (Aldine) Wilmington, Del.  
 Ford, Senator (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.; (Or-  
 pheum) Fresno 6-8.  
 Ford, E. E. (Lyric) Atlanta, Ga.  
 Fortunello & Cirillino (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Four Horsemen (Proctor) Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Fowler, Gus (Lyric) Hamilton, Can.  
 Fowler & Mack (Olympia) New Bedford, Mass.  
 Fox & Mack (Harris) Pittsburg.  
 Fox, Harry (State) Buffalo.  
 Foxworth & Frances (Yonge St.) Toronto.  
 Frances, Mae (Empress) Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 Francis, Ann, Co. (Empire) Lawrence, Mass.  
 Francis & Wilson (Greely Sq.) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Franklin, Irene (Orpheum) Brooklyn.  
 Franklin-Charles Co. (Globe) Philadelphia.  
 Frasco, Enzo (Tower) Camden, N. J.  
 Frawley & West (National) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Frawley & Louise (Flatbush) Brooklyn.  
 Freda & Anthony (Broadway) New York.  
 Fridkin & Rhoda (Hoyt) Long Beach, Calif.;  
 (Pantages) Salt Lake City 3-8.  
 Friend In Need (Maryland) Baltimore.  
 Fries & Wilson (Poll) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
 Friganza, Trixie (State-Lake) Chicago.  
 Frisch & Sadler (Loew) Dayton, O.  
 Frosini (Hipp.) Youngstown, O.  
 Frost, Julie (Empire) Lawrence, Mass.  
 Furr, Mollie, & Co. (Majestic) San Antonio,  
 Tex.; (Majestic) Ft. Worth 3-8.  
 Furman & Evans (Imperial) Montreal.

**Gabriel, Master, & Co. (Loew) Ottawa.**  
 Gagner's Dogs (Palace) Springfield, Mass.  
 Gancinetti Bros. (Poll) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
 Gardell-Fryer Co. (Palace) Ft. Wayne, Ind.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Gardin, Geo. & Lily (Yonge St.) Toronto.  
 Gardner, Grant (Pantages) Minneapolis 3-8.  
 Gascolines, Royal (Keith) Indianapolis.  
 Gash, Billy (Columbia) Cleveland; (Empire)  
 Toledo 3-8.  
 Golan & Garretson (Lyric) Atlanta, Ga.  
 Gellis, Lee (Gates) Brooklyn 28-March 1.

Genaro Girls (Strand) Greensburg, Pa.  
 George, Ed. (National) Louisville, 28-March 1.  
 George, Jack, Duo (Orpheum) St. Louis; (Or-  
 pheum) New Orleans 3-8.  
 Georgia Minstrels (Pantages) Portland, Ore.  
 Gezz's Two (Flatbush) Brooklyn.  
 Gibson & Price (Orpheum) Ogden, Utah; (Pan-  
 tages) Denver 3-8.  
 Gibson & Connell (Alhambra) New York.  
 Gibson, J. & J. (Bijou) Savannah, Ga.  
 Gidded Cage (LaSalle Gardeu) Detroit 28-  
 March 1.  
 Gillette & Ray (Main St.) Long Branch, N. J.  
 Gilmore, Barney, Co. (Garrick) Norristown,  
 Pa.  
 Girton Girls (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.; (Pan-  
 tages) Calgary 3-5.  
 Glasen, Billy (Keith) Lowell, Mass.  
 Goff, Hazel & Bobby (Electric) Kansas City,  
 Kan., 28-March 1.  
 Goldie, Jack (Grand) Oshkosh, Wis., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Goldie & Beatty (Loew) Ottawa.  
 Golem, Al, Co. (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.;  
 (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 3-8.  
 Golfers, Three (Empire) Fall River, Mass.  
 Gomez Trio (Keith) Portland, Me.  
 Gordon & Stewart Sisters (Loew) Montreal.  
 Gordon & Schubert (Keith) Philadelphia.  
 Gordon & Rea (Miles) Detroit.  
 Goudone, Robbie (Riverside) New York.  
 Gorman, B. & E. (Tower) Camden, N. J.  
 Gould, Rita (Keith) Boston.  
 Gould, Venita (Majestic) Houston, Tex.; (Ma-  
 jestic) San Antonio 3-8.  
 Gown Shop (Rajah) Reading, Pa.  
 Graham, Danny, Revue (Seventh St.) Minne-  
 apolis.  
 Grant & Feeley (Rialto) Chicago.  
 Green, Jane, Co. (Prospect) Brooklyn.  
 Green, Steve (Pantages) Des Moines, Ia.; (Pan-  
 tages) Kansas City 3-8.  
 Green, Cliff (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash., 3-8.  
 Green & LaFell (Proctor) Troy, N. Y.  
 Grey & Byron (Victoria) Stenbenville, O.  
 Grey, Bee Ho, & Co. (Hipp.) Terre Haute,  
 Ind., 28-March 1.  
 Griffin Twins (Temple) Rochester, N. Y.  
 Guilford & Lange (Temple) Detroit.  
 Guilan & Marguerite (Palace) Peoria, Ill.,  
 28-March 1.

**Hagen, Fred, & Co. (Seventh St.) Minneapolis**  
 Haines, Nat Chick (Pantages) Pueblo, Col.;  
 (World) Omaha 3-8.  
 Hale, Willie, & Bro. (Majestic) Paterson,  
 N. J.  
 Hall, Bob (Keith) Indianapolis.  
 Hall, Sid, & Co. (Loew) Montreal.  
 Hall, P. & G. (Lyric) Indianapolis.  
 Hall, Erminie & Brice (Palace) Chicago.  
 Hall, Al, K. (Rialto) St. Louis; (Orpheum)  
 Kansas City 3-8.  
 Hall & Shapiro (23d St.) New York.  
 Hall, Billy Swede (Lyric) Indianapolis.  
 Hallen, Billy (Alhambra) New York.  
 Halliday & Willette (Hoyt) Long Beach, Calif.;  
 (Pantages) Salt Lake City 3-8.  
 Halperin, Nan (Davis) Pittsburg.  
 Hamilton, Alice (Rialto) Racine, Wis., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Hale (Proctor) Newark,  
 N. J.  
 Hanans, The (Pantages) Salt Lake City; (Or-  
 pheum) Ogden 3-8.  
 Haney, J. Francis, & Co. (Pantages) San Fran-  
 cisco 3-8.  
 Hanchford's Family (Orpheum) Ogden, Utah;  
 (Pantages) Denver 3-8.  
 Hanchford Poodles (Maryland) Baltimore.  
 Hansen, Junita (Pantages) Portland, Ore.  
 Harkins Sisters (Electric) Joplin, Mo., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Harmon & Sands (Pantages) Denver; (Pan-  
 tages) Pueblo 6-8.  
 Harris, Dave (Pantages) Minneapolis; (Pan-  
 tages) Regina, Can., 3-5.  
 Harris & Vaughn (Orpheum) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Harris & Holly (Rivoli) Toledo, O.  
 Harris, Val, Co. (O. H.) York, Pa.  
 Harrison, Fred Co. (Palace) Waterbury, Conn.  
 Harrison & Darling (Bijou) Bangor, Me.  
 Harrison, Charles (Orpheum) Kansas City; (Or-  
 pheum) St. Louis 3-8.  
 Harrison's, The (Grotto Circus) Baton Rouge,  
 La.  
 Harve & Stone (Orpheum) Aberdeen, S. D.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Haskell, Loney (Poll) Scranton, Pa.  
 Havel, A. & M., Revue (Keith) Columbus, O.  
 Hayemann's Animals (Pantages) Tacoma,  
 Wash., 3-8.  
 Hawthorne & Cook (Palace) Milwaukee;  
 (Palace) Chicago 3-8.  
 Hayden & Atwood (Orpheum) Sioux City, Ia.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Hayes, Rich (Irwin) Carbondale, Pa.  
 Hayes, Grace (Able) Easton, Pa.  
 Hayes & Cross (Keith) Portland, Me.  
 Healy, T. E. (Colonial) Lan a r, Pa.  
 Heart of a Clown (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.  
 Heath, Frankie (Princess) Montreal.  
 Heath, Blossom, Co. (Jefferson) New York.  
 Hector (Rajah) Reading, Pa.  
 Hedley, Jack, Trio (Miller) Milwaukee.  
 Hegodus Sisters (Orpheum) Oklahoma City,  
 Ok., 28-March 1.  
 Helena, Edith (Harris) Pittsburg.  
 Heller & Reilly (Keith) Winston-Salem, N. C.  
 Hennings, John & Winnie (Hipp.) Terre Haute,  
 Ind., 28-March 1.  
 Henry & Moore (Orpheum) Fresno, Calif.;  
 (Golden Gate) San Francisco 3-8.  
 Henrys, Flying (Hoyt) Scranton, Pa.  
 Heras & Willis (Rialto) Amsterdam, N. Y.  
 Herbert & Holt Trio (Hipp.) Cleveland.  
 Herbert & Noel (Victory) Holbrook, Mass.  
 Herman, Al (Majestic) Dallas, Tex.; (Majestic)  
 Houston 3-8.  
 Hermann, Mue. (Orpheum) Brooklyn.  
 Hiatt, Ernest (Palace) St. Paul; (Orpheum)  
 Winnipeg, Can., 3-8.  
 Hickey & Hart Revue (Grand) Shreveport, La.  
 Hickey Bros. (Orpheum) Portland, Ore.; (Or-  
 pheum) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Hieman Bros. (Columbia) St. Louis.  
 Hill & Halfour (Pantages) Saskatoon, Can.;  
 (Pantages) Edmonton 3-8.  
 Hill & Quinell (State) Nanticoke, Pa.  
 Hines, Harry (165th St.) Cleveland.  
 Hizo, Sam & Keyo (Orpheum) Quincy, Ill.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Hobson, Flo (Keith) Philadelphia.  
 Hodge & Lowell (Keith) Dayton, O.  
 Hoberg, Harry (Niven) Philadelphia.  
 Holland & Oden (Cosmos) Washington.  
 Holman, Harv (Orpheum) New Orleans.  
 Holmes & LaVere (Orpheum) Los Angeles.  
 Holmes & Holliston (Kedzie) Chicago 28-  
 March 1.

Holt & Leonard (Royal) New York.  
 Holtz, Lou (Hipp.) New Ark.  
 Hong Kong Follies (Proctor) Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Hopper, Edna Wallace (Pantages) Minneapolis;  
 (Pantages) Regina, Can., 3-5.  
 House, Billy Co. (Palace) Springfield, Mass.  
 Howard & Norwood (Pantages) San Francisco  
 3-8.  
 Howard & Ross (Globe) Philadelphia.  
 Howard & Lewis (Hoyt) Long Beach, Calif.;  
 (Pantages) Salt Lake City 3-8.  
 Howard & White (Keith) Toledo, O.  
 Howard & Clark Revue (Orpheum) St. Louis.  
 Howards, Flying (Palace) Pittsfield, Mass.  
 Howell & Turner (Poll) New Haven, Conn., 28-  
 March 1; (Poll) Worcester, Mass., 3-5; (Poll)  
 Springfield 6-8.  
 Hughes-Merritt Co. (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.,  
 3-8.  
 Hughes & Debruo (Palace) New Orleans.  
 Hughes, Jack, Duo (Harris) Pittsburg.  
 Hughes, Ray & Pam (Rialto) St. Louis; (Or-  
 pheum) Kansas City 3-8.  
 Hughes & Burke (Colonial) Haverhill, Mass.  
 Hunter, Frank, & Co. (Bushwick) Brooklyn.  
 Hunters, Musical (23d St.) New York.  
 Hurst & Vogt (Lyric) Hamilton, Can.  
 Hyams & Evans (Colonial) Lancaster, Pa.  
 Hyatt (Bijou) Birmingham, Ala., 28-March 1.  
 Hyman & Mann (Keith) Portland, Me.  
 Hymer, John B., & Co. (Royal) New York.

**Ibach's Band (Palace) Cleveland.**  
 Imhof, Roger, & Co. (Majestic) Houston, Tex.;  
 (Majestic) San Antonio 3-8.  
 Imperial Russian Entertainers (Orpheum) Jo-  
 liet, Ill., 28-March 1.  
 In Transylvania (Miles) Detroit.  
 Indian Follies (Majestic) Chicago.  
 Inglis & Winchester (Orpheum) Brooklyn.  
 Irmanette (Avenue B) New York 28-March 1.  
 Irving's Midgata (Pantages) San Francisco;  
 (Pantages) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Ishikawa Bros. (Proctor) Troy, N. Y.  
 Ivey, Mille, & Co. (Majestic) Chicago.

**Jackie & Billie (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.;**  
 (Golden Gate) San Francisco 3-8.  
 Jackson, Viviani, Co. (Hipp.) Youngstown, O.  
 Janet of France (Orpheum) San Francisco;  
 (Orpheum) Oakland 3-8.  
 Janis, Elice, & Co. (Palace) New York.  
 Jans & Whalen (Majestic) Milwaukee.  
 Javis & Harrison (Keith) Lowell, Mass.  
 Jean & Jacques (Miller) Milwaukee.  
 Jean & Valjean (Victoria) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Jewel Box Revue (Loew) Dayton, O.  
 Jewell & Rita (Pantages) Des Moines, Ia.;  
 (Pantages) Kansas City 3-8.  
 Joffrie, Fleurcut (Hoyt) St. Cleveland.  
 Johnson's New Car (Harris) Pittsburg.  
 Johnson & Baker (Hipp.) Pottsville, Pa.  
 Johnson, Hugh (Main St.) Kansas City.  
 Johnson, J. Rosamond, Co. (Regent) Kalama-  
 zoo, Mich., 28-March 1.  
 Jolson, Harry, Co. (Empress) Grand Rapids,  
 Mich.  
 Jones, Gattison & Co. (Hennepin) Minneapolis.  
 Jordan, Cliff (Arcade) Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Jordan, Lorenzo & Morris (Shrine Circus) Min-  
 neapolis.  
 Josephson, Johannes, Icelanders (Shubert) Phila-  
 delphia 28-March 1.  
 Juggernaut (Ford) Meriden, Conn.  
 June Dainty, & Co. (Palace) Rockford, Ill.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Just Out of Knickers (Alhambra) New York.

**Kafka & Stanley (Hoyt) Long Beach, Calif.;**  
 (Pantages) Salt Lake City 3-8.  
 Kahne, Harry (Orpheum) Denver.  
 Kara (Loew) Dayton, O.  
 Karno's Circus (Broadway) Philadelphia.  
 Kate & Wiley (James) Columbus, O.  
 Kar, Spangler Co. (Rialto) Amsterdam, N. Y.  
 Keating, Chas., & Co. (Pantages) Minneapolis  
 3-8.  
 Kee Tom Four (Lyric) Hoboken, N. J., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Keir, Baby Edna (Poll) Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Kelety, Julia (Loew) Montreal.  
 Keller, Helen (Empire) Fall River, Mass.  
 Keilum & O'Dare (Broadway) New York.  
 Kelly, Mary, Co. (Palace) Rockford, Ill., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Kelly, Sherwin (Pantages) Hamilton, Can.;  
 (Chateau) Chicago 3-5.  
 Kelly & Birmingham (Able) Providence, R. I.  
 Kelton, Bert (Nixon) Philadelphia.  
 Kennedy, Jack, Co. (Bijou) Bangor, Me.  
 Kennedy, Frances (Colonial) Utica, N. Y.  
 Kennedy & Peterson (Scollay Sq.) Boston.  
 Kennedy & Kramer (Alhambra) Philadelphia.  
 Kennedy's Dancing (Bijou) Bangor, Me.  
 Kenny & Hollis (Majestic) Springfield, Ill.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Kerr & Weston (Orpheum) New Orleans.  
 Kessler & Morgan (Broadway) Asbury Park,  
 N. J.  
 Kikuta Japa (Orpheum) Brooklyn.  
 Kishall & Gomez (Boston) Boston.  
 King & Beatty (Palace) New Orleans.  
 King Solomon, Jr. (Pantages) Hamilton, Can.;  
 (Chateau) Chicago 3-5.  
 Kuk, Collier & Co. (Seventh St.) Minneapolis.  
 Kirkland, Paul (Electric) Joplin, Mo., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Kismet Sisters (Adm-on) Chester, Pa.  
 Kistner & Reaney (Novelty) Topeka, Kan., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Kitz, Albert (O. H.) Knapp, Wis.; (O. H.)  
 August 3-12.  
 Klass & Brilliant (Orpheum) Champaign, Ill.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Klein, Mel (Majestic) Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Klein Bros. (Palace) Chicago; (Palace) Mil-  
 waukee 3-8.  
 Klown Revue (Majestic) Dallas, Tex.; (Ma-  
 jestic) Houston 3-8.  
 Kluyting's Animals (Grand) Oshkosh, Wis., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Knowles & Hurst (Miles) Detroit.  
 Kohan Japs (Columbia) St. Louis.  
 Kohn, Mignonette, Co. (Keystone) Philadel-  
 phia.  
 Kola, Sylvia, & Co. (Lyric) Hoboken, N. J.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Founs, N. & S. (Riverside) New York.  
 Kramer, Birdie (Majestic) Port Huron, Mich.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Kramer & Griffon (Adm-on) Chester, Pa.  
 Frons (Orpheum) Madison, Wis., 28-March 1.  
 Krag & Kaufman (Boulevard) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Kuehn, Kurt & Edith (Palace) Brooklyn 28-  
 March 1.

**LaFleur & Portia (Orpheum) Portland, Ore.;**  
 (Orpheum) San Francisco 3-8.  
 LaMar, Leona (Lincoln Sq.) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 LaPalmaria Trio (Crescent) New Orleans.  
 LaRue, Grace (Proctor) Newark, N. J.  
 LaSalle, Bob, & Co. (Loew) Ottawa.  
 Lavier, Jack (Keith) Toledo, O.  
 Laddie & Boreen (Harris) Pittsburg.  
 Lady Tsen Mei (State) Buffalo.  
 Lahr & Mercedes (Golden Gate) San Francisco,  
 (Orpheum) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Lambert & Fish (Palace) Chicago.  
 Lambert (Orpheum) Fresno, Calif.; (Orpheum)  
 Oakland 3-8.  
 Lameys, The (Proctor) Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Lamore, Harry, Co. (Imperial) Montreal.  
 Land of Fantasy (Orpheum) Winnipeg, Can.;  
 (Orpheum) Vancouver 3-8.  
 Lane & Harper (Columbia) Davenport, Ia., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Lang & O'Neill (Franklin) New York.  
 Langford & Frederick (Pantages) San Fran-  
 cisco 3-8.  
 Larimer & Hudson (Princess) Nashville, Tenn.  
 Lattell, Alfred, & Co. (Pantages) Hamilton,  
 Can.; (Chateau) Chicago 3-5.  
 Law, Walter, Co. (Grand) Philadelphia.  
 Lawlor & Frazer (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.;  
 (Pantages) Calgary 3-5.  
 Lawrence, David, Jr. (Orpheum) Vancouver,  
 Can.; (Orpheum) Portland, Ore., 3-8.  
 Lawton (Music Hall) Lewiston, Me.  
 Laxer & Dale (Colonial) Utica, N. Y.  
 LeBlanc, Eugene (Capitol) Windsor, Can., 28-  
 March 1; (Palace) Detroit 3-8.  
 LeGahan, The (Proctor) Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 LeMaire, Geo., & Co. (Shea) Toronto.  
 LeRoy Bros. (Palace) Cleveland.  
 Lea, Emilie, & Co. (Orpheum) Wichita, Kan.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Leah, Mystery Girl (Flatbush) Brooklyn.  
 Leavitt & Lockwood (Hennepin) Minneapolis.  
 Leddy & Leddy (Hipp.) McKeesport, Pa.  
 Lee & Cranston (Hipp.) Cleveland.  
 Leffingwell & Leon (Hipp.) McKeesport, Pa.  
 Leland & Shannon (Binghamton) Binghamton,  
 N. Y.  
 Leo, Prince (Grand) St. Louis.  
 Leon & Mitzl (Strand) Brockton, Mass.  
 Leon's Ponies (Rialto) Racine, Wis., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Leonard, Eddie, Co. (Keith) Philadelphia.  
 Leonard, Benny (Orpheum) Denver; (Palace)  
 St. Paul 3-8.  
 Lester, Great (Palace) Cincinnati.  
 Lester & Stuart (State) Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Levithan Orchestra (Keith) Indianapolis.  
 Levy, Bert (Binghamton) Binghamton, N. Y.  
 Lewis, Flo (Majestic) Dallas, Tex.; (Majestic)  
 Houston 3-8.  
 Lewis & Dody (Orpheum) San Francisco; (Or-  
 pheum) Fresno 6-8.  
 Lewis, Jr., J. C., Co. (Grand) Oshkosh, Wis.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Lewis & Rogers (Orpheum) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Lewis, Mazette, Co. (Federal) Salem, Mass.  
 Libonati (Pantages) Des Moines, Ia.; (Pan-  
 tages) Kansas City 3-8.  
 Iddell & Gibson (Poll) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
 Lime Trio (Orpheum) New Orleans.  
 Lindsay, Fred (Globe) Philadelphia.  
 Little Cinderella (Yonge St.) Toronto.  
 Lloyd & Goode (Globe) Philadelphia.  
 Lohae & Sterling (Colonial) Norfolk, Va.  
 Lola, Gerlie & Senia (Emery) Providence, R. I.,  
 28-March 1.  
 London, Louis (Colonial) Utica, N. Y.  
 Londons, Three (Pantages) Minneapolis 3-8.  
 Lonsome Town (Majestic) Milwaukee.  
 Lopez, Vincent, Orchestra (Keith) Washington.  
 Lorrain Girls (Colonial) Erie, Pa.  
 Lorraine, Ted (Keith) Cincinnati.  
 Louise & Mitchell (Pantages) Spokane 3-8.  
 Lovensher Sisters & Neary (Majestic) Little  
 Rock, Ark., 28-March 1.  
 Lowry, Ed. (Fordham) New York.  
 Lucas & Inez (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia.;  
 (Orpheum) Omaha 3-8.  
 Lucas, Jimmy, & Co. (Orpheum) Portland,  
 Ore.; (Orpheum) San Francisco 3-8.  
 Lucille & Cackle (World) Omaha; (Pantages)  
 Des Moines, Ia., 3-8.  
 Lumars, The (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.  
 Luster Bros. (Orpheum) Fresno, Calif.; (Golden  
 Gate) San Francisco 3-8.  
 Lyle & Virginia (Majestic) San Antonio, Tex.  
 (Majestic) Ft. Worth 3-8.  
 Lynn & Howard (Orpheum) Fresno, Calif.;  
 (Orpheum) Oakland 3-8.  
 Lyons, George (Orpheum) Omaha, Neb.  
 Lyell & Vokes (Lincoln Sq.) New York 28-  
 March 1.  
 Lyell & Fant (Lyceum) Canton, O.  
 Lyell & Macy (Orpheum) St. Louis; (Main  
 St.) Kansas City 3-8.

**McAniff, Jack (Globe) Philadelphia.**  
 McBride & Janeling (Lyric) Birmingham, Ala.;  
 (Majestic) Houston, Tex., 3-8.  
 McConnell, Marie (Poll) Meriden, Conn.  
 McConnell & Stump (Temple) Detroit.  
 McCornick, John, Jr. (Liberty) Liberty, N. Y.,  
 27-28; (Rialto) Monticello 28-March 1.  
 McCormick & Wallace (Orpheum), Madison,  
 Wis., 28-March 1.  
 McCoy & Walton (Loew) London, Can., 28-  
 March 1.  
 McCross, The (Orpheum) Aberdeen, S. D., 28-  
 March 1.  
 McCullough, Carl (Pantages) Spokane; (Pan-  
 tages) Seattle 3-8.  
 McDermott, Billie (Orpheum) Fresno, Calif.;  
 (Hill St.) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 McDevitt, Kelly & Quinn (Rialto) Chicago.  
 McDonough, Ethel (Lyric) Hamilton, Can.  
 McFarhan & Palace (Jole) Ft. Smith, Ark.,  
 28-March 1.  
 McFarlane, George (Orpheum) San Francisco;  
 (Orpheum) Oakland 3-8.  
 McGivney, Owen (Rialto) St. Louis; (Or-  
 pheum) Kansas City 3-8.  
 McIntyre & Heath (Orpheum) Los Angeles 28-  
 March 8.  
 McKay & Ardine (Keith) Cincinnati.  
 MacChack & Hudday (Pantages) Los Angeles,  
 (Hoyt) Long Beach 3-8.  
 McLaughlin & Evans (Orpheum) Des Moines,  
 Ia.  
 McLeod, Tex. (Keith) Cincinnati.  
 McRae & Clegg (Grand) Philadelphia.  
 McWaters & Trason (Keith) Columbus, O.  
 Mace & Dupel (Liberty) Corning, N. Y., 28-  
 March 1; (State) Lorain, O., 3-8.  
 Mack & Veldner (Proctor) Troy, N. Y.  
 Mack & Stanton (Broadway) Philadelphia.  
 Mack & Manners (State) Memphis, Tenn.  
 Mack, George (Faurot) Lima, O., 28-March 1.  
 Madcaps, Four (Broadway) Philadelphia.  
 Mahon & Cholet (Orpheum) New Orleans.





Walters, F. & O. (Grand) Shreveport, La.  
 Walters & Walters (Imperial) Montreal.  
 Walters & Stern (Pantages) San Francisco;  
 (Pantages) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Walters, Three (State) Newark, N. J.  
 Walton, J. & J. (Roanoke) Roanoke, Va.  
 Walton & Brandt (Broadway) Springfield, Mass.,  
 28-March 1.  
 Walton, Bert (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.  
 Warner & Palmer (Greenpoint) Brooklyn.  
 Ward & Holman (Hialto) Chicago.  
 Ward & Raymond (Regent) Detroit.  
 Ward, Will J. (Tivoli) Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Ward & Hart (Seelye Sq.) Boston.  
 Ward & Van (Maryland) Baltimore.  
 Ward, Tom & Dolly (Majestic) Dallas, Tex.;  
 (Majestic) Houston 3-8.  
 Watson, Joseph K. (Orpheum) New Orleans.  
 Watson, Harry, Co. (Hipp.) New York.  
 Watson Sisters (World Omaha); (Pantages) Des  
 Moines, Ia., 3-8.  
 Watts & Harvey (Royal) New York.  
 Wayman & Companion (Orpheum) Allentown,  
 Pa.  
 Webb's Entertainers (Seelye Sq.) Boston.  
 Weber & Clifford (Grand) St. Louis.  
 Weber & Ruder (Orpheum) Brooklyn.  
 Weber, Fred, Co. (Pantages) Salt Lake City;  
 (Orpheum) Ogden 3-8.  
 Weems, Walter (Palace) South Bend, Ind., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Welton & Marshall (Grand) Oshkosh, Wis., 28-  
 March 1.  
 Werner-Amoros Trio (Pantages) Saskatoon,  
 Can.; (Pantages) Edmonton 3-8.  
 Westholl's Ship (State) Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Weston, Wm. (Regent) Detroit.  
 Weston & Elaine (Proctor) Albany, N. Y.  
 Wheeler & Potter (Fulton) Brooklyn 28-  
 March 1.  
 Wheeler Trio (olympia) New Bedford, Mass.  
 Wheeler & Wheeler (Mission) Long Beach,  
 Calif., 28-March 1.  
 Whirlwinds, Three (Hill St.) Los Angeles.  
 White Bros. (Grand) Atlanta.  
 White & Buck (Temple) Detroit.  
 White, Frances (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.;  
 (Orpheum) Fresno 6-8.  
 White Sisters (Majestic) Cedar Rapids, Ia.,  
 28-March 1.  
 White, P. J. Co. (Palace) Manchester, N. H.  
 Whitfield & Ireland (Pantages) Saskatoon, Can.;  
 (Pantages) Edmonton 3-8.  
 Widener, Hasty (Lafayette Garden) Detroit 28-  
 March 1; (Palace) Detroit 3-8.  
 Willhite, The (Pantages) San Francisco; (Pan-  
 tages) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 Wilkens & Wilkens Trio (Loew) New Orleans;  
 (Loew) Lexington, Ky., 3-8.  
 Williams & Keane (Maryland) Baltimore.  
 Williams & Taylor (Poly) Scranton, Pa.  
 Williams, Roger (Palace) Waterbury, Conn.  
 Williams & Wolfus (Riverside) New York.  
 Wills & Robins (State-Lake) Chicago.  
 Wilson, Al H. (Fulton) Brooklyn 28-March 1.  
 Wilson, L. & M. (Colonial) Norfolk, Va.  
 Wilson, Jack (Orpheum) Omaha, Neb.; (Or-  
 pheum) Des Moines, Ia., 3-8.  
 Wilson, Chas., Co. (Hipp.) Cleveland.  
 Wilson, Frank (Washington St.) Boston.  
 Wilson Bros. (Brushwick) Brooklyn.  
 Winifred & Brown (Delancey St.) New York  
 28-March 1.  
 Wisel, Louis (Pantages) Salt Lake City; (Or-  
 pheum) Ogden 3-8.  
 With, May, & Family (Hennepin) Minneapolis.  
 Wohlman, Al. (Maryland) Baltimore.  
 Wood, Wee Georgie (Keith) Cincinnati.  
 Wood & Wyde (Orpheum) San Francisco; (Or-  
 pheum) Oakland 3-8.  
 Wood, Hilt (Pantages) Portland, Ore.  
 World, Frank, Co. (Pantages) San Francisco;  
 (Pantages) Los Angeles 3-8.  
 World of Make Believe (Orpheum) Omaha,  
 Neb.  
 Wright & Gayman (Palace) Waterbury, Conn.  
 Wyatt's, Jack, Lada & Lassies (Orpheum) Port-  
 land, Ore.; (Golden Gate) San Francisco 3-8.  
 Wylie & Hartman (Pantages) Seattle; (Pan-  
 tages) Vancouver, Can., 3-8.  
 Wye, Ross, Trio (Pantages) Kansas City;  
 (Pantages) Memphis 3-8.

Lamond, Frederic; Chicago 2.  
 Macbeth, Florence & Co.; Rochester, N. Y., 3.  
 Martin, Riccardo; Philadelphia Feb. 28-29.  
 Metormark, Jean; San Francisco 2.  
 Metropolitan Opera Co.; New York Nov. 3.  
 Indef.  
 Morina, Erika; St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28-29.  
 Indoravsky, San Francisco Feb. 27.  
 Paylow & Ballet Russe; Nashville, Tenn.,  
 Feb. 27; Aurora, Ill., 27; Chicago March 3-15.  
 Polah, Andre; Baltimore Feb. 28.  
 Rosenthal, Moritz; Boston Feb. 28.  
 Salmon, Felix; Boston 8.  
 Schumann-Henk, Mine.; Chicago 2.  
 Scott, Henri; Philadelphia Feb. 28-29.  
 Shattuck, Arthur; Boston 5.  
 Sousa and His Band; Atlanta, Ga., 27; Green-  
 ville, S. C., 28; Spartanburg 29; Charlotte,  
 N. C., March 1; Greensboro 3; Raleigh 4;  
 Norfolk, Va., 5; Richmond 6; Washington,  
 D. C., 7; Baltimore, Md., 8.  
 Squires, Marjorie; Stamford, Conn., 3.  
 Stanley, Helen; Philadelphia Feb. 28-29.  
 Stundulus, Mar.; North Adams, Mass., 7.  
 Sylvia Margovitch; Philadelphia Feb. 28-29.  
 Tiffany, Marie; Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 28.  
 Zandt, Marie; Chicago 2.

DRAMATIC & MUSICAL

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Able's Irish Rose; (Studebaker) Chicago Dec. 23, Indef.  
 Able's Irish Rose; (Colonial) Cleveland, Indef.  
 Able's Irish Rose; (Republic) New York May 22, Indef.  
 Able's Irish Rose; (Cox) Cincinnati, Feb. 10, Indef.  
 Able's Irish Rose; (Majestic) Buffalo, N. Y., Indef.  
 Anglin, Margaret; (Blackstone) Chicago Feb. 11, Indef.  
 Artists and Models; (Shubert) New York Aug. 16, Indef.  
 Barrymore, Ethel, in the Laughing Lady; (Will-  
 bur) Boston 25-March 1; (Capitol) Albany,  
 N. Y., 3-5; (Lyceum) Rochester 6-8.  
 Bat, The; Visalia, Calif., 27; Modesto 28;  
 Marysville 29; Chico March 1; Redding 2;  
 Eugene, Ore., 3; Portland 5-8.  
 Bat, The; Maysville, Ky., 27; Lebanon, O., 28;  
 Springfield 29; Urbana March 1; Youngstown  
 3-5.  
 Bat, The; (Garrick) Washington 25-March 1.  
 Battling Butler; (Selwyn) New York Oct. 8, Indef.  
 Beggar on Horseback; (Broadhurst) New York  
 Feb. 12, Indef.  
 Berkeley Comedians; (Arlington) Boston Jan. 16, Indef.  
 Best People; (Adelphi) Chicago Nov. 12, Indef.  
 Blossom Time; Springfield, Ill., 27; Decatur  
 28; Evansville, Ind., 29-March 1.  
 Blossom Time; (Metropolitan) Seattle 21-  
 March 1.  
 Blossom Time (No. 1); (Alvin) Pittsburgh 25-  
 March 8.  
 Bride, The; (Lyceum) Baltimore 25-March 1.  
 Budge, Al & Loie, Co.; (Garden) Kansas City,  
 Mo., Dec. 16, Indef.  
 Bringing Up Father; John T. Pearsall, mgr.;  
 Orlando, Fla., 27; Sanford 28; Titusville 29;  
 New Smyrna March 1; Deland 3; Daytona  
 4; Palatka 5; St. Augustine 6.  
 Buckeye Girls Revue; Floyd Shelton, mgr.;  
 Watseka, Ill., 27; Rankin 29; Hoopston  
 March 1; Paxton 2; Gibson City 3; Rantoul  
 4; Leroy 5; Farmer City 6; Clinton 7.  
 Carter, Mrs. Leslie, in Stella Dallas; (Selwyn)  
 Boston Feb. 18, Indef.  
 Cat and the Canary; (Metropolitan) Ont., Can., 27;  
 Perth 28; Kingston 29-March 1; Hamilton  
 3-7; London 6-8.  
 Cat and the Canary; (Metropolitan) St. Paul  
 24-March 1; (Orpheum) Duluth 3-8.  
 Cat and the Canary; (Beloit, Wis., 27; Wau-  
 kesha 28; Hammond, Ind., March 1; Lansing,  
 Mich., 3; Port Huron 4; Flint 5; Pontiac 6;  
 Jackson 7; Ann Arbor 8.  
 Cat and the Canary; Lafayette, Col., 27; Trin-  
 dad 28; Las Vegas, N. M., 29; Albuquerque  
 March 1; El Paso, Tex., 3-5; Eastland 7.  
 Charlotte, Andre, Revue of 1924; (Times Sq.)  
 New York Jan. 9, Indef.  
 Changelings, The; (Ohio) Cleveland 25-March  
 1; (Sixton) Pittsburgh 3-8.  
 Chauve-Souris (Royal Alexandra) Toronto,  
 Can., 25-March 1.  
 Chiffon Girl, with Eleanor Painter; (Lyric) New  
 York Feb. 18, Indef.  
 Cowl, Jane, in Antony and Cleopatra; (Lyceum)  
 New York Feb. 19, Indef.  
 Dancers, The, with Richard Bennett; (Adelphi)  
 Philadelphia Feb. 11, Indef.  
 Dirchstein, Leo; (Jefferson) St. Louis 25-  
 March 1.  
 Doll's House (special matinee); (Vanderbilt)  
 New York Feb. 21, Indef.  
 Dumbells, The, in Cheerio; Montreal, Can., 25-  
 March 1.  
 Dope, Eleanor; San Francisco 4.  
 Fashion; (Provincetown) New York Feb. 3,  
 Indef.  
 First Year, with Frank Craven; (Hollis St.)  
 Boston Jan. 7-March 8.  
 First Year; Parkersburg, W. Va., 27; Mari-  
 otta, O., 28; Wheeling, W. Va., 29-March  
 1; Columbus, O., 3-5.  
 Fool, The, Chas. Hunt, mgr.; Atlantic City,  
 N. J., 25-March 1; New York 3-8.  
 Fool, The (Co. C); H. E. Smith, mgr.; (Cur-  
 ran) San Francisco 25-March 15.  
 Fool, The (Co. D); Wichita, Kan., 27; Salina  
 28; Concord 3; Manhattan 3; Topeka  
 4; Lawrence 5; Atchison 6; St. Joseph, Mo.,  
 7-8.  
 For All of Us, with Wm. Hodges; (Ambasador)  
 New York Jan. 14, Indef.  
 Gingham Girl; (Hollis St.) Philadelphia Feb.  
 18, Indef.  
 Give and Take, with Mann & Sidney; (La  
 Salle) Chicago Jan. 20, Indef.  
 Girl From Broadway; Anderson & Lutton, mgrs.;  
 Bristol, Pa., 28; Pittston 29; Lehigh Valley  
 1; Northampton 2; Pottsville 3; Steelton 4;  
 Trenton 5; Pottsville 6; Freehold 7.  
 Goose Hangs High (Bijou) New York Jan. 29,  
 Indef.  
 Greenwich Village Follies; (Shubert) Philadel-  
 phia 11-March 1.  
 Greenwich Village Follies; John Sheehy, mgr.;  
 Baltimore 25-March 1; Washington 3-8.  
 Gypsy Jim, with Leo Carrillo; (49th St.) New  
 York Jan. 14, Indef.  
 Hampden, Walter, Co.; (National) New York  
 Dec. 17, Indef.  
 Hannele (special matinee); (Cort) New York  
 Feb. 15, Indef.

Hell-Bent For Heaven; (Frazee) New York  
 Feb. 4, Indef.  
 Hello Miss Bright Eyes; W. P. McDonald, mgr.;  
 Sullivan, Ill., 27; Gillespie 28; Edwardsville  
 29; Heald March 1-2; Mt. Olive 3; Arcola 4;  
 Carbondale 5; Kankakee 6-7.  
 Higwayman, The; (Shubert) Cincinnati, O.,  
 March 1; Dayton 3-5; Columbus 6-8.  
 Honeymoon House; (Central) Chicago Dec. 23,  
 Indef.  
 Hurricane, with Olga Petrova; (Frolie) New  
 York Dec. 24, Indef.  
 I'll Say She Is; (Hanna) Cleveland 25-March 1.  
 In the Next Room; (Vanderbilt) New York  
 Nov. 27, Indef.  
 Innocent Eyes; (Apollo) Chicago Feb. 17, Indef.  
 Jones (Cory) Buffalo 28-March 1.  
 Just Married; Marshall, Tex., 27; Texarkana  
 28; Hot Springs, Ark., 29; Little Rock  
 March 1.  
 Kid Boots, with Eddie Cantor; (Earl Carroll)  
 New York Dec. 31, Indef.  
 Kiki, with Lenore Ulric; (Powers) Chicago Dec.  
 24-March 8.  
 Lady, The, with Mary Nash; (Empire) New  
 York Dec. 4, Indef.  
 Lady in Ermine; (Garrick) Chicago Feb. 17-  
 March 1.  
 Laugh, Clown, Laugh, with Lionel Barrymore;  
 (Belasco) New York Nov. 28, Indef.  
 La der, Sir Harry; (Poll) Washington, D. C.,  
 25-March 1.  
 Last Warning; Centralia, Ill., 27; Bloomington  
 28; Peoria 29-March 1.  
 Lightnin'; (New Detroit) Detroit 25-March 8.  
 Little Miss Bluebeard; (Broad St.) Philadelphia  
 25-March 8.  
 Little Nellie Kelly; Hamilton, Ont., Can., 27;  
 London 28; Toledo, O., 29-March 1; (Grand)  
 Cincinnati 2.  
 Little Jessie James; (Detroit O. H.) Detroit  
 25-March 1.  
 Little Jessie James (Little) New York Jan. 28,  
 Indef.  
 Lollipop; (Knickerbocker) New York Jan. 21,  
 Indef.  
 Magic Ring, with Miltzi; (Grand) Cincinnati 24-  
 March 1.  
 Mantell, Robert B.; (Regina) Regina, Can., 28-  
 March 1; Edmonton 3-5; Calgary 6-8.  
 Marcus Show of 1924; A. B. Marcus, mgr.;  
 Margsville, Kan., 27; Beatrice, Neb., 28;  
 Lincoln 29-March 1.  
 Mary Jane McKane; (Imperial) New York Dec.  
 25-March 1.  
 Martin-Harvey, Sir John; (Walker) Winnipeg,  
 Man., Can., 25-March 1.  
 Meet the Wife; (Klaw) New York Nov. 26,  
 Indef.  
 Merry Wives of Gotham (Henry Miller's) New  
 York Jan. 16, Indef.  
 Miracle, The; (Century) New York Jan. 10,  
 Indef.  
 Mister Pitt; (Thirty-Ninth St.) New York Jan.  
 22, Indef.  
 Moon-Flower, The, with Elsie Ferguson; (As-  
 tor) New York Feb. 25, Indef.  
 Moonlight (Longacre) New York Jan. 30, Indef.  
 Moscow Art Theater; (Jolson) New York Jan.  
 14, Indef.  
 Music Box Revue; (Music Box) New York  
 Sept. 17, Indef.  
 Music Box Revue, Max Hirsch, mgr.; (Colonial)  
 Boston Feb. 25-April 5.  
 Nervous Wreck, The; (Harris) New York Oct.  
 9, Indef.  
 Nervous Wreck, with Taylor Holmes; (Sam H.  
 Harris) Chicago Dec. 23, Indef.  
 New Toss, with Ernest Truax; (Fulton) New  
 York Feb. 18, Indef.  
 New Englander, The; (Forty-Eighth St.) New  
 York Feb. 7, Indef.  
 Old Soak, with Raymond Hitchcock; (Tulane)  
 New Orleans 27-March 1.  
 Other Rose, with Fay Bainter; (Morosco) New  
 York Dec. 20, Indef.  
 Outward Bound; (Ritz) New York Jan. 7, Indef.  
 Partners Again; (Teck) Buffalo, N. Y., 27;  
 Ithaca 28.  
 Passing Show of 1923, with Ted Lewis; (Shu-  
 bert) Boston Feb. 11-March 1.  
 Patton, W. B., in the Slow Poke, Frank B.  
 Smith, mgr.; Wilmington, O., 27; Nelsonville  
 28; Newark 29.  
 Penelope; (Cort) Chicago, Feb. 17, Indef.  
 Poppy, with Madge Kennedy; (Apollo) New  
 York Sept. 3, Indef.  
 Pottery, The; (Plymouth) New York Dec. 8,  
 Indef.  
 Rain, with Jeanne Eagels; (Maxine Elliott)  
 New York Nov. 7, Indef.  
 Red Light Annie, with Mary Ryan; (Princess)  
 Chicago, Feb. 17, Indef.  
 Rise of Rosie O'Reilly; (Liberty) New York  
 Dec. 25, Indef.  
 Robson, May, Augustus Pitou, mgr.; (Mason)  
 Los Angeles 25-March 1; Long Beach, Calif.,  
 3; Riverside 4; San Bernardino 5; San Diego  
 6-8.  
 Roseanne; (Pitt) Pittsburgh 25-March 1.  
 Running Wild, with Miller and Lyles; (Colonial)  
 New York Oct. 29, Indef.  
 Rust; (52d St.) New York, Feb. 25, Indef.  
 Saint Joan; (Garrick) New York Dec. 28, Indef.  
 Sally, Irene and Mary; (Mura) Indianapolis  
 28-March 1.  
 Sally, Irene and Mary; (Lyric) Philadelphia  
 Feb. 18, Indef.  
 Seventh Heaven; (Booth) New York Oct. 30,  
 Indef.  
 Shame Woman, The; (Comedy) New York Nov.  
 5, Indef.  
 Show Off, The; (Playhouse) New York Feb. 5,  
 Indef.  
 Skinner, Ode; (Nixon) Pittsburgh 25-March 1.  
 So This Is London; Keene, N. H., 27; Fitch-  
 burg, Mass., 28; Manchester, N. H., 29-March  
 1; Lowell, Mass., 3.  
 So This Is London; (Garrick) Philadelphia, Feb.  
 1, Indef.  
 Song and Dance Man, with George M. Cohan;  
 (Hudson) New York Dec. 31, Indef.  
 Sothern & Marlowe; (Shubert) Kansas City 25-  
 March 1; (Jefferson) St. Louis 3-8.  
 Spring Cleaning; (Eltinge) New York Nov. 9,  
 Indef.  
 Stepping Stones, with Fred Stone; (Globe) New  
 York Nov. 6, Indef.  
 Strong, The (special matinee); (49th St.)  
 New York Feb. 26, Indef.  
 Sunup; (Princess) New York May 24, Indef.  
 Swan, The; (Cort) New York Oct. 21, Indef.  
 Sweet Little Devil (Central) New York, Feb.  
 25, Indef.  
 Tarnish; (Belmont) New York Oct. 1, Indef.  
 Thank U; Montgomery, Ala., 27; Selma 28;  
 Meridian, Miss., 29; Mobile, Ala., March 1;  
 (Tulane) New Orleans, La., 2-8.  
 Theater Guild Revue; Co.; (Great Northern)  
 Chicago Feb. 17, Indef.  
 Thorston, Magician; (American) St. Louis 25-  
 March 1.

Topica of 1923, with Delysia; (Winter Garden)  
 New York Jan. 14, Indef.  
 Tony and Eva, with Duncan Slaters; (Selwyn)  
 Chicago Dec. 30, Indef.  
 Trained in Scotland; Wilmington, Del., 27-28.  
 Trained in Scotland; 29-March 1; Altoona 3;  
 Harrisburg, Pa., 4; Cumberland, Md., 5; Parkers-  
 burg, W. Va., 6; Huntington 7-8.  
 Uncle Tom's Cabin (Newton & Livingston's),  
 Thos. Alton, bus. mgr.; Edwardsville, Ill.,  
 27; Madison, N. Y., Gillespie 29.  
 Uncle Tom's Cabin (Stetson's), C. F. Akbar-  
 man, mgr.; Watertown, S. D., 27; War-  
 nar, Minn., 28; Wahpeton, N. D., 29; Mar-  
 shal, Minn., March 1; Fergus Falls 3; Cross-  
 ton 4; Grand Forks, N. D., 5; Fargo 6.  
 Unwanted Child; Minneapolis 25-29; St. Paul  
 March 2-7.  
 Unwanted Child; (Grand) Toronto, Can., 27-  
 March 1.  
 Up-She Goes; (Majestic) Boston Feb. 16-March  
 8.  
 Up She Goes (No. 1); Sandusky, O., 27;  
 Rochester, N. Y., 28-March 1; Syracuse 2;  
 Albany 3-8.  
 Vilna Troupe (Thomashefsky's) New York Jan.  
 29, Indef.  
 Vaulties; (National) Washington 25-March 1.  
 Warfield, David; (Columbia) San Francisco 25-  
 March 1.  
 W. Rodgers; (Cohan's Grand) Chicago Jan. 20,  
 Indef.  
 Wild-Warning; (Missouri) Kansas City 21-  
 March 1; (Hoadway) Denver 3-8.  
 White Cargo; (Daily) New York Dec. 24, Indef.  
 White's, George, Scandals; (Colonial) Chicago  
 Feb. 21, Indef.  
 Whiteside, Walker; (Playhouse) Chicago Feb.  
 3-March 1.  
 White Town's Talking, with Grant Mitchell;  
 (Higmore) Boston 11-March 1.  
 Wildflower; (Casino) New York Feb. 7, Indef.  
 Wildflower; (No. 2); Kalamazoo, Mich., 27;  
 Grand Rapids 28-March 1.  
 Wonderful Visit; (Lenox Hill) New York Feb.  
 9, Indef.  
 Wynn, Ed, in the Perfect Fool; Cedar Rapids,  
 Ia., 27; Dubuque 28; Madison, Wis., 29-  
 March 1; (Haviland) Milwaukee 2-8.  
 You and I; (Walnut St.) Philadelphia 25-March  
 1; (Plymouth) Boston 3-8.  
 Zander the Great, with Alice Brady; (Tremont)  
 Boston, Feb. 25, Indef.  
 Ziegfeld Follies; (Davidson) Milwaukee 24-  
 March 1; (American) St. Louis 2-8.  
 Ziegfeld Follies (New Edition); (New Amster-  
 dam) New York Oct. 20, Indef.

BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

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Acorn Serenaders, T. S. Wilcher, mgr.; (Acorn  
 Dancing Academy) Roanoke, Va., Nov. 25,  
 Indef.  
 Ague's, Jimmy, Orch.; (Bowman's Dance Gar-  
 dens) Youngstown, O., Sept. 17, Indef.  
 Allen's, Jean, Band; S. Mansfield, Ia., 25-  
 March 1.  
 Baker's, Julia, Broadway Ladies' Orch.; (New  
 Aurora) Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 11, Indef.  
 Bauers, Chas., Orch.; (Big Kids Palace)  
 Jaxer, Mexico, Indef.  
 Biddinger & Newell orch. (Auditorium) Cedar  
 Rapids, Ia., Indef.  
 California Jazz Bandits, Chuck Wilson, mgr.;  
 (Capital) Moose Jaw, Sask., Can., Indef.  
 Castle House Orch., E. E. Graese, dir.;  
 Wilmington, N. C., 27; Florence, S. C., 28;  
 Charleston 29; Savannah, Ga., March 1; Co-  
 lumbia, S. C., 3; Greenville 4; Athens, Ga.,  
 5; Atlanta 6-8.  
 Cogert & Waldron's Dance Clowns; (Franklin)  
 New York 25-March 1; (Sixth St.) New York  
 3-9.  
 Conrodors, The, J. I. Flacus, mgr.; Punxsu-  
 tawney, Pa., 28; Leechburg 29; Vanderzant  
 March 1.  
 Criss, C. J., Broadway Entertainers; (Hamil-  
 ton Hotel) Hamilton, Bermuda, until May 1.  
 Dahlstrand's Orch.; (Casino) Daytona Beach,  
 Fla., Indef.  
 Dixie Serenaders, Tom O'Kelley, mgr.; (Linger  
 Longer Lodge) Raleigh, N. C., Indef.  
 Emerson's, Hazel, Orch.; (Fort Stuben Hotel)  
 Northville, O., Indef.  
 Field's, Hazel, Knights of Harmony; (Sahara-  
 at-the-Beach) San Francisco, Calif., Indef.  
 Floridans, The, Shannon L. Austin, mgr.; (Sun-  
 set Beach) Tampa, Fla., Jan. 22, Indef.  
 Franklin's, Hill, Orch.; (Haight's Auditorium)  
 Albuquerque, N. M., Indef.  
 Fuller's, L. F., Orch.; Kalamazoo, Mich., In-  
 def.  
 Georgia Melodians; (Cinderella) New York, In-  
 def.  
 Georgia Serenaders Orch., H. H. Hitzgers, Jr.,  
 mgr.; (Roosevelt Hotel) New Orleans, La.,  
 Indef.  
 Georgian Entertainers, R. M. Lydesley, mgr.;  
 (Cascaed Gardens) Chicago, Ill., Indef.  
 Great Lakes Six Orch., George E. Pelton, mgr.;  
 Chautauque Lake (Fredonia), N. Y., Indef.  
 Hartigan Bros. Orch., J. W. Hartigan, Jr.,  
 mgr.; Hawksville, Ga., 28; Ashburn 29;  
 Cordele March 1; Americus 3; Albany 4;  
 Ithaca, Ala., 5.  
 Harris' Hall, P. Orch.; (Knickerbocker)  
 Nashville, Tenn., Indef.  
 Hill's, W. A., Players; (Danceland) New Or-  
 leans, La., Indef.  
 Indiana Serenaders, John Jackson, mgr.; (Rain-  
 bow Gardens) Miami, Fla., until April 15.  
 Johnson's, Curly, Orch., W. G. Prentice, mgr.;  
 (The Pyramids) Chemung, N. Y., Dec. 11,  
 Indef.  
 Karm & Andrews' Orch.; (Arcna Gardens) De-  
 troit, Mich., Indef.  
 Kentucky Kernels, Jos. E. Huffman, mgr.  
 (Adelphi Hotel) Philadelphia, until April  
 15.  
 Kentucky Sextet, Chas. Naldorf, dir.; (Hopkin-  
 son Mansion) Brooklyn, Indef.  
 Kirkham's, Don, Serenaders; (Winter Garden)  
 Portland, Ore., Sept. 8, Indef.  
 Landry's, Art, Call of North Arch.; (T. & D.  
 Theater) Oakland, Calif., Indef.  
 Lee's, Homer F., Band; Monett, Mo., 25-  
 March 1.  
 Macleider's, J. A., Orch. (Hotel Broward) Ft.  
 Lauderdale, Fla., until March 15.  
 McSarron's Band; New Orleans, La., 25-  
 March 1.  
 McDowell's, Adrian, Dixie Syncopaters; (Peer-  
 less Dance Hall) Anabel, Calif., Indef.  
 Meredith, Jack, Orch.; Orlando, Fla., Indef.  
 Miami Ramblers; (Mikado) Freeport, L. I., N.  
 Y., Indef.  
 Mills, Orch., Floyd Mills, mgr.; Akron, O., 27;  
 Canton 28; Pittsburg, Pa., 29.

CONCERT AND OPERA

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Althouse, Paul; Stamford, Conn., 3.  
 Chicago Civic Opera Co.; Dallas, Tex., 29-  
 March 1; San Francisco, Calif., 6-8.  
 De-Lys, Edith; Philadelphia Feb. 28-29.  
 DeLoelman, Vladimir; Pittsburgh 3.  
 Easton, Florence; Stamford, Conn., 3.  
 Flonzaley Quartet; (Aeolian Hall) New York  
 4; Boston 6.  
 Friedman, Ignaz; (Aeolian Hall) New York 1.  
 Gubrilovitch, Ossip; Washington Feb. 29;  
 Boston March 2; Philadelphia Feb. 29; Bos-  
 ton March 2; Washington Feb. 28.  
 Gates, Lucy; Washington Feb. 28.  
 Heifetz, Jascha; (Carnegie Hall) New York  
 Feb. 28-29.  
 Hempel, Freda; Birmingham, Ala., 3.  
 Hungarian Operette Co.; Steve Totb, dir.; (La-  
 bor Temple) Los Angeles 1-12.  
 Hutcheson, Ernest; Boston 8.  
 Irovani, Maria; San Francisco Feb. 29; Port-  
 land March 3.  
 Jassy, Marie; Philadelphia 3.  
 Krosler, Fritz; St. Louis Feb. 27; Chicago  
 March 2.



Benny, Radio Orch.: Memphis, Tenn., Indef.  
 Band: Miami Beach, Fla., Indef.  
 Seven Aces, Geo. L. Buchman, bus. mgr.: Memphis, Tenn., Indef.  
 Band: Elizabeth City, N. C., Indef.  
 Danique Orch., W. H. Ballard, dir.: N. Y., Indef.  
 Danique Orch., Glenn C. Zeor, mgr.: N. Y., Indef.  
 Herold, Entertainers: (Majestic) Houston, Tex., 28-March 1; (Tamaqua) Pa., 3-March 1; (Palace) Olean, N. Y., Indef.  
 Dick, Gold Derbies: (Grand Dausant) N. Y., Indef.  
 Leo F. Orch.: (Hotel Brunswick) N. Y., Indef.  
 Harry, Banders: (Palm Garden) Worcester, Mass., until June 15.  
 J. B. Orch.: Williamsport, Pa., Indef.  
 Harmonium Orch., R. W. Stamper, mgr.: (Hunc Far Restaurant) Dayton, O., Indef.  
 Royal Palm Entertainers, H. E. Hayworth, mgr.: (Woodward's Palm Garden) Cincinnati, Indef.  
 Sylvia Logan Orch.: (Arenda Ballroom) Lansing, Mich., until April 27.  
 Sweeney, Harry, Orch.: (Club Gallant, Greenwood) New York City, Indef.  
 G. A. Band: (Madison) Ala., Indef.  
 W. A. Orch.: (Majestic) Kalamazoo, Mich., Indef.  
 The, E. M. Holbrook, mgr.: (Winter Garden) Wichita Falls, Tex., until March 1.  
 Turner, Sorenaders, J. C. Turner, Jr., mgr.: (Daisy Royal) Worcester, Mass., Indef.  
 Williams, Ed., Dance Queens, Henry Corert, mgr.: (Rossmore) Brooklyn, Indef.  
 Worden, Geraldine, Marigold Orch.: (Fort Des Moines Hotel) Des Moines, Ia., Indef.

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Abbott, Forest, Players: (Strand) Everett, Wash., Indef.  
 Alhambra, Players: (Alhambra) Brooklyn, N. Y., Indef.  
 Auditorium, Players: (Auditorium) Malden, Mass., Indef.  
 Augustin, Wm., Stock Co.: (Olympia) Gloucester, Mass., Indef.  
 Baumgardner, Players: (Shubert) Minneapolis Aug. 19, Indef.  
 Boney, Players: (Fifth Ave.) Brooklyn, N. Y., Indef.  
 Boston Stock Co.: (St. James) Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, Indef.  
 Broadway, Players: (Broadway) Columbus, O., Indef.  
 Brockton, Players: (City) Brockton, Mass., Indef.  
 Carleton, Henry, Players: (Star) Pawtucket, R. I., Indef.  
 Carroll, J. P., (Opera House) St. John, N. B., Can., Sept. 3, Indef.  
 Century, Players: (Auditorium) Lynn, Mass., Indef.  
 Chicago Stock Co., Class II, Rosham, mgr.: (Broadway) Southbridge, Mass., 28-March 1; (Middletown) Middletown, Conn., 3-8.  
 City Stock Co.: (Civic) Dallas, Tex., Indef.  
 Cloninger, Ralph, Players: (Wilkes) Salt Lake City, Utah, Indef.  
 Colonial, Players: (Colonial) Lawrence, Mass., Indef.  
 Damon, Players: (Playhouse) Dayton, O., Indef.  
 DeWitt, M., Players: (Desmond) Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15, Indef.  
 Dixon, Players: (Grand) Huntington, Ia., Dec. 21, Indef.  
 Empress, Players: (Empress) Vancouver, B. C., Can., Indef.  
 Empire Theater Stock Co.: (Empire) Salem, Mass., Indef.  
 Forsyth, Players: (Lyric) Atlanta, Ga., Indef.  
 Fulton Stock Co.: (Fulton) Oakland, Calif., Indef.  
 Garrick Stock Co.: (Garrick) Milwaukee, Wis., Indef.  
 Gaspar, Vaughan, Players: (Uptown) Toronto, Ont., Can., S. pt. 17, Indef.  
 Gordiner, Players, Clyde H. Gordiner, mgr.: (Reginald Regina, Sask., Can., Indef.  
 Gordiner, Players, S. O. & Chas. A. Gordiner, mgrs.: (Princess) Ft. Dodge, Ia., Sept. 2, Indef.  
 Grand Players (No. 3), Clyde H. Gordiner, mgr.: (Rialto) Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 20, Indef.  
 Grand Stock Co.: (Grand) El Paso, Tex., Indef.  
 Grand Players: (Grand) Calgary, Alta., Can., Indef.  
 Grand Players: (Grand) Denver, Ia., Sept. 2, Indef.  
 Hart, Players: (Hart) Long Beach, Calif., Indef.  
 Hastings, Jane, Stock Co., Adam W. Friend, mgr.: (Strand) Cuthwicksville, Pa., 3-8.  
 Haylock, Players: (Haylock) Holyoke, Mass., Indef.  
 Hudson Stock Co.: (Hudson) Union Hill, N. J., Feb. 18, Indef.  
 Jewett's, Henry, Repertoire Co.: (Copley Sq.) Boston, Mass., Indef.  
 Krause, Eda, Stock Co.: (Irving) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 4, Indef.  
 LaVerne, Dorothy, Players: (Grand) Evansville, Ind., Sept. 2, Indef.  
 Lanier, Players: (Fulton) Lancaster, Pa., Indef.  
 Lewis, Gene-Olga Worth Co., Dave Hellman, mgr.: (Lyceum) Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 2, Indef.  
 Lewis, Jack X., Players: (Jefferson) Roanoke, Va., Indef.  
 Lewis, M., Players: (Park) Manchester, N. H., Feb. 25, Indef.  
 Lyceum, Players: (Lyceum) Pittsburg, Pa., Indef.  
 Majestic Stock Co.: (Majestic) Los Angeles, Calif., Indef.  
 Majestic, Players: (Majestic) Halifax, N. S., Can., Indef.  
 Maple, Players, Goo F. Dunran, bus. mgr.: (Maple) Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 20, Indef.  
 Maple, Players, G. A. & Maurine, Irish Players: (Maple) Toronto, Can., Indef.  
 Maple, Stock Co.: (Marcello) Los Angeles, Calif., Indef.  
 New Bedford, Players: (New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 3, Indef.  
 North Star, Stock Co.: (Princess) Wichita, Kan., Oct. 1, Indef.  
 Palace Stock Co.: (Palace) Houston, Tex., Indef.  
 Park, Players: (Park) Miami, Fla., Indef.  
 Park, Edna, Players (Royal) San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 2, Indef.

Peck-a-Boo Players, Myers & Oswald, mgrs.: (Orpheum) Parsons, Kan., 25-March 1.  
 Permanent Players: (Winnipeg) Winnipeg, Man., Can., Indef.  
 Pencil Stock Co.: (Lyric) Knoxville, Tenn., Indef.  
 Pittsfield Stock Co.: (Union Sq.) Pittsfield, Mass., Indef.  
 Plainfield Stock Co.: (Plainfield) Plainfield, N. J., Indef.  
 Toll Players: (Grand) Worcester, Mass., Indef.  
 Princess Players: (Princess) Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 4, Indef.  
 Proctor, Players: (Proctor) Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 3, Indef.  
 Robbins Stock Co.: (Avon) Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 25, Indef.  
 Saenger Players: (St. Charles) New Orleans, La., Indef.  
 Sherman Stock Co.: (Strand) Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept. 16, Indef.  
 Somerville Theater Players: Somerville, Mass., Sept. 3, Indef.  
 Toledo Stock Co.: (Toledo) Toledo, O., Indef.  
 Treat Players: (Grand) Trenton, N. J., Indef.  
 Triplett, Wm., Co.: (Klammes) Fla., Indef.  
 Victory Players: (Victory) Charleston, S. C., Indef.  
 Walker, Stuart, Co.: (Academy) Baltimore Feb. 11, Indef.  
 Warburton Theater Stock: (Warburton) Yonkers, N. Y., Sept. 3, Indef.  
 Washington Theater Guild, Inc.: (President) Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, Indef.  
 Wilkes Players: (Denham) Denver, Col., Indef.  
 Wilkes Stock Co.: (Wilkes) San Francisco, Indef.  
 Williams Stock Co., Ed Williams, mgr.: (Orpheum) Racine, Wis., Nov. 11, Indef.  
 Winninger, Frank, Comedy Co.: (Belvidere) Ill., 25-March 1.  
 Winnipeg Stock Co.: (Winnipeg) Man., Can., Indef.  
 Woodward, Players: (Empress) St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1, Indef.  
 Woodward, Players: (Majestic) Detroit, Mich., Indef.

**BURLESQUE COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

All Aboard: (Gayety) Dayton, O., 25-March 1; (Olympic) Cincinnati 3-8.  
 All in Fun: (Grand) Hamilton, Can., 28-March 1; (Empire) Toronto 3-8.  
 Bathing Beauties: (Colonial) Utica, N. Y., 23-March 1; (Gayety) Montreal 3-8.  
 Bon Tons: (Yorkville) New York 25-March 1; (Empire) Providence 3-8.  
 Bostonians: (Empire) Newark, N. J., 25-March 1; (Minerva) Bronx New York 3-8.  
 Broxy Times: (Harmann Blocker Hall) Albany, N. Y., 25-March 1; (Hanno) Boston 3-8.  
 Brothers of 1923: (Lyric) Bridgeport, Conn., 28-March 1; (Hunting & Seaman) New York 3-8.  
 Bubble Bubble: (Gayety) Boston 25-March 1; (Columbia) New York 3-8.  
 Chuckles of 1923: (Olympic) Chicago 25-March 1; (Star & Garter) Chicago 3-8.  
 Cooper's, Jimmy, Revue: (Empire) Brooklyn 25-March 1; open week 3-8.  
 Dancing Around: (Miner's) Bronx New York 25-March 1; (Casino) Brooklyn 3-8.  
 Follies of the Day: (Casino) Philadelphia 25-March 1; (Palace) Baltimore 3-8.  
 Giggles: (Gayety) Rochester, N. Y., 25-March 1; Auburn 3; Elmira 4; (Colonial) Utica, N. Y., 6-8.  
 Happy Days: (Gayety) Kansas City 25-March 1; open week 3-8.  
 Happy-Go-Lucky: (Olympic) Cincinnati 25-March 1; (Capitol) Indianapolis 3-8.  
 Hippity Hop: (Columbia) New York 25-March 1; (Empire) Brooklyn 3-8.  
 Hollywood Follies: (Gayety) St. Louis 25-March 1; (Gayety) Kansas City 3-8.  
 J. C. T. M.: (Gayety) Detroit 25-March 1; (Grand) London, Can., 3-5; (Grand) Hamilton 6-8.  
 Let's Go: (Casino) Boston 25-March 1; (Hyperion) New Haven, Conn., 3-8.  
 Marlon's, Dave, Show: (Gayety) Washington 25-March 1; (Gayety) Pittsburg 3-8.  
 Monkey Show: (Empire) Toronto 25-March 1; (Gayety) Buffalo 3-8.  
 Niftles of 1923: (Gayety) Omaha 25-March 1; (Olympic) Chicago 3-8.  
 Queens of Paris: (Hunting & Seaman) New York 25-March 1; (Yorkville) New York 3-8.  
 Radio Girls: (Empire) Toledo, O., 25-March 1; (Gayety) Dayton, O., 3-8.  
 Record Breakers: (Orpheum) Paterson, N. J., 25-March 1; (Empire) Newark, N. J., 3-8.  
 Runtin' Wild: (Hyperion) New Haven, Conn., 25-March 1; (Poli) Waterbury, Conn., 3-5; (Lyric) Bridgeport 6-8.  
 S-R Stockings: (Star & Garter) Chicago 25-March 1; (Gayety) Detroit 3-8.  
 Sleep on It: (Capitol) Indianapolis 25-March 1; (Gayety) St. Louis 3-8.  
 Talk of the Town: (Open week) 25-March 1; (Gayety) Omaha 3-8.  
 Temptations of 1923: (Gayety) Pittsburg 25-March 1; (Grand) Canton, O., 6-8.  
 Town Scandals: (Grand) Canton, O., 25-March 1; (Columbia) Cleveland 3-8.  
 Valettes: (Open week) 25-March 1; (Casino) Philadelphia 3-8.  
 Watson's, Billy, Best Trust: (Gayety) Buffalo 25-March 1; (Gayety) Rochester, N. Y., 3-8.  
 Watson, Eding, Bay: (Palace) Baltimore 25-March 1; (Gayety) Washington 3-8.  
 Wheel of Girls: (Empire) Providence 25-March 1; (Gayety) Boston 3-8.  
 Williams, Mollie, Show: (Columbia) Cleveland 25-March 1; (Empire) Toledo, O., 3-8.  
 Wine, Woman and Song: (Casino) Brooklyn 25-March 1; (Orpheum) Paterson, N. J., 3-8.  
 Youthful Follies: (Gayety) Montreal 25-March 1; (Van Dusen) Rochester, N. Y., 3-5; (Harmann Blocker Hall) Albany 6-8.

**MUTUAL CIRCUIT**

Band Box Revue: (Broadway) Indianapolis 25-March 1; (Gayety) Louisville 3-8.  
 Rashful Rabbits: (Open week) 25-March 1; (Garrick) St. Louis 3-8.  
 Beauty Paraders: (Empress) Cincinnati 25-March 1; (Empire) Cleveland 3-8.  
 Big Separation: (Empress) Milwaukee 25-March 1; open week 3-8.  
 Fay, Gus, Revue: (Howard) Boston 25-March 1; (Olympic) New York 3-8.  
 Fads and Follies: (Gayety) Louisville 25-March 1; (Empress) Cincinnati 3-8.  
 Follies of 1923: (Palace) Baltimore 25-March 1; Penn Circuit No. 2 3-8.

Girls of the Follies: (Bijou) Philadelphia 25-March 1; (Penn Circuit No. 1) 3-8.  
 Grown Up Babes: (Majestic) Scranton, Pa., 25-March 1; (New) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 3-8.  
 Heads Up: (Open week) 25-March 1; (Empress) Milwaukee 3-8.  
 Hello Jake Girls: (Empire) Hoboken, N. J., 25-March 1; (Gayety) Brooklyn 3-8.  
 High Flyers: (Star) Brooklyn 25-March 1; (Lyric) Newark, N. J., 3-8.  
 Joy Belles: (Gayety) Brooklyn 25-March 1; (Howard) Boston 3-8.  
 Kinky Kids: (Penn Circuit No. 1) 25-March 1; (Lyric) Baltimore 3-8.  
 Lefty Blair: (Garrick) St. Louis 25-March 1; (Broadway) Indianapolis 3-8.  
 Meet the Girls: (Empire) New York 25-March 1; (Star) Brooklyn 3-8.  
 Midnight Maidens: (Nesbit) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 25-March 1; (Empire) Hoboken, N. J., 3-8.  
 Miss New York, Jr.: (Corinthian) Rochester, N. Y., 25-March 1; (Majestic) Scranton, Pa., 3-8.  
 Moon Rouser: (Garden) Buffalo 25-March 1; (Corinthian) Rochester, N. Y., 3-8.  
 Pave Makers: (Penn Circuit No. 2) 25-March 1; open week 3-8.  
 Spiced Gals: (Lyric) Newark, N. J., 25-March 1; (Bijou) Philadelphia 3-8.  
 Stratlin' Around: (Empire) Cleveland 25-March 1; (Garden) Buffalo 3-8.

**PENN CIRCUIT ROUTE NO. 1**

Albany, Pa., Monday.  
 Bethlehem, Pa., Tuesday.  
 Williamsport, Pa., Wednesday.  
 Layoff Thursday.  
 Reading, Pa., Friday.  
 Reading, Pa., Saturday.

**PENN CIRCUIT ROUTE NO. 2**

York, Ia., Monday.  
 Cumberland, Md., Tuesday.  
 Allona, Pa., Wednesday.  
 Lewistown, Pa., Thursday.  
 Uniontown, Pa., Friday.  
 New Castle, Pa., Saturday.

**TABLOIDS**

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Allard's, Jimmie, Review: (Grand) San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 13, Indef.  
 Post's, Thelma, American Beauties, Billings Booth, mgr.: (Gadsden) Gadsden, Ala., 25-March 1.  
 Broadway Jesters, Picaro & Beattie, mgrs.: (Karkakee) Ill., 25-March 1.  
 Brown's, Mary, Tremont Maids: (Crystal) Anderson, Ind., 24-March 1; (Strand) Kokomo 3-8.  
 California Quartet: (Garden) Kansas City, Mo., Indef.  
 Clifford's, George, Pop & Ginger Revue: (Casino) Ottawa, Ont., Can., Indef.  
 Collier's, J. M., Revueletter: (Strand) Salisbury, N. C., 25-March 1.  
 Dan's, Dan, Danling Dollies: (Arcade) Cincinnati, Pa., 25-March 1.  
 Desmond's, N. Y., Roof Garden Revue: (Miners) Cornwallville, Ill., 25-March 1; (Grand) Matton 3-8.  
 Edna's, Edna, Jack Shears, mgr.: (Rialto) Union, S. C., 25-March 1.  
 Franco Frolic Co., Maurice J. Cash, mgr.: Mansfield, O., 25-March 1; Moundsville, W. Va., 3-8.  
 Golden, Max, Co.: (Lyric) Ft. Wayne, Ind., Indef.  
 Harlowe & Kilmring's Mamma Dolls: (Crystal) Toledo, Ark., Feb. 18, Indef.  
 Harrison's, Arthur, Lyric Revue: (Jefferson) Jefferson City, Mo., 24-March 1; (Hipp.) Peoria, Ill., 9-15.  
 Helmy, Bert, E. B. Coleman, mgr.: (Regent) Muskegon, Mich., 25-March 8.  
 Humphreys, Bert, Dancing Buddies: (Bijou) Sparta, N. C., 25-March 1.  
 Hurley's Big Town Revue, Ralph Smith, mgr.: (Lyric) Butler, Pa., 25-March 1.  
 Hurley's Jolly Follies, Frank Maley, mgr.: (Hipp.) Parkersburg, W. Va., 25-March 1.  
 Hutchinson, Jack, Zee-Zee Revue: (Liberty) New Castle, Pa., 25-March 1; (Star) McKeesport 3-8.  
 John's, Hon, Girls of Syncopeation: Weston, W. Va., 25-March 1.  
 Keane's, Mary, Love Nest Girls, Y. C. Alley, mgr.: (Rockingham) N. C., 25-March 1.  
 Lester & Backel 1924 Revue: (Aircraft) St. Louis Jan. 7, Indef.  
 Levine's, Tommy, 'O You Baby: (Clinton) Ia., 25-March 1; (Frankfort) Ind., 3-8.  
 Lewis Bros., Palm Garden Beauties: (Crystal) Worcester, Mass., Feb. 4, Indef.  
 Loebe's, Sam, Hip, Hip, Hoorsy Girls: (Gem) Little Rock, Ark., Indef.  
 Mica-Mante, Gus, Happy Donaldson, mgr.: (Vaquette) Columbus, Ga., Feb. 4, Indef.  
 Morton's, Chas., Snappy Revue Eddie Ford, mgr.: (Crown) Lynchburg, Va., 25-March 1.  
 Murrell's Jolly Follies: (Superba) Grand Rapids, Mich., Indef.  
 Oh Baby Co.: (Garden) Lock Haven, Pa., 25-March 1.  
 Orch & Coleman's Tip Top Merry-makers: (Star) N. Y., Indef., 24-March 1; (Crystal) Anderson 2-8.  
 Rate's, Pete, Syncoated Steppers: (Jefferson) Dallas, Tex., Indef.  
 Rialto, Dave, Most a Comedy Co. (Hipp.) Louisville, Ky., Indef.  
 Sam's, Sam, E. B. Coleman, mgr.: (Tootle) St. Louis, Mo., 25-March 1; (Empress) Omaha, Neb., 2, Indef.  
 Washburn's, Marshall, Whiz-Bang Revue: (Columbus) New Kensington, Pa., 25-March 1.

**MINSTRELS**

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Coburn's, J. A. Coburn, mgr.: Clifton Forge, Va., 27-March 1; (Princeton) W. Va., 29; (Lynchburg) 3; (Huntington) 4-5; Winchester, Ky., 6; (Cabin) 7; (Harlan) 8.  
 Hawley's, Greater, John R. Andrew, mgr.: (Empire) Beaver 25-March 1.  
 Hello Ruffs, Leon Long, mgr.: Memphis, Tenn., 25-March 1; Birmingham, Ala., 3-15.  
 Hollkamp's, Georgia, Smart Set: (Grand) Chicago 25-March 1; (Ottawa) Ill., 3; (Princeton) 4; (Burlington) Ia., 5; (Masonville) Ill., 6; (Mendota) 7; (Perry) 8.  
 New Orleans Minstrels, Wm. Campbell, mgr.: (Strand) Laredo, Tex., 25-March 1; (Dille) 3; (Charlotte) 5; (N. Pleasanton) 7.

O'Brien's, Nell, with Bert Swor, Chas. E. Vaughn, mrs.: Vicksburg, Miss., 25; Monroe, La., 28; Alexandria 29; Lafayette March 1; Lake Charles 2; Port Arthur, Tex., 3; Beaumont 4; Houston 5; Galveston 6; Austin 7; Riley's, Bill, C. E. Anderson, mgr.: Washington, Pa., 27; Wheeling, W. Va., 28; Uniontown, Pa., 29; Morgantown, W. Va., March 3; Harrodsburg 4; Marietta, O., 5; Huntington, W. Va., 6.  
 Van Arman's, John R.: (Able) Easton, Pa., 25-March 1; (Grand) Philadelphia 3-5; (Key-stone) Philadelphia 6-8.  
 White's, Lassie, Spatch & Co., mgrs.: Kokomo, Ind., 27; Wabash 28; Peru 29; Marion March 1.

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Central States Expo. Shows: Valdosta, Ga., 1-5.  
 Coley's Greater Shows, W. R. Coley, mgr.: Allenhurst, Ga., 25-March 1.  
 DixieLand Shows: McGehee, Ark., 25-March 1.  
 Dykeman-Joyce Shows: New Orleans, La., 25-March 1.  
 Embree United Shows: Laredo, Tex., 25-March 1.  
 Gray, Roy, Shows: New Orleans, La., 25-March 1.  
 Jones, Johnny J. Expo.: Ft. Myers, Fla., 25-March 1; Arcadia 3-5.  
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### BIG CHANGE

#### In Sells-Floto Performance

Program Will Be Strong on Animal Acts—Season Opens at Coliseum, Chicago, April 5

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The Sells-Floto Circus will be strong on animal acts this coming season. Ninety per cent of the animals to be carried with the show will be wild. Naturally this means there will be a steel arena in which the wild beasts will be set thru their stunts. The show will be of the same size as last year—thirty cars. The road tour as usual will be preceded by an indoor arrangement at the Coliseum here, starting April 5. This stay will be advertised as "for a brief period."

Perm. Feb. 22.—The hot leading event of the week was the arrival of the large tiger net consigned to the Sells-Floto Circus. This net was imported from Denmark by Manager Zack Terrell. The cats were accompanied by their trainer, Ed. Angelo Christensen, Mr. Terrell and Jules Jacob, of the Sells-Floto wild animal training staff, who went to New York and supervised the unloading of the animals. The tigers are eleven in number, several of them larger than any ever seen in this section.

All four flag barns and three arena buildings are occupied daily by animal trainers now at work in quarters. The John Robinson trainers include Ernest Selman, eminent European horse trainer, who is working on several thirty horse groups and twenty-eight manage horses. Peter Taylor is producing several seasonal wild animal acts, including an unusual talk group. Other Robinson trainers at work are Chas. Gullfoyle, Clyde Beatty, Bob Thornton, W. W. Weaver, Casimir Gardner, Bernie Briggs and Fred Nelson.

The Sells-Floto trainers include C. J. Angelo Christensen, who is handling the new tiger act. The writer, E. D. Newman, was present when this act got its first American workout. The performance was creditable enough to vent the prediction that it will prove the outstanding wild animal act of the coming season. Jules Jacob, principal trainer of the Sells-Floto forces, is working on a remarkable mixed group consisting of giraffes, lions and leopards and another group consisting of fifteen leopards. Allen E. King is at work on a large male lion group consisting of ten black-maned jungle monarchs and another group consisting of ten polar bears and a black bear.

The many departments of the John Robinson and Sells-Floto shows are so busy arranged and are functioning so smoothly that the average visitor is often unaware of the stupendous amount of work that is going on in preparation for the annual tours of these two organizations. Several new buildings have been completed since the shows arrived at winter quarters. Roofs have been built over all parts of the quarters and are electrically lighted.

The wagon and woodworking shops, in charge of Superintendent Tom Tecker, are turning out some wooden cages and baggage wagons. The paint shop is in charge of Frank Miller, with Joe Barry in charge of the varnishing and finishing rooms. Several painted wagons and cages are being kept the paint shop daily, resplendent with new gold and brilliant colors. As the winter season draws to a close the paint shop crew are finishing up the winter quarters, designed to permit a high rate of finish and good haul during the months of strenuous travel. Bill Hildner is in charge of the wagon repair department. Three glassed electrically heated sewing machines have recently been installed in this department.

Newly arrived is duo, Lucile Young of the John Robinson Circus and E. H. Brown of the Sells-Floto Circus and their crew of fifty men are now settling into their winter quarters, and the big air-tight high-pressure water main, a part of a contract with the fire-lighting department, is being completed. Frank Owen has been appointed as marshal. The fire-lighting department includes two large electrically heated water tanks, which are capable of delivering water from the fifty fire hydrants throughout the quarters at a pressure of 200 pounds.

Joe Miller, Fred Miller, Ed. Smith and B. M. LeBlond are producing several beautiful thirty horse numbers for Sells-Floto, including a group of twelve nice white Arabian stallions, twelve chestnuts and a group of twelve handsome seal chasers. Thirty-two manage horses will be featured this season. Grover McBride, Frank B. Kelsa and Geo. Allen are breaking several new pony and small animal numbers. So many new animal acts are being produced for Sells-Floto that all the four barns and arenas are occupied twenty-four hours a day. This is accomplished by using two twelve-hour shifts, the Sells-Floto trainers working the day schedule and the John Robinson the night shift. The following week the order is reversed.

Lois Reed is breaking several new elephant numbers for Sells-Floto and Chesford Gardner is producing the pachyderm numbers for the Robinson organization. Chas. Henson, in charge of horse purchases, has succeeded in shipping some remarkable specimens of big

and heavy work. One of his best finds just received at quarters is a beautiful team of drafty gray, pulling the scales at a little more than four hundred pounds, probably the largest team in the circus business.

A steamroller grand entry will be featured by Sells-Floto. It is being written and produced under the direction of European Director Fred Lohoff, Ballet Master Tom Myers and Assistant Manager Chas. B. Weaver. It will be lavishly costumed, the Egyptian motif prevailing. The scene will employ a large cast of participants, including three train drivers. A singing habset of young women will also be featured.

Twenty-four designers and seamstresses, under the direction of Mrs. F. A. Gavin, are

new type of electric generator is being installed on the train and will provide ample light and power for fans and cooking devices in the dining cars.

One of the busiest departments is the train repair shop. Training by Jack Bigger is in charge and has a crew of fifty men. More than half the coaches, flats and stock cars have already been turned out of these shops.

The Sells-Floto colors will be pure white with a deep orange trim and gold-leaf lettering. The John Robinson train will be painted in chrome yellow with maroon trim. Egypt Thompson, trainmaster of the John Robinson show, is in charge of outside work at the train sheds and has a large crew under him speeding up repair work.

### CHRISTY SHOW

#### ABOUT READY

#### Mammoth Truck Added to Motive Department—Carload of Horses Received

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 22.—With but two more weeks for the Christy Show in winter quarters, work is being rushed to completion. Much progress has been made the past two weeks in the painting and decorating departments and all parade wagons have been finished. Most of them are rich in their trimmings of gold and silver leaf, and men are now busy on the cars. The coaches have been finished and the stocks and flats are waiting on the way. The advance car, which those who have seen it say is a wonderful piece of work, is ready to leave in another week. The cars have been painted a deep orange with mirror trimmings and named and titled in silver leaf, forming a pleasing combination.

Profiting from last season's experience, Manager Christy has seen to it that the show will move fast this year. A carload of draft horses has been received and a mammoth six-ton and-a-half-ton Hubber truck has arrived and been given a trial run. A new and novel camera loader has been placed on the three canvas wagons that lift the big rolls and deposit them in the wagons in quick time.

In the training department the trainers are about ready for the opening, all new acts having been working in mid-season form for several days past. A new and novel feature will be a lion riding an elephant, somersault riding dogs, a piling puma, a herd of trained cats and buffaloes, a troupe of trained cats and geese and cats and rabbits working together. The zebras have been taught to walk tracks. The lion, puma and leopard acts, as well as the two lion acts, have been given approval. A tiger act is to be added to the program soon after the opening, the animal being on the way to this country. A twelve-horse liberty act has been broken by Merritt Bellevue, and there will be a twenty-horse manage act.

The new special paper has arrived and the advance car loaded and awaits only the arrival of the car manager, as Walter McGowan left this season will act as twenty-four-hour man instead of filling his old position on the advance. Contracting Agent Frank McDonough is already in harness and is busy ahead. Four new baggage wagons, two tabernacle wagons and a new light wagon have been built in the woodworking department. The show will open this season new wooden ring curtains and there will be three with a new steel opening. A new planned there will be more than two men and women in the new evening spectacles and the pass all new and costly wardrobe will be used. Harry Sells has been on the sick bed for several days and Walter Hedgcock has just recovered from a severe sickness. Harry Lott is a busy man these days with his many trips to and from the city, but the busiest man of all is George W. Christie. He is well satisfied with the results of his endeavors and firmly believes that he will have one of the best framed fourteen-car shows on the road, both as regards equipment and performance. Additional uniforms have been ordered for the show band which will number twenty members. FLETCHER SMITH Press Agent

### LOWERY BROS.' SHOW

Work has been progressing nicely at the quarters of the Lowery Bros.' Show, Shreveport, La., reports Manager George B. Lowery.

However, it will be necessary to suspend operations for two weeks owing to the sinking of one of the large coal mines located under the quarters. Mr. Lowery has secured other quarters in another part of the city. Royal blue and orange will be used on trucks and all exterior work, and white inside the big top. The show will open at Shreveport and play two-day stands in Eastern Pennsylvania and New York, making some of Lowery's old railroad show territory. Those signed for the big show are the Bernard Family, five in number, a lions and contenti nests; Kestles Dogs; James Fisher, wire and juggling; Aerial Gates, acrobatic and trapeze; Sam Rice, physical clown assisted by A. D. Ridge and R. H. Miller; B. N. Hildner will have the side and pit show. The show will be clean, says Mr. Lowery.

### BRADEN RETURNS NORTH

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22.—Frank Braden, general press agent for the Sells-Floto Circus, has been in Birmingham several days arranging for the appearance at Lewis's Bijou of the Rose Royal Midgets. He has returned to Chicago to prepare for the opening of the circus engagement of the circus.

### COYLE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Joe Coyle, well-known clown, with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus for years, has been in Chicago for a week with his wife, Victoria Davenport, who is playing in the Thrill Davenport act at the Majestic Theater. The act will go to Minneapolis next week to join the John Aree Shrine Circus. Mr. Coyle will clown in the act.

### NOW HEADS SHOWMEN'S LEAGUE



Jeremiah Joseph Mugivan, or "Jerry", as he is better known in the show business, the new president of the Showmen's League of America.

bringing out new wardrobe for the many and parade for the show. The showmen and Sells-Floto circus. Two electrically operated cutting and engraving machines have been installed.

A workhouse repair shop has just been completed and is in charge of Fred Selman, Sells-Floto. A workhouse repair shop has just been completed and is in charge of Fred Selman, Sells-Floto. A workhouse repair shop has just been completed and is in charge of Fred Selman, Sells-Floto.

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### CONCERNING MEMBERS OF RINGLING-BARNUM CIRCUS

New York, Feb. 20.—Wm. Conway is preparing things for the Florida Fair Exhibit to be held at the Garden. He passes long enough from his labors to spend a few minutes each day with Alvin Webb and Joe Curran.

Leo Crook and his organization were busy last week, when they had the Policemen's Ball, the Colonel Eike's Ball, the Dog Show and a regular Friday night boxing event. Leo's force is 100 per cent circus people and members among its members Gabe Better, John Mlek, (Black) Cooke, Jimmy Valentine, Fitzsimmons, Whiter Martin, Scotty, Striker, (Little) Hank Joe Harris, McMahon, Johnny Salvatore, Eddie Dunn, Harry Stecher, Harry Bannardell, (Brown) Joe Thompson, (the milk man) Worcester Frank Davis, Band Top Datto, in charge of the kitchen, is surrounded by Harry Davis, Louie and several other boys, Grant, Whittell, Harry Lewis, Stevens and "Bing" have been steadily employed by Superintendent Webb since the circus closed. The writer, a friend of The Billboard, saw Bill Hofield and Melice at the dog show the other day.

Jack Terrell was noticed at the Policemen's Ball. He visited with Bill Conway, Alvin Webb and Leo Crook. Bill Burrench has as his relief man that grand old timer "In the Baptist", from the "Baptists", looks as if he and Joe Van Miller must have found Ponce de Leon's spring of perpetual youth at the same moment during their boyhood tours of the Everglades of Florida.

Everyone is on the "qui vive" of expectation concerning the Florida exhibit from Manatee County and Sarasota, Fla., and judging from the publicity it is receiving we are sure that it will put Sarasota on the map in a bigger way than ever before and will tickle the cockles of the heart of those who know the charm of the place as the writer does.

Lola Stecher has nicknamed her husband Radio Rex, as ever since Harry had the radio installed in their home Lola says she can't even get him into conversation or hardly get him far enough away from the radio to eat.

Jack Peber arrived here recently and Roscoe Courtney gave a little party in his honor. Jack is very proud of some lyrics that his old friend Clark McCullough gave him when he recently visited them with the road company of "Music Box Revue". They make perfect mention of every one of the old Michigan Guards and Grasshopper Club of '82 Car of years ago. There is mention of Buddy Powell and John Walker, both now dead of Guy Board, John Shannon, Mark Kirkendall, Al White, Bob Connors and Pat Valdo. We will say for Clark and McCullough that their devotion to their first love and first employment, the circus, never will die. I think I may know one such circus fella to suggest to them to arrange and right away you would have Marshall King, Senator Greene of Vermont, Wm. Hawley-Townsend Wash, Bill Rogers and Paul Stone. While the show is on tour Fred Stone and Bill Rogers never miss an opportunity to pay it a visit and always hunt up their old friend, Cy Compton.

Had occasion to go back stage at Proctor's, in Newark, the other day and ran across Bill Bradna and Company. Lew Graham has been (Continued on page 79)

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### UNDER THE MARQUEE

by CIRCUS SOLLY

Frank Tichen, formerly a circus biter, is agent at the Capitol Theater, Indianapolis.

Joe Baker advises he will leave Seattle, Wash., shortly to join the Al. G. Barnes Car No. 1 at Palm Springs, Calif.

Gil Everett will be in clown alley with one of the big ones. Frank Baggett has framed a pit show and will play fairs.

Pat Collins, president of the Showman's Guild in England, began his career as a circus boy. He is now said to be worth \$5,000,000.

Clyde Ingalls, fresh from England, arrived at Sarasota, Fla., February 16, for a few weeks of golf.

Robert Ringling's boat arrived in time for the speed boat races at Sarasota, but his gas did not, so he could not compete.

Clas. L. Smith, cornet and calliope player, will be with John Dusek's Band on the Gentry Bros.-Patterson Circus. The band will be strictly union.

A postcard from Harry Davyport, Milwaukee, Wis., carried the message that he was en route to the Shrine Circus, Wichita, Kan., with the Paul Wenzel clowus.

C. A. Giovanni, who was with the Barnum and Cooper & Bailey shows years ago with a cockatoo act, writes that he is ill and asks that friends drop him a few lines. His address is 117 32d Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Herone Laird and his five Merry Jesters report they were a big hit at the Shrine's indoor circus, Philadelphia, week of February 11. George (Bumpy) Anthony is assistant manager of the act.

Ray and Marie Hand, ticket seller and bar puncher, respectively, who were with the John Robinson Circus side-show last season, will be with the Sparks Circus. The Tania Midgots will also be with Sparks.

Frank J. Kuba, who was second cook with the Al. G. Barnes Circus last season, is cook at the Mt. Vernon (O.) Restaurant. Charlie Hill is the operator at the Vine Theater and Bill Bluzargh at the Lyric in Mt. Vernon.

Harry C. Dalvne, business manager of the Grant Order of U. A. H. Lodge, No. 1, Beaumont, Tex., informs that Fletcher Smith, of the Merry Bess' Circus, was elected organizer and given a life membership in the lodge February 12.

Word from H. C. Hess is to the effect that Herb, circus and carnival man, is at Columbus, O., in a very critical condition due to blood poisoning from a wound inflicted by a table fork in his leg. It may be necessary to amputate the arm, says Hess.

The Spring Special Number of The Billboard will be dated March 22. The last fairs to go to press March 17. Issues for this column for the big number should be mailed as early as possible and marked "To be used in the Spring Number".

John Ringling and Sam Gumpertz left Sarasota, Fla., for New York February 13—the former to attend the circus fair at the Garden, the latter to complete the purchase of furnishings for his new home at Saratoga, now rapidly approaching completion.

The largest suction dredge on the West Coast of Florida, owned John Ringling, recently arrived at Sarasota, and is anchored off Cedar Point to be used in the construction of the Causeway to Sarasota Beach and Long Boat Key. Work is to commence as soon as the necessary surveys are completed.

E. W. Adams, who was with the Al. G. Barnes Circus for a month last spring in Texas, and then joined the Gentry-Patterson Circus as ticket seller and purchasing agent, sends word that he will be back with the Barnes Show and have the connection box. He expects to leave Atlanta, Ga., for the Barnes Circus city by the first of March.



## French Marquis Tents Harness Sets and Bridles

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## WAR DEPARTMENT

Doc Elliott, of iron-jaw-act fame; Chick Bailey, now in advance of the "Barney Google" company, and Leo Miller, of Jimmie Whelan's fame, three well-known circus men, formerly with the Ringling Shows, were recently seen at the Hotel Hermitage, Grand Rapids, Mich. They talked of Gays they spent under the big tops.

According to a newspaper report, Theodore Bauer, who was recently burned to death with his wife in a fire at the Club Petrusiska, Albany, N. Y., was brought to this country from Australia by the Barnum & Bailey Circus, and traveled ahead of the show for some time. Later he was an advance agent of theatrical companies and a publicity man with grand opera and other musical organizations. He was managing the Club Petrusiska at the time of his death. Mr. Bauer was an expert linguist.

W. J. Gilman, of the Nemaha Valley Poster Advertising Company, Falls City, Neb., who has been in Los Angeles for the winter, will soon return to Falls City. Writes Gilman: "I have seen many old troupers of twenty years ago. Visited Fred Morgan, who has a stock company in California. Fred and I were with the Great Wallace Circus in 1901. He is doing well out here. Had a fine visit at the Barnes and Golden winter quarters."

W. E. DeBarre's wife, mother and daughter motored from Ft. Wayne, Ind., to Allentown,

Pa., in the former's new sedan. Mr. DeBarre will receive the A. A. Scottish Rite 32-degree consistency. On their way east the DeBarres stopped at Canton, O., and visited Hilda and Baby Miller. The former will again be with the Sparks' Circus this season, offering "touch and magic and Mrs. DeBarre's cockatoos.

The Hasnana Academy, Huntington, W. Va., where Harry Lalperl put on a circus week of February 11, under auspices of the police and firemen, burned the morning of February 18. All circus property was out of the building. Acts that participated in the performance were the Redding Robinsons, Fox Fearless Flyers, Jack Moore Trio, Three A's, Bill Koplin Trio, Aerial Brocks, Major Thompson, the Great Williams, Howard Brackman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lalperl.

His circus friends will regret to learn of the passing of Harry J. Green, age 55, who died at the Fommer Hospital, Sumter, S. C., February 17, of cerebral hemorrhage after an illness of several weeks. Brief mention of Green's passing appeared in the February edition in last week's issue. For thirty five years he was with a circus, being for a time with the old John Robinson Circus, then with the Hagenbeck Show and also with the Ringlings. For a time he was out with his own production, "Elizabeth and Jane and the Town Fool". His last engagement prior to his ill-

ness was with the "Venus" Company as character man. The body was taken to Washington, D. C., where it was cremated. It was accompanied by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ashler Green, and a member of the "Venus" Company.

Frank B. Hubin was one of the speakers at a dinner given by the Absecon (N. J.) Chamber of Commerce at the Glyn Hotel. Hubin, the everlasting Pleasantville (N. J.) booster, has issued another 100,000 copies of his famous Atlantic County magazine, which he is sending over the United States, Canada and Mexico to friends and former associates. He says he is confident the doubling of the population in Pleasantville is only a question of sufficient publicity. Frank has surely put that town on the map thru his advertising methods.

A party was recently staged at the Spring Street Hotel, Los Angeles, at which the following were present: Tote Durov, formerly of the team LaMont and Duerow, who is now in pictures; Eddie Tacoma, of the old Tacoma Family; Bill Tafe, of Coogan, Rand and Tafe fame; "Dutch" Marcoe, of the Marcoe Bros.; Phil King, of the comedy "Kings of the Air"; Berk Diamond, of the Diamond Family; Bill Ward, of Wood and Ward (the Two Merry Tramps); Charles Fortuna, of the Three Fortuna Bros.; Charles Nelson, Danny McAvoy and Curley Phillips.

Eugene Silbon, of the Slegrist & Silbon Troupe, informs that the Silbon Sisters were not at the Elks' Indoor Circus, Postoffice, N. Y., week of February 4, as mentioned in a recent issue of The Billboard. They are members of the Original Slegrist & Silbon Troupe, renowned aerialists, who were with the Fred Bradin Shrine Circus and are now with the George W. Johnson Circus, with which they will continue until the opening of the Ringling-Barnum Circus in Madison Square Garden the latter part of March. Both of their acts, the big flying trapeze and iron-jaw numbers, have been featured with big success.

### THE GRAVE OF BUFFALO BILL

I stood at the grave of Buffalo Bill,  
High on the mountain crest,  
And bowed my head in homage still  
As the sun went down in the West.

I thought of the hardships he had borne  
Away out on the plains  
As he sat in his saddle in the early morn  
And tightly held the reins.

Again I thought of the after years,  
Before child and man and king,  
How he drove away the frowns and tears  
With laughter's joyous ring.

I offered up a silent prayer  
For his soul that had gone before,  
And in vision saw the golden stair  
That led him to the door.

The Celestial Portal opened wide  
To receive the honored guest,  
And bowing low he stepped inside  
To his home of eternal rest.

—HENRY POLK LOWENSTEIN.

### HAGENBECK-WALLACE SHOW TO START AT LOUISVILLE

The Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus will get under way for the 1924 season at Louisville, Ky., Saturday, April 26. The size of the show will be the same as last year.

### METCALFE REPORTED DEAD

A belated report reaches The Billboard that Joe Metcalfe, expert elephant trainer, was killed by an outlay elephant last December. Outside of that no details are known.

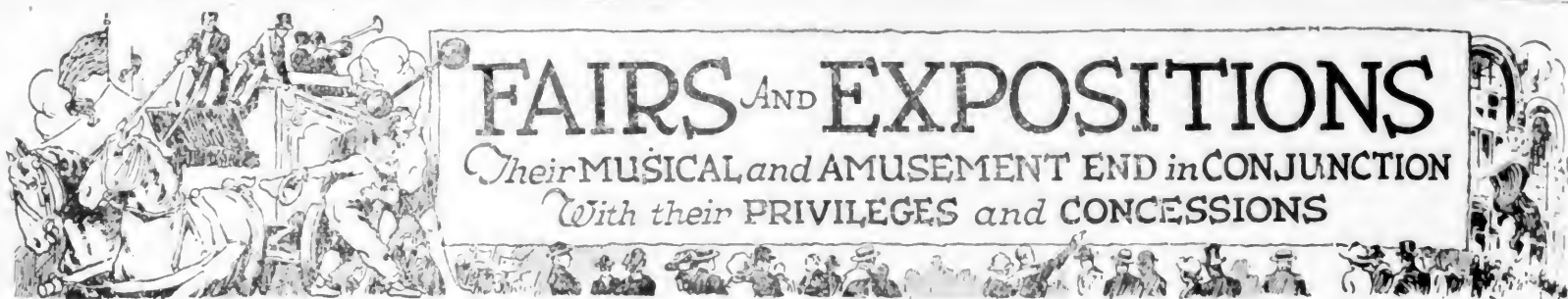
### FIVE MORE CARS FOR JOHN ROBINSON CIRCUS

The John Robinson Circus for the 1924 tour will be enlarged to the extent of five cars, making a thirty-car train. The opening date is still undecided.

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## ATTENDANCE NOT LARGE AT FAIR MEN'S SPRING MEETING

### Appointment of Committees and Engaging Attractions Principal Business—Motor Contest and Harness Horse Men Choose Officers

Chicago, Feb. 21.—There probably was a smaller number of fair secretaries in attendance at the annual spring meeting of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions yesterday than at any previous spring meeting. This was due to the fact that there was no business of special importance to come before the meeting aside from the appointment of committees.

Only the board of directors formally met, and little aside from routine business was taken up by them. The time of the other secretaries was taken up by various matters, some being interested in the meetings of the American Trotting Association and the International Motor Contest Association and others devoting considerable time to selecting free attractions for their fairs.

The board of directors passed a resolution recommending that no fair dates other than those of the members of the International be carried in the premium lists of members. This will not, of course, apply to this year's premium lists, but will be adhered to beginning next year.

A board of appeals was appointed, consisting of R. E. Richardson, Calgary, Can.; E. E. Daniels, Lincoln, Neb.; W. R. Hirsch, Springfield, Ill.; E. H. Lylander, Little Rock, Ark.; F. Fred McGowan, Trenton, N. J.; and Dan V. Moore, Sioux City, Ia., secretary ex-officio.

The following committees were selected: Classification and rules—A. R. Corey, Des Moines, Ia.; Ralph T. Hemphill, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Charles A. Nash, Springfield, Mass.; W. C. Saunders, Staunton, Va.; and Mabel L. Stree, Jackson, Miss.

Memberships—J. L. Dent, Birmingham, Ala.; Phil Fasham, Topeka, Kan.; and J. K. Paisley, Ottawa, Can.

Auditing—D. B. Boney, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. W. Lindley, Springfield, Ill.; and O. M. Munner, Portland, Ore.

A committee to work with the American Trotting Association was appointed as follows: Senator Frank D. Fuller, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles A. Nash, Springfield, Mass.; and Don V. Moore, Sioux City, Ia.

It was announced that the Vermont Association of Fairs had withdrawn from the International.

Fair men seen at the meetings included B. M. Davison, director of agriculture, Springfield, Ill.; W. W. Lindley, manager Illinois State Fair, Alton, Ill.; R. Trimble, secretary Central States Exposition, Aurora, Ill.; W. F. Harris, president Michigan Association of Fairs, Calhoun, Mich.; secretary of Michigan Association of Fairs and of the Kalamazoo Fair, Jahnke, Saugatuck, Mich.; George W. Harrison, secretary Michigan State Fair, Lansing, Mich.; R. H. Rausford, secretary Michigan State Fair, Lansing, Mich.; secretary of Great Lakes, M. H. Earl, Chicago, and Lloyd P. Miller, Edinboro, Pa.; secretary of the Michigan and Industrial Park Association, Earl, Mich.; and secretary of the fair at Ann Arbor, R. M. Stratton, Southwestern Fair, Atlanta, Ga.; A. R. Corey, Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Ia.; P. Cameron, president Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Ia.; A. Nash, Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.; Don V. Moore, Interstate Fair, Sioux City, Ia.; Thomas Canfield, Bay P. Spear and other members of the official family of the Minnesota State Fair, Duluth, Minn.; W. H. Stratton, Texas State Fair, Dallas, Pa.; Ralph Hemphill, Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City; Frank H. Boney, Tennessee State Fair, Memphis, Tenn.; P. R. Harrison, Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln; John C. Simpson, Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.; G. R. Lewis, Ohio State Fair, Columbus; G. R. Lewis, director of agriculture for Ohio, Columbus; J. K. Paisley, Central Canada Exposition, Ottawa, Can.; Sydney E. Francis, Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Can.; Herb B. Morris, Woodstock, Ill.

### American Trotting Association

The old officers of the American Trotting Association were re-elected. They are: President, C. R. Cameron, Des Moines, Ia.; secretary, W. H. Smollinger, Chicago. Directors are: Jack White, Milwaukee; William Sanger, Windsor, Minn.; Thomas Taggart, Indianapolis; Charles Allen, and Fred Moran, of Detroit.

### International Motor Contest Association

Officers of the International Motor Contest Association for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President Frank D. Fuller, Memphis, Tenn.; secretary, A. R. Corey, Des Moines, Ia. Directors elected were R. M. Stratton, Atlanta, Ga.; Thomas Canfield, Ham-

burg, Minn.; and Ralph T. Hemphill, Oklahoma City, Ok. Other directors are Chas. A. Nash, Springfield, Mass.; W. R. Hirsch, Springfield, Ill.; and Phil Eastman, Topeka, Kan.

### Seen at the Convention

It was not possible to secure a complete list of those attending the various meetings, but among those noticed around the Auditorium (Continued on page 82)

### FRED JOHNSTON



Mr. Johnston is president of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He is well known among the fair men of Canada, and has done much to advance the interests not only of his own fair, but others in the western section of the dominion.

### CUMBERLAND CIRCUIT MEETS IN NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 22.—President A. P. Barnes of the Cumberland Fair Circuit has called the annual meeting for March 11 in this city at the Tullame Hotel. At present there seems to be some conflict in dates and it is expected arrangements will be adjusted at the meeting. Among the fairs comprising the circuit—Carrington, Coahoma, Gallatin, Alexandria, McMinville and Lebanon, had remarkably successful years in 1923 and are planning for even greater success this year. There seems to be an idea among members to pool the buying of supplies like cottons, etc., and as far as possible use the same free acts and fireworks. An opportunity will be given concession men, agents for free acts and carnival owners to present their propositions.

### IMPROVEMENTS FOR TEXAS STATE FAIR

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22.—Plans for carrying out approximately \$25,000 worth of improvements in the State Fair exhibit hall and securing artistic displays from concession treatment have been perfected. According to Fletcher E. McNeer, of the State Fair exhibitors' committee of the Dallas Retail Merchants' Association, it is proposed to erect a French Pavilion or 100-ft. x 100-ft. out of the entire hall, with the final elevation of each booth harmonizing with the treatment. The cost of the contemplated improvements will be met by increasing the rental rates to exhibitors.

### BERT HAMMOND MANAGER OF MIDLAND EMPIRE FAIR

Bert Hammond, for the past fourteen years in charge of the Rosebud County Fair at Forsyth, Mont., and for the last two years director of the sport department of the Midland Empire Fair at Billings, Mont., has been appointed manager of the latter fair.

Coming to the Midland Empire Fair with years of practical experience and with the fair in the best financial condition it has ever experienced, Mr. Hammond will no doubt keep the fair up to the high standard established by his predecessor, J. A. Shoemaker, especially as he is assured of the enthusiastic support of the people of Yellowstone County and the Midland Empire.

The fair board this year consists of W. C. Renwick, president; L. N. Coover, vice-president; and W. A. S. Iyde, secretary. These officers were unanimously reported, a short time ago, as being of the Montana State Fair. Charles Stout and Walter Lutz are new directors.

Dates of the fair are September 16-19.

### RUSSELL'S DANCING MODELS WILL PLAY MANY FAIRS

Russell's Dancing Models, one of the feature free acts on the bill at the South Florida Fair at Tampa, Fla., this year, have received bookings from the W. V. M. A. to present their novelty act at twelve fairs opening at Detroit, Mich., the latter part of August.

The act has been elaborated and consists of six ladies under the direction of Mrs. Jessar Russell, and opens with a ballet, followed by specialities, then posing on a revolving pedestal.

The Russell Sisters, who formerly composed the act, reside at Saltpur Springs, Fla., where they own a handsome home.

### W. K. FARNSWORTH



Mr. Farnsworth is one of the best known fair men in New England. He is secretary of the Champlain Valley Exposition, Rutland, Vt., and also first vice-president of the New England Agricultural Fairs Association.

### WINTER FAIR A SUCCESS

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Southern Inland Empire Products Exhibit, which closed here recently, was such a success in point of attendance and enthusiasm of exhibitors that it will be an annual show and presented next winter on a much larger scale. Frank Bowden, Valley Blue and I. A. Weik, committee in charge announced that in view of attendance figures greater than has previous fruit fairs, this industry show has proven the type of community affair with the greatest promise of support from both Walla Walla and its territory.

### MINNESOTA FAIRS TO HOLD SPRING MEETING

The county fair secretaries who are members of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs will hold their spring meeting March 7 at St. Paul, with headquarters at the St. Francis Hotel. A referendum vote taken in duplicate that there will be a good attendance.

Attendance at the February meeting of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in Chicago.

### INNOVATIONS FOR UTAH STATE FAIR

#### Several New Features Considered—Mid-Week Opening Is Proposed

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 22.—The Utah State Fair Board met Saturday to consider plans for the 1924 fair, and a number of innovations were either adopted or set down for further consideration. Among them were the following:

A pet show, performing for the week the a function similar to the annual pet show at the Wasatch school for that purpose.

Extension of the boys' and girls' clubs tent to include baby beds, and pigs in exhibit.

A remodeled agricultural building with considerable space to be devoted to use of the State board of agriculture and possibly one of the most interesting of the exhibits of the federal department of agriculture.

Increased admission prices, but with the option that the amusement features will be either free or greatly reduced in price.

Proposal to start the fair on Wednesday, October 1, instead of on a Monday, and to continue thru for a whole week, possibly having the fair grounds open Sunday, but without races and with only such features as would be suitable to the day.

This latter feature, it is explained, is largely in the nature of an endeavor to reach an agreement with neighboring States as to fair dates. It was stated that if the fair is started on a Wednesday it will greatly increase the amount of livestock brought to the Utah fair from the State fairs of other States.

In addition it was argued that a Wednesday opening will go far toward assuring a completed fair on the opening date, such as is not always possible when the fair opens on a Monday.

It was suggested that the exhibits might be kept open on a Sunday, the probably less races and some of the other amusements would be closed.

The directors definitely adopted a few of the innovations at the gates instead of the 25-cent fare for the past few years. Children's tickets, however, in view of the educational worth of the fair, were advanced only 5 cents to 15 cents. Grand stand tickets for the races, on the other hand, will be reduced to 50 cents and the bleachers to 25 cents. The present boxes on the grand stand are to be turned into reserved seats, for which an extra 25 cents will be charged.

Whether fireworks or a "review" feature adopted for the evening performance, it will be free under the new schedule, with the probable exception that seats will be reserved in the grand stand for 25 cents. Some discussion was had on protests received as to the operation of carnivals at the fair, but no action was taken.

Dr. K. J. Evans, of the Utah Agricultural College, was asked to take charge, under direction of H. T. Reynolds, of the boys' clubs and girls' clubs, and in this connection it was mentioned that such a feature has proved to be the highest drawing card at the Iowa State Fair.

President W. F. Winder, Director George S. McAllister and Manager W. D. Sutton were appointed a committee to represent the State fair board in a conference with city and county authorities regarding the suitability of the fair grounds as a park through the year.

Two firms of architects presented plans for remodeling the floor space of the Agricultural Building, and valuable ideas were gleaned from each. Final decision in this matter was left to a committee composed of Mr. Winder, Director Abbott and Mr. Sutton.

### PANHANDLE-PLAINS REGION OF TEXAS HAS MANY FAIRS

Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 23.—From one fair 20 years ago to nineteen in 1924—and three others probable—is the splendid progress made by the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas in the last decade. It developed at a meeting of fair secretaries held here this week under the auspices of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The Childress State Fair, pioneer exhibition of Northwest Texas, is the only one to have seen ten birthdays and its success has led to widespread emulation among Panhandle counties. In addition to the Childress fair there are regional exhibitions at Memphis, Wichita Falls, Lubbock and Amarillo, and fourteen county fairs. These latter are located at Canyon, Ok., adjoining the northern boundary of Texas; Canadian, Miami, Spearman, Panhandle, McLean, Pampa, Palfreyville, Tule Canyon, Crosbyton, Quanah and Verdon. Others are projected at Clarendon, Floydada and Howard.

It was the unanimous opinion of the secretaries that the establishment of these fairs has been of great benefit in the development of the Panhandle. The secretaries pledged themselves to even greater efforts in maintaining the high standard that the Panhandle has established in its fairs.



WIRTH-HAMID'S FAIR ANNUAL A "PIP"

We go to press a copy of another Annual comes to the editor's desk. It is by Wirth & Hamid, Inc., park and amusement association of New York City.

LEWIS COMPILES CASH JOURNAL

W. Lewis, auditor of the World Amusement Association, has compiled and issued a cash journal, specially adapted for the managers and secretaries of fairs and county fairs.

FAIR SUED FOR HORSE'S DEATH

Indians, Feb. 22. The Indiana State Board of Agriculture has been made defendant in a suit asking \$80,000 damages, filed by a horse owner here by Harper A. Basso.

"POP" GEERS ENGAGED FOR DANBURY, CONN., FAIR

Mr. M. Randle, president and secretary of the Danbury, Conn., fair, advises that he has secured E. P. "Pop" Geers to appear at the Danbury fair with Samard and Peter.

TO BAR SUNDAY CROWDS AT BRITISH EMPIRE EXPO.

According to an Associated Press dispatch, the British Empire Exposition, to be held in London, will close its doors every Sunday.

SAM J. LEVY



Everybody knows Sam—and likes him. We caught him in a particularly happy mood at the fair men's meeting in Chicago, and the above excellent likeness is the result.

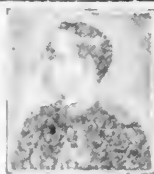
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TENNESSEE FAIRS

Greater in Number in 1923 Than Ever Before.

Statistics of the State Agricultural Department of Tennessee reveal that a much larger number of county fairs were held in Tennessee in 1923 than were ever before held in one year in the history of the State.

NEW FAIR ASSOCIATION AT GREENVILLE, TEX.

Many times before, the annual of Greenville, Tex., met recently and perfected a permanent organization of the Hunt County Fair and Association Company, capitalized at \$10,000.

The twenty business men concerned in the new organization each purchased a unit of stock for \$2,000.

Plans for improving the fair properties with a view to making the annual exhibition one of real merit are under way, and the fair officials hope to make this year's fair one that will be a credit to the county.

Directors were elected as follows: Dr. Joe Boston, J. B. Murphy, W. R. J. Camp, J. W. Wilkins, D. P. Mead and R. R. Newland. Dr. Boston is president and J. B. Murphy vice-president.

DEEGANS AGAIN HEADS HUNTINGTON (W. VA.) FAIR

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Re-election of W. E. Deegans as president of the Huntington Tri-State Fair Association featured the annual meeting of stockholders and directors of the organization.

SWISS INDUSTRIES FAIR TO BE HELD AT BASLE

The Swiss Industries Fair at Basle, Switzerland, will be held as usual this year, the dates being May 17 to 27, inclusive.

Two large modern reinforced concrete structures are being erected. American business men interested in the fair may obtain information from any Swiss consulate.

WHAT CHEER (IA.) FAIR

What Cheer, Ia., Feb. 22.—The What Cheer District and Exposition Fair will be held here September 1 to 5, making a four-day and night show.

MUSKEGON PLANS FAIR

The first steps toward establishing a permanent fair at Muskegon, Mich., were taken recently when the county board of supervisors named a committee to select a site for a permanent fair ground.

SHOW BUILDING READY SOON

London, Va., Feb. 22.—The Farmington Exposition Building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy soon.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Of State and District Associations of Fairs

North Dakota Association of Fairs, E. R. Montgomery, secretary. Meeting to be held at Grand Forks, N. D., February 27-28.

West Virginia Association of Fairs, Bert H. Swartz, secretary. Annual meeting to be held at the White Hotel, Clarksburg, W. Va., March 4.

Cumberland Fair Circuit, Annual meeting to be held at Tulane Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., March 11.

Other association meetings will be listed as the dates are announced. Secretaries of State, District and Racing Circuits are invited to send notices of their annual meetings to be included in this list.

\$50,000 UNIVERSITY BUILDING AT INDIANA STATE FAIR

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22.—The State Board of Agriculture has decided to build a \$50,000 Purdue University Building at the State fair grounds this year. The structure will be used by the university for fair exhibits.

PLAN INDEPENDENT FAIR

Alto the Clatsop County Fair Association, Clatsop, Ill., in financial straits has announced that it will not hold a fair this year, a small group of stockholders who have been progressive in the organization are reported to be active in launching a project of their own.

FAIR EXTENDED A DAY

Boonville, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The Boonville Town Fair will be held six days this year, opening Labor Day. In previous years the fair has closed Friday night.

SANDERSVILLE (GA.) FAIR

Sandersville, Ga., Feb. 22.—Promulgations under way here to hold the eighth annual Washington County Fair at some date next October. Definite date will be set to conform with open date of the company, furnishing the midway at railroad. Secretary G. S. Chapman states. The prospects for the 1924 fair are bright, he says.

The local fair association owns its own show grounds and buildings and does not owe a dollar. Fireworks will be a feature of the 1924 fair. An automobile show will be put on, and there will be live stock and agricultural displays and other exhibits.

DEL-MAR-VIA-PENN CIRCUIT

Holds Meeting in Harrington, Del.—Old Officers Re-Elected

Harrington, Del., Feb. 22.—Representatives of all the members composing the Del-Mar-Via-Penn Fairs and Racing Circuit met here a few days ago in the largest attended meeting of any ever held by the circuit.

St. Frank Warte, Parkersley, Va., was chosen chairman of the meeting, and U. J. Ward, of Ross city, secretary. The old officers: J. M. Crockett, Pocomoke City, and D. J. Ward, of Salisbury, who have served since the formation of the circuit six or eight years ago were re-elected.

Routine business only occupied the attention of the delegates, there being no change in rules and conditions, purses, etc. Although not officially represented at the meeting, the circuit left dates open for Elkton, Md., where a fair is to be started this year. Grounds have been secured and buildings are in the process of erection.

The openings of the other fairs are as follows: Harrington, Del., July 23; Cambridge, August 5; Tasley, Va., August 12; Pocomoke City, Md., August 19; West Chester, Pa., September 2; Salisbury, Md., August 26; Elkton, Md., September 3.

Dates for the Wilmington fair have not been assigned. Several of the fairs are arranging to continue their exhibitions over Saturday this year.

W. B. Miller, of this city, a director of the Wisconsin Fair Association, made a very interesting impromptu talk, his theme being "What the Agricultural Fair Has Meant to the Farmer, Especially the Boys and Girls."

FUTURE OF PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL IS UNDECIDED

Whether or not the Portland Rose Festival, of Portland, Ore., will be continued as an annual event depends upon whether sufficient interest can be aroused among the business men of the city.

At a meeting held recently at the Benson Hotel a bare dozen representatives were present and as a result no thing definite was done at that time. Following the meeting members of the special committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the Royal Rosarians, of which Roy T. Bishop is chairman, expressed a desire to attempt to excite a little more interest among prominent citizens of Portland and hold another meeting at which an expression of opinion from these people would be sought.

D. W. JACKSON, SECRETARY OF LONDON, CAN., FAIR

London, Can., Feb. 22.—D. W. Jackson, assistant director of agricultural representatives in the department of agriculture, has accepted the position of secretary of the Western Fair Association, succeeding A. M. Hunt, who was forced to retire thru ill health. Mr. Jackson has been in the employ of the government for the past fourteen years and is well and favorably known thruout the province of Ontario.

Officers of the Columbia District Fair Association, Columbia, Tenn., were elected at the annual meeting held recently. They are: President, Joseph A. Chapman; vice-president, William P. Hildy and William S. Beasley; treasurer, John P. Greenlaw; secretary, William P. Morgan. Mr. Morgan succeeded Prof. James M. Dean, who resigned to accept a position on the faculty of a Mississippi college. All of the other officers were re-elected.

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Fairs and Fun in England

BY 'TURNSTILE'

The Outdoor Amusement Industry

London, Feb. 9.—The growing importance of the outdoor amusement industry is commanding much greater attention in the press every year.

Mr. Collins, M. P., was of course re-elected president of the Showmen's Guild last month, and the showmen again expressed their confidence in him as their spokesman in Parliament, and their gratitude for his fine work, which is raising the status of showmen generally.

Strictly between readers of The Billboard, I should tip Marshall Hill, vice-president of the Guild, as a real acquisition to Parliament. Hill is not only an energetic and clever "tober" man, but he has an insight into affairs and a knowledge of public finance with a sound common sense which would make him a valuable member in the nation's councils.

The Mayor's Glad Rags

Tyrwhitt Drake, who is of course mayor of Maidstone, caused a stir by turning up to the open meeting of the Guild in his hat and robes of office—which magnificent panoply stirred the envy of all the show folks present.

Both Woodward and Drake were present again at the very festive supper held after the World's Fair had closed at midnight on Tuesday. I went along on Tuesday evening to the Agricultural Hall, and found that the show-folk were not waiting till midnight to begin their festive repast.

William Wilson has many machines there, and several of his showmen friends were beating up patrons for the roundabouts and other devices. They were also giving exhibition dances on the platforms, and working the on-lookers into a state of such good humor as is seldom seen at the Agricultural Hall.

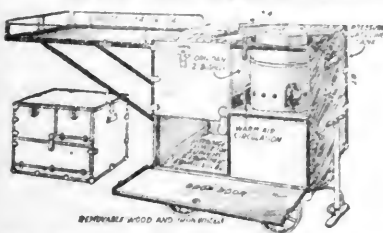
Reed himself presided over the supper as usual. It is the last occasion upon which he will do so—at my rate for some years to come. For, as I have already announced, a family association of over forty years ends this year. Speculation was rife as to who his successor as lessee would be. In the speech-making after supper Reed expressed his pleasure at once more presiding—but did not disclose his successor's name.

Reed's Plans

Between the supper and the ball which followed it I had a chat with the outgoing tenant

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who naturally has quite a paternal feeling about the Fun Fair, which was begun by his father. Reed has had innumerable letters from patrons who began their furlough at Frinton and have brought their children and grandchildren to this great Christmas show.

I gather he has several shots in his locker. His immediate plans are the elaboration of his Vermont venture, and I should not be surprised if he undertakes a Continental proposition of considerable magnitude within the compass of England—which is all I am permitted to disclose at the moment.

For the first time in twenty years Ethel Robinson was not circulating among the fair men, and many inquiries were made for her. Miss Robinson had been ill for several days, but came down to the hotel Wednesday and the fair from well remained for some time in the display room of the Robinson Attractions greeting visitors. Her able lieutenant, Miss LaVilla, was on the job through the convention.

Esther Simon, producer of pageants, stated that she had lined up sufficient dates to keep her busy for some time.

The Wirth Family, playing at a Chicago theater, visited the office of Gus S. Wirth & Hamid both Tuesday and Wednesday and were greeted by many friends.

Barney Ransford, of Caro, Mich., had a smile and a cheery greeting for his legion of friends.

Ernie Young, if we are to believe the comments heard around the convention, is going to be THE revenue producer ere long. Ernie has made a splendid reputation during the past few years, and his revenues have gained wide popularity.

Ray Speer's publicity service for fairs is keeping him on the jump.

There should be no lack of fireworks at fairs this year. Surely there was no lack of "spec." models at the Auditorium. Thearle-Duffield, F. N. J. Saunders Gordon all had elaborate displays.

Fair Notes and Comment

C. A. Beaver is secretary of the Rainsboro, O., Fair.

The Sac County Fair, Sac City, Ia., has shifted its dates to August 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The Interstate Fair Association, Lynchburg, Va., will eliminate all games of chance from future fairs. It has been announced.

The Ohio State Fair, Columbus, will have some exceptionally fine cattle barns when reconstruction and remodeling is finished.

Faith Fair Association, Faith, S. D., has been incorporated, with no capital stock. Incorporators are W. L. Archer, L. V. Kelley, George Jenks and others.

The district once occupied by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and the adjacent territory are being developed into a restricted residential section.

The Kentucky Cardinal Band, Maysville, Ky., well known as a fair attraction, gave a special concert at the Maysville Opera House on Washington's Birthday.

J. A. Shoemaker, former manager of the Midland Empire Fair, Billings, Mont., is getting along famously in his new work as secretary-manager of the Billings Commercial Club.

The race meet at Dothan, Ala., April 1 to 5, will be held under the auspices of the American Legion post at Dothan. Following close of the New Orleans meet, it is expected that

BIG FEATURES BOOKED FOR MARSHALLTOWN FAIR

The World Amusement Service Association of Chicago has secured the free-act program for the Central Iowa Fair, Marshalltown, Ia., and will furnish the fair some big attractions. Seven acts have been contracted, including the Normandi Girls, a musical troupe; Bonto Brothers, hand balancers and hand-to-hand acrobats; Two Boutners, comedy acrobats; Three Alex, iron jaw perch act; Lorenzo Troupe, novelty comedy gymnastic act; Mel-Loren and Miley, boom-rang and hatchet throwers, and Australian Woodchoppers.

SESQUI FAIR PLAN REVIVED

Philadelphia has not given up the idea of holding a sesqui-centennial exposition, altho the matter has been dormant for some time. Reports from Philadelphia give the impression that interest is being renewed in the project. It is announced that since the cessation of the active financial drive for the sesqui-centennial celebration in 1926 about \$1,000,000 has been sent to the Sesqui in subscriptions in addition to the \$1,000,000 raised prior to the suspension of the drive.

ATTENDANCE NOT LARGE AT FAIR MEN'S SPRING MEETING

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aside from fair men were Frank Wirth, Walter F. Driver, Charles Driver, Billy Diamond, the Wirth Family, Claude Ellis, Col. E. J. Owens, Tommy Thomas, Nellie Smith, Ethel Robinson, Camille LaVilla, Sam Levy, Charles Dunfield, Frank Duffield, Esther Simon, Marie James, Mrs. Edith M. Friedman and director, A. D. Alliger, A. F. Thavut, Jim Cundiff, H. Brlesse, Paul Clark, J. Saunders Gordon, Sam Solomon, G. F. Itts, Frank Corey, George Coleman, Fred Barnes, Zebbie Fisher, Ed Neumann, E. F. Carruthers, Emile Young and Mrs. Young, Harry E. Dixon, Capt. Ital a Emerson, W. S. Cherry, Alex Sloan, Billy Brock, Harry Noyes, Jan DeKreko, Harry Middle, Tom Johnson, J. C. McGaffery, Tom Gahagan, Fred Terry, Harry Potter, Bob Hickey, John C. Simpson, R. L. Johnson, El Talbot, Fred Beckman, Tom Wolfe, Miss Morris, "Plain Dace" Morris, Les Brady, Ed Hoek, Lillian Boyer, Gus Henderson, Roger Haney, H. G. Traver, Bill Blee, Capt. Itaba Emerson, Fred Kressman, C. F. Eshart, Walter L. Main, Harry Dunkle, A. J. Linck, J. C. Bartlett, John Sheesley, Sam Solomon, L. E. Lippa, Harry G. McVie, G. P. Lits, G. Y. Averill, Harry Coping, Joan DeKreko.

ITEMS PICKED UP AROUND THE AUDITORIUM

W. S. Cherry said he wished The Billboard would publish what he thought of the second who "nicked" him for \$1.05 and some neckties on his way to Chicago. Three other passengers on the same train were victims of the sneak thief during the night.

We had a nice chat with R. M. Harvey, J. A. Hossack, L. B. Greenlaw and Frank Braiden in the offices of the American Circus Corporation in the Crilly Bldg.

Johnny J. Jones, Con T. Kennedy, George L. Dikens, S. W. Brundage, A. H. Barkley, J. C. Adams, Simpson and a number of others were greatly missed around the Auditorium.

His many friends were pleased to see W. H. (Bill) Rice up and about after a severe siege of illness. He used a wheel-chair for a while the early part of the week, and later regained strength enough to discard it and get around with the aid of a cane.

Al Sweet and Gay MacLaren, his wife, were around the hotel Tuesday, and Al left for Detroit Tuesday night.

Perhaps the largest delegation of fair men present was that from Michigan. There were at least ten.

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JOHN M. SHEESLEY Owner and general manager of the Greater Sheesley Shows and the Sheesley Indoor Circus Company. "Captain Jolly", as he is familiarly known, has spent many years in the carnival field, and is one of the leaders in that branch of the amusement industry. His subject, "Carnivals—Some Points and Pointers", should prove of great value.

MARVIN C. PARK Well known thru his work as a writer and director of pageants, and who during the last few seasons produced many pageants for fair associations throughout the country. He will contribute an informative and interesting article entitled "Pageantry at the Fairs".

JUDGE CHARLES A. WILSON An experienced amusement park man, who has been general manager of Fountains Perry Park, Louisville, Ky. He also has taken an active interest in the work of the National Association of Amusement Parks, and at the annual convention in December last was chosen president. The article will deal with the progress of N. A. P.

ROLAND BUTLER Circus story writer and newspaper man of wide experience, who is adept at composing live show copy and knows just how to "plant" it, a knack that is just as essential as writing copy itself and a qualification that many other representatives lack. His article, entitled "Circus Bill Writing and Men Who Made It an Art", deals with the bill writers and their methods of yesterday as compared with those of today, in a most interesting and helpful way.

AL FLUDE Editor of The Platform Department of The Billboard, and one of the best authorities in that branch of the entertainment world. His article, of course, will deal with the Chautauqua.

ROBERT J. C. STEAD Director of Publicity, Department of Immigration and Colonization at Ottawa, Canada. This department arranges exhibits of Canadian products at a number of State and other fairs in different parts of the United States, and it is on this subject that Mr. Stead will write.

FRANK E. FOSTER A contributor to publications devoted to the theatrical profession in some years ago. He was for many years in close touch with the affairs of the amusement world and enjoyed a wide acquaintance among the people of the stage and tented attractions. His article is entitled "The Good Old Days".

GUY WEADICK Thru his long association with and close study of Frontier sports and Wild West shows, Mr. Weadick as an authority on that branch of the entertainment world, ranks among the foremost. His subject, "Wild West As It Was and Is", will cover this form of sport as an attractive, historical and sensational outdoor attraction for people in all communities.

FRANK MEYERS Mr. Meyers had promised to contribute an article on the progress of the vending machine business, but since publishing that fact in the last issue he has advised that time will not permit him to write it.

GASOLINE BILL BAKER Editor of the "Pipes" Department of The Billboard. For many years he traveled throughout the country and was in close association with those of whom he will write. He prides himself on being a close observer and impartial deducer, and the point he wishes to bring out in this "review", which will bear the title of "Pipes, Puffs and 'Rings'", are to people increased respect for traveling specialty salesmen and due credit for their profession.

ED. CHENETTE A handmaster of high repute, known far and wide in both the outdoor and indoor show fields as a dispenser of excellent music. Prof. Chenette's article, entitled "Let the Band Play", will deal with professional band music at fairs.

COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER Former circus press representative; author of "Under the Big Top" (a story of the circus) and of "The Last Frontier" (a novel); contributor to many magazines, periodical publications and daily newspapers. Mr. Cooper writes very interestingly and entertainingly. His subject will be "Why is a Menagerie?", dealing with the importance of the zoo as an adjunct of the circus.

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# FLORIDA STATE EXPOSITION GREAT EXPLOITATION MEDIUM

## Big Show Staged in Madison Square Garden a Wonderful Display of Florida Products— Credit for Expo. Goes to John Ringling

New York, Feb. 24—The Florida State Exposition, which closes today, has been conceded by all visiting Floridians to have been the most advertising medium of its kind ever presented. With twenty beautiful booths available with all the products of the land of sunshine, a large crowd awaited the hour for the opening on February 18, when at noon Governor Carey and Hardee pressed a button in the process which was the signal for the demonstrations and representatives to begin the week of showing their respective counties.

John Ringling, president of the exposition, was the first to visit a considerable part of the State and had been accorded a most remarkable reception everywhere.

John R. Ringling, to whom all credit is due for this remarkable educational exposition, was on hand early to receive the guests of the day, who included E. G. Duckworth, Mayor of Tampa; Col. W. G. Broderick, personal representative of Governor Hardee; Samuel Gunn, president of the Coney Island Chamber of Commerce; General Robert Lee Bullard and Capt. Thomas J. Senn, in command of the U. S. Army; Capt. Reginald Belknap, in command of the U. S. S. Colorado; Acting Mayor Murray H. Hart and Baron G. Collier, whose County exhibit, entitled "Florida's Last Frontier," attracted considerable attention throughout the week.

**PALEMBANK COUNTY**—Ella M. Roberts, A. Judson Young, M. A. Mackie, J. A. Drew, county agent, and wife; J. E. Beardsley, Edith Y. Morgan, county home demonstrator.

**BERNARD COUNTY**—P. M. Elders, county agent, and wife; George Brackett, Board of County Commissioners.

**SARASOTA COUNTY**—Mrs. Jack Halton, Mrs. E. A. Smith, directors of the Sarasota County Fair; E. D. Burns, Claude Ragan, assistant field agent; Ralph Cades.

**PALEMBANK COUNTY**—William Gomme, county agent; Miss L. Godby, county home demonstrator; George Clemens, Polk County publicity department; L. D. Niles and wife, Frank J. Senn.

**MANATEE COUNTY**—W. A. Manning, secretary Manatee County publicity department; R. S. Campbell, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto; M. O. Harrison, county commissioner, Palmetto; Mrs. Maude Littlefield Ballard, Tampa; E. A. Rood, M. O. Thomas, of Bradenton.

**VALUASIA COUNTY**—T. A. Brown, county agricultural adviser; C. C. Coltrinton, president and manager De-Land News Publishing Co.; E. W. Brown; F. E. Nordman, owner No. 9 plantation, Ormonde Beach; Miss Orpha Cole, home demonstrator on agent.

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**—R. T. Kelly, county agent; Blanche Shores, county demonstration agent; Mrs. Mary Allen, R. Benziger.

**LEE COUNTY**—M. M. Milford, editor Fort Myers Press; A. Cavalli, secretary Chamber of Commerce; T. B. Houston, J. P. Durler.

### Notes of the Exposition

The motion pictures depicting scenes of every conceivable angle of the immensity of Florida's agricultural and pleasure offerings, exhibited in the curio hall, were visited by many. Eighteen thousand feet of film was run continuously and was of a very excellent nature.

Troy B. Rhea, of Rhea & Company, Pinellas County, aside from being connected with the largest exhibit, was also the tallest member of the visiting representatives.

Jose Billy and Jimmie Cypress, two Seminoles Indians connected with the Collier County exhibit, attracted much attention by reason of their native costumes.

One of the bright lights of the exposition was Mark H. Bradley, district passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line. Mark looks after things theatrically from the New York end.

C. L. Ribbs, better known as Tex, the fond of kumquats, was noticed eating tangerines at intervals. Unannounced that the six-day bicycle races will begin on March 1.

Smiling P. T. Strider, general manager of the South Tampa Fair and Gasparilla, was here, there and everywhere in an endeavor to assist the exhibitors and visitors. Mr. Strider was general manager of the exposition, a position which he handled in a capable manner.

The curio hall, wherein are exhibited trunks and curiosities from all parts of the globe when the Ringling Brothers' Circus comes to town, was turned into a motion picture theater for the occasion and served its purpose well.

A real Florida booster was seen in Paul W. Conant of St. Petersburg, who is in charge of the tourist relations bureau of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

John T. Benson, representing Hagenbeck, Inc., had as his guests on Tuesday night Joe Stephan, assistant general manager of the Cincinnati Zoo, and Ella Joseph, well-known animal man.

Noticeable among the showmen present during the week were Arthur Campbell and wife, formerly of the Royal & Linderman Shows; Stanley Dawson, Joseph Hughes, Fred Warrell, superintendent of the Ringling Shows; William R. Hicks, general representative Shesley Greater Shows; Arthur Hill; George W. Jackson, of the American Fireworks Co.; Charles F. Watmuff and Al Dornberger, respectively general agent and manager of the Brown & Dyer Shows; Matthew J. Riley and Lew Dufford.

Florida County booth perhaps stands out more prominently than any other, due to the fact that an entering one looks down the entire length of the garden's massive avenue of palms and is surrounded by glittering red letters, "Sarasota County," which immediately give to the looker the air of Southern hospitality which permeated the entire building. At this booth we found E. O. Burns in charge, most ably assisted by Mrs. Jack Halton and Mrs. E. A. Smith, both directors of the Sarasota County Fair. This exhibit is replete with specimens of birds, animals, fish, fruits and vegetables characteristic of the weather and soil of this section of the State, and presents a pleasing view. The attendants were busy from opening to closing hour each day handing out the luscious fruit to eager patrons.

Passaic County booth in charge of J. A. Shealy, county agent, contains perhaps the most diversified collection. There are 500 varieties of Florida products assembled and displayed in a most interesting manner.

Polk County, represented by Troy B. Rhea, at which booth is displayed the large postage of the subcontinent, the work of Rhea & Company, the largest foot postage. Rhea & Company have as part of their exhibit the Skinner Machine Company's machine for washing, drying and sorting oranges, which attracted no little attention. B. C. Skinner, president of the machine company, is in personal attendance at this exhibit.

To describe each booth in turn would take up more space than would be allowed the writer, but suffice it to say that despite the weather, which turned to lizard propensities during the middle of the week, New Yorkers and visitors to the city will have seen more of the wonderful State of Florida thru the untiring efforts of the representatives who accompanied the exhibits to this city and thru whose generosity made thousands happy with unlimited quantities of tasty grape fruit, oranges, tangerines and celery.

The work of installing the exhibits was placed in the hands of P. T. Strider, general manager of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla, who, as general manager of the Florida State Exposition, left nothing undone to insure its success, and his untiring efforts are worthy of special mention.

The counties represented and those in the respective booths follow:

**COLLIER COUNTY**—Mrs. J. M. Barfield, superintendent of schools; J. T. Taylor; two Seminoles Indians, Jose Billy and Johnnie Collier.

**OSCEOLA COUNTY**—J. R. Gunn, county agent; John H. Lawlor; Allison T. French, district representative Valley Gazette.

**BOYAL COUNTY**—W. L. Watson, county agent; L. M. Rhodes, president of State Marketing Bureau; Earl Laditte.

**ALACHUA COUNTY**—E. W. Jenkins, district agent; F. L. Craft.

**MADISON COUNTY**—W. E. Algee, secretary Chamber of Commerce; B. E. Lawton, county agent.

**DEKALB COUNTY**—J. A. Mackintosh, county agent.

**SEMINOLE COUNTY**—R. W. Pearman, Jr., secretary Chamber of Commerce; H. E. Whitford, county agent, and Mrs. Whitford; C. J. Rupp.

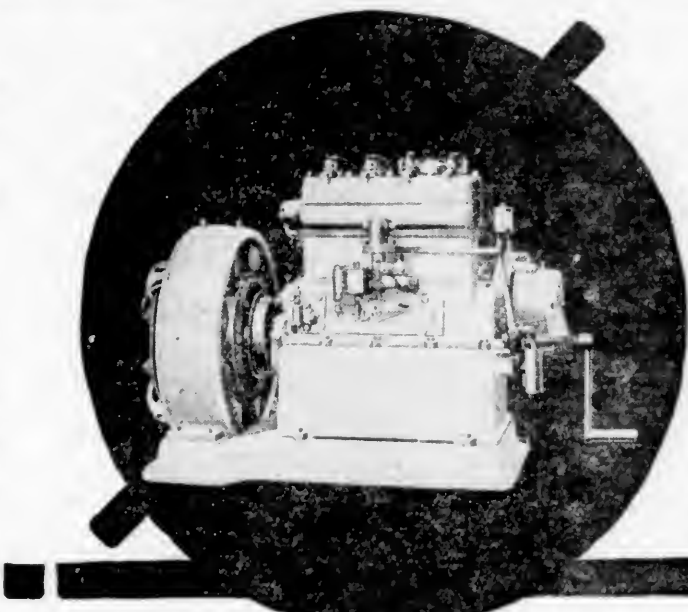
**ST. LUCIE COUNTY**—George P. Tinnin, secretary St. Lucie County Fair Association; Alfred Warren, county agricultural agent; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Picharach.

**INDIAN COUNTY**—Troy B. Rhea, Joe Young, P. Drew Lewis, Paul W. O'neal; H. C. G. and Olive Bartlett, president and agent, respectively, of Skinner Machine Co.; A. W. Kirk, T. H. Egenrath.

**FLORIDA COUNTY**—Charles D. Kline, county agricultural agent; Nellie W. Taylor, home demonstrator agent; Karl Lehmann, secretary Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Lehmann; W. Eugene Duckworth, Orlando, Fla., and W. G. Duckworth, and five young ladies from the county now attending school in New York.

**ALCO COUNTY**—J. A. Shealy, county agent; H. H. Tucker, home demonstration agent; O. W. Burns, R. A. Weisskopf.

**FLORIDA AND GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT**—T. R. Hodges.



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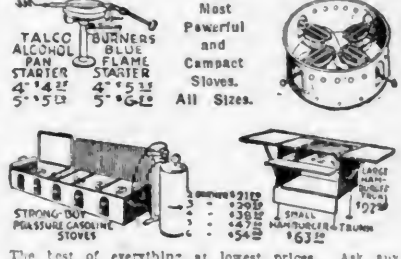
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Wells Hawks and his able aid, Eddie Paul, handled the publicity and cared for the wants of the visiting press representatives. Always up and at it where the press is concerned are these two favorites.

R. S. Campbell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto, was the Beau Brummel of the exposition, ever present in straw hat and white flannels, Campbell easily won the pennant.

William Gomme, Frank J. Senn, J. A. Mackintosh and friends motored to Greenwich Village last Tuesday and reported a fine time.

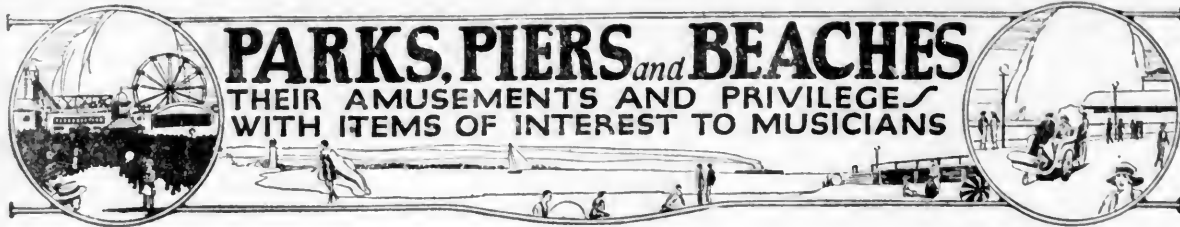
When it comes to displaying hams, R. W. Jenkins, district agent agricultural extension, of Gainesville, had the Alachua County booth looking like a real meat market.

S. W. Blatt, University of Florida, assistant to P. T. Strider, general manager, was ever ready to show the patrons all courtesies and as a director general Blatt is hard to beat.

If you have never seen a sea cow, let us explain to you that they are not to be used as pets and do not give milk. This information was imparted by T. R. Hodges, of the Fisheries and Geological Department, who also said that sea cow meat was considered quite a delicacy.

Everything considered, it was a success and well patronized by interested people of the better class. Florida has won her way into the hearts of New Yorkers thru the congeniality and hospitality of her representatives.

F. G. WALKER.



### TYBEE BEACH PROGRESS CELEBRATION

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 23.—The Tybee Island municipality, under its present administration with George Butler as mayor, is making such an impressive campaign for improvement in public and private properties, betterment of living conditions, more and better amusements, concessions and accommodations for Tybee Beach patrons as to attract press and public attention of the entire southeastern country, which knows Tybee as its nearest ocean resort.

The completion of a paving contract which gives every principal street on the island concrete paving and sidewalks, the filling in of section dredging of a twenty-acre tract at the south end which was formerly marsh lowland, and a new ordinance for drainage with a specific date in May and August when every portion of Tybee must be cleaned of all weeds, rubbish and refuse are innovations which were given deserving endorsement and publicity at a public celebration on Washington's birthday, by Tybee officials and citizens, with the county commissioners, Savannah city officials, Board of Trade, and civic organizations as guests.

Tybee has taken on the real spirit of progress, with Victory Drive giving access to the island by auto, the new bridge across the Savannah River opening the new coastal highway into Savannah, and a short route for residents of South Carolina. It is a combination of favorable conditions which promise the breaking of all records for attendance at Tybee Beach during the 1924 season.

### NEW FEATURES AT CHESTER

H. S. Smith has been working at Chester Park, Cincinnati, O., for a number of weeks on improvements that are being made at the park by the John A. Miller Company, of Detroit. Mr. Smith had expected to be at Chester last night, but the many new features planned will doubtless keep him busy until spring.

A new dance hall is being built to take the place of the one burned last fall. There is a new water ride, new roller ride, new system of bath houses and the mysterious knock-out. All of these are expected to be ready for the regular opening date of the park in May.

### HEALEY'S PARK'S SECOND SEASON

Perth, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Healey's Park here will open on March 30. It is announced. Many improvements will be made to the amusement resort for its second season. A heating system which was installed early in the fall permitted dancing to be held in the pavilion all winter. The hall was inclosed, and dances were run regularly each week. Recently they were held on Sunday nights. Winter dancing at a summer park is a novelty in this section.

### "STORY OF CONEY ISLAND"

Coney Island, N. Y., Feb. 22.—For the first time in the history of this community a voice from Coney Island will be heard throughout the country and Canada, with as well the possibility of Europe, when Hero President Hiegelmann will broadcast his "Story of Coney Island" at the banquet to be held at the Hotel Sherburne, February 23. According to Herman Borgfellow, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the inaugural dinner committee, who presided in the absence of President Edward C. Taylor at the weekly meeting of the executive committee, the banquet is an assured success.

### ZANE CAVERNS TO BE PLEASURE RESORT

Springfield, O., Feb. 23.—Ownership of Zane Caverns, formerly known as Unanest cave, near Jerusalem, Logan County, O., has been secured by Charles Hoxey, county treasurer of Thompson County, and his sons, Robert and Herman, all of Triana. They plan to build a pleasure resort with the caverns as the principal attraction.

The estate comprises about 100 acres of beautiful rolling hills and wooded canyon. The date of the formal opening of the resort will be announced later.

### NO CHANGE GAMES TO BE ALLOWED AT SANTA MONICA

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—According to the latest advice there will be no concessions or games of chance or mechanical amusements allowed in Santa Monica hereafter. All concessions that succeeded during the last big fire which destroyed the Ocean Park pier cannot hope to again operate. The matter of constructing this new pier is set for much discussion and it looks as though there will not be much in an amusement way for Ocean Park this summer.

### HANEY HAS MANY RIDES

Roger E. Haney, well-known ride owner of Kansas City, Mo., attended the meetings of the Showmen's Legislative Committee in Chicago last week. Mr. Haney has a butterfly, caterpillar and airplane, all made by the Traver Engineering Company, at Fairland, the new amusement park at Kansas City, and he has bought a joyplane, which will be erected in the park this spring at Fairland.

### STEEL PIER OPENS MARCH 9

Sunday, March 9, is the date set for the opening of the Steel Pier, Atlantic City, N. J. Musical concerts will be the only attraction presented at the beginning of the season. The Confort conducting the orchestra during the three concerts to be rendered daily.

The appearance of soloists with the orchestra will be offered as a feature of the concerts on Sundays.

A glance at the Hotel Directory in this issue may save considerable time and inconvenience.

### Changes Contemplated at Lakewood Park

### Orest Devany Appointed General Manager of Waterbury Resort

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 23.—Several changes are contemplated in Lakewood Park for the coming season. In all probability the name will be changed to Luma Park at the suggestion of Orest Devany, who has been appointed general manager and who will have complete charge of the reconstruction. New rides will be seen at the entrance as soon as the lake is filled in which will give the patrons a real amusement atmosphere on entering. The fun-house will be diverted into a penny arcade, a hand stand will be erected near the main entrance, a whip, flyer, curling waves, pony track, and thru Egypt show will be added, as will a stadium with a large seating capacity for the presentation of circus acts and other outdoor meets.

A new set of aeroplane swings will replace the old set and a motordrome will be placed to the rear near the large dance hall. It is said. A change will be made in the entrance by building a 60-foot-wide illuminated arch convenient to the trolley line.

Parking space for 600 cars will be arranged and the bathing bench and picnic grounds improved. Work on the construction will begin at once.

### PLEASURE BEACH

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 21.—William Nash, who controls all drinks and candy privileges in Pleasure Beach Park, recently returned from a vacation in Florida. Mr. Nash is making preliminary arrangements prior to installing a new Ferris wheel at Pleasure Beach and constructing several new booths to take care of the increasing business of the new steel automobile bridge to the island is sure to bring.

Fred W. Pearce, president and general manager of Pleasure Beach Park, left Detroit recently to spend several days in New Orleans. Before leaving all arrangements and contracts had been let assuring a bridge from the mainland to Pleasure Beach, a Ferris wheel, a mysterious knockout, a motordrome and several smaller concessions. Mr. Pearce is accompanied by his family and expects to return east shortly after the Mardi Gras celebration.

Albert J. Merritt, general counsel for the Pleasure Beach Park Company, has left for Miami, Fla. Mr. Merritt has been looking after the many legal details in connection with the new bridge being constructed and expects to enjoy a few weeks' rest before returning.

L. C. Addison, assistant general manager of the park, was fortunate in booking a big Shrine Carnival to take place during July. About fifteen temples will take part in the initiation and about one hundred new members will "ride the goat". Elaborate decorations and paraphernalia are contemplated that will transform the park into a gala city of mystery, with the various patrols in their brilliant uniforms. Several Shrine bands will be in evidence and outside free attractions and elaborate fireworks will end the monster two-day celebration.

Pleasure Beach will undoubtedly enjoy several large celebrations, the new bridge affording the immense automobile patronage a chance to participate, as a great many outings are conveyed principally by automobiles and buses.

The ferry boat "Pleasure Beach" is being overhauled and as soon as this is completed will be entirely repainted. This boat will be operated as usual from Stratford avenue to give passengers a short sail on the "salty brine".

The repair work that blew down the big steel building atop the dock is to be rebuilt. Damage was so great that only the steel metal can be salvaged. New plans are ready and the building will be rebuilt immediately.

Four carloads of cross-tied piling and two carloads of cross-tied timbers for the new bridge have been unloaded and actual work of driving the piles for the center pier has been started. All of the steel has been fabricated and iron workers are now assembling the various sections. The bridge will be electrically operated.

### OLD LANDMARK DESTROYED

Coney Island, N. Y., Feb. 23.—One of Brooklyn's historic roadhouses, situated at Ocean Parkway and Coney Island avenue, was destroyed by fire February 18. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The inn was conducted as a restaurant by Henry Almbinder and was owned by the Otto Huber Brewing Company.

Old timers will recall the place when it was conducted by Martin Raucher. It was later known as Perry's Inn and after that as McTovley's. Almbinder had been the lessee for about eight months.

A committee of three members has been named to confer with the State fair board on the matter of creating a permanent zoo at the Utah State Fair Ground at Salt Lake City.

### STEEPLECHASE PIER

### Nearing Close of Successful Winter Season

Atlantic City, Feb. 21.—Despite predictions offered by cynical individuals to the effect that the Steeplechase Pier could not possibly be kept open during the winter season and run on a sound financial basis, Manager Feenan is rapidly bringing to a close an altogether highly successful season.

The regular outside amusements not being available, the ballroom was reconstructed, and dancing was featured every evening, with basketball and other novelties presented on various nights.

Advantage was taken of several of the outside amusements which were introduced from time to time, combined with special novelties in a regular Novelty Night featured on the Pier.

Manager Feenan is succeeding splendidly in disproving the old theory which existed in the resort as to the impossibility of maintaining the Steeplechase Pier as an all-the-year-round place of amusement.

### MCCLOUD WITH NEW YORK TIMES

New York, Feb. 22.—Donald McCloud, well-known in amusement circles and formerly connected with Luna Park, the Chester-Pollard amusement enterprises and theatrical interests, has been placed in charge of the amusement advertising of The Mid-Week Pictorial, a rotogravure magazine of pictures, published by The New York Times Company.

### ELECTRIC PARK, WATERLOO, IA.

Electric Park, Waterloo, Ia., located on a beautiful spot on the Cedar River, is making extensive improvements for the coming season, which will be its nineteenth annual season.

R. E. Peterson, the owner and manager, has been connected with the park ever since it started. Originally the park started with only a theater, roller rink and a refreshment parlor. Now the entertainment features include spiral thriller coaster, Parker merry-go-round, Parker Ferris wheel, Big Aeroplane swing, barrel of fun and a "Squeeze" fun-house. The largest dance hall in the State is located in the park, as well as a new and modern refreshment parlor, free movie theater, restaurant and a hundred-foot concession booth.

Last season an open-air stadium was added for boxing exhibitions, which are held every Wednesday night. These are free, except for the regular gate admission of ten cents. As many as 7,000 people have witnessed the fights on a single night. As many women as men attend these exhibitions. This season a training camp is being installed with lockers and showers provided for the athletes. The boxing exhibitions have been the biggest drawing card ever tried at the park.

One of the most important improvements for the coming season is the installing of city water. This has made possible the establishment of two up-to-date comfort stations. Drinking fountains are to be placed throughout the park.

A new ride is to be installed, but it is not known what kind at the present time. Also several new games of skill have been purchased.

### SCHUYLKILL PARK CATERING TO THE KIDDIES



It's a wise man's idea who caters to the youngsters, for if they favor the park it's a cinch they are going to win over their elders to the same way of thinking. The management of Schuylkill Park, Pottsville, Pa., knows the value of kiddie patronage and provides special features to attract the young folks. As a result they get the crowds, as may be seen in the accompanying picture.

## Park Paragraphs

The State Fair park at Memphis, Tenn., will open June 1.

The city of Floxt, Miss., has purchased thirty-one acres of ground which it will convert into a city park and playground.

The present instability of European finances is not at all favorable to the export trade, and ride builders are, of course, feeling the effects of it.

The new excursion steamer that is being built for Coney Island, Cincinnati, O., is one of the finest exclusively excursion boats ever built, if not the finest.

H. G. Traver, of the Traver Engineering Company, Beaver Falls, Pa., attended the meetings of the Showmen's Legislative Committee in Chicago February 18, 19 and 20.

Charles A. Koster is said to be promoting a new amusement park at Lake Hopatcong, N. J., work on which will be started about March 1.

Chester Park, Cincinnati, O., will present many new features this year. All evidences of the fire of last summer have been removed, new buildings have been erected and there has been a general overhauling that will add greatly to the attractiveness of the park.

Joe Stephan, assistant general manager of the Zoo, Cincinnati, O., while in New York last

week to receive a shipment of animals for the Zoo, enjoyed the exhibits of the Florida State Exposition at Madison Square Garden in company with John T. Benson, of Hagenbeck, Inc.

H. G. Traver, of the Traver Engineering Company, Beaver Falls, Pa., attended the meeting of the Showmen's Legislative Committee in Chicago last week. Mr. Traver reports that his factories are busy turning out the popular Traver amusement devices.

The new theater to be built at Coney Island, N. Y., is going to be a splendid one. It is the builder's plan to put up a structure that house not only a theater seating 2,000 persons, but also stores, meeting rooms, offices, dance hall, roof garden, etc. The building will be seven stories high. The theater will be ready for occupancy about November of this year.

Fairland Park, Kansas City's newest summer resort, is getting ready for its second season and it looks as if it will have a successful season. Street car service to the park is promised, which will do much to put it to the forefront. Kansas City has for years been a good park city, and Sam Benjamin, who "made" Fairmount Park, will do as much for Fairland. Fairmount retains all of its old popularity and is going to be the favorite picnic ground this year as in the past. Electric Park, too, will be a mecca for pleasure lovers. Mike Helm always gives the public its full money's worth, and this year will be no exception.



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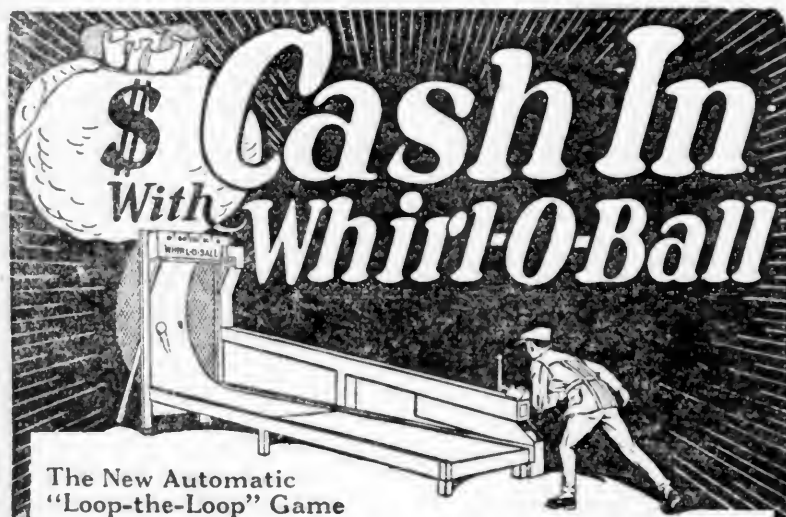
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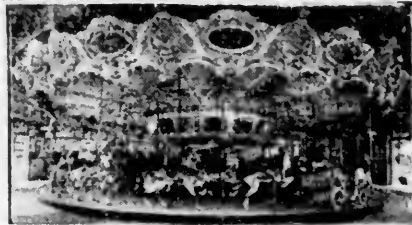
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CHAIR-O-PLANE FOR REVERE BEACH

Long Island, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The W. F. Mather company, this city, is building a forty-foot "Chair-o-Plane" ride for Revere Beach, Mass., to be ready for the opening of the season there.

NEW UTICA PARK

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 23.—A new park may be built here on the lines of the local urban and suburban electric lines. Conditions are very favorable to the proposition, it is reported.

OUTDOOR FORUM

In this department will be published opinions of readers of The Billboard on any phase of the outdoor show world. As evidence of good faith it is requested that letters be signed and addresses given.

Showfolks Not Cheap

Morris, Mo., Feb. 7, 1924. Editor The Billboard: In answer to Fletcher Smith's article: As I see it having been a circus player with one of the leading circuses the past several seasons...

Blames Conditions

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10, 1924. Editor The Billboard: I was very much interested in the account in Random Rambles in regard to recruitment and well-dressed billposters on bill cars. Please allow me to state that if circus owners and car managers of some shows will improve conditions and have more conveniences for the men...

AVIATION

ASSEMBLYMAN EXPLAINS NEW AERONAUTICAL BILL

Under provisions of the bill introduced in the New York State Legislature to regulate aerobatics in the Empire State, acrobatic and sky diving over crowds gathered at fairs and other exhibitions would be prohibited. Assemblyman Edmund H. Jenks, one of the introducers of the measure, told a Billboard representative...

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similar to that in effect in two other States. Assemblyman Jenks and Senator Knight introduced the same bill last year, but it did not come to a vote in either House. In the Assembly Mr. Jenks had it reported out of committee, but did not press it to a vote, while in the Senate the measure did not get out of committee. Asked if he intended to work for its passage at the present session of the Legislature Assemblyman Jenks replied: "That depends on the temper of the House. If the sentiment of the Assembly is favorable to the measure, he will probably press it to a vote. Mr. Jenks is one of the leaders in the Lower House. Senator Knight was rather laze about the provisions of the bill when The Billboard representative asked him if its intent was to prohibit trick flying at fairs and other celebrations. He thought that the measure called for the establishment of a commission which could, if deemed advisable, grant permits for things of that kind. A careful examination of the bill, however, fails to reveal a provision for the establishment of a commission or the granting of permits. With neither of the introducers vitally interested in the passage of the bill its fate is problematical.

GIRL DARINGLY RESCUED WHEN PARACHUTE DROP FAILS

Houston, Tex., Feb. 22.—Rosalie Gordon, local chorus girl, narrowly escaped death last week when an attempt to leap from an airplane via parachute failed. The stunt was to have been one of a series staged at Edlington flying field. Miss Gordon's parachute became entangled on the plane, holding her suspended some twenty feet below the plane, which was about a mile from the earth. Devalvo, aerial acrobat, who was in the plane, let himself down to the landing gear, but was unable to pull her up to him. From another plane Freddie Leon, a local aviator, relieved the pilot of the Gordon plane, who then assisted Devalvo in pulling Miss Gordon back to the landing gear. The airplane landed safely. Miss Gordon is said to have been a former aerial stunt performer.

RUNNER TO BOOST AVIATION AT FAIRS AND CELEBRATIONS

Lieut. H. J. Runser, of Danville, Ill., has announced his intention to extensively improve upon his method of developing sane flying and advancing interest in aviation this coming season. Runser proposes to build scale models, exact duplicates of all the important flying craft developed to date, and display them at the larger fairs and exhibitions, with an educational talk on the future of aviation, combined with an aeronautical picture, which enables the man in the street to get first-hand information and an opportunity to familiarize himself with this new means of transportation. At the same time it is offering the fairs something educational, interesting and entertaining as a free attraction.

AL WILSON STILL IN GAME

Readers of this department will be surprised to learn that Al Wilson is still in the exhibition aerial game with his own flying circus and doing well. A few years ago Dare-Devil Wilson was press reported killed doing a plane-to-plane change with Ruth Law's Flying Circus in Kankakee, Ill. Since that time he says he has kept his whereabouts a secret. Wilson's aerial circus consists of four planes, one gas balloon, six crew men and two acrobats. Writing from Mt. Pleasant, Mich., under recent date Mr. Wilson says he got snowed in at Mt. Pleasant on his way to St. Louis, where he intended to spend the winter.

WOOD-TOWERS COMPANY TO FEATURE DARE-DEVIL MEEKS

The Wood & Towers Balloon Company, of Jonesboro, Ark., will open the 1924 season at El Dorado, Ark., under auspices of the Firemen's Festival for twelve days and nights, the dates of which have not been announced. The company this season will feature Dare-Devil Meeks, doing triple parachute jumps. While this will be his last season with that company Mr. Meeks has been in the thrill game for about twelve years. R. S. Watson is manager of the Wood & Towers Company.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS AERIAL STUNTS IN SEATTLE

The Seattle (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce plans to stage a program of stunt flying by army aviators pursuant to the ground-the-world flight of a flying army plane, which will start from Seattle April 1. Demonstrations by bombers and pursuit planes as they would operate in wartime will be other features of the aerial field day at the Stadium and Sand Point flying field.

AVIATION NOTES

A tract of land in Denver known as the Clayton farm is under consideration as an aviation field for the Colorado National Guard. A recent financial drive, launched by the Civic and Commercial Association, has netted only \$7,000 so far, and it is necessary to raise \$35,000 before the field can be obtained, it has been stated.

Signorita Alba Russo of Naples is said to be the first Italian woman to learn parachute jumping as a recreation. The Jacques Schneider international seaplane race will be held this year in Baltimore, Oct. 10-25. Plans call for three races, the winners of which will be awarded a purse of \$1,000.

Frank B. Patterson, of Dayton, O., president of the National Aeronautic Association, was scheduled to leave for Europe February 16 to create further interest abroad in both the Schneider international seaplane races in Baltimore and the Pulitzer races, the latter to be held at Dayton October 24.

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# TWO BIG SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HELD

## Dance-Luncheon One of the Best "Off-Season" Affairs Ever Held by Showmen's League

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The dance and luncheon given by the Showmen's League of America in the Tiger Room of the Hotel Sherman last night was distinctly a success, being one of the best "off-season" affairs yet held by the league. Nearly 400 people were present. The music, furnished by Sheet's Californians, was real dance music. Sam J. Levy, official purveyor of entertainment to the league and all of its social affairs, must have been in classy form of late. A mere matter of furnishing some \$3,000 worth of major talent to a league dance entirely free of cost is a minor detail to Mr. Levy. Those who wonder how he does it haven't found out. He had a bill of vaudeville artists that would have cost other people a lot of money and they added immensely to the success of the evening.

The dancers stayed until a late hour. Among those in attendance caught at random by Billboard representatives—who didn't get all of them, either—were Harry Coddington, Mr. and Mrs. "Whitey" Lehrter, Mr. and Mrs. Baba Delgarian, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Latta, Mike Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vollmer, Walter and Charles Driver, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belden, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoeckner, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ayres, Harry Dunkel, Robert H. Key, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Levy, Fred Kressman, Paul L. Clarke, Leslie Brophy, St. Louis; William F. Jahnke, Saginaw, Mich.; J. Arden-Sherst, Holland, Mich.; Charles Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Joan DeKreko, Mrs. Pessier, Hovsep DeKreko, "Aunt Lou" Blittz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Melville, Charles McCurren, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beard, Antonio Perry, Pete Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Buechler, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blunby, Mrs. Minnie and Rosa Widener, Mrs. Elbert, Eleanor Elbert, Walter L. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoek, Evelyn Hoek, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rankine, Charles G. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Zebbie) Fisher, T. A. Wolfe, H. G. Traver, Fred L. Clarke, Nellie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lerman, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gledin, Martin Callahan, W. S. Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sheersley, Elmer Simon, W. David Cohn, A. D. Alliger, Mrs. Langon, Elias Shaben, Dave Devine, Richard Musgrave, M. Lelley, Park Ridge, Ill.; Pete Simon, Clifton Kelly, Thomas H. Canfield, St. Paul; A. R. Corey, Des Moines; Don Moore, Sioux City, Ia.; Sam Frankenstein, Edward C. Talbott, Edward E. Carruthers, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meyer and daughter, Edith; Emil Levy, N. E. Bellows, Lou Keller, W. J. Collins, Sam Dollinger, Leo Lipka, C. F. Eckhart, G. Y. Averill, B. H. Patrick, Fred Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Hillbreth and Al Hartman and Nat S. Green, editor and associate editor, respectively, of The Billboard, Cincinnati.

During the evening a massive silver loving cup was presented to Edward P. Neumann, the retiring president of the league. Thomas J. Johnson, counsel for the league, made the presentation address and paid the retiring official many compliments on his tenure the past year. Mr. Neumann, in reply, expressed his utter surprise over the gift of the loving cup and his appreciation therefor. Jerry Mugivan, newly elected president of the league, is in Hot Springs, Ark., at the bedside of Mrs. Mugivan, who has been seriously ill. Therefore, in his absence, it was not possible to install the new officers of the league at last night's party.

Among those assisting Mr. Levy and directly instrumental in making the dance a genuine success, thru their intelligent work, were Charles McCurren, Col. Fred J. Owens, Pete Rogers and Antonio Perry. Louis Hoeckner donated flowers for decoration.

### PROMINENT DATE ADDED

#### John T. Wortham Organization Gets Arkansas State Fair

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 22.—The Wortham Shows, the organization of which John T. Wortham is owner, has added an important date to its list of special engagements for the coming season by being awarded the contract to provide the amusement zone for the Arkansas State Fair, which association will inaugurate its new "million-dollar" fair grounds here next October 6-11.

### WILL DELAVOYE'S BIRTHDAY

Will Delavoie, old-time showman, will reach his sixty-first milestone in April. He is still wonderfully preserved and in a fine state of health. He will soon have his new ball-throwing games ready for the market.

## Showmen's League Holds Election

### Following Period of Hesitancy Jerry Mugivan Wires Acceptance of Presidency

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The annual election of officers of the Showmen's League of America was held Wednesday in the league rooms. There was but one ticket in the field, hence no excitement or unusual activity was manifest. It was evidently taken as a foregone conclusion by the membership, no objections being voiced as to the candidates selected by the nominating committee.

The officers chosen were Jerry Mugivan, president; Fred M. Barnes, first vice-president; Charles G. Browning, second vice-president; Edward A. Hoek, third vice-president; Edward P. Neumann, treasurer, and Sam J. Levy, secretary. Mr. Mugivan, who recently expressed doubt as to whether he would serve if elected president, dispelled all doubt on that score by wiring the league that he would serve as its chief presiding officer.

The remainder of the ticket chosen is as follows: Honorary Vice-Presidents—Fred Beckmann, Con T. Kennedy, John M. Sheersley, Johnny J. Jones and Walter T. McGinley. Board of Governors—S. H. Anschell, A. H. Barkley, Ed Ballard, L. A. Berezniak, W. O. Brown, James Campbell, J. C. McCaffrey, W. David Cohn.

### JOYSE AMUSEMENT COMPANY

#### New Organization Being Formed at London, Canada

London, Ont., Feb. 21.—An all-Canadian amusement company, the Joyse Amusement Company, is being formed here to play "old-home" weeks and fall fairs held in profusion in Ontario during the late summer and fall. Dan Joyse and T. J. Maher are forming the organization. They state they have already secured six shows and three rides and will add more. They will carry about twenty concessions. Bookings already secured are quite satisfactory, they advise.

Mr. Joyse has had many years experience in the amusement game, having controlled and handled rides of various sorts during the past twenty years. Mr. Maher, who will act as advance agent and manager, has had several years' experience in show business, having been with Con T. Kennedy, also Doc Allman.

### RUSSELL OPENS NEW OFFICE

Chicago, Feb. 22.—J. J. Russell and L. Clifton Kelly were Billboard callers this week. Mr. Russell, of the Russell Bros. Shows, has opened an office in the Crilly Building as a headquarters for indoor and outdoor promotions. Mr. Russell and his brother have an 800-acre ranch near San Angelo, Tex., which he says is a profitable investment. He said they have a \$10,000 irrigation project working and that they had 400 acres of cotton last year that ran nearly a half to the acre. The ranch has a pump that pumps 20,000 gallons of water a minute for irrigation.

### INTRODUCING NOVELTY

New York, Feb. 23.—Store workers and demonstrators here are introducing the novelty known as the Itadio Wonder Airplane. It is a small paper airplane which, when thrown in a certain manner, loops-the-loop, spirals and does many of the tricks known to aviators and returns to the hand much after the fashion of the boomerang. There are several store demonstrations going on here and the workers report that the item is going big.

### DOWNINGS ASK AID

Mrs. C. V. Downing, Lock Box 184, Centerville, Mo., writes that her husband, who was with the George T. Scott Shows in 1920, since which time their livelihood depended in most part on their own employment, because of his physical condition, he being in the late war, is still incapacitated for work, and that they are in need of assistance from their friends. Mrs. Downing can be addressed as above by those wishing details of the circumstances.

### J. J. REIS SIGNS WITH T. A. WOLFE

J. J. Reis, for the past several years secretary for the Zeldman & Pottle Shows, advised last week from Washington, D. C., where he has been vacationing, that he had contracted in a like position for the coming season with the T. A. Wolfe Shows and would report at their winter quarters about March 2 to begin his duties.

Dick Collins, H. Coddington, M. L. Callahan, W. F. Driver, H. Delgarian, C. H. Duffield, C. F. Eckhart, B. W. Earles, C. R. Fisher, Rubin Gruberg, S. W. Glover, Hal Halperin, W. D. Hildreth, L. Hoeckner, T. J. Johnson, C. G. Kilpatrick, Louis Koller, J. L. Lerman, J. J. McGrath, H. G. Melville, Harry McKay, Milt. M. Morris, Tom Rankine, Joe Rogers, Dr. Max Thorek and T. A. Wolfe.

### NEW ORGANIZATION

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—The First National Exposition Company, a new producing company, was organized last month and will play the Northwest territory the coming season. The show is presented under two circus tops, each 80x160 feet. One tent will be used for an automobile show and industrial exposition and the other for the circus and vaudeville acts, fashion pageant and the concessions. Only fifteen concessions will be carried, each exclusive in its line.

Stephen E. Connor, old-time circus and carnival manager and general agent, has been selected to head the new organization. Mr. Connor reports that he is fast completing his staff and will announce same in the near future.

The opening city for the new outfit will be El Dorado, Kan., where an automobile show and circus will be presented for the benefit of the Elks' Charity Fund. El Dorado will be the only city the outfit will play in Kansas, the route taking the show immediately into Colorado.

The promoter already has the ticket sale going in El Dorado, and reports that the Elks there are showing great interest in the event, as they have never had an affair of this kind before. The El Dorado lodge is 540 members strong. A lot has been obtained along the main street, two blocks from the heart of the city.

### HOFFNER'S AMUSEMENT CO.

#### New Outfit To Be Launched in Illinois

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 23.—A new outfit will take the road about May 3 under the title of William Hoffner's Star Amusement Company. Mr. Hoffner will be the owner and manager of the outfit. The writer will do the advance work and have charge of the lot. Three shows, two rides, merry-go-round and a new No. 5 Ell wheel and fifteen concessions will be carried. Two cars will be used for transportation. The rides are in winter quarters in one of the buildings on the fair grounds at Peoria, Ill. The opening stand will be Livingston, Ill.

The show will remain in the Southern Illinois coal fields. Harry White will have two concessions, silk umbrellas and dolls. Andy Anderson will have Chinese baskets.

No unpopular attractions or concessions will be tolerated. Mr. Hoffner is absolutely for clean shows.

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(for the Show).

### GOOD BUSINESS YEAR

#### Manager Nashville Tent and Awning Company Optimistic

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 22.—H. G. Husband, manager of the Nashville Tent and Awning Company, one of the foremost tent and awning companies in the South, is optimistic regarding the business outlook for the season 1924. He states that his firm's business last year was far in excess of expectation and that they are preparing for a great increase in orders this year.

### "BENNIE" CORRECTS ERROR

Bennie Smith, with the Coley Greater Shows, wishes to correct an error in his "show letter" from that organization, last issue, as follows: "Wm. Coley is general manager, as well as owner of the Coley Greater Shows".

### LESLIE WITH BROADWAY SHOWS

Chicago, Feb. 22.—D. W. Leslie was a Billboard caller today and said he will go with Billy Clarke's Broadway Shows this season. He was with the concess on end of the Wade & May Shows for five seasons.

### "BILL" OLIVER WITH SAVIDGE

W. L. (Bill) Oliver, advised from Lawrence, Kan., February 21, that he had signed with the Walter Savidge Amusement Company as general agent for season 1924.

## Pacific Coast Showmen's Association Ball Draws 2,000—

### About Ninety Per Cent of Them Showfolks

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—Reminding one of the most elaborate sets of the movies, the second annual entertainment and ball of the Pacific Coast Showmen's Association was held here last Tuesday evening at the new Biltmore Hotel. The immense ballroom, built to accommodate 1,500 people, was jammed with show people, who were enjoying fully the event of the vacation season. Never on the Pacific Coast has there been such brilliancy and jollity as on this occasion. The Biltmore was built since the last dance. With its huge pillars of marble and three immense chandeliers of crystal beads, augmented by sixty boxes on the balcony, the kaleidoscope was of the brilliancy of a rainbow. Spangles and silks, lace and material of the most delicate fabrics, embellished with roses and sweet peas, exhibited the fact that within the show world are some of the most beautiful women as well as the most intelligent dressers. Parties came as early as 8:30 and from then until almost closing hour a steady stream poured into the hall. John Miller, in charge of the floor, had one of the hardest tasks of his long experience in handling dance programs. The reception committee did excellently, mingling among the dancers and seeing to it that no one was in the least neglected. This feature made it possible for the huge success that it was as all seemed to know each other. The crowd was as large at the close as at any time during the evening. The assemblage was thoroughly representative, from Harry Earl, midwest, to Chester USS, east, and from "Shiny" Dawson to "Dit" Hunkle, and George Ivanan (who "take up half the world"). Arrangements were in the hands of Sheldon Barrett, as chairman, and George Hines arranged the hall and music, assisted by J. J. McNamara, who got out a very unique program for the evening. Herb Wiedtke and his Candelero Roof Orchestra of sixteen pieces, one of the best orchestras west of the Rockies, put everyone on their toes and brought forth enthusiastic applause after every dance. Herby Lowmyr, who had charge of the entertainment program, received much praise for his selection of talent, which was interspersed between dance numbers. Among these performers were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Martin, in whirling dancing; LaVenna Sisters, another fancy dancing team; famous Earl Midgets, in society dancing; Mrs. Laurence's quadrille dancers; Mrs. Leman, prima donna; Miss Marvin, fancy dancing; Henderson and Gibson, artistic dancing; and Alice Bryant, fancy dancing. D-dancing their services, they worked hard and brought the appreciation of the attendance to the fullest extent. The grand march was delayed until 11:30, and when John Miller blew his whistle so dense was the crowd that the marchers had to assemble in the reception room adjoining the main ballroom. The hall cleared, much like a circus performance, they entered the ballroom with John Workman (acting for the Mayor) and Mrs. George Hines leading the first section and Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Farber leading the second section. They proceeded around the hall until John Miller had formed them into a letter "S", for showman, and then until they came toward the camera—thirty-two abreast—for a photograph. In the main reception room adjoining the ballroom, and just as large, were seated showmen from every corner of the earth and visiting in general throughout the evening. San Francisco had a large delegation, and San Diego had her quota, as did almost every section of the Pacific Coast. Col. Edw. Burk, of the Foley & Berk Shows, was "rejuvenating" all evening with Al G. Barnes, dancing almost every dance. It seemed the consensus of opinion of those present that it was the greatest ball ever attended by them. The attendance numbered approximately 2,000.

Al Fisher, who did the announcing, did not have a "request" all evening long, special numbers, as each event seemed to be pleasing. One of the most pleasing moments of the evening was the dancing of the Helen Sisters, Violet and Daisy, the grown-together twins, of Wortham's World's Best Shows. With partners they danced and enjoyed the evening's festivities to the fullest extent.

Among those accounted for in the jam were the following, which will be noticed as 90 per cent show people: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Adams, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Hay Anderson, Mrs. M. Allersson, H. L. Bert, Miss Verne Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen, A. H. Allen, Evelyn Allen, Franklin Allen, C. H. Alton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allender, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ambrose, Mrs. Clara Arrington, Alfred W. Arrington, Jack Asch, B. Austin, Capt. W. D. Ament, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Harlow, Hon. Edwin Baker and wife, Mrs. Wayne Harlow, Donald Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, Awilda Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boucher, Mrs. Ida Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Babcock, Al G. Barnes, Geraldine



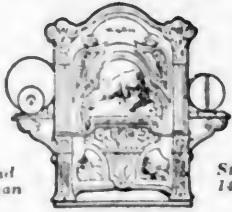
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John M. Sheesley is said to have developed a great liking for the indoor circus game, but it is safe to say it will never supersede his first love—the joyous, frolicsome midway.

Albert J. Linck, special agent of the Sheesley Shows, has been somewhat miffed all winter, but those who have heard from him know that he has been "sawing wood" all the time.

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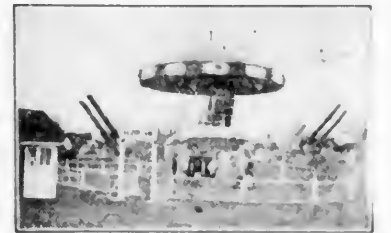
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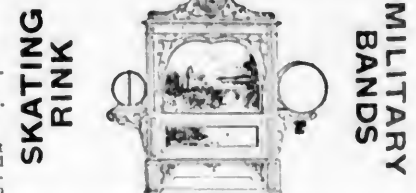
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The subject of the above photograph barely needs introduction to the carnival world. Mr. Zeidman is associate head with James C. Simpson of the Zeidman & Pollio Shows, which is really one of the largest and best traveling outdoor amusement organizations.

Jack DeVoe will be both secretary and a concessionaire with the Litts Amusement Company the coming season.

Now that the "big meetings" of the winter at Chi. are over let's everybody get down to business—for the show business.

Clas. F. Foster last week signed as press representative with the Royal American Shows for the coming season and is already on the job.

There wasn't a swarming of show owners to Chicago last week, but those present were active workers and the big majority of them deduced logically.

"Jolly Bonita" Gibbons, who had been spending the vacation season at Los Angeles, recently returned to her home in Bourbon, Ind., and is making preparations for the coming season.

Hal H. Eshank, jolly "Country Boy" of the Sheesley Shows, opines from his home in Tabor, N. C., that he will again be with "Chief Tom" Martin in the privilege car.

D. H. (Doc) Bergman has forsaken his park interests in Kansas City and this season will be a concessionaire with the Greater Sheesley Shows. The missus will be with him.

Fort Wayne, Ind., with Pittsburgh, Pa., to follow—both American Legion circuses.

R. L. Davis says there is every indication that he will have a cracker-jack colored minstrel show with the Wise & Kent Shows—a new outfit and fifteen people, including combination band and orchestra.

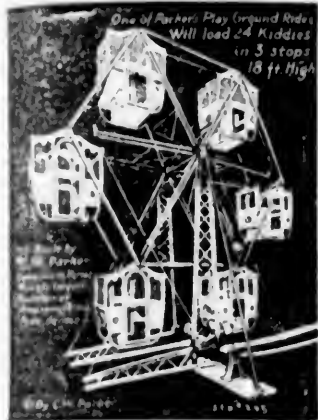
Bobbs Parity, last season with Jimmie King's Athletic Arena on the Great White Way Shows, advised that he is quite positive as a wrestling attraction around Fort Wayne, Ind., this winter.

Word from an executive of the L. J. Beth Shows to W. A. Atkins, Elgin, Ill., was that they would play two or three weeks in the vicinity of Birmingham, Ala., after opening at that city March 15.

From present appearances Cincinnati will not be so much the "cross the Ohio" point as it was last spring. There seems to be a more scattering out on the part of shows routing northward from the South.

Who recalls how Millie Christine (the double-billed woman), when under the management of the late Frank Ring, each Christmas, when trotting, gave useful presents to all personal acquaintances on the show? The writer remembers that at Thomasville, Ga., winter of





1903, nearly every person with the Famous Robinson Amusement Co. received gifts from Mille.

W. A. Atkiss informs from Elgin, Ill., that Dick ("Dusty") Rhodes, representing the Barlow Indoor Circus, was then assisting the Odd Fellows' Social Club to prepare for an indoor circus this week.

George Hall, formerly with Dodson's World's Fair Shows, says he will not "troupe" this year, he being affiliated with the Illinois Traction Company and a light and power company at Bloomington, Ill.

Almost forgot to mention that James L. Morris, of the Morris & Castle Shows, informed recently that among other showfolks at Monroe, La., this winter were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Walsh, concessionaires with the T. R. Legrette Shows.

Joseph E. Walsh, special agent and promoter of the John M. Snowley Circus, who handled the successful engagement at Dayton, O., is visiting his mother at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., before stepping ahead of the Sheesley caravan for the summer.

Chan. E. Garrity, with the James Bell Company, Cleveland, O., recently arrived in Cincinnati and was a Billboard visitor. One of the fields of the firm he represents is that of supplying fraternal organizations with merchandise for bazaars, etc.

A. P. Howell, erstwhile showman, writes from Decatur, Ala., that altho off the road he remains a constant reader of "Billboard". He is now selling bananas in wholesale lots. Says Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, of Burns' Greater Shows, were in Decatur recently.

Jack Baluy, formerly with various shows, including Veal Bros. and Hazenbeck-Wallace, last season in the decorating and novelty business at special events, has engaged his services as special agent for the Wise & Kent Shows and is now at winter quarters in Atlanta, Ga.

According to info. from J. B. Smith there are some resourceful goats at the Wise & Kent winter quarters. One morning they arose for the "hay" and finding the water buckets empty—this did not affect the source of supply—they "bummed" some at a neighboring home.

Friends of Dick Collins will receive with gratification the news, as was announced at Chicago last week, that he would return to the outdoor show business, starting his duties as assistant to Commissioner Johnson of the Showmen's Legislative Committee March 1.

Joe Cashner wrote from Philadelphia that O. S. (Rube) Bowers, who is serving a seven-year sentence at the penitentiary there, expects to be called before the Pardon Board and wishes friends to send commendatory letters in his behalf, letters to be addressed to State Pardon Board, Harrisburg, Pa.

Walter Lankford postcarded from Birmingham, Ala., that this band was playing at an ex-service men's bazaar in that city, and that it had been contracted for the coming season with the Sunshine Exposition Shows, his booking with another caravan, as intended, being canceled several weeks ago.

With the coming of spring in Florida the members of the "Kennedy Colony" are beginning to look toward Waco, Tex., which has been decided on as the opening stand of the Kennedy caravan. Preliminary work has been in progress in Waco for some time and needs but the final touches to place the show ready for the road.

James Merritt, who, with his wife, Stella, will again have connections with the Lorman-Robinson Attractions the coming season, is showing continuous improvement from a stroke of paralysis and expects to be ready for the opening of the show in March, informs Harry Stewart from Chattanooga, Tenn.

The recent death of Mrs. Jake Rosenthal (Cora Beckwith) at DuQuoin, Ia., caused deep regret among that famous water performer's many friends with carnivals. W. X. MacCollin informs us that her passing was a distinct shock to Kennedy showfolks, among whom Mrs. Rosenthal was a prominent personage.

When Alfredo Codona, of the Flying Codonas with the Sheesley Indoor Circus, was taken into the Elks at Dayton, O., he was gleefully escorted to the lodge rooms by a coterie of "Bills" who had made his life hardly worth the living for a week—Jerry Hawkins, George Chesworth, Jerome T. Harriman, Fred Kain, Maurice Lightstone, W. L. Cassidy and other "conspirators".

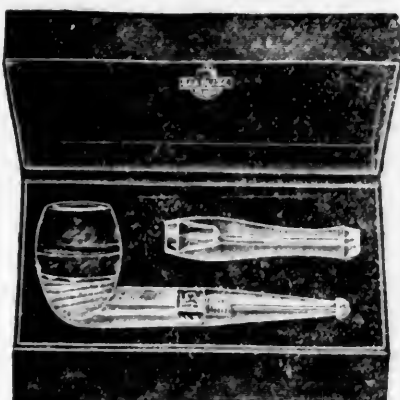
Regarding the oldest plantation show manager, in point of service, Ed (Doc) Bacon names the year he started in that capacity—altho he is now managing white minstrel shows. It was with Jim Sturges, on the fair grounds at Columbia, S. C., in 1894. Had seven people, he adds, "Doc" has been in and around Indianapolis the past several months.

Jack G. Kolley, with L. H. Hardin's Webb World Wonder Show, says great preparations are being made by Manager and Mrs. Hardin (formerly Wedo) in the winter quarters of the Dodson Shows at Fort Worth, Tex., for the coming season. Mrs. Hardin was enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Wheeler, who had just returned from Cuba.

Capt. W. D. Annet postcarded from Long Beach, Calif.: "The recent Pacific Coast Showmen's Association Ball at the Riltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, was just about the biggest and finest thing of its kind ever pulled off in the U. S. A. Any showman belonging to this organization can justly feel proud of his membership."

All had not a direct communication from Doc Barnett, the well-known talker, for about seven years. In fact since he was general announcer and utility talker on the Wertham & Rice Shows, until last week. Says he will spend his twenty-eighth season in the business with the same caravan as last season, the John Francis Shows, opening at Tulsa Ok. March 15. Doc has been wintering at Marlon 11. He recalls some of the "old bunch" such as Sandy Billings,

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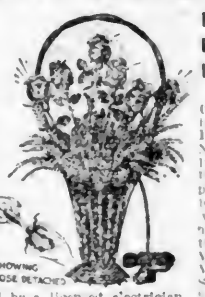
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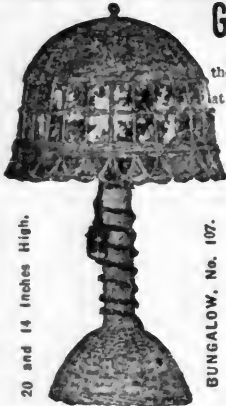
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## CARNIVAL CARAVANS

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Vic Ford, Baldy Swain, Windy Hughes, Doc Bushnell, Slim Wren and others.

Mesdames Ike and Jack Fanst, whose husbands are concessionaires with the Lachman Exposition Shows, recently arrived at winter quarters at Wichita Falls, Tex., from Miami and New Orleans, where they had been vacationing. Informed the Faust secretary, Jack Robertson, who also advised (February 18) that Ike and Jack were motoring to the meetings in Chicago.

Thos. W. Kelley advised last week that so far he had signed the following people for his side-show with the Zeitman & Pollic Shows for the coming season: Major James West, Scotch bagpiper; F. A. Hendry, "Haha Haha"; Joe D. Cramer, "Rubber-Neck Joe"; Fred L. Mous, midget comedian; Jeanie Hendry Scottish midget; Prince Buddha, magician, and several lesser attractions.

Arnold Heldt, former city editor of The Jacksonville (Fla.) Metropolis and who later served as press representative for Polack Bros., is back to his "old love" as city editor of The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune. Heldt is a most capable newspaper man, one of those who always has a "scout" for news, and he's a great friend of outdoor amusements and always welcome members of the clan.

Rex Ingham informs that he has been engaged by the Stoddards (Thelma and Rex) as business manager for their road show. Ingham was with Stoddard about ten years ago, with the Texas Four in vauville. Mrs. Ingham, who underwent an operation in a Washington (D. C.) hospital last month, is improving and is expected to leave the institution within a few weeks.

The following press dispatch recently was sent from Hartford City, Ind.: "A new ordinance, raising the license fee for carnivals and road shows so high they will not find it profitable to come to this city, is to be passed by the City Council here." "Is to be" seems stating facts on the outcome before the vote is taken. Wonder who sponsored the movement—carnival and "road show" men needn't take more than several guesses.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Minesinger wrote from Olean, N. Y., that they had just returned from Elmira and the winter quarters of the Southern Amusement Co., of which James E. Strates is manager. Said the management intends to have all new equipment, such as rides, concessions and trucks, and that preparatory work is progressing rapidly. William Fullagar is assistant manager Strates secretary. Mrs. Strates serves the winter-quarter boys with delicious home-cooked meals, 'tis said.

"Bill" Rice sure was at the "doings" in the Windy City, even though he came in a wheel chair, so the writer is told. And he just had to interperse some humor. While in the lobby of the hotel one of his friends placed some pencils and a cigar box in his lap, while others "dropped in" many pennies, nickels, etc., as he was rolled down the corridor to the elevator. To their surprise, however, Bill "turned the tables" on 'em at the lift by dismounting unassisted from the chair, standing upright and with a "I thank you greatly, gentlemen," stepped upon the elevator platform.

Frank B. Colborn, veteran showman and portrayer of "Uncle Sam", also professed story teller and lecturer, has lately been hibernating among his old special friends, ex-soldiers, at the National Soldiers' Home (Western Branch), Leavenworth, Kan. On March 18 Frank intends starting an independently booked tour, covering sixty of the principal cities of the country, appearing before Rotarians, Kiwanians, and clubs, civic and patriotic organizations, as well as in vauville and picture houses. He plans to reach New York about September 1, probably to again do a lecture course for the New York Board of Education.

May-Con Villa, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Con T. Kennedy at Miami, Fla., was the scene of a delightful dinner tendered by W. H. (Pop) McFarland and Chick Bell, who had just returned from a hunting trip. No less than twenty guests sat at a bountiful "spread", the "piece de resistance" of which was the products of the hunt—thirty ducks and twenty quail. "Pop" was accorded the seat of honor and added no little to the jollity by his humorous description of his hunt. Mrs. Kennedy was given a beautiful basket of roses, the gift of the ladies of the party. Noted among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ebbary, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Rickart, Mrs. Florence Barnes, Dad Snyder, Chick Bell, Pop McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, W. X. MacCollin, Mrs. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntyre.

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Lee Harris and Lou Berg, assisted by Milt Runkle and John Mathers, did work at the door and were contented with knowing that others were enjoying themselves. They deserve great credit for their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lee motored up from Redondo Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Tyler were some of the last to go home and seemed to regret that it did not run all night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeran came in from Pasadena. Charlie closed his show for the night rather than miss the event.

Al G. Barnes was on the floor constantly and danced with the midgets and everyone he knew. The Barnes winter quarters was closed for the time and all were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Grety, "Judge" and Mrs. Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. Myer Myers were a party from the Wortham shows and Fred says it was the best ever.

Mrs. Steve Woods and her daughters were guests of Fred Sargent and occupied one of the boxes overlooking the ballroom. Mrs. Woods was busy receiving friends all evening. Mrs. Will J. Farley entertained her two sons and their lady friends and the evening was far too short and the music too fascinating to miss a dance.

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Fred Cummins and his daughter were there and had a good time.

Edw. Brown, between entertaining Mrs. Brown and assisting John Miller in handling the door, put in a very busy night.

Mrs. John Miller and her husband were much in evidence entertaining most every one and not many dances were without either of them.

Max Klass, after not missing a dance all evening, said he might build a dance hall at his Rose Spring establishment so he could finish his appetite for terpsichore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McGeary got back from Honolulu in time for the affair and stayed late, but George Donovan called for Honolulu just in time to be missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Earl had the midgets enjoying the festivities and they made good use of their liberty.

Many who were not there will be next year, as it was the talk of Los Angeles and will be on the shows this season. Success was never more fully enjoyed or explained than at this affair. WILL J. FARLEY.

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W. Hooser, 84 years old, danced every number and stayed to the finish. He says "It's the climate."

Sam Brown, of the Levitt-Brown Hangers Show, was handing out perfumed cigars, but would not tell where he got them.

A group hard to beat in harmony: C. A. Palmer, Al G. Barnes, Edward Hark, A. All-ton, George Bernard, Fred Beckman, Barney Gowan, Walter Hunsler, A. Boucher, Sam Carson, John Kuntz and all show owners who said the other fellow's show was the "best."

Edw. Gerhart, Mayor of Venice, said he would not have missed it for the world. He never thought there were so many showmen outside of Venice, and was busy trying to get the best deal there.

T. P. Gutz, who manages Ramona's Marriage Place at San Diego, stated it was the best time of his career, and Mrs. Gutz said it would be the best.

Barney Tully, Edw. Hark, J. J. McNamara and Barney Grety wanted to put on an Irish reel, but Al Fisher said he did not know how to pull it.

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Plays Sixth Annual Engagement at Bradentown, Fla.

Bradentown, Fla., Feb. 20.—The current engagement of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition marks its sixth at the fair here. There is every indication that it will again be a glowing success.

Among the many visitors to the show have been Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ringling, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ringling, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ringling, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster and Charles Kanally (the Ringling's winter home is at Sarasota, a notable resort only ten miles from Bradentown), also R. J. Grantham, manager of the Wilson (N. C.) County Fair, accompanied by his friend, Thomas Pettus, also of Wilson.

Ira J. Watkins, of motordrome fame, is entertaining his father, who is a resident of Rutland, Vt. James J. Doolay, elephant trainer, nearly lost the sight of an eye last week, one of the "bulls" threw some excrement into it. Johnny J. Jones is in New York for the "Florida Exposition" being held at Madison Square Garden. Mique Camilla has gone East on a business trip. Charles Tension is this week operating an Elks' Bazaar at Sebring, Fla. W. F. Hannon, manager of the Big Ell wheel, has returned from Dublin, Tex., where he was called on account of serious illness of his mother, who died shortly after his arrival there. Larry Boyd was a three-day visitor at Orlando. Al Beck, who had the Dixieland Minstrels, has sold out and gone to his home at Toledo. O. Hugh McKay, manager of the dining car lunch counter, spent Sunday at Tampa. Mrs. Frank Graham Scott (Bootsie Herd) and daughter, Frances, are visiting Mrs. John Randolph Murray. Mrs. E. B. (Abe) Jones who has been visiting at Palm Beach, has returned. J. Alex. Sloane has a number of men, in charge of Larry Stone and Eddie Dalier, building and repairing his auto cars at the Johnny J. Jones Exposition winter quarters at Orlando. Joseph Wilson is trainmaster in charge during the absence of Col. Robert Bigsby, who is engaged at winter quarters. The dining car, all newly painted and decorated, managed by John Randolph Murray with an exceptionally good array of assistants, is proving a mecca to the comforts of the "inner man".

The Lee County Fair held at Fort Myers, Fla., will be the next stop of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition. **ED R. SALTER** ("Johnny J. Jones' Hired Boy").

## DODSON'S WORLD'S FAIR SHOWS

Open at Fort Worth Early in April

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 21.—Upon returning here to the winter quarters of Dodson's World's Fair Shows the writer was surprised at the amount of work done on the paraphernalia in so short a time. Every one of the fifty-seven wagons has been thoroughly overhauled and now in the hands of the painters, receiving a very attractive coat of orange, trimmed in a light red, title emblazoned prominently on the sides of each. Manager Dodson says that he has expended \$25,000 this winter on equipment, and from appearance it has been judiciously expended.

George Roy's new show, "The Captain's Dream", is nearing completion. This will make three fun shows operated on the midway by Mr. Roy. While a beautiful two-wagon front has been built to be used as an entrance, wherever possible, this does not signify that Manager Dodson intends playing enclosures the entire season, but it is quite probable that a few will be tried.

Manager Dodson, General Agent Mel. G. Dodson, Trainmaster Frank Walden and the writer made a trip to San Antonio, where three steel flats, one double wagon front, one single wagon front, three baggage wagons, one stage wagon and a set of runs were purchased from the C. A. Wortham estate. This equipment is now in the hands of the mechanics. Thirty cars will be used this season, for the first time since the show's inception some ten years ago. Only five of these cars will be living cars, so one can readily judge the large amount of loading space necessary in the transportation of the show.

At present six rides and fifteen shows have been contracted, which number will probably be increased with the hooking of two platform shows. Billy Dodson, who will have the Water Show this season, writes from Corsicana that he has practically all of his troupe under contracts and will arrive this week to get his big double-wagon front and other paraphernalia in readiness for the spring opening. Johnny Hoffman returned from Baltimore last week. Mrs. Hoffman remained there a few days longer on account of the illness of her mother. Practically the same lineup of Texas fairs played last season was awarded Manager Dodson at the Texas Fair Secretaries' meeting at Dallas a short time ago. The dates in the circuit will be arranged so that ten will follow in succession.

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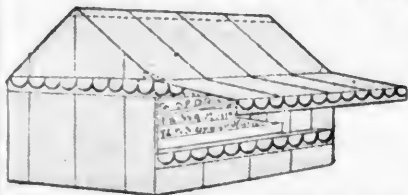
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Vic Levitt, of Levitt, Brown & Higgins, now in winter quarters at Puyallup, Wash., was a San Francisco visitor this week, en route to Los Angeles. One of his errands in California is the purchase of new cars for his shows that take the road April 15, opening for the season on Pinger Sound. Sam Brown, of the same company, was in the South last week and had just reached Puyallup when Levitt left there.

Malcolm Lewis and brother, well-known concessionaires, who are going out this season with the Rubin & Cherry Shows, are in San Francisco buying stock for numerous concessions that they will control this year.

Little ones at the San Francisco Children's Hospital are to be honor guests of the Solwyns and of Homer Curran, manager of the Curran Theater, at a matinee performance of "The Fool" some time next week. After the play tables will be taken on the stage and the children will be given a banquet. Members of the company will entertain with stories and the orchestra of the theater has donated its services for jazz and snappy music all during the dinner to the children. Mary Margaret, the little crippled girl in the play, will be special hostess to the visiting children. Her stage character appeals strongly to children.

With a production of "The Merchant of Venice" this week at the Columbia Theater, two men, David Belasco and David Warfield, have achieved life-long ambitions, one to produce Shakespearean plays and the other to star in them. Warfield's portrayal of Shylock is well done, altho Belasco has taken some liberties with the play in the way of deleting some lines and shortening up the casket-chamber scene in Portia's home. But San Franciscans seem to like the alterations and eliminations. Certainly they "fell" for the wonderful lighting effects introduced that would have astounded the Bard of Avon had he even dreamed of them. Music composed by Norman O'Neill is now to the producer on. Mary Servoss plays Portia and Betty Murray has the part of Nargissa.

Theaterdom here is having a laugh at the expense of Helen Joy, the actress, who arrived in a wheel chair because she was afraid of being robbed on the train. Miss Joy owns an extremely valuable diamond ring. She feared it would be stolen from her while she was asleep in her berth in the train, so she slipped it on one of her toes. In the morning her foot was so swollen that she could not get the ring off.

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PIPES by Gasoline Bill Baker

Within a few weeks many of the boys South will be working northward.

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One of the fellows piped that eight paper boys were at Taylorville, N. C., recently. He didn't give their names.

We have an interesting pipe from Chas. V. Graham, from Columbus, Ga., which we will run in the near future.

Henry Castlen advises from Owensboro, Ky., that he intends opening a medicine show some time in April.

Like puns? Yes? Take a slant at this one: Der comedian vent to De Valli! (Whatsay, Pete?)

Free-pitching "sunshine" among his co-workers should comprise at least a third of a pitcher's efforts.

Not over three of the knights have piped that they were working indoor circuses, bazaars, etc., this winter. Are nearly all the specialty workers "just waiting" for spring?

A typographical error in the concluding pipe, last issue, gave Walter C. Dodge as having a headquarters in Albany, "Ga.". Should have been Albany, N. Y. (P. O. Box 165).

Several of the boys have already sent in their Spring Special pipes (must be made ready for printing early part of week after next). Send yours, including several short ones.

Jimmie Cardwell says when he started using a typewriter he fraded three times, trying to find one that would "spell correctly" before he tumbled to it that his fingers produced the errors. He's an "adept" uow, however.

Prof. J. H. Barnum, whose death was recorded in the obituary columns of the January 16 issue, be it known, was the veteran magician and medicine showman, particularly well-known throughout the Central States.

Further along in the "column" (this issue) mention is made regarding the writer's ("Bill") establishing an index file of permanent addresses of the boys for use in cases of emergency, etc. Read it carefully and please respond.

For the information of the boys expecting to find a lot of humor in Bill's special article in the Spring Special (literary section—front of the book) there will be practically none. Virtually all angles will be handled, and it will be of a matter-of-fact nature.

A store clerk in a Kentucky town told a patented specialty worker recently: "No, sir, you can't sell your goods here unless you 'make your own'." "Very well," said the knight of the torch, "I'll pitch cigarettes"—and he "rolled" one.

Word from Durham, N. C., was that Dr. W. J. Blanton would open his medicine show March 1 with seven people. Billy Rimmer was back "home" to do blackface, and the Musical Morans were fast motoring up from Florida to arrive in time for the opening.

Here's a vet. of the specialty working "bunch" that we haven't heard from in many moons, David Johnston, the specialist in spud peelers for some fifteen years, also sharpeners, etc. He's in Montreal and he has already sent in a pipe for the Spring Number.

Drs. Ross H. Dyer, of the World's Medicine Co., and E. Redwood, of the Redwood Medicine Co., put in about two weeks of vacationing at Tampa, Fla. Ere long they will both be rambling back toward Indianapolis to get their outfits and people ready for the coming season.

Received a photo postcard from Dr. Ed F. Weiss from his summer-cottage spot, Lakeview, O. It was of some fine specimen of the funny tribe—the three—a sketch at the bottom stating that one of them was a six-pounder and that they were caught at "Sissnfras Point" last September 23. (No wonder Ed likes that neck of th' woods.)

The following inquiry from one of the boys in the East: "Will some oldtimer please tell us who was first to make a patch on the old German collar button, and who was the first demonstrator to place them in department stores. Possibly Johnny Maney, Jim Kelley and several others can tell us something about it."

Two smiling visitors in the DeVore Medicine Company at Columbus, O., February 18, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bart, who have been taking a little vacation after ending the winter season of the Bart med. oppy, and were motoring to Detroit, Mich., from Pennsylvania. They had with them their "assistants", two trained dogs and a monkey.

Frank Libby (knife sharpeners) postcarded from Memphis: "So far as I know of this writing, this finds me about alone here—as to the knights. Met Chief Red Horse yesterday, but he was leaving for St. Louis. Said he had very satisfactory business here for a week. Miller, with garters, scopes and pens, and Mills, with glass cutters, worked here last week."

"Pickup" from Philly: Billy Ahern, well-known specialty worker, was a visitor to the city—looking prosperous and "a taking life easy". Doc Goldman recently closed his medicine store show in Market street, near Fifteenth, after a successful run of about four months. Jack Kenneth, Inhaler "king", and Tsidl Hutha, "the man from India", have opened a medicine show in Market street, near Ninth. Some of the boys in Philly are boasting for an (Continued on Page 98)

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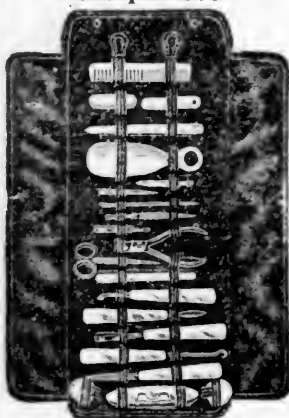
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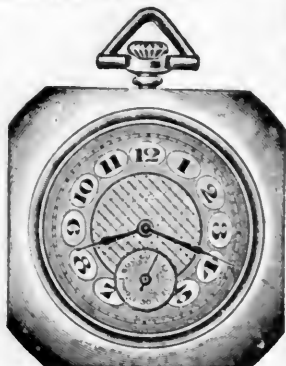
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PIPES

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association, others skeptical as to its going over. Some very arguing the other day as to how long it would be until one is actually formed—Sammy Aptaker wished "everybody long life"—that they all would live until it is.

E. Hewitt, specialty salesman, now at Fort Wayne, Ind., and who has been working department stores and exhibit ones all winter, says his name can be put down as favoring a national or international organization of pitchmen—that is, if comprised of only demonstrators and pitchmen. Hewitt marked it for the N. S., but he almost doubtless figured that edition was this issue.)

E. J. James, subscriptionist, "shouted" from Clarendon, Tex.: "Someone asked in last issue how paper is in Oklahoma and Texas. Well, to say it briefly, it just ain't. Lots of the boys down here. I met Al Linder, Herrington, Ray Cronin and several others in Oklahoma last month. I 'benried' from Lubbock to Amarillo, Tex., with two paper boys, Wetzel and Rickey, who were on their way to Dawson, N. M. Why doesn't Scotty Castle pipe? Wonder how long since Scotty was in Terre Haute?"

Relative to what has been done toward an association, so far as the writer has been informed, there seems to be a couple of factions in the field, possibly three. Reports from two sources have been received, but as there is a conflict in the sentiment expressed in them, it probably is best that Bill (for the sake of not coming in between them—being neutral) wait for later developments before publishing details provided (which the writer feels all concerned will agree is proper under the circumstances).

Dainty Babetta, the burning up of whose show was mentioned in last issue, writes: "I wish to thank all of my professional friends for their kind letters of sympathy in my recent loss in a theater fire. The young people of my home town, Titusville, Pa., gave a benefit dance for me and presented me with the proceeds (\$100), which was greatly appreciated and a wonderful help. I will be all ready to welcome the Babetta Show the week of March 10, with precisely the same roster as before the fire. Will play halls until summer, then to platform with everything brand new."

Jack D. Sullivan, one of the vets of the fraternity, kicked in from Buffalo that Doc Low Fady doubtless, unintentionally overlooked a few of the knights in that city in his recent pipe, there being also in town Doc McMahon (with about seventy years "young", in North Division street; Jamon at Eagle and Main, and himself (Jack), who arrived there recently. He adds: "I have been badly 'hipped' and have been using a wheelchair the past ten years. Been hitting the road, thru New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio, during that time with coral buttons, telforms, coat hangers, gum, whiststones, etc., last year taking up key-check work because of poor health." He is selling his plant, however, and intends to return to the pitch business.

A few pipes from Sacramento, by R. E. Radcliffe: The "Sacramento sunshine" seems to have brought the boys out of their holes, as quite a few have been seen working doorways and billboards the past few weeks. V. G. Foft is working pens with a big window flash and says they are moving fast, considering his two months' stay here. G. Belmar, with pens and scopes, was in town with his million-dollar smile, and wishes good fortune to all pitchdom. Class, A. Williams, whiststones, has not been mentioned for quite a while in Pipes. He also sends bestest to the frat. E. A. Krans and J. A. Tucker are working marks, also R. Troy, who opines the majority of the boys are waiting for the weather to clear up so they can clear out for the East. J. L. Clifton is working can openers.

In a letter from Doc George M. Reed, Columbus, O., he paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. Edward Swiss, especially as being a good clean worker and one of the best entertainers in the profession. Reed, accompanied by his son, Elliott, expected to get started in his "light-six" on a working trip eastward by March 1. Says a letter from Larry Bernstein to George stated he was slightly on the sick list. Also says that John McCloskey is taking things easy in Philadelphia, Wayne Garrison and brother (Earl) working in Wheeling, W. Va., and Dr. E. F. McDonald working Reed's line in the Everett store, Erie, Pa. Among the knights in Columbus, were Docs Silver Cloud (McLean), Ray Carrington, Slisher, Mathews, Hammond, Chapman and Wilson, auto polish; George Hatfield, novelties, and Bud Berry, subscriptions.

Dewitt Shanks postcarded from the "Mississippi Delta" section: "I have just completed a tour of Mississippi. I say 'tour' as it hasn't amounted any more than that. Have run into many pitchmen in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and this State—in which States I have been all fall and winter. It seems they came for the 'thirty-cent cotton' and like myself the majority of them met 'apple sauce'. My report on New Orleans is 'not good'. My wife and I were there a day or two shopping and a sight-seeing. A letter from Doc Eller told about some 10-below weather in Indiana—we had a severe winter in the South, also. Will soon head for Dayton, O., in order to be an 'early bird'. My name can go on a list as a charter member of a pitchmen and demonstrators' association."

M. V. Davis "shouted" some news notes from Carbonate, Ill., last week: "Owing to the recent 'kirkish' in Williamson County (which has had nation-wide newspaper publicity), which closed work for the boys in Herrin, Johnson City, Marion and Carterville for a while, they have been finding it a task to locate territory to work in. Elmer Kane is still working soap and combs, and seems to be prosperous, as is Sam Bernstein with cloth and Fred Newlin on suits. Doc Jim Lang, of Philby, is still here—working on tapeworms, etc. Jack Turner and George (Red) Donovan (Continued on page 100)

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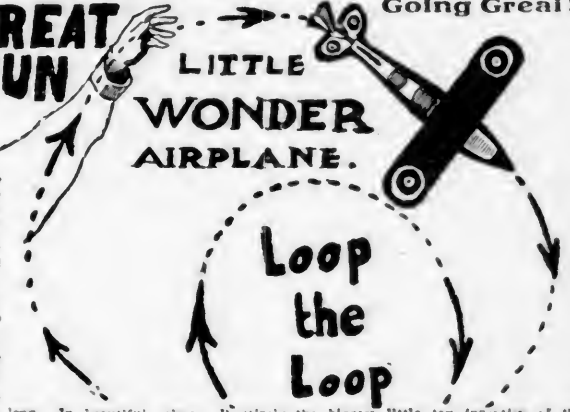
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**PIPES**  
(Continued from page 98)

stopped off here to take subs., but after a brief visit decided to go elsewhere. Docs, Burns, Easter and Jackson were here lately. The writer has found that the manager of the New Handley Hotel meets the boys stepping over here with a smile and a hearty welcome. Wake up, some of you fellows, and pipe in!

Congrats go to Doc and Mrs. W. L. (Bill) Ivey, whose show is playing indoors in Illinois. W. L. Ivey, Jr. (right found), made his debut to this mundane sphere at the Walker Hotel, Brocton, Ill., February 17. In addition to the foregoing interesting info, "Bill" writes: "This med. show has five people. My wife operates at the piano and works in acts, my brother Eck ("Dynamite") does blackface, and I have Elmer and Edna Barter with me (and I have never had finer people in my career). I lecture and cavort around in general. We will open on platform about the first of May, with a truck functioning as 'groundwork' for the stage and an auto for the folks to ride in on moves. There is some fine territory in Southern Illinois for good, clean workers—but they must work that way. The Puritan Drug Company, of Columbus, puts up my goods and I find them fine people to do business with."

Dr. Edward Swiss, an account of whose death appears on the obituary page of this issue, was one of the best known and most popular medicine showmen of the Central States. He started in the profession with the Kickapoo, as an entertainer, later being an inspector for Healy & B. Galloway. For years he made his headquarters at Columbus, Mo. He suffered great financial and property loss in the flood of 1913, but was again "on top" when the end came. He and his family were to move into a new home this spring. In commenting on the death of his old friend (Dr. Swiss), Dr. Harry Chapman writes that he was indeed a credit to the business, also that Dr. Andrew Rankin, of Cleveland, O., has been quite ill at the Hotel President, Los Angeles, Calif., and this reminded him that Swiss and Rankin were entertainers together on the old "Kick" shows. Chapman, incidentally, also paid a praiseworthy compliment to the late George Gossage. Dr. Swiss' remains were sent to Cincinnati, in accordance with his wishes, and were cremated February 20 by the Cincinnati Cremation Company.

Relative to the veteran pitchman, Doc George Gossage, who died suddenly in Atlanta, Ga., recently, Chas. H. Hughes, of the Hawkeye Oil Company, Wahash, Ind., after reading a brief mention of the incident in last issue, mailed us a few lines. His letter stated that in private life Gossage was Wm. Boynton Gossage, and to the best of his knowledge was born in Logansport, Ind., and would have been sixty-eight years old next April, his father being J. D. Gossage—who Hughes last heard of as working for the Wahash Railroad Company. He further informed that the departed road man had an aunt (his father's sister) living in Belleville, Ill., and another in Logansport, but he does not know their names or addresses. A letter from Dr. Harry Chapman stated that he knew Gossage many years, but did not learn addresses of relatives. The writer ("Bill") conveyed the above information to R. M. Patterson & Son, funeral directors, Atlanta, Ga., who took over the remains, and it may aid them in getting in touch with relatives. Any of the boys having further information might write that firm. So far no further details, than that Gossage had been found dead in his room, have been received. The writer requests the undertakers to advise further and this probably will appear in next issue.

**EVERYBODY—Please read this carefully:**  
There have been a number of instances wherein some of the boys became suddenly ill or passed away while in some town (or city) among strangers and some citizen, another pitchman, an undertaking firm or a civic official addressed communication to this writer (Gasoline Bill Baker) to secure the address of relatives so they could be informed, etc. In some instances Bill had the necessary information and helped out the situation, but in the majority of the unfortunate cases could not be so helpful. There have been several of the latter the past year. There is a way to overcome this and the writer appeals to all the boys to do their little bit toward doing so, absolutely for their own benefit. It is this: Each one of the folks write a few lines (on a card for convenience) giving his (or her) own name, line of stock, where and when born, address of nearest relatives and to whom to advise in case something of the above-mentioned nature should happen, and mail it to Gasoline Bill Baker, care of The Billboard, Cincinnati, O. As these are received the writer will personally make up an index file of the data for quick reference and will see to it personally that the relatives' (or whoever stipulated) addresses will be forwarded in case of extreme emergency, etc. Let it be emphatically understood that this file will be only for use in cases of sudden illness or death, and the information therein contained will not (absolutely not) be furnished to anyone, except in those emergencies. It will not be a "mailing list" for any individual or individuals, which is a courteous tip to all business firms to not make "requests". It will be noted that at the start of this Bill requests ALL the boys to send in their data. Some may figure that they are among friends or may expect to stay in a town where they are well known to friends, etc. That's all right, but they might make a trip at some future time and meet sudden critical illness or death, and if "Bill" receives request for addresses of relatives, closest friends, etc., and hasn't the information, naturally he is not only unable to be of help, but is in a "big stew" trying to ascertain something that will be helpful. This is worthy of each one's consideration.

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**T. A. WOLFE SHOWS**  
Activity at Winter Quarters Increases

Columbus, O., Feb. 20.—There is no slackening up of work in the winter quarters of T. A. Wolfe shows at Columbus, S. C. Instead, it is increased and the building of new equipment is a feature, included in which are new cages. At this writing General Manager Wolfe is at the fair and outdoor showmen's meetings in Chicago.

Mr. Wolfe has been the busiest member of his executive staff of late, and the bookings of attractions and other novel features, including free acts, will be a surprise to many showmen when the list is made up and publicly announced.

There has lately been an increased number of visitors to the winter quarters. The recently secured wild animals, as mentioned in last issue of The Billboard, provide a zoo study for the school children, and the grown-ups as well, of Columbus. Among recent visitors were Stanley Chorrington, one of the "bright lights" of politics, who helps carnivals obtain alleged impossible towns; Lieut. Arthur McArthur, who is undecided whether to place his Wild War Quartette with the show or campaign for one of the presidential candidates; Magical Irving and Princess Ione, Col. W. A. Hall, a traveling salesman and a "double" for the late P. T. Barnum; C. H. Buckley, of New York State; M. E. McElhany, who placed a fire-clay products as something new in the flooring of the wild animal pens; Lew Williams, formerly boss caravaning with the old Ben Wallace Circus, now residing at Reading, Pa., and representatives of the Traver Engineering Co., Beaver Falls, Pa., and the Tanglely Calliope Co., of Muscatine, Ia.

The writer will leave Columbus next Monday on a speaking tour in the interest of the show. He will visit his son at Chillicothe, O., and his sister at Portsmouth. From the latter city to Cincinnati, thence to Frankfort, Ky., where he will be the guest of Wm. R. Partle, the minstrel producer, and while there will address the prisoners in the Kentucky State Reformatory.

**DOC WADELLE (Story Writer).**

**LEASES LAND IN BROOKLYN**  
Ringling-Barnum Circus Will Show There Following Garden Engagement

Brooklyn, Feb. 23.—The Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus has signed a lease for the right to a fifteen-acre plot of land here from April 20 to May 4. The land is situated on both sides of Avenue H, between Nostrand and Bedford avenues.

The business agent for the circus was W. J. Conway, who also signed the lease. He said that Brooklyn would be the first "canvas" stand when the show left the Garden.

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Additional Outdoor News

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Manatee County is a living and progressive part of the great development that has taken place in South Florida, and the fair is one of the concrete evidences of this development.

ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS

Busily Preparing for Forthcoming Season

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 22.—Extensive preparations are going forward at the winter quarters of the Royal American Shows for the forthcoming season.

The Royal American Shows will this year carry six riding devices and twelve shows and other features, in addition to a string of exciting announcements regarding the opening date.

Harry Osborne, of "Azora" fame, will again be with the show, making his fifth consecutive season with the present management.

The services of two well-known showmen have been secured in the engagement of J. Riley Hutchinson, in charge of the train, and Henry Shepherd, in charge of the lights and electric equipment.

Bill Sockwell will again be seen on the midway with the Inferno Show. Ted LaRue has signed to place a mammoth Jungledand show and is very busy with getting his paraphernalia in readiness.

ISLER GREATER SHOWS

Chapman, Kan., Feb. 22.—There is every assurance that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the Isler Greater Shows at Chapman, Kan., April 20, in conjunction with the National Dog Races in which there are dogs entered in races from all parts of the United States.

Tabbe Drake, trainmaster, and his crew have arrived at winter quarters and are very busy working on the train. E. Z. Wilson is at winter quarters putting together his new penny arcade, which will be one of the largest and most complete on the road and a credit to any show.

WALTER DALY (for the Show).

MID-CAROLINA FAIRS MEETING

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 21.—Representatives of half a dozen fairs in the Mid-Carolina Fair Association met here Friday for the purpose of arranging dates and looking attractions.

Dates set at this meeting were as follows: Ashboro, September 24-27; Leaksville, September 28-31; Hickory, second week in October; Siler City, second week in October; Troy, fourth week in October; Wadesboro, third week in October; Mebane, dates to be determined.

The towns in the Mid-Carolina association present agricultural fairs. They have no race tracks and are therefore not members of the North Carolina Grand Circuit.

In discussing prospects for the approaching fair season representatives of the Mid-Carolina association, as well as agents here to book attractions, were optimistic in their predictions of success for fairs this season.

The officials of the Mid-Carolina Fair Association are: R. T. Smith, Leaksville, president; John Robinson Hickory, vice-president; W. C. York, Ashboro, secretary, and J. L. Clayton, Leaksville, treasurer.

GREAT WHITE WAY SHOWS

Will Open Season in Winter-Quarters Town

Martins Ferry, O., Feb. 21.—Work on the paraphernalia of the Great White Way Shows in winter quarters here is progressing, such as painting the Big Ell, show fronts, concession frames, etc., preparatory to opening here under auspices of the Volunteer Fire Department on the same lot played last fall.

Manager C. M. Nigro has contracted the three stands to follow Martins Ferry. General Agent Frank Leonard has a new car and is on "postponing." The big building where wagons and other show property are stored is warm and dry and in a short time men will arrive and begin the preparatory work in earnest.

An innovation in tent shows will be offered this year by the White Way Shows on two lines of the big 20-in-1, but presented in an entirely different manner, with different attractions, etc.

The best of physicians have been summoned to care for him, but his illness is considered grave. Mr. Thompson's father, well known in the circus field, is here at the bedside of his son. The train is located in the rear of winter quarters, and Mr. and Mrs. Nigro are living in their private car, which is well heated and lighted, as also are all the station cars.

The lineup so far consists of seven shows, three rides and about twenty concessions. Every tent, frame, etc., will be entirely new, as Mr. Nigro will adhere to his policy of endeavoring to present one of the cleanest and most beautiful organizations in existence. All the shows and rides will have wagons, and Mr. Nigro is contemplating the purchase of several new wagons to replace some he is dismantling.

RAYMOND E. RUSSELL (for the Show).

GOOD REPORTS

On the H. B. Poole Shows Received by Showmen's Legislative Committee

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Reports have been received from the various spots played by the H. B. Poole Shows to the effect that the shows in question are of the best possible caliber and carrying out every obligation of the Showmen's Legislative Committee.

The shows this year are being operated by Jim Schneck and H. P. Poole. Schneck will be well remembered as being at one time secretary-treasurer for the late Clarence A. Wortham on one of his organizations. He is financially interested in the show and will be at all times engaged in directing affairs along the lines of cleanliness and decency.

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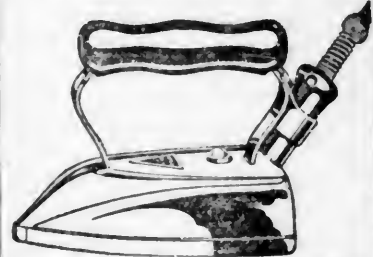
According to special cable information from Vienna "the first air traffic rules in the world have just been issued by Vienna police." Trick flying is prohibited, and among other important rules to remember when traveling in the air are:

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TWO LIONS ESCAPE

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Two young lions, almost full grown, that were being shipped from Minnehaha Falls, Minn., to Sellers, Md., to a showman of that city, chewed their way out of a crate in a C. & M. & St. Paul baggage car and were found roaming around in the car having a grand time when the train reached Chicago Wednesday.

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### PROMINENT BUILDING BURNS

Large Structure That Housed Conventions and Other Indoor Affairs at Huntington, W. Va., Destroyed—Will Be Rebuilt

A short time after the recent Police and Firemen's Indoor Circus came to a close in Huntington, W. Va., and the circus property moved from the building, Vaulty Fair, where the event was staged, was burned to the ground. F. W. Baesman, operator of the building, wrote The Billboard that the indoor circus was a financial success, although he suffered a personal loss of \$25,000 in the fire and a tremendous loss was suffered by the city. The building, which Mr. Baesman says was a wonderful structure for conventions, circuses, etc., had a floor space 120x260 feet and a balcony around the entire interior. Mr. Baesman says he will erect a bigger and better structure. At the time of the fire Mr. and Mrs. Baesman were trapped in a bedroom on the second floor and leaped from a window into the arms of men who gathered below. Neither was injured, but Mrs. Baesman was suffering from shock two hours later as she related how she and her husband had nearly burned to death in their bed. The destroyed building was famous as being the only place in Huntington wherein large conventions, etc., could be held.

### PHILADELPHIA SHRINE CIRCUS

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—Philadelphiaans are enthused over the Shrine Circus which ended its week's run at the Metropolitan Opera House, Saturday night, under the management of Sam McCrackin and Fred Bradna. Business opened big and many people were turned away nightly. Much credit is due Albert H. Laddner, illustrious pontiff, who is a live wire and a hard worker for Lulu Temple. Among the feature acts were Madame Bradna and her Act Beautiful, the Nelson Family, Chas. Sleight Troupe, Ernesto Family, P. Maclos, Ray's Comedy Circus and Downie's Ephraim. The clowns who helped to make things merry were George Hartzell, Spader Johnson, Geo. Washington Herman, Frank McStay, Poline Slater, Horace Laird, John Cowden, Tom Howard, Jimmy McCoy, Bumpsey Anthony and Herman Joseph. Incidentally, Roy Barrett, well-known clown of the Kingling-Barnum Circus, entertained the writer at his home in Philadelphia.

HERMAN JOSEPH (for the Show).

### BROOKLYN INDUSTRIAL EXPO.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Borough President Reigelmann in giving his hearty approval to the Brooklyn Industrial Exposition, which is to be held April 5-12 in the 106th Regiment Armory, said in part: "Industrial shows of this character not only aid the individual manufacturer and the Borough, but are also a revelation to residents. It is the duty of every resident of our borough to know the possibilities of his own community. The eye, after all, is the best camera."

### JERSEY CITY FASHION SHOW

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 21.—An extraordinary presentation of unsurpassed magnitude is promised by the Masonic Club of this city when it produces its first annual Fashion Show and Exposition at the Fourth Regiment Armory April 5-12, inclusive. A well-known orchestra has been booked to furnish music for the dancing and the several free attractions which have been engaged.

### ELKS' JUBILEE AND INDUSTRIAL DISPLAY

Toledo, O., Feb. 22.—The Elks' Jubilee and Industrial Display, to be staged at the Terminal Auditorium, March 24-29, is rounding into shape. Painters, carpenters and decorators are hard at work to make this one of the prettiest indoor events ever staged here. The advance sale of tickets is going big.

### DANVILLE ELKS' CARNIVAL

Danville, Ky., Feb. 22.—Local Elks will stage their Spring Carnival for the Charity Fund March 1-8. An interesting entertainment will be provided, also music for dancing. The Elks' home is to be cleared of furnishings during the event so as to afford ample space for the various amusement features.

### ELECT CIRCUS COMMITTEE

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22.—The Elks here have elected an executive committee to have charge of their Circus and Fun Festival to be staged in Tomlinson Hall March 8-15. The proceeds of the show are to be used to purchase furnishings for the million-dollar Elks' clubhouse.

### CIRCUS BIG FEATURE

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 21.—Large audiences are attending the Ohio Valley Industrial Exposition and Indoor Circus in Market Auditorium. The main feature of the affair, aside from the exhibits of the industries, schools and stores of Wheeling and vicinity, is the circus, with the program changed every night.

### OWLS' SHOW OVER BIG 'IN SHELBYVILLE, KY.

The Merrill Show recently closed a very successful week at the Owls' Indoor Circus at Shelbyville, Ky., according to a letter from Robert McAvoy.

"The show went over big," he writes, "playing to almost capacity audiences every night. Harry Morris, manager of the show, and 'Crazy' King, clown, kept the crowd laughing with their antics. Ila Morris, slack-wire artiste, was a hit of the show. Some of the acts were handicapped by the low ceiling, but nevertheless they drew their share of applause. Capt. Scotch Bobbie sprang a big surprise with his new animal act. The show went to the Dream Theater, Jeffersonville, Ind., for week ending February 23, with the Cardigan Theater, New Albany, Indiana, to follow. Work is going along nicely at the show's winter quarters. Manager Morris has left for New York where he intends to buy some wild animals."

### NEW HAVEN RADIO SHOW

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23.—Plans are under way for a Radio Exposition to be held in the Music Hall, March 15, for eight days, under the auspices of New Haven electric and radio dealers, many of whom have arranged for exhibits. A feature of the exhibition will be the broadcasting of entertainment given by several New York stars. Dealers have promised the largest display of radio equipment ever shown in this State.

### SARATOGA AUTO SHOW

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 20.—For the fourth annual Saratoga Automobile Show, which is to be held at the State Armory here March 2-20, practically all the available space of the main floor has already been taken, according to James H. Rowe, who is again in charge of the show.

### FARMERS' EXPO. AT FOSTORIA

Toledo, O., Feb. 22.—The eleventh annual National Farm and Industrial Exposition, which has been staged for the past ten years at Toledo, and managed by H. V. Burlew, will this year be staged at Fostoria, December 1-6, under the same management.

### HARRY LAPEARL BUSY

Producing Indoor Circuses in West Virginia

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 21.—The Police-Firemen's Indoor Circus at Huntington, W. Va., closed Saturday night with a "bang." Many people were turned away and regret was expressed that the affair could not be held over for a longer period. The success of the circus was in great part due to the untiring efforts of Harry LaPearl, producer, who offered the following acts: Flying Fearless Five, Pickard's Seals, Riding Hobsons, Jack Moore Trio of wire walkers, Great Williams, The Brocks, Three Alex, hand-balancing, and Harry LaPearl and his all-American group of clowns. The publicity was taken care of by the writer, Chief of Police C. A. Midkiff and Fire Chief Rush Burks were greatly pleased with the show and attendance, the show netting \$1,000. The chiefs have extended an invitation to Mr. LaPearl to produce the circus again next year. He and the writer are in Charleston with a contract to produce the same show here, and for which prospects are very bright. The circus here will open Monday and continue for the week.

SAM WELDON, JR. (Press Representative).

### FOOD SHOW AT BROOKLYN

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The thirty-fourth Brooklyn Food Show and Household Appliance Exposition will be held March 10-22, inclusive, at the Thirtieth Regiment Armory, under the auspices of the United Retail Grocers' Association. One of the many features will be motion pictures depicting the manufacturing process of food products. This year's exhibition, it is announced, will have more than one hundred concerns showing more than two hundred products.

### MAMMOTH INDUSTRIAL EXPO.

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 22.—During the week of May 17 the Chamber of Commerce will conduct a mammoth Industrial Exposition at the Fourth Regiment Armory. Every manufacturer, retail store, business organization and business man that helps to make Jersey City prosper has been invited to take space at the exposition. Uniform booths, beautiful decorations and extensive advertising are part of the committee's plans.

### MONTGOMERY ELKS' CIRCUS

Has Excellent Start—Good Program of Acts

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 23.—The Elks' Circus opened Monday night to a wonderful business. Despite a drizzling rain Tuesday night a big crowd swarmed into the city auditorium and good attendance has held up every night. Everybody seems to be well pleased and all the concessions have been doing fine. Director B. Smuckler has a wonderful program of twelve acts, every one of them going over big. The three local papers have been giving much publicity to the event. Among the acts participating are: George Bink, slack-wire artist; Estelle Pellett, vocalist; Jack Adelphia, whistler; Aerial Maginleys, Ed Raymond, clown; "Flip-side down White", Ray Glauson, female impersonator, aerial ironjaw; Bink and Boleck, jugglers; White and White, perch net, and Joe DeLoek, comedy juggler. Last night's grating ladder perch act closes the performances. A special orchestra has been secured to play for the entire week.

## Outdoor Celebrations

### MAHI SHRINE CIRCUS

Registers Big Hit and Success at Miami, Fla.—Activities Started Toward Making It Annual Event

Miami, Fla., Feb. 23.—Mahi Shrine and the Frank J. McIntyre Circus Company, aided by the co-operation of a wide-awake executive committee and a perfectly equipped amusement enterprise, put over and brought to a successful close tonight one of the biggest outdoor events in the history of Miami—The Mahi Shrine Circus. From the opening night, with its estimated attendance of over 4,000, the circus literally had a week of success. Indeed, so gratifying has been the show from a financial and amusement standpoint, that plans are already under way to make the circus an annual event.

Probably no other event of a similar nature has attracted so wide-spread attention or has been given so much publicity by the press of the city. The Miami Herald devoting columns of advance publicity, besides an extensive review of the opening, and The Metropolis issuing a special edition in two colors on the opening and commenting editorially the following day.

The shows were excellently located on Bay Shore Drive at 12th street, along Rycane Bay and housed in two 180-foot round tops. In the "big top" two rings and one platform were erected to present the acts. Real circus atmosphere prevailed, with a side-show, peanuts, balloons and other kindred attractions. Two performances were given each night, the music being furnished by the Shrine Patrol Band of forty pieces. Fifteen splendid circus acts were on the bill and ten clowns, headed by Frankie Stout, kept the spectators in good humor. It may be added in passing that the F. J. McIntyre Company in selecting the acts showed rare judgment in offering a well-balanced program, which in no small measure contributed to the success of the undertaking. Another pleasing feature of the circus was the manner in which the concessions were handled, there being only twenty stock merchandise wholesalers presided over by the Shrine members. The program, including feature acts, follows: Overture, Shrine Patrol Band, Bert Reason, conductor; Grand Entry, Ardo and Eddie, comedy for acrobats; Allen and Lee, equestrians and trapeze; Honolan's highschool horses; loop walking, cloud swing and Roman rings, Chas. Costello; barback riding, Dave Castello; ironjaw act and slide, Adline Lee; Maximo, the Great slack wire; "Phillip Sousa" and clown band led by Frankie Stout; Riding Castello, bucking mule and "mechanic" riding act. Between 10 and 12 sets the clowns got in their work which covered up the stage waits. Frank J. McIntyre was general director, Dan Castello, equestrian director, and the writer, press representative. W. X. MAC COLLIN.

### WOODMEN STREET FAIR

Odell, Ill., Feb. 21.—The Modern Woodmen of America here are planning a big celebration July 4. The merchants will give prizes for drill teams, produce, poultry and grain. Also there will be a big baby show, tractor demonstration; in fact, a regular street fair is to be held. Last year was a banner year. Auto polo will be one of the free acts at the coming event.

### LOGAN (W. VA.) CELEBRATION

Logan, W. Va., Feb. 22.—The executive committee of the Cache Valley Centennial Celebration recently held a meeting for the purpose of electing a director-general and discussing other matters relative to the big celebration which will be held here July 24-25, commemorating the one hundred anniversary of the entrance of Jim Bridger into the valley.

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WATER CARNIVAL TO FEATURE BIG EVENT

Fort Myers, Fla., Feb. 22.—A big Water Carnival will be one of the features of the celebration to be staged here March 12-13, incident to the opening and dedication of the new and quarter-long bridge over the Caloosahatchee river, at Fort Myers, and the opening of the new, most coast highway from High Springs to Fort Meade, 200 miles of which is to be the Tamiami Trail.

RUBIN & CHERRY SHOWS

Decision Made To Use Thirty-five Cars This Season

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—The Rubin & Cherry shows are fast making final preparations for the opening of the new season here under the auspices of the American Legion March 22. As a number of new attractions are being added to the already long list the management of the Rubin & Cherry shows deems it impossible to maintain all of them without increasing the train of cars. This year will be increased to thirty-five. An order has been placed for the delivery of five additional cars to be in Montgomery before the end of March.

The show has already received a shipment of fourteen new wagons from Maple Shade, N. J., and an order was given for five more to be delivered here no later than March 20, which will offer ample accommodation for the handling of all shows. The new fronts, designed and built by the district superintendent of Fred Lewis, are rapidly nearing completion, and there is every assurance that everything will be ready for the opening engagement, starting March 22. Delayed shipments of wood, canvas and hundreds of canopies from tent makers are arriving. It has been the policy of Rubin & Cherry to open his season with an entire new outfit of canvas, and not only will the tents be new this spring, but the entire show has been rebuilt, as previously mentioned in The Billboard. An order was placed with the Western Electric Company for two 100-kilowatt transformers. The German Consul has granted a permit to Elmer Jones, who is in charge of the Midgots, to bring the additional material into this country, which will make a big job in the company and each man a performer. Contracts were signed recently with E. Earl Stout for the presentation of his Har-Band, composed of twenty musicians, on the Rubin & Cherry Shows. At present Professor Stout is completing his valuable engagements and will arrive in Montgomery a short time before the opening. The Western Railway Shops here have taken charge of the entire show train and will turn it out in a few weeks on the new steel and iron wheels. It is representative W. S. Cherry has been instructed to make as many railroad contracts to the management of the show as possible. FRANK S. REED (Secy.).

COLORADO FAIRS STRESS EDUCATIONAL FEATURES

Brighton, Col., Feb. 21.—The two-day session of the Colorado County Fairs Association's seventh annual convention closed here Saturday with the election of officers. The new officers are: President, J. H. King, Sterling; vice-president, R. E. Hinna, Greeley; secretary, J. L. Miller, Rocky Ford; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Richards, Lovell County. The educational features of the fairs were stressed at the convention and a program was adopted urging more liberal support by Colorado residents to assure the financial success of future fairs. In connection with the educational advantages of the work of the boys' and girls' clubs was especially praised. Denver was chosen as the meeting place for 1925 and the convention will be held there February 15 and 16.

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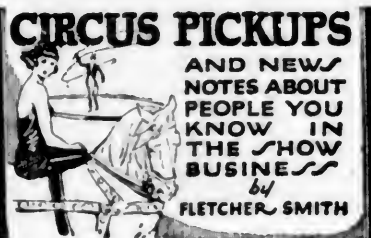
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E. C. Vetter, who has been both billposter and advance agent, and last season with the Billy Lindon Show for a time and later on the bill car with the Main Show, is this winter located at Macon, Ga., where he is operating a stage line from Macon to Glenwood Springs. He is another who is waiting for the circus season to reopen.

Harry Frank, who years ago did a silly kid special with Browalce & Reed Show and who later branched out as an advance agent with the De Rue Bros. and Sousa's Band, but was obliged to retire owing to ill health, is now located in Knoxville, N. Y., and thinking of returning to the business. Harry is in good health and as full of pep as ever.

The main circus musicians with the Magnolia Oil Company Band at Magnolia, Tex., had the distinction of playing under the direction of Sousa on the occasion of his visit to Beaumont with his band. By request he directed the daily noon-day concert of the band in the band stand at the refinery, a short distance from Beaumont. Joseph Rice, a former carnival band leader, who is now leading the city band of Beaumont, had a march written and arranged by him played by Sousa at the evening concert at the Kyle Theater.

Probably the oldest lithographer in the business as well as local contractor, John Henry Rice, who has been with them all, is still in the game and ready for the call for another season. John Henry is spending the winter with his wife in Chicago.

Edward Todd, well-known circus decorator and artist, will as soon as his work is completed with the Christy Show leave for Honduras, where he has a good position as superintendent of one of the United Fruit Company's banana plantations. Ed says no more circus work for him.

The Cole Bros.' Show is wintering at North Little Rock, Ark., where it has commodious quarters right in the heart of the city. Doc Leon is in charge during the absence of Elmer Jones, and is putting in ten hours a day looking after the many improvements and rebuilding for next season.

Bessie Bracken, who was prima donna with the Christy Show last season, is enjoying a visit this winter with her mother at Carleize, N. M., where there is plenty of snow on the ranch and a real Northern winter. She will be back with the Christy Show in the spring.

Elmer Meyers is having a great time this winter visiting relatives and friends. He spent several weeks with relatives at Lancaster, Ephrata, Marletta, Lelax and York, Pa., and after a stay in Cincinnati will return to Beaumont. Mrs. Meyers has recovered from an operation performed in a Kansas City hospital. Elmer will again be in charge of the reserved seat tickets of the Christy Show.

Elmer Jones is enjoying a visit with his mother at Warren, Pa. Mrs. Jones is now in her ninety-second year. His show will have a prosperous season, especially the Cooper Bros.' Show.

The Macks, Tommy and Mandie, famous rube clowns, are back from their trip to the Pacific Coast and are enjoying life at Beverly Farms, Mass. Tommy says that when he gets home he will run over to Salem and drops in on Joe Thayer and puts it up and takes it down and troups with the big shows all evening. The Macks played fair last fall, but will be out with one of the circuses this spring when they will work the track and clown.

A letter from Al Fuller, who was with the Sparks Show last season, states that he is putting in a pleasant winter at Circleville, O., with his wife, Madge, and finds plenty of congeniality up at the Elks' Home. He recently motored to Williamport and spent a day with Clarence Hamoumt. Clarence is framing a big "Tom" show to take the road in spring. Al has not made up his mind about trouping this season as he has good prospects in his home town.

Joe Coffey, manager for Nick Londrus last season with the Main Show, has framed a new novelty act in which four people give an exhibition of self-defense, something on the order of the Johannes Josephson act, and are playing vanderlife around New York. The act went over big with the Main Show the latter part of last season. Joe writes, and he will book it with a circus in spring. He also is promoting wrestling matches around New York and the East for his protégé, Nick Londrus. Nick's friend, George Actor, former circus wrestler, won his match recently at Port Arthur, Tex., against Chas. Rontrop, light heavy-weight champ of Texas.

The drowning of Arthur (Smoke) Dumont at Golport, Miss., was a great shock to members of the Christy Show Band with which he used to troupe. It had been "Smoke's" custom for years to put in the winter after the close of the circus season fishing along the Gulf

in company with Theodore Stont and Frank Stevens. They usually chartered a boat and lived on the water most of the time. He had a record as a champion fisherman as well as being one of the best bass drummers in the circus business. Before coming to the Christy Show he was for many years with the Yankee Robinson Show.

Eddie Billingsby, who for several years was Mrs. Andrew Dowale's right-hand man on candy stands, is wintering in New Orleans after a successful season with novelties at Southern fairs. Eddie's feet are itching, however, and he is going to troupe with a circus in the spring, probably some show wintering in the South.

Sam M. Dawson, manager of the Olympic Theater, Cincinnati, writes me that thru The Billboard he has unearthed the whereabouts of Bert Rutherford. He also enclosed a copy of his publication, "The Flashlight", which had a laudatory notice of the "Talk of the Town" Show which Harry Strauss has on the Columbia Burlesque Circuit. Harry was former advertising banner man with the Mala Show and is an old circus man, dating back to the days of the Hargreave Show, where he was general utility man.

The annual Spring Festival of the Beaumont (Tex.) merchants will be held March 4 to 7 at Pipkin Park. There will be a big parade on one of the days, the destroyer "Marcus" will be in the harbor and Nell O'Brien's Minstrels the special attraction at the Kyle Theater. The Christy Show will be represented in the parade with its animals and steam calliope.

EMPIRE GREATER SHOWS

Management Staging a Few Indoor Bazaars

Gary, Ind., Feb. 21.—W. R. Harris, manager of the Empire Greater Shows, advises that his organization will open its new season either at Appalachia or Jewell, Va., some time in March. Mr. Harris also is manager of the Empire Bazaar Company, which is this week (opened last Saturday) staging a Mouse Indoor Bazaar here and which from all appearances will be a very successful engagement. The company has two more bazaar dates, after which activities will be changed to winter quarters to prepare for the coming tour of the shows. While here Mr. Harris purchased a fine new automobile. Mrs. Harris is at home in Chicago for a few weeks. C. E. MILLER (for the Show).

ATKINSON SHOW IN HONOLULU

Atkinson's Circus, which had been playing San Francisco lots, set sail recently for Honolulu. H. L. reports Prince Elmer, Manager Tom Atkinson was unharmed space both ways by the Matson Navigation Company on two of the company's boats to the Orient. Joseph Bradley and C. S. (Pop) Atkinson had charge of the stock and outfit equipment. Pete Colender, wealthy retired showman, sent over two rides and some concessions. Eddie Fernandez has leased the Atkinson show outright for the Honolulu engagement of two months' duration. The show was scheduled to open February 21. Elmer will put on his side-show. Mr. Atkinson intends to bring back some animals when he returns about the first of May.

LIBERTY GREATER SHOWS

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—Jack K. Lawson has become business manager of the Liberty Greater Shows. Contracts have been closed with the following: Homer E. Moore, with his new 120-foot pit show; Courtney & Sons, with their Ell wheel; Homer E. Moore's cookhouse, James H. Kan's Hawaiian Show, George Chase, animal show, and Harry Stone and his ten-piece band. Bob Kline is on the road at present busy with contracting summer spots and fairs. Winter quarters have been established here on the South Side. This organization will have ten pay attractions. JACK DALY (Press Representative).

SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS GETS VALUABLE WINDOW DISPLAY

Chicago, Feb. 23.—C. R. Reger, advertising solicitor for the Sells-Floato Circus, closed a contract this week for a window display in the Boston Store, Madison and State. "The world's busiest corner", in which wild animals will be used for advertising the show. The downtown ticket office will also be in the Boston Store.

STAATS VISITS CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Gene Staats, manager of Car No. 1, Christy Bros' Circus, was a Chicago visitor a few days ago. He left for Beaumont, Tex., during the week. Mr. Staats was for ten seasons with the Ringling Circus.

LEWIS' BLANKET CAMPAIGN

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Frank Lewis is now conducting Carney Indian Blanket campaigns for S. W. Glover, manager of that company. He reports prospects excellent for the season.

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### MORRIS & CASTLE SHOWS

Several Widely Known Persons Added  
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Shreveport, La., Feb. 22.—One of the brand new attractions of the seventeen with the Morris & Castle Shows will be something of an innovation, an Egyptian show, titled "Egypt" under the direction of Victor Lee, which will have one of the new wagon fronts nearing completion in winter quarters. George Rollins, who needs no introduction in the carnival world, will have his newest Crystal Maze with this organization. The late Will G. Jones' Motordrome is being entirely rebuilt under the direction of its this year's manager, Zeke Shunway, who reported here last week. Buck Scully, who recently returned from a three years' tour in the Argentine, will produce and manage a large and pretentious Wild West Show.

Work in winter quarters is progressing very rapidly. Prof. Grimshaw has already started work, retouching and repainting the eight wagon fronts that are completed. Quarters at the fair grounds are ideal with nine large buildings. Concessions in the art building, under supervision of Meyer Taxler; the riding devices and equipment in the live stock building, under direction of R. C. ("Rudy") Hillons; the harness and wagon building department, under the supervision of J. C. Hillons; in the colored folks' building, Kempf Brothers have a smaller building to themselves. In another (closed) building, with plenty of daylight, Prof. Grimshaw with his assistants applies the artistic touches to the equipment.

Pete Thompson is en route with nine new cars from Indiana, and on his arrival work will start on the railroad equipment in general.

Harry Carter is rebuilding and repairing his water show equipment, also building new ladders for his high-dive feature. Al Armer will soon arrive from his winter home in Eau Gallie, Fla. Mrs. John H. Castle underwent an operation this week, and from reports from the North Louisiana Sanitarium she is doing nicely and is expected to be out in a few days. Mrs. R. C. Hillons left for a visit to her folks in New York and will join the show when it gets North. Johnny Bejano, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bond and Little Paul Bejano will be here soon. Bejano's interests are now being looked after by Rodger Patterson and Eddie Hearts, W. C. Sellers, the new secretary, has already proven himself a popular addition to the executive staff.

**JOE S. SCHOLIBO (Director of Publicity).**

### HAPPYLAND SHOWS

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—Everything is hustle and all departments are busy at the Happyland Shows' winter quarters, under the supervision of Jos. J. Conley, who has turned out three very elaborate fronts. A. L. Salvail has his 150-foot circus side-show ready and is expecting his fine banners this week from the Neumann Tent & Awning Company, Chicago. Nick Partinos, of Pawtucket, R. I., was here this week and contracted to place four concessions for the season. Al Burke, of Tampa, Fla., has booked three concessions. Other concessionaires who will be connected with this organization include Jackie Smith, Chester Taylor and E. F. Sickenberger.

An important contract was signed today with E. B. Dudley, well-known manager of minstrels and other colored theatrical attractions and theaters, to furnish the E. B. Dudley Famous Minstrels with this organization, starting April, 19. This company will consist of thirty people, with a brass band and orchestra, and will have a new tent with a seating capacity of 1,000, new scenery and electrical effects and up-to-date costumes for the performance. Another new attraction for Happyland will be the Phantom Ship, now under construction by Jos. J. Conley. It is a walk-thru show. General Agent Felix Hill returned from a trip thru Canada and reports that the Happyland Shows will play eight fairs in Ontario and several celebrations.

General Manager G. Y. Arcoll attended the Showmen's Legislative Committee meetings in Chicago, and has announced that only such concessions as are sanctioned by the Committee will be permitted to operate.

Among the showmen visiting the offices and winter quarters lately were Leo Lipka, Chester Taylor, Nick Partinos, Morris Goodman, L. A. Corhille, Jack Smith and L. B. Backenstoe.

**GEORGE DALTON (Press Representative).**

### D. D. MURPHY SHOWS

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—The D. D. Murphy Shows are being cited as a "wonder show" thru the successful management of Leslie (Fete) Brophy, who has built them from a "gilly" outfit in 1922 in a twenty-car show in 1924. Dave Murphy, owner, will be seen around the show more often this season than heretofore. Formerly other business interests kept him busy in the city. Mr. Brophy is on a ten-day trip to Chicago, Cleveland, Beaver Falls, Pa., and other points. Paul L. Clark, general agent, is still in Chicago, where he attended the meeting. Art Davy will be legal adjuster with the show this season.

### HAFLEY IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 23.—California Frank Hafley was a Billboard visitor today. Just in from his ranch near Ridgway, Col. He will go to the 101 Ranch, where he has some stock, and will furnish several acts for the Oklahoma City and Fort Worth stock shows.

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DEATHS

In the Profession

BARNEY—William H., 85, father of Arthur Barney, manager of the Eltinge Theater, New York, died February 18 at his residence in New York of pneumonia after a short illness. His son Arthur is the sole survivor.

BEALL—Mrs. Laura, 57, wife of Howard Beall, well-known circus performer, heavy-weight lifter and cannon-ball juggler, died suddenly of heart disease at her home in Philadelphia recently. She was the mother of Mattie Beall, well known in burlesque. Funeral services were held February 21. The deceased is survived by her husband, daughter and granddaughter.

BEAUMONT—Blanche, wife of Frank Beaumont, died January 27 after a brief illness at her residence in Liverpool, England.

BLISS—Leo, died recently in Birmingham, England. The funeral was held January 29 with interment at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, and was attended by hundreds of theatrical people.

BOUNADER—The wife of Bounader, picture showman of Gundalag (N. S. W.) was accidentally killed recently.

BRANNON—Mrs. wife of T. M. Brannon, formerly in the tabloid field died December 6 last at Valhalla, Ga.

BRYAN—Harriett, 24, musician, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., died at Hot Springs, Ark., recently. He was also a trouper and after serving in the army he was band leader for Uncle Sammy's Minstrels under the management of Charles Manfelle and toured the International Time. The deceased is survived by his wife and mother.

BYRNE—John, 62, who acted the part of the Soudough and the Desert Miner in many film productions, died in Los Angeles February 14.

CLARK—Joseph P., died January 4 at Concord, N. H. His last appearance was with Eddie Dowling in the "Sally, Irene and Mary" Company. Interment was made at Concord.

COWAN—The wife of Charles Cowan, died January 14 in a private hospital at Melbourne, Australia. The deceased left a large family. Mr. Cowan is on the staff of the Palace Theater, Melbourne.

DANA—Thomas H., 61, paternal grandfather of Muriel Frances Dana, baby movie star, died at Clayton, Ia., February 14.

DEER—Chief Running, 55, last hereditary chief of the Mohawks, died February 12 of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Williams, at Caughnawaga, Que., Can. The chief was the last to hold the Alliance of Indians and to give public exhibitions of Indians with the old William Washburn Shows, then John Robinson, P. T. Barnum and other well-known shows of the earlier days. Later he was with many theatrical attractions, among which were the Daniel Boone Co. and Peck & Fursman and others; also had shows of his own for many seasons. His last public appearance was at the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1901. Since his retirement he has been operating the old International Hotel on the boundary line at St. Regis. In his younger days he was a famous one-mile runner and received a medal from the late King Edward of England, then the Prince of Wales, for whom he gave an exhibition while His Majesty was visiting Canada in 1861. His wife, who was also well known in the profession, died a year ago, and his youngest son, George W., died in Hamilton, Germany, from influenza received while riding with the Crux Circus. The deceased is survived by three children, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Deer Williams; two sons, John and James (The Deer Brothers), noted trick and fancy riders, and a granddaughter, Miss White Deer, the well-known dancer, daughter of Chief James Deer and Georgianna Deer.

DRISLANE—John, popular songwriter, who wrote "Big Boy" and "Kick a Little Cozy Cozy in Your Heart for Me," died February 16 at his home, 171 First avenue, Long Island City, N. Y. The deceased had resigned from the staff of the old Haviland music publishing firm.

ELLINWOOD—Robert H., 40, manager of the Cleveland Concert Company and who managed the record-breaking engagement of the Chicago Opera Company in Cleveland, died suddenly Thursday evening, February 21, at his home, 171 E. 86th street, Cleveland, O. For many years he was a chalet manager, touring the country with many famous speakers. The deceased is survived by his wife, Suzanne, who were held Friday afternoon, February 22, in the John L. Nunn undertaking rooms, 247 E. 86th street. The body was taken to Illinois, where Mr. Ellinwood was born, for burial.

FINNEY—James, champion swimmer, died February 1 abroad, after a long illness.

FRODIN—Le K., proprietor of a summer resort near Holland, Mich., died recently at Chicago. Interment was made in Mount Olive Cemetery. The deceased is survived by his widow, one son and five daughters.

HARROLD—John H., 72, father of Orville Harrold, metropolitan tenor, and grandfather of Patti Harrold, musical comedy star, died February 20 at his home in Muncie, Ind. Mr. Harrold left for his home immediately on receiving word of his father's death, and the funeral services were held at the family residence on his arrival. The son, two sisters and three grandchildren survive.

HESLER—James, 57, veteran actor, died February 16 in the Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn, of a paralytic stroke. Hesler had played in various stock companies, also in Arthur Hammerstein's production of "High Jinks" and in A. H. Woods' attractions. He last appeared in vaudeville in a sketch called "A Golf Proposal." For the last two years the deceased had been engaged in the real estate business. Hesler was a member of the Actors' Fund of America, which had charge of the funeral services and burial in the Actors' Fund plot, Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, February 20.

HOFFMAN—Estel, 34, doorman at Loew's Victoria Theater, New York, died suddenly of heart disease at the theater February 19.

HUNTER—James, 43, juggler and member of the Four Swifys, died January 31 in London, Eng. Hunter was an American citizen and most of his relatives live in Paterson, N. J.

LAMB—Charles, actor for twenty-five years and son of Edward Lamb, also an actor, died recently in New York City. The deceased specialized in character roles and had collaborated in several vaudeville sketches.

LE KREY—Francis J., 26, died in the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., at 11:15 p.m., February 16. He came to the United States from Bordeaux, France, March 10, 1920. Interment was in St. Louis. The deceased is survived by his wife, Carmen, and had a host of friends in the profession.

LEONARD—Mrs. William, 77, mother of Billy and Cressie Leonard, both playing in "Catherine" at the Liberty Theater, London, died February 1 in London.

LEWIS—Tom, died December 24 at Brisbane, Queensland. The deceased was camping at Southport with a party of boy scouts and was drowned while assisting to free a launch from a sandbank. His father is the proprietor of the Logan Road Theater, at which house young Tom was assisting for some time.

MALSCHE—W. M., veteran show player, died recently in England. During a long career he was associated with practically all great conductors of his time. The deceased was first oboe at Richter Concerts, Heuschel Symphony Concerts, Saturday concerts at Crystal Palace, Royal Philharmonic Society, Royal Choral Society and the Bach Choir, all in England.

MARTIN—E. O., died February 11 at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, Ind., of cancer of the stomach. The deceased was a cook for the Walter L. Allen Circus for three years.

MCCARTHY—Henry, 70, regarded as one of the finest straight tumbler in the profession and good all-around gymnast, died January 31

at the bill. The remains were taken to Detroit, where funeral services were held February 21.

SINCLAIR—Mrs. M. C., died January 26 in England.

SOMERS—Franklin P., 92, a civil war veteran, died February 19 at the Soldiers' Home, Noroton, Conn. He served in the band of General Grant's Headquarters Co. during the war, playing the bass tuba. He was one of the organizers of the Wheeler & Wilson Band, of Bridgeport, Conn.

SOULE—Elizabeth Helena, for many years a teacher of elocution and dramatic art, died in Boston recently.

SWISS—Dr. Edward, 59, died at the McKinley Hospital, Columbus, O., February 17, following an illness of but a few weeks. Dr. Swiss was one of the best known of medicine showmen, having started in his chosen profession when but a young man as a performer with one of the old nationally known shows of this nature. He was the head of the Swiss Medicine Co. at Columbus, which city he made his headquarters for a number of years. A few weeks ago he practically arranged his road route for the coming season. Among other relatives he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Johanna Swiss; one son, Edward, Jr., both a drug at Columbus; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Hubbard, Columbus, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted February 19 at a Columbus funeral director's chapel and the remains were shipped to Cincinnati, where they were cremated the following day.

TOTTEN—Edward, 79, died at his residence in England January 28. The deceased is survived by his widow, Clara Totten.

TRAVERSE—Mary E., wife of Rev. M. W. Traverse and mother of Mary Scott, phonograph record singer, died February 7 at Washington, D. C. Funeral services were held February 10 at Brown's Memorial Church, Washington.

WALLACE—Queen C., well known in the profession twenty years ago, and who made a great hit at the Royal Alhambra, Belfast, Ireland, died suddenly January 30 in Belfast.

OLLENDORF-BUROWS — Mlek Ollendorf, brother of "Bill" Ollendorf, New York, who was agent of The Billboard, was married February 21 to Selda Burows of Brooklyn. The ceremony took place at Savigny Hall, New York. The couple are spending their honeymoon at Nassau Falls.

PACKARD-COLWELL—Dallas Packard, stock artist with the P. James Carroll Players, and Dolly Colwell, pianist of Halifax, Nova Scotia, were married January 30.

PRATT-HUMPHREY — Tracy W. Pratt, prominent manufacturer and capitalist of Huntsville, Ala., and Neda Humphrey, grand opera singer, also of Huntsville, were married in Chicago February 16.

YOUNG-REED—William F. Young, advertising man, and Jessie Reed, one of the stars of Ziegfeld's "Follies," were married at Washington, D. C., February 21. News-papers gave much space of late to the rumor that Miss Reed was to marry Russell Colt, former husband of Janet Barrymore. She was divorced from Dan O'Connell, young Cleveland millionaire, a year ago.

COMING MARRIAGES

In the Profession

Horace Goldman, professionally known as Jack Hillegham, at present theatrical representative of the Quincy House, Boston, and Day Wilson, cabaret entertainer, are to be married this week, according to marriage intentions filed at the City Hall, Boston, last week.

The engagement of Quince Robertson, of "Andre Charlot's Revue" playing in New York, to St. Jay Kaufman, editor of "Hound the Town" column in The New York Evening Telegram, has been announced.

Florenz Tamara and Addison Fowler, both dancers in "Lollipop" at the Knickerbocker Theater, New York, are to be married around Easter, according to report.

BIRTHS

To Members of the Profession

To Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Bill) Irey, a boy, eight pounds, at the Walker Hotel, Brooklyn, Ill., February 17. Mr. Irey is a well-known medicine showman of the Central States, now playing thru Illinois.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rush Williams (Catherine Dawson) a boy, February 12, an Indianapolis lad. Mrs. Williams is a sister of Dr. A. L. (Leon) Dawson of the Iceland Medicine Company, of Indianapolis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Swain, girl, February 3 at West-Kirby, England.

DIVORCES

In the Profession

Elise H. Ketchum, well known among carnival folks, was recently granted a final decree of divorce from Kenneth Ketchum at Cloverville, N. Y. Mr. Ketchum is manager of the Century Show, now wintering in Hartford, Conn.

According to report received from Bert Cassman, Geneva Harlan was granted a divorce from Albert Kuschner, professionally known as Bert Cushman, August 18, 1923, by the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County, Ala.

Collette Ferulano, dancer and cabaret entertainer known as Ruth Arnold, secured a decree of divorce from R. P. Ferulano, non-professional, in Seattle, Wash., February 15.

According to reports, Mary Newcomb, actress, was granted a divorce at Los Angeles, recently from her husband, Robert Edson, film star.

William J. Kurtis was granted a divorce from Julia H. Kurtis in the County Court, Emp. Pa., February 5. Both traveled for years in vaudeville with a dog act. Later on Mr. Kurtis trained some vaudeville acts and the act was billed as "Kurtis Roosters."

SUNSHINE EXPOSITION SHOWS

Open at Bessemer, Ala., March 22

Bessemer, Ala., Feb. 22.—With the opening of the new season a month away Superintendent G. W. McKee has the Sunshine Exposition's paraphernalia practically ready for the lot.

When the shows went into winter quarters one of the first acts of Mayor H. V. Rogers was to authorize his assistant, A. D. Risher, to secure a capable general superintendent for the work in hand, and Mr. McKenzie joined last November. Thru the efforts of the three mentioned this outfit will come out in the spring as one of the prettiest ten-cent shows in America. Every attraction has been rebuilt and redecorated. The new front for the sunshine Minstrels is a grand effect, embellished with carol woodwork, gold and additional electric lights. A force is now at work on painting and painting fifteen of the concession frameworks. Prof. Langford's all-American band will furnish the street concerts and music on the lot. Present plans are toward touring Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. The first engagement will be in Bessemer, starting March 22. The lineup of attractions will comprise seven shows, three riding devices and about twenty concessions. The management is emphatic in the announcement that no indecent shows or "grift" concessions will be tolerated, and judging by the progress already made and the plans for the future there is practical assurance that this amusement organization will rapidly grow in size and popularity.

L. H. JACOBS (For the Show).

ROBERT BLEI

ROBERT BLEI, uncle of Felix Biei, who is general agent of the Happyland Shows, died in Los Angeles, Calif., February 22. He was born October 14, 1856.

Robert Biei was a pioneer theatrical manager of the Northwest, conducting the Auditorium, Ambrose and Trocadero theaters, Portland, Ore.; Ambrose Music Hall, Seattle, and Columbia Theater, Astoria, Ore., thirty years ago. In association with Gustav Walter, of San Francisco, he opened the Orpheum Theater, Portland. This was the start of the Orpheum Circuit, the circuit then consisting of two theaters, Orpheum in San Francisco, and Orpheum, Portland.

The World's Fair took Mr. Biei to Chicago, and the first theater he acquired in the Windy City was the Pavilion, on the North Side, which he named The Orpheum. Here he presented high-class vaudeville, light opera and extravaganza shows, many of which were written by Arthur J. Lamb. Mr. Biei was the first manager to give Williams and Walker a start; they played a four weeks' engagement at The Orpheum and became famous.

Mr. Biei built the Theater Royal, at 29th street and Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, and also conducted the Garvey and Schiller theaters, Chicago. The Schiller, now the Garrick, was the first first-class theater in Chicago to present high-class vaudeville at higher prices, and here Robert Biei presented Lumier's Cinematograph, before the first moving pictures to be seen in Chicago.

Robert Biei was one of the pioneers in the Klondike, where he operated the Melbourne Hotel and Tivoli Theater. Here Alexander Pantages was one of his trusted employees.

The discovery of gold in Nome, Alaska, caused Mr. Biei to charter a steamer in San Francisco and taking to Nome a company of entertainers and a complete, portable theater and provisions, where he conducted the Columbia and Olympia theaters.

Mr. Biei's last theatrical venture was the taking over of Koster & Bial's, 34th Street, New York. This famous music hall was acquired by the Robert Biei Syndicate, with Robert Biei as managing director. Here the world's most famous vaudeville stars were presented.

Robert Biei was the discoverer of the Mizina gold district in Alaska, and took the largest prospecting outfit that was ever put together into the interior of Alaska. He chartered the steamer Valencia from Seattle, Wash., to Valdez, and hired 200 people at \$10 a day to move his equipment into the interior.

For the past ten years Robert Biei devoted his time to valuable patent rights he owned. He was a member of the Chicago Lodge of Elks for more than twenty years. He was gentle, generous and a man with a wonderful personality. He is survived by his wife.

WAURTEBURG—Mrs. Paul, 45, daughter of the well-known English showman, T. H. W. of marionette fame, died February 1 in England of cancer. The deceased is survived by her father and was a niece of James Holden, noted marionette exponent.

WHITE — Andrew, 34, well-known circus midget, who was to have appeared in the big circus to be held in Madison Square Garden in March, was found dead in bed February 18 at the home of his partner, Joe Kassino, New York City. Death was due to a convulsion caused by defective breathing. White, who was but 43 inches tall, was born in Hungary of normal parents and was one of eleven children. He came to this country in 1904 in company with seventy other midgets to join the show of his present partner at Midget City, Bromland, Coney Island. Besides his father, living in Hungary, the deceased is survived by his wife and two children, a boy and a girl, all of normal size, who live on his little farm in Warwick, Mass. The remains were cremated at Fresh Pond Cemetery, Queens, Long Island, February 21.

WELLS—H. J., 50, song writer, died February 23 at Coventry, England. The deceased was best known for his song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary", perhaps the most popular song during the World War.

MARRIAGES

In the Profession

CLARY-STUBBS—John Clary, manager of the Majestic Theater, Newtown, and Eileen Stubbs, member of the house staff, were married January 17 at Sydney, Australia.

WALKER-WALLENSTEIN—Harry Dana, one of S. J. Gordon's right-hand men at Coney Island, N. Y., was married February 13 at Coney Island to Edith Wallenstein.

MASSIE HARRIS—Mrs. Ira Massie, of the Four Massie Bros.' Shows, and Willa Harrouf, a school teacher of Weston, Va., were married January 5. Mrs. Massie will go with the show.



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTS BONDING PLAN (Continued from page 5)

Sessions were held by the committee Tuesday, the meeting session being on and the afternoon session, no one but carnival owners being admitted. Attendance was very satisfactory. ...

Morning Session

At the morning session after the commissioner had explained the purpose of the meeting the subject of publicity for the Showmen's Legislative Committee was taken up. ...

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appearances. It is designed to protect the manager from dishonest employees, from frame-ups, accidents on lots, from embarrassment due to the sudden firing of attachments at the last minute of the showman's engagement and otherwise place the showman on a vastly more independent basis in his operations. ...

All bonds will be canceled when a member of the Legislative Committee holding such bond drops his membership. It is optional with any member of the committee as to whether he avails himself of such bond. ...

T. A. Wolfe was named to investigate a proposition on national advertising. It was decided to continue the publication of the Bulletin as the official organ of the committee. ...

Dick Collins was elected deputy commissioner of the Legislative Committee. He is connected with another amusement trade paper, from which he is to resign before beginning his new duties on March 1. ...

Thirty-five names were submitted as eligible for field agents. From this number the commissioner will make selections as justified. It is planned to have these field agents scattered all over the country where the nearest one to any complaint can be wired to that place. ...

The carnival managers present included Fred Beckmann, Harry G. Melville, John M. Sheesley, Milton M. Morris, T. A. Wolfe, Sam Solomon, G. V. Averill, Jean DeKreko, Frank Coker, G. F. Lutz, Harry Opping, Leo Lipka, Leo Brophy and Max Goldstein. ...

The executive committee of the whole, heard the following complaints, and after due consideration have made the following findings: No. 1—F. J. Cooper vs. John L. Febr. Claim. ...

No. 2—Myer Myers vs. Royal American Shows, Johnny Jones Shows; Misrepresentation. Commissioner instructed to take such action as he thinks proper. ...

No. 3—B. J. Scott vs. C. A. Passey; Breach of contract. Commissioner instructed to take such action as he thinks proper. ...

No. 4—Strand Amusement Bureau, by Mike Troy, vs. K. F. Ketchum; Breach of contract. Dismissed, because complainant failed to file affidavits after having been notified to do so. ...

No. 5—L. C. Kelly vs. Snapp Bros.; Claim. Continued until next meeting. Both parties be notified to be present and present their claim and defense in person. ...

No. 6—Lancaster (Pa.) Fair vs. Greater Sheesley Shows; Breach of contract. This case dismissed. Same has been adjusted satisfactorily by the parties. ...

No. 7—H. M. Nichols vs. Johnny Jones, Con T. Kennedy; Claim. Committee not satisfied with facts submitted and complainant is ordered to present his claim in person at the next meeting. ...

No. 8—Rabin & Cherry Shows vs. Max H. Kimerer; Breach of contract. Case continued. Defendant be ordered to answer and complainant instructed to dispose of same on the complaint and the answer of the defendant. ...

No. 9—Carl H. Brock vs. Royal American Shows; Breach of contract. Case continued. Defendant to be notified to present his defense. Commissioner instructed to dispose of same upon the complaint and the answer of the defendant. ...

No. 10—Complaints vs. Frank Melville of New York; Method of doing business. Continued. Five parties opportunity to present sworn statements. ...

No. 11—Rutland (Vt.) Fair vs. George I. Dobyns; Breach of contract. Continued. Give parties opportunity to present sworn statements. ...

No. 12—George I. Dobyns vs. Chas. Watnuth, Ike Freedman; Breach of contract. Case continued. Defendants to be notified to present sworn statements. Complaint received too late to give defendants opportunity to answer. ...

DISTRICT ATTY SAYS TICKET SPEC. LAW VIOLATORS WILL SOON BE DRIVEN INTO LINE (Continued from page 5)

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all fares and the commission is but 3 per cent. The position as regards the Variety Artists' Federation cannot be altered, even if desired, at present. ...

Throughout the visit of the English delegates everywhere the most noticeable fact was the entire absence of racial feeling among the audiences and all with whom the delegates came in contact, despite the fact that English was spoken throughout. ...

HEAVY INFLUX OF PLAYERS INTO THIS COUNTRY SINCE JULY 1, 1923 (Continued from page 5)

better off in America is evidenced by the number of persons of that profession who have emigrated to our shores. During October 23rd musicians came over, while only six went out. ...

The compilation of these statistics reveals that 1,265 actors and musicians immigrated to the United States, and only 57 persons of these occupations emigrated from it. ...

The last two months of the year, November and December, no doubt will keep up the pace, at least so far as the immigration figures are concerned, as activities in the theatrical world steadily increased during those months. ...

With vaudeville starting at the Hippodrome the Keith Circuit made arrangements for the importation of a large number of foreign acts. Since the opening of the big theater December 17 these foreign novelties have been coming into the country at the rate of several a week. ...

The inducement held out to musicians and which undoubtedly has been the chief cause for their extensive migration to America is the wage scale negotiated Labor Day last by the New York Local, No. 802, of the American Federation of Musicians with the managers for a period of two years. ...

ONE MONTH AT GARDEN FOR RINGLING-BARNUM (Continued from page 5)

ark, the metropolis of that State, thoro' billing for the entire northern section of New Jersey. ...

LINE O' TWO OF NEWS (Continued from page 11)

very last word in hotel construction and appointments. Mr. Clyde has opened his office in this connection and is making elaborate preparations for the Hotel Roosevelt's opening. ...

Newark, N. J., Feb. 23.—Joe E. Ori, of the Pneumatic Calliope Company, this city, reports the rapid completion of a four-octave machine for the Ringling-Barnum Circus to augment the band at the Madison Square Garden engagement and thereafter. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—M. J. Lapp and Joseph B. Kublan, of the American Exposition Shows, Ellenville, N. Y., were here recently after a tour in the interest of next season's attractions and bookings. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—Ralph Finney during a call at The Billboard yesterday stated that the Ralph Finney Attractions will travel on rail the coming season. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—Johnny J. Kline called on The Billboard yesterday and stated his office will furnish all acts for the Knights of Columbus indoor circus, this city, week February 25. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—George M. Blitany on a visit to The Billboard recently announced that he has booked Mohammed Abdul Mauid Omar, Egyptian Giant, with the Ringling-Barnum Circus, to open at Madison Square Garden March 29. ...

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—Ralph W. Smith, associate owner and manager of the Bernardi Greater Shows, arrived here yesterday from a tour west, also a visit to Cleveland, O., on business for the organization. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—Max Goodman, of the Fair Trading Company, this city, accompanied by Jack Laupel, well-known concessionaire, arrived Tuesday from Miami, Fla., after a vacation at the leading resorts of that State. ...

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 23.—Abe Fleming, interested in Con. Island, N. Y., enterprises on a large scale, is here on a vacation. Plans to return to New York about March 15. ...

New York, Feb. 23.—Hamda Ben and Jerry O'Riley announce that the Hamda Ben Shows will open in Buffalo, N. Y., dates to be announced later. ...

Shows, has been engaged by Matthew J. Riley as general agent Matthew J. Riley Shows. He starts in his new position the coming week. ...

Proctor's 23d St., N. Y. (Continued from page 17)

stunts in slow motion, and work on an elevated platform in the center of the stage. In the second spot Alf Ripon appears doing his ventriloquism act, with a life-size figure of Jiggs, the cartoon character, as his inanimate partner. ...

"Sweethearts", a musical comedy burlesque, with two men and three women, is not below the average. It is weak in texture and in many spots the dialog and action is inconsistent with the plot. ...

Moody and Duane, sister team, are a very entertaining couple. The one who carries the comedy burden is decidedly an amusing type of comedienne, and by her antics keeps the audience in a state of jollity. ...

It remained for Pisano and Landaner, however, to stop the show. The former doing a comedy "wop" character and the latter a "Swede" by dint of little effort copped the biggest hand that has been recorded at this house in many a day. ...

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

H. M. O.—Elsie Janis was born March 16, 1889. R. W.—Edith Tallaferra appeared in the following plays during the season of 1918: "The Medea", "The Electra" and "The Open Fire".

T. T.—Seymour Hicks wrote a book of himself entitled "Twenty-Four Years of an Actor's Life". It was published by the John Lane Company, of New York.

L. K.—David Powell appeared with Sir Herbert Tree in Shakespeare in England before coming to this country for appearances in the movies. Powell, of Welsh parentage, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

T. E.—If your lyrics or songs are what the publisher wants he will buy them. A regular publisher will buy anything from the bare title to the complete song, provided it strikes his fancy and he thinks it has commercial value.

B. E.—Christine Nilsson, world-famous soprano, who died in Copenhagen about a year ago, was married twice. Her first husband was M. Auguste Ronzand, who died in 1882; her second husband was Comte De Miranda, who died in 1892. ...

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Afternoon Session

At the afternoon session the subject of bonding was taken up and it was decided to adopt the bonding system. It was said this will cover all of the risks incident to running outdoor shows. It will include liability, ability and other features. It will meet attachment emergencies and will cover bond for the show's

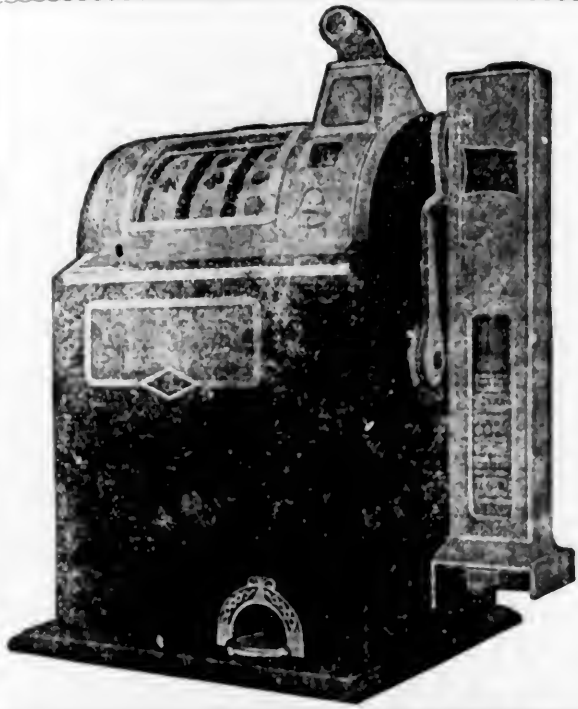












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### CARNIVAL COMPANIES

(Continued from page 75)

- Leggott, C. R., Shows: S. Mansfield, La., 25-March 1.
- Miller, A. B., Shows: Wilburton, Ok., 25-March 1.
- Saill, C. W., Shows: Delhi, La., 25-March 1
- New Orleans Amusement Co.: Slagle, La., 25-March 1.
- Pope, H. R., Shows: Beaumont, Tex., 3-8.
- Texas Kidd Shows: Houston, Tex., 25-March 1
- World's Best Shows: Yuma, Ariz., 25-March 1
- Wright Amusement Shows: Norphlet, Ark., 25-March 1.

### BAZAARS-INDOOR SHOWS

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- Agnew, John R., Circus: Minneapolis, Minn., 25-March 1.
- Barlow's Indoor Circus, Harold Barlow, mgr.: Egan, Ill., 25-March 1.
- Bobby Bazaar Co., E. S. Covey, mgr.: Wilcox, Pa., 25-March 1.
- Empire Bazaar Co., W. R. Harris, mgr.: Terre Haute, Ind., 25-March 1; Madisonville, Ky., 3-8.
- Gear, Billy, Productions: (American Legion) Orange, Tex., 3-8.
- Red Land Fruit Festival, Frank M. Pettit, mgr.: Homestead, Fla., March 3-8.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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- Magellan, Magellan: (Atlanta) Atlanta, Ga., 25-March 1.
- Magellan, Magellan, Alkalest Lyceum Co., mgrs.: Port Allen, La., 27; Donaldsonville, La., 28.
- Magellan, Magellan: Washita, Ia., 27; Byron, Ia., 28; Milford, Ia., 29; Round Lake, Minn., March 1; Little Rock, Ia., 3; Lester 4; Alford 5; Dean 6; Maurice 7.
- Coyne, Wagon, L. E. Manoir, mgr. dir.: (Victoria) Dayton, O., 25-March 1; Xenia 3; Marysville 4; Urbana 5; Middletown 6-8.
- Magellan, Magellan: Taylor, S. C., 25-29; Greer March 3-5; Duncan 6-8.
- Magellan, Magellan: Turtile Creek, Pa., 28-29; Greer March 1.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Rialto) Woodbury, N. J., 3-5; (High) Hamburg 6-8.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Brownville) Brownville, Tex., 25-March 1; Coahoma 3-5.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Walter Batchelor) (Memphis) Memphis, Tenn., 25-March 1; (Nashville) Nashville 3-8.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Cozy) (Orlando) Orlando, with Lucy Paka; (Cozy) (Hollywood) Hollywood, Fla., 25-March 1.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Princess) Ardmore 25-March 1.
- Magellan, Magellan: (Highlanders) Geo. H. Proctor, mgr.: Greenfield, Ok., 25-March 1.
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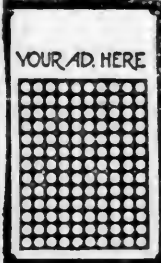
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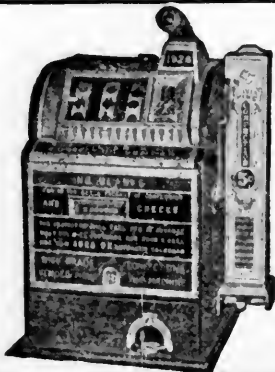
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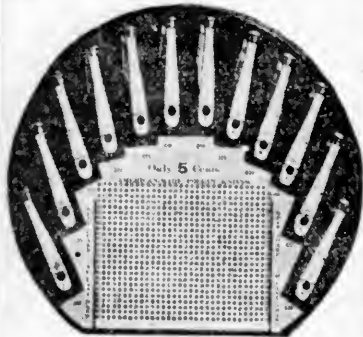
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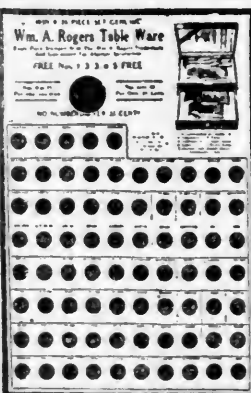
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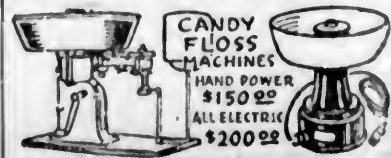
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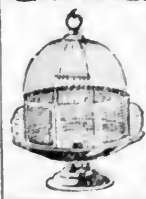
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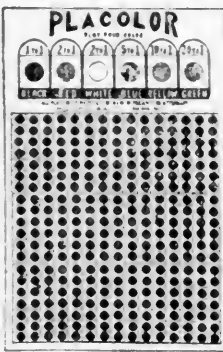
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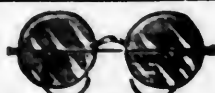
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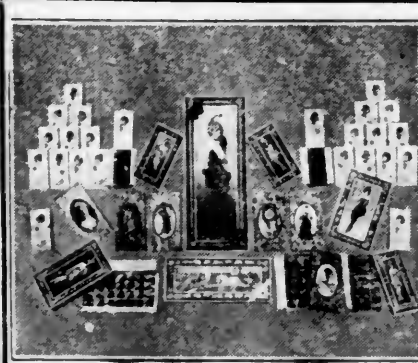
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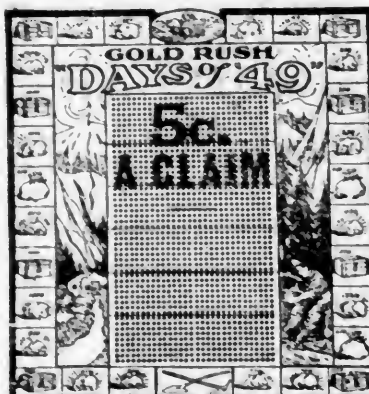


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