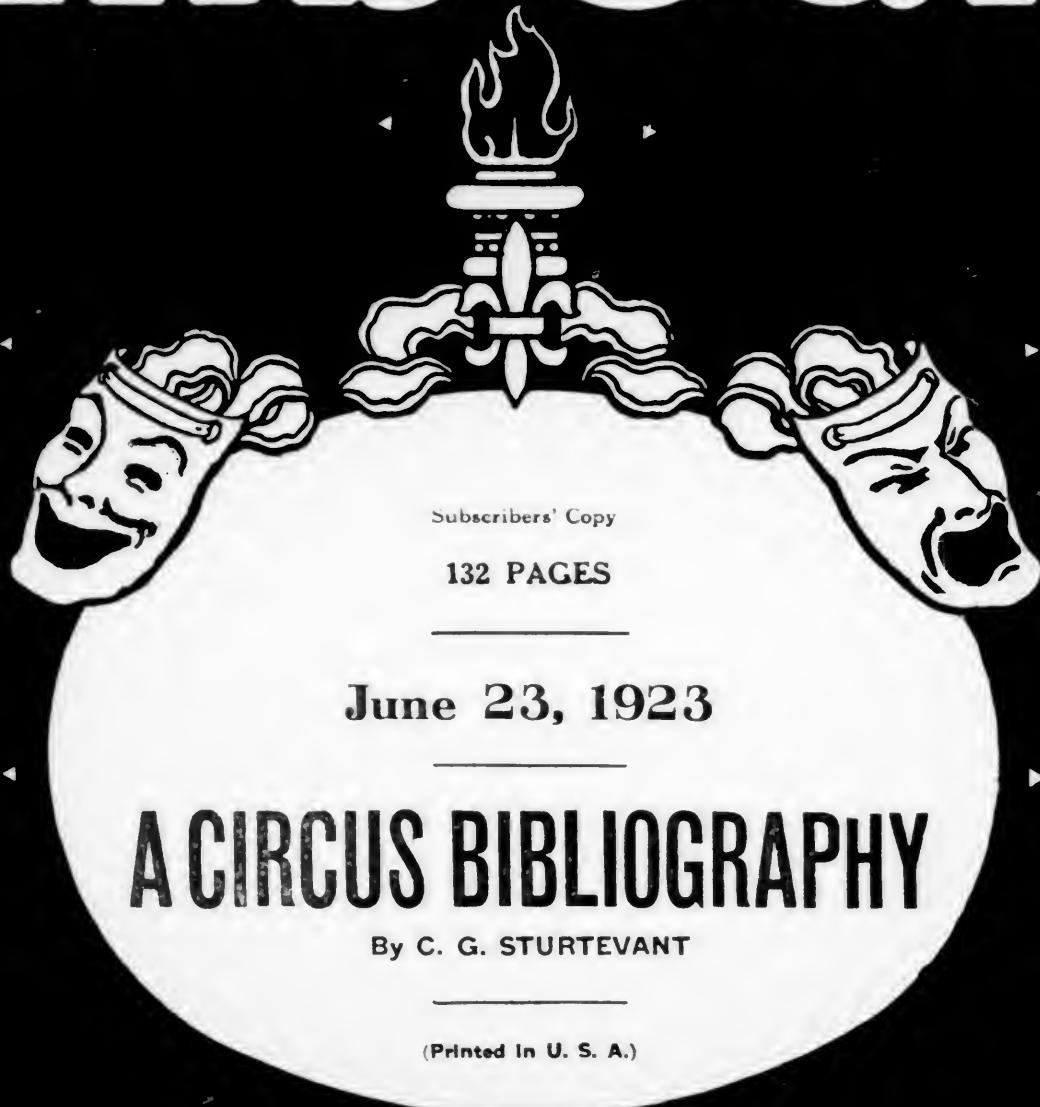


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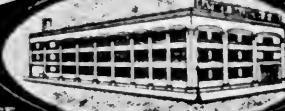
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SHOWMEN'S LEAGUE DAY

CHICAGO, June 18.—The Showmen's League of America has decided to set aside some day in August, the date to be announced later, when funds will be asked from the outdoor showmen for the furthering of the league's work and aims for the coming year. The league points out that this is a most opportune time for the outdoor showmen who are not members of the organization to join the order.

There have been a number of league members who have been in the hospital during the past few months. They received the best of care, their friends called on them and they were made comfortable and at home. There have also been several members who have died—passed on to the "next stand". Their brother league members saw that they had all the ministrations that could be bestowed and that they had Christian burial in Showmen's League Rest, where so many of their fellows are sleeping the long sleep.

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"The statement, which seeks to explain Minnesota's retirement from the M. P. T. O. A. as a move prompted by First National interests which Mr. Cohen declares largely dominate the Minnesota association, is a malicious slur on an organization of independent theater owners which preferred to withdraw from the national organization rather than sacrifice its independence by longer submitting to the tyranny of Sydney S. Cohen.

"Mr. Cohen's vicious attack on the Minnesota organization furnishes but one more example of the high-handed

manner in which Mr. Cohen seeks to discredit those not subservient to his autocratic will. The history of the M. P. T. O. A. is replete with examples of similar dastardly attacks on those who dared to refuse to meekly accept the dictatorship Mr. Cohen sought to impose upon them. Loyal leaders of the organization have been ruthlessly sacrificed at the whim of this tyrant seeking to perpetuate for himself the despotic office he has created behind the cloak of prejudice and intolerance.

"The silly charges contained in the latest literary outburst of Mr. Cohen would hardly merit even passing consideration but for the fact that they strike a deep and dastardly blow to the most capable, fearless and loyal organization man this industry has ever known, namely, W. A. Steffes.

"Minnesota has withdrawn from the national organization choosing to go its own way in protecting the interests of its members. Minnesota withdrew from the national organization only after it had satisfied itself that no money or money's worth agreed that

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MARCUS LOEW IN TWO-A-DAY FIELD

Weight Given to That Belief Thru His Booking Many Big-Time Acts

New York, June 18.—Marcus Loew is flirting with the two-a-day idea.

A number of conferences between Loew and his booking and theater officials have been held during the past two weeks, at which the vaudeville situation is said to have been thoroly threshed out.

Weight is given to the belief that Loew will turn many of his vaudeville houses into the two-a-day class by the fact learned by The Billboard this week that an effort is being made to book many big-time acts for the Loew Circuit.

The Loew executives are said to have finally come to the conclusion that a first-class vaudeville show can not be had when acts have to play three and four shows a day. Not only is recognition thus given to the fact that the big-time acts will not play under multiple show conditions, but also to the truth that acts which play three and four shows daily can not give as high a quality of performance

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GOOD WILL OF CIRCUS INCLUDED

In Assessment of Estates of Alfred T. and Henry T. Ringling

New York, June 18.—The Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington announced this week that in levying an assessment on the estates of Alfred T. Ringling and Henry T. Ringling an assessment of the value of their good will as partners on the Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus had been included. No statement was made by the bureau as to the amount of tax imposed.

The announcement given by the board reads:

"The ruling was made in accordance with State tax regulations which decree that special attention should be given to fixing an adequate figure for the value of the good will of the business in all cases where the decedent has not for a fair consideration of money or money's worth agreed that

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Last Week's Issue of The Billboard Contained 1,102 Classified Ads, Totaling 5,480 Lines, and 861 Display Ads, Totaling 32,608 Lines; 1,963 Ads, Occupying 38,088 Lines In All

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SIGNS POINT TO GOOD SEASON, SAYS WINGFIELD

"Better Class of Shows Ready for Booking Than for Some Time and List Up to Average"—Unusual Number of Loop Houses Dark for This Time of Year

CHICAGO, June 16.—James Wingfield, veteran booker of one-night time all over the Middle West and West, told The Billboard yesterday that the signs point to a good show season with the general opening of the attractions in August.

"There is a better class of shows ready for booking on the new season than for some time," said Mr. Wingfield. "And the list is fully up to the average for this season of the year. For instance, right now we have 'Blossom Time', 'Sally', Walter Scanlon, Lasses White, 'The Passing Show', 'Little Nellie Kelly', 'The Gingham Girl', Al G. Fields' Minstrels, the 'Covered Wagon' film, which will show in regular theaters, not movie houses; 'The Pool', 'So This Is London', 'Uncle Tom', 'The Gumps', 'My China Doll', 'Slow Poke', 'Peck's Bad Boy', Margaret Anglin, Miss Olga Petrova and others."

Among well-known stage artists who visited the Wingfield office this week were: Jack Garner, Fred Lea, Ed Diana, Walter Rolen, Jack Abrams, Lou Hammett, Al Oakes and Frank Harriet. The players are all vacationing now because there are no engagements on the road in the part of the United States at this season of the year.

Mr. Wingfield's son, Robert James Wingfield, graduated from De Paul University June 12, and the following day the family had a reunion at the Wingfield home. The young man will assist his father in the office for the present.

Frank Massey was a caller at the Wingfield home this week. He was en route to the Coast ahead of Jane Cowl's company, which will play "Romeo and Juliet" in the Auditorium Theater, an independent house, in Los Angeles.

Frank B. Smith, manager of the W. B. Paxton Company, will open in "Slow Poke" on Labor Day at Kankakee, Ill., and Midwest territory will be played as usual.

The road rights to "The Gumps" has been leased by Sidney Smith to a New York corporation. The attraction will be put on the road as a musical comedy, with a full production, and will open about September 10. Rehearsals will be conducted in New York.

Other bookings that have already been closed in the Wingfield office for the coming season are: "The Cat and the Canary", Ed Wynn, May Robson, "The Crash", Chauncey Olcott, "Molly Darling", Fiske O'Hara, "The Climbing Vine", "The Merry Widow", "Mutt and Jeff", "Sally, Irene and Mary", "The Bat", "Bringing Up Father" and Mrs. Fiske. Openings already announced are: Carpenter's "Bringing Up Father", Wanigan, Ill., September 9, when the show starts on its way to the Coast; Livingston & Newton's "Tom" show, Findlay, O., August 1, on its way west; Kibbels' "Tom" show, Mount Clemens, Mich., August 6, on its way east; the Western company of "The Bat", Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 20, on its way west thru Michigan; "The Crash", Dubuque, Ia., September 9. The latter show belongs to Primrose and Kettering. They will not put off their other show, "Why Wives Go Wrong", next season.

It is the first time in many years that so many Loop theaters have been closed this early in the season. At the present writing the playhouses with the shutters up are: Cohan's Grand, Olympic, Garrick, Harris, Selwyn, La Salle, Powers, Studebaker, Blackstone and Illinois. Nobody seems to know just what the matter is—but it is. True, the condition will hardly last in its entirety, because new arrivals are imminent and willing to take a chance.

The present survivors are: "Chains", in the Plymouth; "Rolling Home", Cort; "Steve", Prince; "Up the Ladder", Central; "Blossom Time", Great Northern; "The Passing Show", Apollo. The Cort Theater has eliminated Saturday matinees during the engagement of "Rolling Home" only and not for the summer, as reported. Incidentally, it is said the play did a better business after going to the Cort, with one matinee cut out, than any one week in the Harris.

A late announcement says that "Up She Goes" will replace Frank A. P. Gazzolo's Starlet Theater early in August. William H. Agee in "For All of Us", had a memorable run in the house, quitting the other day because he was tired out, thus stopping a golden streak of successes that had poured consistently into the box-office for months. "Up She Goes" is a musical version of Frank Craven's farce, it.

"GALANTE" DULL OPERA

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Last Monday the British National Opera Company gave Ethel Smyth's operetta "Galante" its first London performance. It is a forty-minute work, very slight and the music dull and uninspired. Maurice Barlow's story of Pierrot and the Queen, which is the basis of the plot, needs Bettina's light touch. Dame Ethel's unimaginative heaviness, slaughtered

JUDGMENT AGAINST MACK

New York, June 17.—Judgment for \$2,700 was obtained in Supreme Court here yesterday by default from Willard Mack by the American Bay Company. The sum represents damages awarded for alleged misrepresentations on Mack's part to the play company that he was the author of the play, "Kick In", and that nobody else had any interest in it; that A. H. Woods had bought it for \$10,000 and had paid him \$4,500 on account. The complainant alleged that Mack induced the play company to pay his claim for the balance, altho he knew that Woods had recognized the third party as having an interest in the play. By this the play company said it sustained damages of \$6,742. Of this the complainant stated, \$3,000 had been repaid by Mack, and it asked for the balance, which was awarded it. Mack did not defend the suit.

CENTRAL NOT TO CLOSE

Chicago, June 12.—The Shubert-Central Theater has thought it over and concluded not to close for the summer. The management thinks "Up the Ladder" is good for an all-summer run, considering its excellent vitality.

PLANNING NEW YORK'S SILVER JUBILEE



W. F. Larkin, a former showman, and now Director of Arts and Decorations for John Wanamaker, New York, is shown here conferring with city officials about the Greater New York Silver Jubilee. Mr. Larkin was in much demand as a consultant for the decorative scheme of the exposition, and much of this work was done under his supervision. Mr. Larkin is standing at the extreme right.

"TOO MANY COOKS", SPONSORED BY WILLIAM A. BRADY

Brady. The play opened in New York in November and had a long and prosperous run.

ROAD SHOWS INCORPORATE

A chain of road shows (under canvas) has been incorporated as the Carolina Amusement and Vaudeville Company, to play vaudeville acts, tabloid, musical comedies, dramatic stock and one-nighters. This company has just bought a new outfit from Baker & Lockwood, Kansas City, Mo., with a seating capacity of 1,000, and will open in Albemarle, N. C., for an indefinite run July 2. The company also has one outfit in Concord, N. C., which is reported to be doing fine business. The idea of this company is to play the larger towns and cities in North Carolina as long as business justifies and Florida for the winter. All equipment is said to be new and up to date in every way. The company is also booking shows thru the Virginia-Carolina Managers' Circuit. The company's staff includes P. D. Leonard, of Lexington, N. C., manager; B. W. Means, president; H. A. Goodman, vice-president; J. M. Hugh, treasurer.

"ELIZA COMES TO STAY" IS A PUERILE FARCE

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Under the joint management of Donald Calthrop and Dorothy Minto the first production of "Eliza Comes to Stay" was presented Thursday at the Duke of York's Theater. It is a puerile farce and revives badly. The character drawing of Eliza is so poor it gives little chance for Miss Minto to show her sense of character. Calthrop put far too much gestus business into the rendition of the role of Sandy and overplayed the detail, endangering many excellent effects. John Doreen and Charles Groves contributed some delicious farce comedy studies.

Hugh Wright's certain rouser, "Hai, Ha!", is an excellently contrived thriller having to do with spiritualism and homicide.

The play has arresting scenes and is well produced and played by Donald Calthrop, and the work of Edmund Breon is especially good.

FINED FOR PRESENTING PLAY

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Fred Baugh, proprietor of the Battersea Palace, was fined £10 and costs for permitting the presentation of a stage play at the Palace. Henfrey Kitchen, revue proprietor, whose piece was produced there, was fined £10 for performing an unlicensed play, for which Baugh was fined an additional three guineas.

The Actors' Association lately brought the matter of unlicensed plays by bogus managers to the attention of the Lord Chamberlain, though the foregoing case is one result of the association's action.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER AUDITORIUM IN SIGHT

Much Sentimental Opposition To Building New Home for Chicago Civic Opera Co.

Chicago, June 16.—The plan to raze the Auditorium, the home of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, and erect a \$15,000,000 skyscraper on the site, with a wonderful new opera house in the structure, promises to meet with opposition, personal and legal. A suit to certify the titles to the leaseholds was transferred Thursday from the Circuit Court to the United States District Court. Defendants filed by most of the sixty defendants aver that the terms of the lease specifically state that the old structure must stand as it is.

Opposition to the demolishing of the building is led by Commodore Ferdinand W. Peck, who was largely responsible for the erection of the building in 1857.

JACK MAYON'S FUNERAL

The funeral of John R. (Jack) Mayon, veteran doorman of the Grand Opera House, Cincinnati, who died at his home, 3136 Madison road, Oakley, June 12, following a long illness, was held from his residence Friday afternoon, June 15. The services were conducted by High Noon Masonic Lodge, of which Mr. Mayon was a member. His body was cremated. A large gathering of the deceased's friends attended the obsequies, among them many prominent theatrical and sporting folk of the Queen City. Among the pallbearers were Emmett Kirgan, chief of Cincinnati detectives; Captain Dunning, also of the Cincinnati police force; Paul Benedict, of Chicago; Michael Gavin, advertising manager, who has been connected with the Grand since 1882; Al Lane; Milford Unger, manager of the Grand Opera House, and M. McDonnell, proprietor of the Central Engraving Co., Cincinnati, who is well known in theatrical circles.

CHARGE AGAINST GUS HILL

New York, June 17.—Charges that Gus Hill, theatrical producer, had sought to defraud his creditors by transferring his assets to dummy corporations controlled by him, were made yesterday by Frederick V. Peterson in a suit against Hill in the Supreme Court. Peterson asked that a number of alleged Hill corporations be asked to account for all property held in them by Hill. The complainant named Hill, his wife, Estelle Hill; the Wellington Instrument Company and the Wellock Company, Inc., as defendants, and states that Peterson has obtained judgment for \$1,125 for breach of contract which he has been unable to collect. Peterson alleges that Hill's home and other property has been transferred to companies named "solely for the purpose of hindering, delaying and defrauding creditors." He says property so transferred amounts to \$100,000 and asks that all property held by corporations named be handled by a receiver and assets sold to pay his judgment.

THE GUITRYS PRESENT "THE NIGHT WATCHMAN"

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—The Guitry season opened this week at the New Oxford Theater, and "The Night Watchman", a bold Parisian farce comedy by Bacha Guitry, is being presented.

The play provides effective parts for Yvonne Printemps, Lucien Guitry and the author. It abounds in audacious but gracefully handled situations. Betty Bamford gave a superlatively humorous assumption of the intriguing maid-servant. The elder Guitry made a wily, caustic, poignant old gentleman.

HASSEL LEAVES "PASSING SHOW"

Chicago, June 16.—George Hassel has left the cast of "The Passing Show", in the Apollo, and has gone east to join rehearsals of the 1923 edition of the annual revue. Willie Howard is doubling up a bit and doing Mr. Hassel's work. The junior Nat Nazarro also has gone east to play in the new revue. His place in the Apollo has been taken by Danny Hale.

DUSE IS WONDERFUL

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Duse, at the Matinee Tuesday, gave a deeply moving performance as Mrs. Alving in Ibsen's "Ghosts" and on Thursday she excelled her previous mastery in a new Italian drama, "The Vow", wherein she reached unimagined heights of tragic emotion as the self-sacrificing peasant mother.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

NON-UNION HEBREW ACTORS ARE SEEKING EQUITY AID

Yiddish Players, Claiming They Are Barred From Hebrew Actors' Union, Want To Form Sub-Union Under Protection of A. E. A.

NEW YORK, June 16.—The recent fusing of the two warring Hebrew actors' unions, Sections 1 and 3, has brought considerable peace to the East Side, but there is still a comparatively large body of professional Hebrew Actors with a weighty grievance. Headed by Jack Stern, a well-known Yiddish actor-manager, a group of about 100 Jewish actors are making an appeal to the Four A's—the Associated Artistes and Actors of America—and to the Actors' Equity Association that they be granted the right to form a sub-union under Equity's protection.

According to Stern, this group of actors, for whom he is spokesman, is not allowed to join the Hebrew Actors' Union, altho they can prove years of professional work on the Yiddish stage. He said that these actors are forced to organize into independent non-union companies, altho they would welcome unionization, and tour the country. Many of them have applications for membership and high initiation fees held up without action by the Hebrew Actors' Union for as much as three years.

The fusing of the two unions into one was expected to straighten matters out to their satisfaction, but this expectation has not been realized, according to Stern.

Stern, who is a member of Equity and has played on the English stage as well as the Yiddish, asserted that the freezing out of these actors is working an injury to the union, as the unaccepted professionals are working at the same and might just as well belong to a union as not. He said that his request to Equity and the Four A's would be made as an Equity member, and that he would suggest that 100 Yiddish actors be taken into Equity and allowed to form a little club, which could be called the Yiddish Actors' Equity Association.

Since Section 1 and Section 3 of the Hebrew Actors' Union consolidated the initiation fee has been raised to \$250. Section 1 has jurisdiction over legitimate actors and Section 3 over vaudeville actors.

It is doubtful if Equity and the Four A's will be able to do anything for Stern and the unaccepted professionals. The complete jurisdiction over the Jewish theaters is vested in the Hebrew Actors' Union by the terms of its charter. The reason that the Jewish union maintains strong bars against an influx of new members is that it feels that by so doing it will be able to hold its commanding position in the Hebrew theatrical field. The union strives to keep the number of union actors down to a maximum limit in order to avoid unemployment conditions.

ENGLISH DRAMA LEAGUE PRESENTS HIGHBROW PLAYS

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Two "highbrow" plays were presented Tuesday matinee by the Drama League Library Fund, at the Savoy Theater. "Father Nash", by Geoffrey Whitworth, was merely dull. "The Man Who Ate the Popomac", by W. J. Turner, was thoroughly unpleasant, vulgar and tasteless. Herbert Marshall did his best to make a man from poor material, but it was a waste of the time of a good cast.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF BROADCASTERS' LEAGUE

Chicago, June 16.—Fred K. Weston, publicity manager of the National Broadcasters' League, announced to The Billboard this week some new radio developments. The Daily News' broadcasting station is being moved from the Fair Building to the Hotel LaSalle roof. When the work is completed, which will be about July 1, the station will furnish from fifteen to twenty-five minutes of music from the different dining rooms of the hotel.

All of the numbers used will be independent numbers. The league is now furnishing to the Hotel LaSalle twenty-five numbers as a start for independent music thru Harold Rosser, chairman of the musical program committee of the league.

For the first time in radio history the National Broadcasters' League is now furnishing to its members a complete chapel service for their Sunday programs, including sermons by famous clergymen, all made on Rainbow records. The song numbers in this new service are all led by Homer Rodeheaver, for years solo singer for the Rev. Billy Sunday. The league management announces that it hopes to soon be able to furnish one or two short talks also by Mr. Sunday.

Chicago, June 16.—At a meeting of the National Broadcasters' Association Monday, presided over by Paul C. Plugh, chairman of the executive board, it was decided to invite newspaper publishers to become members of the association.

It was announced that 151 newspapers in the United States now have broadcasting stations installed. Mr. Plugh left during the week to visit newspaper publishers over a large section and invite them to become members of the association and to discuss means for a closer coalition between the newspapers and the association.

It was also announced at the meeting that eight new numbers a week are now being furnished to members of the association.

CARTER TO "EMERGE"

Former Wizard of Melodrama To Leave Farm and Get Back Into Harness

Chicago, June 16.—Lincoln J. Carter is packing suitcases and the like in the pastoral seclusion of his farm near Gosben, Ind., and has let the word go out that he will soon head for Chicago with the manuscripts of two plays, "And the Devil Laughs" and "The Crash", the latter play written in collaboration with Ralph T. Kettering. It is said Mr. Carter will get busy in the film studios where he will compose scenarios and devise trick scenery.

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT COMMITTEES CONFER

\$1,000,000 Bequest to the Chicago Symphony

Director of Orchestra and Other Members Also Share in Steel Magnate's Estate

Chicago, June 16.—The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has received a bequest of approximately \$1,000,000 from the estate of the late Clyde M. Carr, millionaire steel manufacturer, music lover and art patron. The will was filed for probate in Wankegan, Ill., Thursday. Frederick Stock, director of the orchestra, was bequeathed \$5,000 by the terms of the will; Frederick J. Wessels \$1,500 and Henry E. Vogel \$1,000, both of whom are of the orchestra, as slight tokens, the will states, of their loyalty to the orchestral association. The gift to the orchestra is not to be made until after the death of Mrs. Carr.

The orchestra recently had a settlement with the Musicians' Union which assured the continuance of the organization.

"THE LIAR AND THE GHOST"

San Diego, Calif., June 16.—A new play, "The Liar and the Ghost", by Wm. H. Hamby, local author, will be produced for the first time on any stage at the Spreckels Theater on June 22 and 23.

This play, recently written by Hamby, has been accepted by George Broadhurst for presentation on Broadway, New York, next fall.

Alfred Cross is in charge of the Spreckels production. The play is a four act comedy, said to be a satire on the "strictly truthful".

NEW PARK ON HUDSON TO OPEN JUNE 26

New York, June 17.—The Hudson River Day Line announces that it will open an amusement park at Indian Point on the Hudson, two miles below Peekskill, N. Y., June 26. The big steamers will make it a regular stop and the resort is expected to rival Bear Mountain Park in popularity. There are a restaurant, dancing pavilion, ample provisions for sports, and amusement devices of all kinds have been installed.

WILLIS HALL WILL JOIN McVICKER'S THEATER STAFF

Chicago, June 16.—Willis Hall will retire from the cast of "Light Wine and Beer" at the Selwyn next week and join the staff of McVicker's Theater as general stage director. Mr. Hall will succeed C. A. Nigemeier, who quits to go to the coast and join the D-Mille forces. Mr. Hall is an experienced stage director.

COLORED SHOW HITS SNAG

Spokane, Wash., June 11.—Because the const production of "Strutin' Along" did so poorly during its recent three-day performance here at the Auditorium Theater, Charles York, manager of the house, stated he would make an effort to cancel the local appearance of the eastern production of "Smile Along", scheduled to show here in August.

CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER

San Diego, Calif., June 16.—After the end of June the Spreckels Theater will be closed for at least two months, with the exception of a short engagement of three days in July when the Henry Miller Blanche Bates company will be here. Arrangements are being made for the fall season for a number of high-class shows, including many musical comedies now planning to visit the Coast.



Monroe Centennial Exposition, Los Angeles, Calif., July 2-August 4. This colossal enterprise is under the exclusive management of the World Amusement Service Association, Chicago.

FRANK MELVILLE SUED BY WIRTH-BLUMENFELD

Well-Known Fair Booking Association Seeks \$100,000 Damages for Conspiracy To Injure Its Business and Reputation

NEW YORK, June 16.—Competition of New York fair agents for business led to the Supreme Court this week when a \$100,000 damage suit, alleging conspiracy, was brought by the Wirth-Blumenfeld Fair Booking Association, Inc., against Frank Melville. The charge made against Melville is that he circulated letters among fair managers, intimating that the Wirth-Blumenfeld concern was dissolving partnership, for the purpose of injuring the plaintiff's business and reputation. It is alleged that thru these letters Wirth-Blumenfeld lost several fairs, which Melville succeeded in taking away from them.

Both Wirth-Blumenfeld and Melville submitted statements to The Billboard setting forth their sides of the story. The Wirth-Blumenfeld Fair Booking Association is owned by Frank Wirth, George Hamid and Philip St. Leon, who purchased the interests of Herman Blumenfeld and Max Lowenstein last April. Blumenfeld and Lowenstein have since set up a new business.

Right after the reorganization of the Wirth-Blumenfeld concern, it is alleged, Melville sought to win away some of that firm's business by sending out the letters in question to the fair associations, and by engaging a Wirth-Blumenfeld road representative to work for him. This road man, H. B. Hassler, is said by Melville to have voluntarily come to him with complaints of the treatment he was receiving from Wirth-Blumenfeld, and asked Melville to help him by giving him a job, as he hardly received any pay and needed money to pay the rent of his home in Reading, Pa. He is also said by Melville to have told the latter that a "blowoff" was coming and that Lowenstein and Blumenfeld were to be "frozen out" of Wirth-Blumenfeld.

On May 31, Melville asserts, Hassler visited him at his office and stated that he was thru with Wirth-Blumenfeld and dictated telegrams to a number of fairs and parks with which he had been negotiating but had not closed deals, telling them to hold off making bookings until he could see them. Melville says he asked Hassler to sign the telegrams himself, but Hassler told him that he had to go home to Reading, as he was sick.

Previous to the bringing of the suit against Melville, complaint was made to the district attorney's office that Melville had forged Hassler's name to these telegrams. Hassler appeared before the district attorney and denied all that Melville testified, but the charge was dismissed when Melville's secretary, Anna Ozan, testified that Hassler had dictated the wires.

The first letter sent to fair managers by Melville referred to the withdrawal of Blumenfeld and Lowenstein from Wirth-Blumenfeld, and ended up with the remarks: "Why take unnecessary chances? Deal with the firm that 'lives and lets live'." Hearing of this letter Wirth-Blumenfeld then sent out a circular letter to fair managers denying that the firm was in any way weakened by the withdrawal of the two partners, and that it is "the one and only firm today, despite this lying propaganda from irresponsible agencies." Melville followed up Wirth-Blumenfeld's letter with one to the fair managers likening it to one of George Ade's "Fables in Slang".

ALLEGED FRAUD IN SALE OF MOROSCO COMPANY STOCK

New York, June 16.—In answer to an action brought by the Moroso Holding Co., Inc., for \$200 alleged to be due on a promissory note, Leibermann & Hollander, merchants, of 158 Avenue C, allege that the note was secured by false representations in the sale to them of stock in the Moroso concern. The defendants allege that they bought this stock on the representation that it could be used as collateral for 90 per cent of its value, but that the Moroso Holding Co. refused to accept it as collateral after the note had been signed. A counterclaim for \$150 cash paid for the stock is also set up. The suit was filed in the Third District Municipal Court.

GUS WILLIAMS' EFFECTS SOLD

New York, June 16.—The properties and effects of the late Gus Williams, Dutch comedian, which were sold at public auction, at his home, 74 Waring Place, Yonkers, brought only \$1,000. His widow, aged sixty, will sell the house in Waring Place and will move to other quarters. Most of the properties were acquired by theatrical people, but very little interest was shown.

NORTH CAROLINA OUT OF M.P.T.O.A.

New York, June 16.—Word has been received from A. H. B. Varner, acting for the executive committee of the North Carolina unit of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, that he has sent the following telegram to Sidney S. Cohen, president of the national body:

"At a meeting of the executive committee of the M. P. T. O. of North Carolina, in Charlotte, it was unanimously voted to withdraw from the M. P. T. O. A., and I was instructed to notify you of the action."

President Cohen declined to comment upon this latest break in the national organization.

VOGEL TO MANAGE INTERSTATE CIRCUIT

New York, June 16.—Joseph Vogel, manager of Loew's State Theater at Broadway and Forty-fifth street, will become the general manager of the Interstate Circuit of theaters, located in Texas and the Southwest. Vogel is resigning his position with Loew and will sever his connections with that concern on July 15.

The Interstate Circuit is booked by Charles Freeman, who is at present in Chicago. The circuit runs vaudeville and is also booking legitimate attractions for the coming season.

LEFT SMALL ESTATE

New York, June 17.—Mrs. Henrietta Farrar, mother of Geraldine Farrar, left an estate valued at \$1,000. Her husband, Sidney Farrar, is an ex-professional baseball player.

LUNA PARK'S ONE-RING CIRCUS



They are giving a real oldtime one-ring circus at Luna Park, Coney Island, New York, and it is one of the most popular features of the big playground. There are four wonderful elephants that belong to John Robinson, and which include Tillie, which not only performs, but says "Papa". The whip is cracked by Henry Morey, veteran of 100 circuses from wagon shows to rail.

NEW TEXAS TAX BILL EFFECTIVE IN 90 DAYS

The Baldwin Bill, taxing tent shows in Texas and as mentioned on page 28 of this issue as having been passed by the Senate, has been signed by the Governor and becomes effective in ninety days, according to a telegram from Harley Sadler, owner and manager of Harley Sadler's Lone Star Attraction, to The Billboard June 17. Mr. Sadler further states that he has been supplied with the full text of the bill and that it means the tent show charging under fifty cents will be forced to pay over three hundred times as much tax as the local theater. If the admission charge is large the occupation tax is doubled, he declares. Further he says the admission price does not affect the local theater, closing his message with "It is prohibitive, unjust, unequal taxation."

EARLY START FOR A. H. WOODS

New York, June 16.—For the forthcoming season A. H. Woods promises to get away to an early start, this presumably because he has an unusually large number of plays on his list for production. "The Good Old Days", Aaron Hoffman's comedy, rechristened from "Light Blues and Beer", will be his first attraction, scheduled to open at the Broadhurst Theater on the night of August 6, with George Rickett, Charles Winninger and Matilde Cotterly as the principal members of the cast. "The Jurywoman" and "The Next Corner" are to follow, one at the Moroso Theater on August 13 and the other at the Eltinge a week later. "Casanova", to be done in association with Gilbert Miller, will have its opening at the Selwyn Theater on August 27.

ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING FOR McCORMACK IN BERLIN

New York, June 16.—The recent concert of John McCormack in Berlin, Germany, drew an enthusiastic crowd of Americans, many of them young people studying music in Berlin. The German department of The Paris Herald said that the hall resembled a shouting football crowd at the close of the regular program. The article read: "The Philharmonic concert in Berlin on Wednesday evening revealed the numerical strength of the American contingent in Berlin as by no other event so far this season. A wave of enthusiasm extended from the embassy staff in the boxes to the music students in the pit, and when at the close of the regular program the younger and more impetuous element pressed forward to the platform the hall resembled a football rush, the selection in this instance being not college yell but a unanimous demand not to be gainsaid for 'Mother Macbeth', without which no McCormack concert is considered to have reached a legitimate close."

UNANIMOUS AGAINST SCALPERS

Springfield, Ill., June 16.—The house incurred with the senate last night in making ticket scalping a crime. The bill was passed by a vote of 112 to 0 and prescribed fines of \$500 and imprisonment for one year for scalpers of theater and other amusement tickets. The bill prohibits tickets to be sold at a higher rate than that charged at the box-office. The bill was introduced by Senator Denair, Democrat, of Chicago.

BURLESQUE CLUB HOLDS ELECTION

Petition Nominees for Board of Governors, Except One, Win Out

New York, June 16.—For some time past there has been much activity on the part of members of the Burlesque Club in preparing for the election of officers and board of governors.

First there was a nominating committee appointed which nominated officers, viz. President, Bobby Clark; for vice-president, John G. Jermon; for treasurer, James C. Sutherland; for financial secretary, Harry Rudder; for recording secretary, Lou Lesser; board of governors for two years, Dave Marion, Walter K. Hill, Wash Martin, Frank Hunter and James Coughlin; for the unexpired term of one year, Maurice Cain.

Due to the fact that several members of the club did not feel that the club was sufficiently represented by the nominating committee, a petition was circulated for the nomination of the same officers, but in change in board of governors, consisting of Dan Dody, Phil Dalton, Lou Reals, William S. Clark, Meyer H. Harris, and for the unexpired term of one year, Henry Kurtzman.

When the club held a Sunday evening entertainment on June 3 the congeniality that prevailed among those present resulted in the petition being withdrawn, and those present agreeing on the original nomination for the board of governors. Later on it was decided to let the petition and nomination by petition stand and be decided at the election, and this was done Thursday night and proved to be a big surprise, as the only nomine to be elected on the original nomination was Wash Martin, and the only one lost to the petition nomination was Phil Dalton.

The counting of the votes revealed the election of Dave Marion, 30; Walter K. Hill, 27; Wash Martin, 25; Frank Hunter, 32; James Coughlin, 29; Maurice Cain, 32, on the regular ticket; Dan Dody, 42; Phil Dalton, 22; Lou Reals, 43; William S. Clark, 64; Meyer H. Harris, 59; Henry Kurtzman, 36, on the petition ticket; which includes Sam A. Scribner, Sam (Pool) Lewis, Bob Travers and John Kelt on the board of governors to fulfill their unexpired terms.

After all was said and done, those who were defeated were the first to extend the hand of fraternal friendship to their winning opponents and wish them well in their future activities in the interests of the club and all it stands for, and the meeting ended in an expression of good fellowship.

"BUD" FISHER SUES GUS HILL FOR AN ACCOUNTING

New York, June 16.—Harry C. "Bud" Fisher, the cartoonist, brought suit this week in Justice John M. Tierney's part of the Supreme Court for an accounting from Gus Hill, theatrical producer, to ascertain what amount of money is due him from royalties on Hill's productions of "Mutt and Jeff" musical comedies since 1911.

Hill on the other hand has set up a counter-claim for \$750,000 royalties alleged to be due him from Fisher on his share of royalties on Fisher's motion picture productions.

Fisher testified today that he never had any agreement with Hill on motion picture rights and averred that Hill invalidated their contract for stage productions by failure to pay any royalties since his last payment of \$10,000 on September 30, 1919. Fisher further declared "Mutt and Jeff" musical comedies are still touring the country under the direction of Hill and that since the production first started in 1911 Hill has had as high as seven separate companies touring the country in one season.

Gus Hill was called to the witness stand in his own behalf, but he was insistent in his claim that his agreement with Fisher not only gave him the right to produce in musical comedy "Mutt and Jeff", but also gave him a share in the profits accruing from the production of "Mutt and Jeff" in motion picture form. Hill also testified that not only did Fisher refuse him a share in the profits from the motion picture production, but that witnesses stated that the musical comedy production of "Mutt and Jeff" suffered from the motion picture production, when they were billed for the same towns, as people would patronize the screen production sooner than pay the higher price for seeing the musical comedy version. The hearing was then adjourned until Monday.

FINKELSTEIN-RUBIN GET 13TH

Minneapolis, Minn., June 16.—The Blue Mouse Theater, one of the few houses here that did not belong to Finkelstein & Rubin, has at last been absorbed and will henceforth be known as the Lyric. This makes the thirteenth Minneapolis house owned by Finkelstein & Rubin, who also control twelve theaters in St. Paul.

300 DELEGATES AT MANAGERS' MEETING

International Theatrical Association Convention Business Largely Routine

The annual convention of the International Theatrical Association, comprised of the theater managers and producers of the country, was held in the ballroom of the Pennsylvania Hotel today. The opening session was attended by about three hundred delegates, A. L. Erlanger, president, presiding.

The most important matter discussed by delegates was the proposal of the theatrical press representatives to affiliate with the International Theatrical Association. This proposal was acted upon favorably by the convention and the affiliation of the two bodies will take place as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the by-laws.

The officers of the International Theatrical Association were re-elected, with the exception of Winthrop Ames, who refused to stand for re-election on the plea of press of work, and Sam H. Harris was elected treasurer in his stead.

The matter of road scales for musicians did not come before the convention for action, tho it was rumored that both would demand \$75 scales for next season. The convention will take no action on the matter until after the stage hands hold their convention on July 15, when scales will be taken up by the executive committee. It seemed to be the general opinion in the convention that the stage hands and musicians would ask for increases, and it also seemed to be the opinion that they would get them.

Officers re-elected were A. L. Erlanger, president; Lee Shubert, vice-president; Alfred E. Aaron, secretary; Walter Vincent, chairman of Board of Governors, and W. H. Rapley, vice-chairman of Board of Governors. The convention re-appointed Leo M. Boda managing director, and Ligon Johnson as general counsel.

The matter of press agents joining the association was taken up by a committee headed by Joseph P. Bickerton for the International Theatrical Association, and W. H. Roddy for the press representatives. Other members of the agents' committee were Ned Holmes, secretary; M. Howard Herrick, Miles Murphy, S. Goodfriend, Edward E. Wiggin, Campbell B. Casad, Ed Batchelder, Willard D. Coxey, John Peltier, Wells Hawks, president of the Press Representatives' Association, and Francis E. Reid, corresponding secretary, were members ex-officio. Wells Hawks made a speech before the convention touching on the matter of affiliation, and pointed out that this visit of the press agents to the convention of managers was unique in history. He said that press agents and advance agents had at last welded themselves into an organization which had as its main purpose the maintenance of high principles. Hawks urged the managers to support them in this and specifically asked them to report any instances where press agents indulged in practices not in keeping with the principles of integrity and faithfulness. He also asked the managers not to consider them as mere seasonal employees, but business associates.

The convention appointed a committee to consider labor questions as they affected the association, consisting of Alfred E. Aaron, chairman; Abe Levy and Ralph Long. It is not likely that this committee will accomplish any work of moment until the proposal for raised wage scales of musicians and stage hands is before them. It was said that they would not consider labor questions as far as actors were concerned, this association only being interested in the management of theaters and not in the production of plays.

Lobby gossip had it that the Touring Managers' Association might affiliate with the association in some manner as press agents will. This action will be dependent on the building of a firm organization of touring managers, and when this was accomplished it was said that the association would be inclined to look favorably upon affiliation.

During the convention Ligon Johnson made a speech telling the delegates of a reduction in insurance rates which he had been able to effect in New York City. This will save New York theater owners over \$50,000 a year by reduction of premiums. This statement was greeted with hearty applause.

The first day of the convention was largely devoted to organization and routine matters. The real work of convention will be done tomorrow, and delegates are hoping that it will be finished by tomorrow evening. Tomorrow night there will be a banquet at the Hotel Pennsylvania, and delegates are being entertained as guests of the association's New York members at various theaters during their stay here.

Ligon Johnson, general counsel for the as-

"COVERED WAGON" BREAKS INTO HOTEL ASTOR

New York, June 16.—Two horses attached to a covered wagon, used to advertise the picture of that name, now being shown at the Criterion Theater, 44th and Broadway, became frightened today while standing in front of the theater, and, dashing madly across Broadway, crashed thru the window of the York Shirt Shoppe in the Astor Hotel.

The driver, who was standing beside the team and holding the horses when they became scared, tried hard to control them and did not release his hold until the pole of the wagon jammed thru the thick plate-glass window. He was badly bruised and cut, the injury to the horses being much worse due to contact with the broken glass.

VERDICT AGAINST K. C. THEATER COMPANY

Kansas City, Mo., June 16.—A verdict of \$16,070.83 was awarded against the Orpheum Theater and Realty Company, by a jury in Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh's division of the federal court. The verdict was in favor of the Clark Estate Company, which sued for \$115,000 damages, involving the alleged neglect of the old Orpheum Theater at Ninth and Central streets, now razed. The suit had been on trial since May 21.

The Clark Estate Company, by the testimony of more than fifty witnesses, contended the Orpheum company had failed to keep the old building in repair during the time of the lease between 1911 and 1921.

SOME THRILLS IN MARJORIE'S TOUR

New York, June 18.—Marjorie Rambeau's tour of Europe hasn't been without its thrills, according to cable advices just received from Paris. In Venice during the great Fascist demonstration she was introduced by Premier Mussolini from her hotel balcony and wildly cheered by the throng. Several days later while attempting to cross the Austro-Italian frontier she was arrested and spent several hours in jail as a result of passport difficulties. She was compelled to return to Italy when the Austrian officials refused to accept any settlement except in kronen.

LITTLE CHANGE IN BROADWAY BUSINESS

New York, June 18.—Little change was noticeable in the business done by Broadway's legitimate theaters last week. The regular summer business is being done, with no very unusual incidents, the weather continuing to be the prime thermometer of the box-office receipts. Estimated receipts for the last week are:

"Abie's Irish Rose", Republic Theater, \$8,000; "Adrienne", Cohan's, \$16,500; "Aren't We All?", Gaiety, \$12,500; "Dewdrop Inn", Astor, \$12,000; "Give and Take", Central, \$5,000; "Go-Go", Daly's, about \$6,000; "Icebound", Harris, \$7,000; "Little Nellie Kelly", Liberty, \$16,000; "Mary the Third", Thirty-ninth Street, under \$5,000; "Merton of the Movies", Cort, \$10,500; "Music Box Revue", Music Box, \$19,500; "Not So Fast", Moroso, \$9,000; "Polly Preferred", Little, \$8,000; "Rain", Maxine Elliott, \$14,500; "Seventh Heaven", Booth, \$13,000; "So This Is London", Hudson, \$7,000; "Sweet Nell of Old Drury", Forty-eighth Street, \$7,500; "Devil's Disciple", Garrick, under \$5,000; "The Fool", Times Square, now on the entrees, \$7,500; "Uptown West", Bijou, \$3,000; "Wildflower", Casino, \$18,500; "You and I", Belmont, \$6,500; "Zander the Great", Empire, \$8,750; "Ziegfeld Follies", New Amsterdam, \$20,500.

"THE FIRST YEAR" ON TOUR

New York, June 18.—Frank Craven will tour to the Coast in his play, "The First Year", despite rumors to the contrary. He will open his season at the Columbia Theater in San Francisco on August 20, going from there to Denver and then east to Boston for an indefinite period.

A. H. WOODS COMING HOME

New York, June 18.—A. H. Woods sailed yesterday from England on the Berengaria and is due in New York Friday morning. He left for the other side two weeks ago.

sociation, stated that he did not expect that there would be much done by the convention of great importance, aside from the actions already told of, at other sessions. Matters to be considered were largely of routine nature, and he ventured the opinion that they would be concluded speedily and that delegates would be able to return to their homes within a short time.

CORSE PAYTON LOSES SUIT AGAINST KEENEY

Court Decides Against Famous Actor Who Sought To Recover \$2,600

New York, June 18.—Corse Payton, one of the most famous of living theatrical characters, and for two generations the idol of Brooklyn, lost an action to recover \$2,600 which he claimed was due him from Frank A. Keene, millionaire theater owner and sportsman. Payton claimed that according to a contract entered into between Keene and himself he was to draw fifty per cent of the profits of a season of stock at Keene's Bay Ridge Theater, where Payton was to produce the plays, as well as appear.

Keene claimed that for several weeks the company had shown a loss, and that he did not owe Payton anything. Payton alleged the reverse and said that Keene not only owed him the money he claimed, but had defrauded him on other occasions. Justice Harry A. Lewis, in the Supreme Court, heard the case and decided against Payton. Lewis, after hearing the case, told Payton that according to the contract he was to share the loss as well as the profits, and that inasmuch as a loss had been shown over the period of time claimed Payton was not entitled to recover, and therefore action would be dismissed.

MRS. SAM WALLAS BACK IN HOSPITAL

Kansas City, Mo., June 15.—Mrs. Sam Wallas, who has been confined at her home in Chapman, Kan., with complications resulting from an operation performed in this city, in May, suffered a relapse and was brought back to Grace Hospital June 14 for treatment. Mr. Wallas accompanied her and called at the local office of The Billboard today to inform of the dangerous condition of his wife and that he would be here a few days until she took a turn for the better. Mr. Wallas has a string of concessions with the Isler Greater Shows.

SAM TAPPER, NOTICE!

The following telegram was received from Mrs. Tapper, 130 Broadway, Long Branch, N. J., June 15:

"Locate Sam Tapper and send him home, as his father is seriously ill. If short of funds answer collect and will send ticket by telegraph."

The Billboard has no knowledge of the present whereabouts of Mr. Tapper. Anyone having that information kindly inform him of the above message.

OUT OF MEXICO

The following message was received from Laredo, Tex., June 16:

"California Frank Western Attractions, also Four Ballottis, Des Valle Troupe and Poodles and Dottie, just out of Mexico, waiting at Laredo for baggage and stock. All expect to leave here for New York. California Frank opens at Springfield, Mass., July 2."

WEATHER SIGNS FOR HARRIS

New York, June 15.—Sam H. Harris, for one, is of the opinion that it is not a far cry from the weather bureau to the stage. One merely refers to the titles of his plays to learn of his love of the elements. First he gave us "Rain", appropriately followed by "Icebound". Now comes his new play, entitled "Thawing". It may be mentioned that Harris tried out a play called "Snow", but that was something else.

MISS ANGLIN IN REPERTOIRE

New York, June 15.—Margaret Anglin will appear in a repertoire of plays at the Curran Theater in San Francisco, beginning with June 25. She will open her season with Oscar Wilde's "A Woman of No Importance", to be followed with "The Great Lady Dedlock" and "The Sea Woman".

BUYS INTO AGENCY

New York, June 15.—Harry Sheldon, from Chicago, has purchased an interest in the Georgia Wolfe dramatic agency here. This agency is engaging people for production, stock and motion picture work.

KILPATRICK IN "BRAINS, INC."

New York, June 15.—James Kilpatrick will be in Edward Lasko's three-act comedy of American life, "Brains, Inc.", in which The Bohemians, Inc., will feature Robert Ames.

The Summer Special Number of The Billboard out next week.

WAIT FOR USHER OR ASSUME INJURY RISK

Court Rules in Favor of Robbins Syracuse Company

Auburn, N. Y., June 18.—"Wait for an usher in a motion picture theater while the lights are dimmed or assume the risk of injury while trying to select a seat unsighted."

This is the substance of a decision by Judge Farmer of the Municipal Court dismissing a \$2,000 suit filed by Mrs. Marie Wilsey of 436 Columbus avenue against the Robbins Syracuse Company for injuries to her knee cap caused by a fall in the Robbins Eekel Theater aisle on the night of November 20, 1921, when she accompanied her husband to a performance of the late Wallace Reid in "The Hell Diggers".

FIRE AT STREET CARNIVAL

New York, June 17.—Children playing with a burning glass are believed to have set fire to the booths of the street carnival held here yesterday on Exterior street under auspices of the Thomas Farley Association for the benefit of the East Side Settlement House. The fire damaged three booths to the extent of \$2,000 and dolls, canes and other merchandise were destroyed.

BERNHARDT EFFECTS SOLD

Paris, June 14.—The total for the three days' auction sale of the effects of Sarah Bernhardt amounts to 307,070 francs, or about \$19,000. The art objects went for low prices, but some of the other articles fetched goodly amounts. The sale of Mme. Bernhardt's library will commence on June 25 and will continue for three days.

"FOLLIES" GIRL IN HOSPITAL

New York, June 16.—Hilda Moreno was forced to withdraw from the cast of "The Follies", at the New Amsterdam Theater, this week, having suffered an attack of appendicitis. Miss Moreno is now at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where her condition was reported to be favorable. It is thought that it will be at least two weeks before she will be able to return to the show.

VAUDEVILLE REPRESENTED IN BIG N. Y. PARADE

New York, June 16.—Vaudeville was well represented in the New York Silver Jubilee Parade given here today, having a section all its own at the head of the procession. The National Vaudeville Artists' contingent included Singers' Midgets, who made an imposing sight, some on horseback and others in a coach-and-four.

Janet of France, driving a car, was well in the foreground, as was also Mrs. Glenn Condon, wife of the editor of Vaudeville News, who rode a white horse; Vesta Wallace rode at her side. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chesterfield, The Eight Blue Demons, Oscar Lorraine, Dan Bryant, the N. Y. A. ball team, Frankie Wilson Harrison and Dan Bryant were among others who participated. The Keith Boys' Band of three hundred was one of the features.

The Keith people had a large float upon which were a number of prop. elephants, one large at the rear and a small live elephant, on a platform at the front of the float. This was illustrative of the small beginning twenty-five years ago at the Union Square at Fourteenth street and the present-day vastness to which the industry has grown. There was also a small wagon with reading matter indicating of the intention of E. F. Albee to give a substantial money prize to anyone solving any phase of the New York traffic problem, and another large wagon decorated with silver paint, upon the top of which was a large imitation cake to which a number of electrically lighted candles were affixed.

The Class "A" prize, the highest honor awarded to floats and spectacles, went to the float of the Keith Vaudeville Exchange, which indicated the progress of vaudeville in New York in the last twenty-five years, as it passed the reviewing stand at 59th and Fifth avenue.

YIDDISH ART THEATER IS TO PLAY CHICAGO

Chicago, June 12.—The Yiddish Art Theater, which is said to have made an impression in New York, will come to Chicago next week and hold forth in Glickman's Palace Theater, the Yiddish west side playhouse. Nine performances are planned, the repertoire to include four or more plays.

GOING ABROAD

Mabel De Vries (1121 West Farms Road, New York) sails for England July 3. She will also visit Holland, Belgium and France.

THE NEW PLAYS ON BROADWAY

WINTER GARDEN, NEW YORK
Beginning Thursday Evening, June 14,
1923

LEE and J. J. SHUBERT Present
"THE PASSING SHOW OF
1923"

A Musical Revue in Two Acts and
Thirty-two Scenes
Book and Lyrics by Harold Atteridge.
Music by Sigmund Romberg and
Jean Schwartz. Staged by J.
C. Huffman. Dances Ar-
ranged by Allan K.
Foster

THE CAST

Walter Woolf, Joan Hay, George Hassell,
George Jessel, Helen Shipman, James Watts,
Roy Cummings, Josephine Drake, Burnett Par-
ker, Bob Nelson, Olive Ann Alcorn, Nat Nazar-
ro, Jr.; Flanagan and Morrison, Louise Rose,
Hal Van Rensselaer, Liddy and Sparrow, Vera
Ross, William Pringle, Jack Rice, Jean Steele,
Frank Bernard, Ande Jochim, James Hamilton,
Trado Twins, Jeanette Gilmore, Tom Nip, Bob
Gilbert, Jack Hall, Francis X. Mahoney, Dorothy
Bruce, Helen Herendeen, Perle Germonde
and Mildred Sober.

The latest Winter Garden show consists of about three solid hours of entertainment and one comes from it with his head whirling around in a maze of scenes, costumes, girls, comedians, jazz and dancing. It is hard to separate these components because there is hardly one of them which stands out beyond the rest. The show is on about the same level thruout, and were there not so much of it, it would be a great entertainment. As it is there is a bit too much of everything. With an encore too many here, a scene sustained too long there, a comedian overstaying his time and a number too long prolonged, the edge is taken off one's enjoyment. Now, all these are easy faults to remedy, and, if a general pruning is undertaken, "The Passing Show of 1923" will be one of the best of the Winter Garden series.

It should be added that there is more beauty in this piece than any I remember seeing at this house. Several of the scenes are beautifully pictorial and there are a couple of novelties, such as a chandelier draped with girls and a curtain with posed groups. All these displays consist of girls in more or less undress, but not offensively so. In fact, with the exception of one song and a gag or two, the show is remarkably clean.

As I said before, no one has an opportunity to make his or her work stand out particularly, but if anyone does it is Walter Woolf, who sings splendidly; Roy Cummings, who tries valiantly to break his neck doing some exuberantly funny falls; Helen Shipman, who sang well and danced better; George Hassell who, tho handed some very puerile comedy material to work with, squeezed the laughs out by knowing how, and Burnett Parker, who is funny in his own right.

Joan Hay does so little that she is almost indistinguishable among the long east; George Jessel had a chance or two to get laughs and got them; James Watts was most unfunny; Nat Nazarro, Jr., danced extremely well; Hal Van Rensselaer sang nicely, and Frank Bernard did a contortionistic dance that drew a lot of applause. Flanagan and Morrison put on a golf scene which pleased all the golf fans and Bob Nelson sang two excellent songs and then messed himself up by delivering a ditty that was nothing more than a lot of swill. There is no excuse for defiling an otherwise clean show with a lyric such as this song has. Bob Nelson is a mighty clever chap, but his cleverness must be confined exclusively to his stage activities if he thinks that a song of this nature is going to get him anywhere. Even the hard-boiled habits of the

Winter Garden gave him hardly a hand for this number, and the sooner he dumps it in the garbage heap the better it will be for the show and himself.

The music of the show is good average stuff, but there is no one melody which dominates the show. All the music is pleasing and it is scored for an orchestra based largely on the jazz type of ensemble. This is excellent for some of the numbers and very bad for the others. After all, it is pretty hard to beat the orthodox combination of instruments which make up the modern orchestra.

There is one thing about this "Passing Show" which stands out above all else in this reviewer's mind, and that is the speed with which it has been prepared. In but a few days over two weeks the show was built and rehearsed, and it ran off without a hitch and was in need of nothing but a little cutting. This should forever dispose of the contention that lengthy rehearsals are necessary for the production of big musical shows. This piece is big enough to suit anyone, it has a very large cast and some fairly intricate staging. If a little over a

fornight suffices for the production of it, then the ordinary musical comedy can be produced easily in a like length of time.

What this show needs most of all is comedy. That is a common fault with revues, we know. Here are a lot of high-priced comedians and they have nothing to do that is worth doing. When their material is not actually anent, it is largely pointless and witless. Two real comedy scenes would do more to make this a real first-class revue than all the living curtains, scenery and costumes that could be designed. As it is, "The Passing Show of 1923" is a good show that could be made a lot better with very little effort.

A good revue, but too much of it; lacks only cutting and comedy to make it one of the best ever.

GORDON WHYTE,

WHAT THE NEW YORK CRITICS SAY

"The Passing Show of 1923"
(Winter Garden)

POST: "The topnotch of Shubert productions of the kind."

TIMES: "The best of the 'Passing Shows'."

WORLD: "A superb revue."

TRIBUNE: "Like its predecessor, is abundant and overflowing."

BUSINESS RECORDS

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Delaware

Marten Projection Corporation, Wilmington, \$3,000,000; manufacture moving picture machines; Corporation Trust Co. of America.

Canyon Pictures Corporation, Wilmington, \$3,500,000; motion pictures; Corporation Trust Co. of America.

Illinois

Synchro Song Film Co., 130 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$1,000; manufacture and deal in cinematograph process and films, synchronized song films; J. B. Kalver, G. G. Heberman, D. W. Kahane. (Correspondent, D. W. Kahane, 130 N. Clark St.)

Kentucky

New Lexington Opera House, Lexington, \$50,000; C. R. Berryman, James A. Todd and J. C. Carrick.

Massachusetts

Century Amusement Company, Lynn, \$10,000; theaters and moving pictures. Albert E. Fowler, Jr., John B. Mack and Elizabeth M. Mara.

New Jersey

United Theaters, Inc., Trenton, \$250,000.

New York

Lowell Film Producers, Groversville, \$100,000. J. L. Russell, G. C. Potter and J. Argersinger. (Attorney, A. Dennison.)

Multi-Lens, Inc., New York, \$20,000; motion picture films, cameras and lenses. (Attorney, Samuel Greenbaum.)

Haring & Blumenthal, Inc., New York, \$500; proprietors and managers of theaters, theatrical productions. (Attorney, Emanuel Van Dernoot.)

Blartz Company, Inc., New York, \$110,000; to operate hotels and theaters. (Attorney, E. P. Foster.)

Chester Comedies, Inc., New York, \$5,000; to produce, distribute and exhibit motion picture films. (Attorney, G. S. Ludlow.)

Ohio

The Film Classics Company, Cleveland, \$250,000. M. W. Brumil, Samuel Miller, C. I. Goldsmith, Joseph G. Stashower and Leonard S. Levy.

The Sveha Music House Company, Cleveland, \$40,000. R. Sveha, Charles Wehnert, Clara Goenther, M. E. Zellner and Mollie Binder. The Washington Theater Company, Toronto, \$60,000. John A. Manos, Pete C. Caliges, Frank D. Sinclair, Samuel R. Gouher and J. Oscar Naylor.

Oklahoma

Strand Amusement Company, Drumright, \$25,000. R. W. Elrod, J. W. Driggs and Earl Foster.

The National Negro Amusement Company, Muskogee, \$25,000. R. Emmett Stewart, P. A. Lewis and George W. Davis.

Washington

The Custer Amusement Company, Tacoma, O. M. Lund, G. W. Dunsmore, F. R. Bradbury and Ray Anderson.

Litigations

New York, June 16.—Suit to recover \$50,000 for alleged false arrest and imprisonment was

E. F. Albee May Purchase The N. Y. Hippodrome

Big Playhouse Still on the Market—Albee Negotiating for It

New York, June 16.—E. F. Albee, head of the Keith companies, is considering the purchase of the famous Hippodrome, on Sixth Avenue. The Billboard learned this week. Rumors have been ripe since the closing of the immense playhouse about its sale to various interests, and there have also been partly authenticated reports about the building by Albee and John Ringling of a large theater uptown. This is the first time, however, that Albee's name has been mentioned in connection with the hip.

The Hippodrome is owned by the United States Realty Corporation, of which W. Windsor is president. Mr. Albee and Mr. Windsor have been negotiating for some time, and it is known that they will confer together on Monday.

If Albee takes over the hip, it is possible that it will undergo considerable remodeling. The big theater could be made over to hold prizefights and sporting contests of other descriptions, and it is possible that part of it could be made into a vaudeville theater.

"GET SET" CLOSES

New York, June 17.—"Get Set", a colored show that has been open for three weeks, went on the rocks at the Howard Theater in Washington last week. On Friday the performers created an amazing diversion for the neighborhood by carrying their baggage from the theater on their backs. The producer, Joe Bright, deposited a big trunk for safety with his landlady, only to have her inform him that it could only be recovered upon payment of the board bill of some of the company who were staying with her. The members of the company are slowly drifting back to New York.

SOCIETY GIRL TO PRODUCE PICTURES

New York, June 18.—Mrs. James V. Converse, twin sister of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, and daughter of Harry Hays Morgan, consul general to Brussels and High Commissioner to Belgium, is organizing a film company to be known as Thelma Morgan Pictures, Inc., and capitalized at \$100,000. Others interested are Malcolm Straus, Charla Presbrey and William Churchill. Mrs. Converse, as Thelma Morgan, had a small part in "Enemies of Women" and thus became interested in motion picture production.

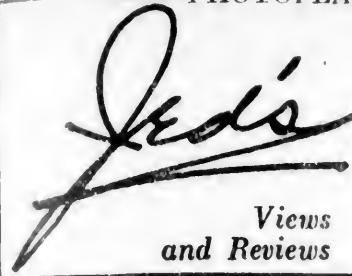
the January 15, 1921, agreement established, so that he may be paid such sums as an accounting will disclose he is entitled to.

New York, June 18.—Suit to recover \$526,450 from the Tiffany Productions, Inc., was filed this week in the Supreme Court by Allan Rock. In his complaint filed in the County Clerk's office Rock recites that he entered into an agreement with the defendant in May, 1920, to act as its general manager in the production of "Peacock Alley", "Fascination", "Broadway Rose" and "Jazzmania", which was to feature Mae Murray. A stipulation, it is charged, provided for a renewal of his contract on the completion of the above pictures, and as compensation Rock averred he was to receive a salary of \$250 per week and 25 per cent of the stock of the Tiffany Productions, Inc. Rock alleges that without just cause he was replaced as general manager by one M. H. Hoffman, and as a result of this alleged breach of the contract there is due him the 25 per cent of the stock which he places a value of \$250,000 on, plus \$26,450 alleged to be a balance due him for salary.

New York, June 18.—Justice Warley Platzek on Friday in the Supreme Court granted the motion of Bernard A. Rosenberg to advance his suit against the Alliance Film Corporation, Ltd., and the American Releasing Corporation, and set the case down for trial on Monday next. The action is brought by Rosenberg to recover \$5,000, the value of a promissory note executed December 20 last as security for a loan, which note when due went to protest. The Alliance concern, in its answer to the suit, alleges that the note was made by Harley Knowles, while he was its managing director, and contends he had no authority to execute the note in its name. The American Releasing Corporation asserts that it endorsed the note not knowing Knowles lacked this authority, and that it merely did it in an accommodating spirit, and received no consideration for same.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

PHOTOPLAY



THERE'S a plenty doing this week in the motion picture industry. Summer doesn't seem to be having much effect upon activities, and even the theaters are doing fairly well considering the time of the year....

Perhaps the most important event of the week is the convention of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of New York at Syracuse. Everybody in the business, from Will Hays down, is scheduled to be at the affair, and the speechmaking promised for the banquet at the Hotel Onondaga, Wednesday night, should provide material for plenty of type. Whether the State convention of the Insurgents will mean the formation of a new national organization remains to be seen. The leaders most concerned are not talking yet.... Minnesota State leaders have said a considerable mouthful to Sydney S. Cohen, president of the M. P. T. O. A. They may or may not see the importance of going to Syracuse or of heeding the suggestion of Frank Rembisch that W. Al Steffes and James C. Ritter of Michigan get on the job immediately to organize a rival league.... As already published in these columns, Minnesota and Michigan are out of the national body, and the latest State to secede is North Carolina.... President Cohen declined to comment on the withdrawal of the Southern unit from his organization. In fact, he declined to talk about anything except to remind that he has been saying quite a plenty at the Federal Trade hearing in connection with the charges against the Famous Players' crowd.... He may or may not go to Syracuse. We shall see.

Broadway showings this week include Betty Compson and Richard Dix in "The Woman With Four Faces" at the Rialto; Dorothy Dalton in "The Law of the Lawless" at the Rialto; "The Daughters of the Rich" at the Capitol; "Black Shadows" at B. S. Moss' Broadway; "The Covered Wagon" nearing its two hundredth showing at the Criterion; "The Soul of the Beast" at Loew's State; "Garrison's Finish" at B. F. Keith's Forty-First Street; "Main Street", held over at the Strand, and "Enemies of Women" continuing at the Cameo.

D. W. Griffith's "THE WHITE ROSE" seems to be about due for general distribution, and, because of the reputation of the producer, it probably will get a big play. However, it is bound to be disappointing, for it is insincere as to story and to continuity. It isn't even as good as "ONE EXCITING NIGHT". In presentation Griffith states that "THE WHITE ROSE" is not a spectacle, but an attempt to translate human beings. The translation in this instance is difficult to understand and accept. The story rambles thru thousands of feet of beautifully photographed film, until the spectator at the finish is in the same frame of mind as a mother whose heart has been torn by the disappearance of a child. When the child is restored to her she is so happy she is like spanking the rascal. That is somewhat the reaction as the beautiful white roses appear on the screen and the picture finally fades out. There ought to be no details of the story. It's a Griffith picture, and really that's all exhibitors care to know. Mae Marsh is marvelous in

what she has to do. Whether we agree it is what she would do under the circumstances, doesn't matter. She plays the character she is supposed to portray perfectly. Ivor Novello knows how to sit for his picture, and G. W. Bitzer never misses when it comes to making nice photos. Carol Dempster doesn't have much to do. The photographers deserve most of the glory of this latest Griffith picture. The scenes are beautiful, most of the picture having been made in Louisiana. "THE WHITE ROSE" is well worth booking, because it is Griffith's latest, and if the story misses fire and gets lost, Mae Marsh is worth seeing again in a part she plays best, and the photography is all that Bitzer can make it.

David Wark Griffith showed "The White Rose" to President Harding and guests at the White House last Thursday night. Joseph Carl Breil directed the orchestra.

"THE TIE THAT BINDS" must go in with the list of "those things". Too bad. Plenty of good names, but good names don't necessarily mean good pictures. What's it about? About so many feet of film. We didn't bother to find out how many.

Members of the Fox organization staged a whoop-er-up gathering at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, last week. Everybody of any account in the Fox outfit was there or represented. Sales talks, business sessions and a banquet at the finish.

There is a fine fight in "THE MYSTERIOUS WITNESS", and it wouldn't be surprising to learn that when Eugene Manlove Rhodes, the author, sees what has been done with his story there'll be another fine fight. Seymour Zelig is named as the director, and Robert Gordon and Elinor Fair are featured. With editing and some titling the story can be told with the material in hand, but the picture, as it stands now, is impossible.

In the F. B. O. projection room, New York, where "The Mysterious Witness" was shown, one gentleman, evidently in the employ of the company distributing the picture, was especially anxious to get our opinion of the picture. We didn't hear one word and the aforesaid gentleman seemed a little peevish. Oh, well, he may be responsible for the sale of the feature. Let's hope he has someone put it together before he offers it to exhibitors.

Marcus Loew has put over another scoop. Next Sunday night, according to announcement, the head of Metro and Loew's, Inc., will take a delegation of motion picture players to Boston for the opening Monday of what probably is the largest motion picture airdome in the world. He has taken over a baseball park in Boston, has arranged to seat 42,000 persons, has provided a dancing platform to accommodate 5,000 couples, has engaged a fifty-piece jazz band, and has contracted for quite a load of fireworks. Big idea? Ask him. Fifty cents will be the admission price, and until dark there will be dancing. Then motion pictures and fireworks for the grand finale every lovely night. Wow!

Leave it to Marcus Loew to get some of those summer dollars somehow.

Last week we saw Florence Vidor in "MAIN STREET", and she was great—truly a star of the screen. This week we saw her in, and as, "ALICE ADAMS", and we are glad to believe this Associated Exhibitors' release was made first. For in "ALICE ADAMS" Florence Vidor is not a star at all; she's just sweet and pretty. "ALICE ADAMS" is only fair film fare, about two reels long. It gets away too slowly and drags most of the way. It

is lacking in sympathy, altho a painful effort has been made for heart interest. Exhibitors might do well to see this before booking, for it isn't likely to please those who have seen "MAIN STREET" and are attracted to the box-office by the name of Florence Vidor in the lights.

The opening of Mrs. Wallace Reid's feature, "Human Wreckage", at the Lyric, New York, has been advanced to Wednesday evening, June 27. Mrs. Reid is being advertised by F. B. O. as having promised to appear in person.

"THE RAPIDS", the latest of the Ernest Shipman features released thru Hodkinson, should find considerable booking everywhere. While in the main it is a picture that advertises the natural resources of Canada, having been sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Films, Ltd., the story, by Alan Sullivan, holds interest and is entertaining. David M. Hartford directed and deserves credit for having told his story well. Harry T. Morey, Walter Miller, Harlan Knight and Mary Astor are among the featured players who should have special mention. "THE RAPIDS" should go over nicely.

Seeing "The Rapids" reminds that it was this same David M. Hartford who did so much to help independent exhibitors with their Palace of Progress in connection with the recent convention in Chicago of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America. Every night Director Hartford worked like a slave at the Coliseum to put some pep into the boycotted exposition, and now comes a chance for exhibitors to square accounts. "The Rapids" can be played safely anywhere and whether Hartford has a percentage contract or not theater owners can do some strong summer billing for him and that should help some.

"THE END OF A PERFECT FRAY" doesn't compare with some of the "Fighting Blood" pictures we have seen. Mal St. Clair doesn't boost his stock as a director of short stories for the screen with this one. His slapstick efforts early in the picture are painful.

We went to the F. B. O. projection room to see "The End of a Perfect Fray" and hoped to get a good laugh. We got the laugh, but not in the projection room. We were standing with Eddie Hurley in the doorway of the R-C building when Earl Carroll, in riding breeches, a blue serge coat and a straw hat (struck by and someone remarked: "Louis Marx didn't have a horse either") He only had the collar."

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SCHOOL OF THE THEATER Holds Graduation Exercises at Threshold Playhouse

New York, June 16.—The graduating exercises of the School of the Theater, 551 Lexington avenue, were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the Threshold Playhouse at the same address.

Diplomas were presented by Vice-President Walter Hampden to the following graduates: Edward Brooks, Barbara Bronson, Dorothy Copeland, Teresa Garcia, Theodore Hecht, Isabel Hudson, Estelle Kellogg, Bernice Marsolais, Maxine Morrow, Georgia Neese, Sallie Sanford, Florence Senior, Edith Sime, Pamela Simpson, Cyrus Stachle, J. Hutchinson Thayer, Marion Whittaker, Susanne Rooney and Paul Guilfoyle.

The School of the Theater is under the direction of Clare Tree Major, Walter Hampden, George Arliss, Elsie Ferguson, Rachel Crothers, Stuart Walker, Frank Cravac, Ernest Truex and many other notable people of the theater.

"HOW COME" DOES \$10,000

New York, June 17.—The "How Come" Show, that failed to make an impression to warrant its staying at the Apollo Theater on Broadway, did a \$10,000 business last week at the Lafayette, in the colored district. The show is likely to remain for a summer run. It is attracting a lot of white patronage to the house. The Friday midnight show did more than \$2,000. The week was the first that netted a return to Ben Harris, who has \$80,000 invested in the production. First-class billing is largely responsible for the result.

SYDNEY COHEN TALKS OF FAMOUS PLAYERS

Makes Some Interesting Statements in Connection With Trade Investigation

New York, June 18.—Exhibitors throughout the country probably are too busy to read all of the testimony presented to the Federal Trade Commission investigating the Famous Players group, but the following highlights may be of interest. Sydney S. Cohen, president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, was the headliner last week and continues this week until the commission moves its sessions to Philadelphia. Among the important statements by Cohen are the following:

"It doesn't require much ability to operate a theater on Broadway. However, men of real ability do better with Broadway theaters than men without ability. Proprietors of some Broadway houses have failed as operators of neighborhood houses."

"Marcus Loew at the Minneapolis convention urged the M. P. T. O. A. president to arrange to have the organization take over Metro because Loew feared Famous Players with a percentage system could put Metro out of business."

"The Cameo as a first-run house is as near beer compared with real beer."

"Broadway needs four more first-run theaters, as there are 250,000 outside amusement seekers in New York every day."

"First runs doesn't mean much any more."

"Activities of Famous Players resulted in the organization of the M. P. T. O. A."

"Block booking is destructive and foists upon the public pictures that ought not to be shown."

"Exhibitors ought to see pictures before booking them."

"Exhibitors have been forced to the extremity of buying in blocks in order to get any film at all."

Cohen told of the cases of Mrs. Pauline Dodze, J. C. Boss, of McAlester, Ok., and others, and added that nearly every such matter had been taken up with Adolph Zukor, head of Famous Players. He said also that Zukor had not kept his pledges regarding theater expansion and that at Minneapolis had begged for another chance.

S. R. Kent, Paramount sales manager, testified earlier last week that Marcus Loew, because of his theater holdings, has somewhat of a corner on Famous Players pictures. Other witnesses were Rudy Sanders, a Brooklyn exhibitor, who said he had to quit booking Paramounts because prices were so high; Hyman Raebmil, another Brooklyn exhibitor; Richard W. Saunders, comptroller for Famous Players; John Manheimer, owner of the Park Theater, Brooklyn, and Jerome Beatty, former advertising manager for Famous and now with Al Lichman.

NEW FILM THEATERS

John Powell, of Chicago, representing a syndicate of Chicago and local investors, will erect a large theater and store building in Wanigan, Ill., to cost \$320,000. The structure will front on Genesee street, near Water street. The seats will total 1,500.

J. W. Hoffman opened his new picture house, The Jewel, at Navelock, Neb., this month.

A \$40,000 theater, store and office building will be erected at Alta and Jersey streets, St. John's Station, Portland, Ore., by Hugh McCredie, Jr.

A new picture house has been opened at Rogersville, Tenn.

The St. Clair Amusement Company expects to erect a theater to cost \$30,000 in the Snelling Avenue-St. Clair district of St. Paul, Minn.

An 800-seat theater, to be operated by R. X. Williams & Co., is planned for Oxford, Miss.

Ralph Crocker is about ready to open his new Star Theater, Elgin, Ill., which has a seating capacity of 1,700.

The \$80,000 Balboa Theater, Fourth and E streets, San Diego, Calif., according to terms of the building contract which was let early this month by Bob Hicks and Godfrey Strobeck, who constitute the Balboa Building Co., will be completed by December 1.

George Shafer, of Wheeling, W. Va., manager of the Herald Square Theater, Steubenville, O., razed by fire recently, will erect a new theater in Steubenville.

Work will begin shortly on a \$30,000 800-seat movie theater at Lorain, Ia.

North Chicago will have a new movie house which, it is said, will cost \$5,000, to be located at Second road and Seventeenth street, Bellwood, Ia., Mr. W. C. Childs, will erect the house and will lease it to A. L. Childs and L. R. Drome. Mr. Childs, who is affiliated with the M. P. T. O. A., will book it.

Toni, a woman, is said to be planning a neighborhood house for Cedar Rapids, Ia.

VAUDEVILLE

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, HONEST AND DISINTERESTED REVIEWS

Conducted by EDWARD HAFFEL

N. V. A. MAY FORBID EQUITY AFFILIATION

Henry Chesterfield Intimates Action May Be Taken at Next Annual Meeting To Stop Members From Joining Equity—E. F. Albee Refuses To Say Anything

NEW YORK, June 16.—The N. V. A. may take steps at its annual meeting next month to pass a new rule forbidding all its members from joining Equity, it was learned by The Billboard this week. This move was intimated by Henry Chesterfield, secretary of the National Vaudeville Artists, in an interview with him upon the question of the organization's attitude towards Equity, which is causing much agitation on Broadway because of Earl Carroll's assertion that he could not make his "Vanities" show 100 per cent Equity because many people in the company were N. V. A. members.

In view of the fact that reports credit Earl Carroll with having the support of E. F. Albee, head of the Keith companies, The Billboard also sought the vaudeville magnate's view on the N. V. A.-Equity question, but was met with the reply that he refused to enter into any political discussion regarding theatricals.

Since the formation of the N. V. A. there has never been any bar to N. V. A. members joining Equity. There are said to be over 1,000 Equity members who also belong to the N. V. A. right at this time, among them being Fred Stone, who is president of the vaudeville organization. The question was brought up last week when Earl Carroll, who is a legitimate producer, based his refusal to engage all Equity actors on the ground that it was "impossible" to get N. V. A. members to join Equity.

Mr. Chesterfield denied that Carroll's assertion was correct, saying that N. V. A. members were permitted to join any other organization they cared to.

"There is no rule forbidding any man or woman who is making a living on the vaudeville stage being a member of any other organization," he said. "While this is strictly a non-union organization, and while we are not in accord with the policies and aims of Equity, we do not forbid, or in any way restrict, any member of this organization from being a member of Equity."

"At the next annual election, however," Chesterfield added, "if the members should desire such a rule to exist, they have the power to incorporate it into the N. V. A. constitution."

Last year was the first time that the N. V. A. held a general election of officers, the members tacitly submitting to the officers appointed to lead the organization. Last year, however, a small meeting was held at which several of the offices, which are little more than honorary, were filled by vote of the few hundred or so vaudeville actors present.

Mr. Albee has made no step, at least in the open, against Equity since that organization passed a resolution at a special meeting held recently to set about organizing a vaudeville union. Equity has taken no actual action on this resolution, deciding to wait until 1921 at least.

MRS. DOLLY LEFT NO WILL

New York, June 16.—Margaret Wise Dolly, mother of the Dolly Sisters, who died May 29, left an estate not exceeding \$3,000 in personalty and about \$3,000 in realty, according to her husband, Julius Dolly, who applied for and was granted letters of administration upon the property by the Kings County Surrogate's Court this week. Mrs. Dolly left no will. Mr. Dolly lives on Bayview Place, Brooklyn. The Dolly Sisters are at present in Europe.

The Summer Special Number of The Billboard out next week.

ALBEE'S ACTORS' FUND APPEAL BRINGS RESULTS

New York, June 16.—E. F. Albee's appeal to the managers of 300 vaudeville theaters to join the Actor's Fund and make an effort to get others to join, which was made hardly more than ten days ago, has already brought in a great many applications for annual membership, according to Daniel Frohman, president of the Fund. Mr. Frohman said that one of the surprising things about this sudden influx of members is that most of them are from the small towns throughout the country. Mr. Albee was recently elected vice-president of the Actor's Fund.

One of the first applications for membership in answer to Albee's request came from the small town of Crookstown, Minn., from the manager of the Grand Theater there and several business associates he had interested in the Fund. From Fort Smith, Ark., the lithographing firm of Williams & Lick sent in applications and a check with a letter that expressed the great pleasure it gave to be able to add the Fund.

JANET GILLMORE



A sixteen-year-old dancing wonder, recently engaged by the Shuberts for their "Passing Show", which opened at the Winter Garden, New York, June 14, without any out-of-town tryout.

TENOR SAILS FOR IRELAND

New York, June 16.—Gerald Griffin, Irish tenor who sings the Okeh records, will sail for Ireland on the Cedric June 30. He is also a composer, having written a number of Irish ballads. Two new songs, "A Welcome on the Mat" and "I'll Be Straying Back to Ireland Some Fine Day", are being published by the Forster Music Publishing Co., of Chicago.

BEATTY DISCHARGED FROM BANKRUPTCY

New York, June 16.—E. Thomas Beatty, who was the partner of I. H. Herk in the production of several Shubert vaudeville units last season, was discharged from bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court this week. The firm failed for over \$1,000,000, most of the liabilities being unfulfilled contracts with performers.

VAUDEVILLE ACTRESS STRICKEN ON STAGE

Syracuse, N. Y., June 16.—Evelyn Fabor Devoy, actress who was suddenly stricken with appendicitis while performing at Keith's Theater here on Monday, is reported to be improving at the local hospital where she was taken. While on the stage with her husband, Arthur Devoy, she collapsed and was immediately rushed to the hospital, where an operation was performed.

GEORGE ROBEY IN PICTURES

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—As George Robey is under contract to Stoll for the remaining six months of this year, the Stoll Film Company has taken him to play comedy pictures for the balance of his vaudeville engagement with Stoll.

Mosely Wins Keith-Orpheum Golf Tourney

New York, June 16.—Harry Mosely is the golf champion of the Keith and Orpheum offices, having defeated Edwin G. Lauder, Jr., 1 up, in the hotly contested finals of the annual golf tournament held this week. The tournament lasted three days and was held at the Mount Vernon Country Club.

Over forty officials of the Keith and Orpheum offices qualified for the contest, among them being Reed Albee, Marcus Helman, J. Henry Walters, M. S. Bentham, Charles Bleibauer, Clark Brown, Pat Casey, Jack Dempsey, C. W. Frazer, Charles Freeman, Harry Fitzgerald, C. W. Garnet, George Gottlieb, Lew Golder, Dan Hennessey, Harry Jordan, Frank Jones, Edward Keller, Harold Kemp, E. G. Lauder Jr.; Mark A. Luescher, Bart McHugh, William McCaffrey, Pete Mack, Ray Meyers, Harry Mosely, J. J. Maloney, James McKowan, Jack McNally, Frank O'Brien, James Plunkett, Bill Quaid, Myron Robinson, F. C. Schambacher, Mort Singer, Lee Stewart, L. E. Thompson, Frank Vincent, Walter Vincent, A. J. Van Buren, Herman Weber, Harvey L. Watson and Pat Woods.

In the qualifying round held on Tuesday Harry Kemp won the trophy. The semi-finals on Wednesday were won by Lauder, Garnet, Vincent, Mosely, Casey, Thompson, Quaid, McCaffrey, Reed Albee, Marcus Helman and J. Henry Walters.

TANGUAY'S PRIZED DOG DIES

New York, June 16.—Eva Tanguay is heartbroken over the death of her Boston bulldog, Stokes, which she made every possible effort to save. The dog, which has been her constant companion, became ill at Omaha and Miss Tanguay told Dr. Harry B. Fuller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of the best known veterinarians in the country, \$100 a day together with his expenses and transportation, to come and attend the dog.

Miss Tanguay loved her dog, which she had with her day and night for fourteen years almost constantly as if it were a child and its care, comfort and welfare came first to the cyclonic comedienne. It is known that Eva even refused foreign engagements at fabulous salaries for across the pond because the regulations would not permit her dog to enter the foreign countries in which she had been offered a route.

Miss Tanguay has wept night and day since her loss, canceled all her engagements and journeyed to California to rest and recuperate. Stokes has been skinned by a taxidermist and its heart preserved in alcohol in a gold jar which Miss Tanguay keeps with her always.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING

New York, June 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Cogert, former professionals, celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding last Sunday at their home, 1130 Fifty-fifth street, Brooklyn. Their children, Gertrude, Henry and Jack, arranged an interesting entertainment on the occasion. Gertrude, now Mrs. H. B. Posner, had a single act in vaudeville, and also worked with Cliff Nazarro. Henry is of the act Gogert, Silsby and Roberts. Jack, the youngest, was formerly with Gus Edwards, La Belle Rose, a sister of Mrs. Rogers, once with the "Mollies". Likewise entertained, as did Jerry Lubell and his Melody Boys, a vaudeville orchestra.

FEW PLAYING VAUDEVILLE

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Out of Galliher's sixteen vaudeville houses the Palladium is the only one playing vaudeville the week of the eighteenth.

MacNaghten has only one vaudeville program out of nine halls.

TO SELL GOLDIN PROPS

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Price and King, storage people of Kensington, announce by advertisement the sale on June 27 of theatrical properties, conjuring tricks and goods of Horace Goldin, stored since 1914.

ENGLISH V. A. F. RETURNS ALBEE'S \$5,000 WITH THANKS

Keith Head Presented Check, But Variety Artists' Federation Refuses Money, Saying "No Donations Accepted"

NEW YORK, June 16.—The efforts of E. F. Albee to effect an alliance between the N. V. A. and the Variety Artists' Federation of England culminated last week in his presentation of \$5,000 to the latter organization "from the N. V. A. Fund," which was most politely refused by the English organization and returned to Albee with the suggestion that he give it to the Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund.

Due to the publication by The Billboard recently of the story concerning Mr. Albee's overtures to the V. A. F., Albert Voyce, chairman of the V. A. F., considered it necessary to explain his organization's attitude on the matter, which he did to some extent in the latest issue of *The Performer*, official organ of the V. A. F.

Mr. Albee wrote Mr. Voyce a letter in which he stated that "there was nothing in the N. V. A. method of doing business that would interfere with the constitution and by-laws of the V. A. F." unless it might be that the N. V. A. has no labor affiliations and is against them. To this the V. A. F. answer was that it considered its labor affiliations to be extremely important.

Immediately following the answer of the V. A. F., defining its stand against affiliating with the N. V. A., E. F. Albee sent the \$5,000 check for the "V. A. F. benefit fund, with the good wishes of the N. V. A. and the Vaudeville Managers' Protective Association." Albert Voyce's reply to Albee, in returning the check, was:

"Dear Mr. Albee—I beg to sincerely thank you for your favor dated the 17th inst. enclosing cheque for \$5,000, which I note you desire the V. A. F. to accept for its own benefit fund. While greatly appreciating the kindness which prompted you to send us the said handsome cheque, I very much regret to inform you that the V. A. F., being a purely political organization, has no benefit or benevolent fund of its own. Another unfortunate fact is that its Constitution does not permit the V. A. F. to accept donations from outside sources. Therefore, as the cheque in question is made payable to the Variety Artists' Federation, I am compelled to return it with grateful thanks."

"Had the cheque been made payable to the Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund—which has been of immense service to V. A. F. and other artists in distressed circumstances—I should have had much pleasure in handing it over to the president of that fund, namely, R. H. Gillespie, who has already assured me that he would be happy to accept it on behalf of the poor and aged artists who are being helped and sheltered by this excellent fund."

"On behalf of the V. A. F. again I beg to express my regret that our Constitution does not permit us to accept your generous offering."

"Yours sincerely,
"(Signed) ALBERT VOYCE."

MUSICAL DIRECTOR PRODUCES NEW ACT

NEW YORK, June 16.—Arthur A. Seiffert, former manager and musical director of "The Poetry of Motion," vaudeville act, is at present rehearsing his own act, "Babes of the Seasons," a dance revue with a cast of eight girls featuring Jane Overton, late of the Metropolitan Opera House, and Virginia Marshall, well-known Broadway dancer. Other members of the company are Alice Koste, Matilda Ross and Marion La Cour, formerly of the "Greenwich Folies". Esther Rhodes, soloist of the Rialto Theater, is to play several harp numbers in the act. M. Langer is to be stage manager and Ned Wayburn is staging the revue. Music arrangement by Arthur A. Seiffert and M. Pedlow. Seiffert is to direct the musical score himself.

STRICKLAND BAND AT STEEPLECHASE PIER

ATLANTIC CITY, June 16.—Charles F. Strickland and his American Harmony Boys will begin an all-week season in the new Steeplechase Pier ballroom here on June 21. The orchestra has just completed a season of seventeen weeks at the Million-Dollar Pier.

KEITH BOOKS GIRL MARVEL

NEW YORK, June 16.—Then Alba, the young European girl who does four things at one time, writing in three different languages simultaneously—using her mouth to hold one piece of chalk—has been signed to appear in the Keith theaters. She will come to America early in the fall.

DAYLIGHT SAVING HURTS

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Weather conditions here are very good for the indoor show business at present, but daylight saving hurts the first-class houses badly.

GEORGES RENAVENT



The popular young actor of the legitimate stage, who is now appearing in Keith vaudeville in a sketch called "Matching of Wits", which he has written with Sidney Lazarus. Renavent recently appeared in New York in "Rose Brier" and "The Texas Nightingale".

MORGAN DANCERS TO PLAY ABROAD

NEW YORK, June 16.—The Marlon Morgan Dancers, one of the finest acts in vaudeville, have been signed to appear in London and Paris during the summer months. They will sail for London on June 27, opening at the Coliseum in "Helen of Troy" shortly after their arrival in England. After a number of weeks in England they will go to Paris.

FLOYD TAYLOR WITH B. A.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Floyd Taylor has been appointed professional manager of the B. A. Music Publishing Company, of 115 W. Forty-fifth street.

"If I Could Take You From Somebody Else", a new song by Jack Mahoney, has just been placed with this concern.

MAY YOHE SUED BY HOTEL

NEW YORK, June 16.—May Yohe, former Lady Frances Hope, who is now appearing in vaudeville, and her husband, Captain John Smuts, who is a nephew of the famous South African General Smuts, were sued this week by the Seaborne Hotel Company, of New York, for \$192 alleged to be owing for services since March, 1922.

WAGE REDUCTION

Causing Trouble Among Theatrical Workers of Dublin

LONDON, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—There is acute trouble in Dublin thru the Theater and Cinema Managers' Association insisting upon wage reduction for their theater staffs. Over a thousand workers are affected, but if the managers lock out the employees on the eighteenth a large number of neutrals, such as masclians, will then be involved. These latter are all under a week's notice, ending tonight, thus showing the length managers are prepared to go to force a reduction.

The proposed reduction cuts 62 cents weekly from all women cleaners, with fifteen to twelve and a half centage reduction, according to class of theater, in the wages of part-time workers. This means stage crews, ushers, ticket checkers, and saloon attendants. The cinema workers get even worse cuts, not only with reduced payments but deprivation of certain rights which custom has established and which had been acceded previously.

The Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, from which Jim Parkin was deposed as general secretary, is handling the employees' side.

PALACE, N.Y., BIGGEST MONEY MAKER IN U.S.

Keith's Leading Theater Makes Profit of Half Million a Year

NEW YORK, June 16.—Business at Keith's Palace Theater—the foremost vaudeville house in the country—has increased 25% over the business done at this period of the season last year. The summer business always drops a little, even at the Palace, but the decrease in patronage this summer is hardly noticeable at the key theater of the Keith Circuit.

The Palace Theater stands in a class by itself as a money maker. An average weekly business of around \$26,000 is done, year in and year out. The net profits are said to be over \$500,000 a year.

Since last November the capacity of the theater was enlarged by 131 seats, thru the rearranging of the seating accommodations. The Palace gets the highest prices of any vaudeville theater in the country, charging \$2.20 during the week, with a \$3.30 top on Sunday nights.

Despite the tremendous profit the Palace makes, very few acts play it without taking a cut in salary. The reason for this is that the Keith people feel it is a privilege for any act to play the Palace, and that they should not expect their usual pay for working there.

STOLL'S BOOKINGS AROUSE PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—Stoll's bookings are arousing professional interest us, after playing Hetty King and Ella Shields, male impersonators, on the same program, he did the same thing with George Lashwood and Whit Cunliffe, tight comedians, with elegant wardrobes. He is now playing Daisy Wool and Rose Lloyd against each other at Hackney. They are blood sisters of Marie Lloyd, and as Hackney is their birthplace local interest will be strong.

A writer in *The Stage* asks Stoll when he's playing Grock and Noni on the same program. Grock took legal action against Noni some years ago, alleging Noni was a copyist.

STEPPE AND O'NEAL PLAYING FOR LOEW

New York, June 16.—Harry Steppe and Harry O'Neal, who recently closed on the Orpheum Time, opened today for Loew at the Boulevard Theater. They will play the Loew Circuit during the summer, after which the act will split up. Bert Jonas, who booked the act, also booked Russel and Pierce, comedy aerobatic team, for the Fox Theater, opening this week, and the Silvertone Four, colored quartet, which was with "Plantation Days" in London, on the independent time around New York.

DOW BOOKS PARKS

New York, June 16.—The acts booked for the Savin Rock Park, White City, New Haven; Capitol Park, Hartford, Conn., and Lakewood Park, Waterbury, Conn., by the A. & B. Dow Agency are: The Lephans, Col. Santo Band, the Swannee Serenaders, Dare Devil Doherty, Kara, De Kotch Trio, Marie Drew and Company, Sig. Franz Troupe, Lapinsky's Dogs, the Four Bellhops, the Flying Wonders, Aronto Brothers, Raymond and Mason, Powers' Elephants, Delmas' Fighting Lions and Great Cahill.

SWIMMING CHAMPION FOR VAUDEVILLE

New York, June 16.—Ethelia Bleibtry, the Olympic Women's Swimming and Diving Champion, is to be seen shortly in a vaudeville act, in which, besides demonstrating her swimming and diving prowess, she will show her ability to sing and dance. The act is now in rehearsal and will open on the Keith Time shortly.

"SEVEN O' HEARTS" RESUMES TOUR

New York, June 16.—Phil Taylor and his "Seven o' Hearts" Company left here today to resume their bookings after a two weeks' vacation in town. The company came in to purchase wardrobe and other essentials and to spend a short vacation before starting on a motor tour of New England. "Seven o' Hearts" is a traveling vaudeville show.

CHIC SALES SIGNED FOR SERIES OF PICTURES

New York, June 16.—Charles ("Chic") Sales, who has been headlining Keith vaudeville in his character sketches for a number of years, has signed a contract with C. C. Burr whereby he will be starred in a series of five-reel productions made by the Burr organization and released by Associated Exhibitors. The first production will start in July.

This Week's Reviews of Vaudeville Theaters

Majestic, Chicago

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, June 17)

The Majestic opened its new bill today with Jonia's "Hawawaps," an act often seen here and a very good one. Personnel remains the same, two men and three women, with singing, instrumental numbers and the hula dancer. Went well. Ten minutes, full stage, two bows.

Green and Verner, two men in cork, are nothing short of excellent. Fast, smooth, funny artistes all the way thru. Regular thoroughbreds. Their burlesque on the Miserere from "Il Trovatore" is a work of art. Ten minutes, in one, three bows.

Olga Katz and company must have run up against something. Two girls, one at the piano and one who essays to sing and read a bit. Not much doing. Nine minutes, in one; one bow.

Tom Davies and Company, two men and a woman, have a comedy sketch that is good, with new material and well acted. It's a case of a man, his wife, who wants him to stay home, and the burglar, who is a friend in disguise and helps him to get out. Fifteen minutes, full stage; three bows.

Fisher and Gilmore, man and woman, have a comedy act that is good and rapid. Both are very clever. Crossfire and so forth. Nine minutes, in one, two bows.

Destry Sisters and Company, six musical girls, have a very attractive song, dance and instrumental act. Two pianos, violin and corno are included. They are attractive and gifted. Two of the girls dance well, especially with the hard-shoe effect. Well received. Twelve minutes, full stage; three bows.

Gene Greene held over from last week. Reviewed in this publication then.

The Four Takimis, Japanese Jiu Jitsu artistes and broad sword fencers, closed the bill with a lively act. Ten minutes, full stage; two bows.

FRED HOLLMAN.

Orpheum, San Francisco

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, June 17)

An exceptionally good bill that leans toward comedy in this week's Orpheum offering.

The bill is headed by Leon Errol, eccentric comedian and recent star of "Sally". He commenced his career in San Francisco twenty years ago, but it has been many years since he has been seen in the West. His act, "The Guest", is a mass of screamingly funny situations. Errol plays his famous portrayal of the inebriated gentleman who comes home and starts breaking up statuary. The famous "Errol fall" and the crumpling right leg elicit screams. Alf. P. James plays the role of the butler in the sketch. Fifteen minutes, in four; six bows.

The two holdover stars, Irene Franklin, the vivacious, charming character comedienne, in a new program of delightful characterizations, and W. C. Fields, in his laughable golf burlesque, continue in popularity.

Florence Tempest and Homer Dickinson, known as "Broadway's Smart Couple", offer a fine routine of individual songs and comedy. They are assisted by George Harris at the piano. Thirty minutes, in one; six bows.

A comedy playlet written by Edwin Burke entitled "Likes and Dislikes", a humorous angle of the eternal triangle, is one of the best-acted sketches that has appeared in many a day at the Orpheum. Marion Murray in the role of the wife, who endeavors to make her husband and an erstwhile lover become friends, does some clever acting. C. Carroll Lucas as an incensed husband and Del Sherrad as the friend have gifts of naturalness combined with the sense of comedy values. The plot has a surprise finish when the wife learns that the friend is about to be married. The lines are exceedingly humorous. Twenty-five minutes, in four; six curtains.

Leon Vavara, clever young pianist, combines his music with good comedy in presenting "The Evolution of a Pianist". Fifteen minutes, in one; several bows and an encore.

Several feats new to gymnastics are accompanied by Fox and Sarne in their exhibition of strength and skill. Seven minutes, in three; one bow.

"Baron" Emerson and "Count" Baldwin, well known to Orpheum patrons, close the program with "What Fools These Mortals Be", a burlesque on some of the more familiar types of vaudeville entertainment.

FRANK J. SULLIVAN.

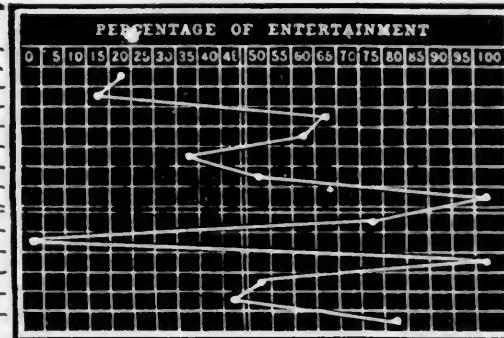
EVISTON BUYS CONTROL OF THE HODGES COMPANY

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—James Eviston, for several years general manager of the Jimmie Hodges Enterprises, opens here at the Academy Theater today, with The Hodges Company, in "My Havana Girl". He is here for an indefinite run. Eviston, in conjunction with another well-known showman has acquired the controlling interest in the Hodges Company, as well as all the scenery, property and scripts, the latter for a period of one year.



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A combination of turns from circus, musical comedy, concert stage, burlesque and moving pictures, but not a good vaudeville show, with one or two exceptions characteristic of that form of entertainment. At last the "making movies" stunt that has been used around here for some time in the neighborhood houses as an advertising trick has reached the Palace. It is presented by Louise Lovely, who, like her name, is lovely, but this making of moving pictures of children or others from the audience, and "shooting" of the auditorium, strung out for twenty-four minutes in the main part of the bill, proves but an episode that does not contribute to but breaks the continuity. Gus Fowler, the watch king, who created such a favorable impression upon the occasion of his last appearance here when closing the show, had a spot this time, and verified the writer's previous opinion of his remarkable and clever sleight-of-hand. When a dumb act can with pantomimic manipulatory skill, take an encore in the No. 5 spot—it's going some and should have no time vacant. Duci Kerekjarto wrecked the bill, taking three or four encores to strenuous plauditory acclaim. His playing was superb. Eddie Cantor was more legitimate last week, and didn't make his song plugging so obvious, nor did he tell the suggestive gag used at the conclusion of his set. This Eva Tanguay of black-faced comedians is too clever to need resort to such methods.

1—Palace Orchestra.

2—Pathé News.

3—Ruth Harvard, Wynfred and Bruce, in a neat gymnastic turn, well dressed and capably presented, did a number of feats on the Roman rings and web. The two girls looked gay and the man has a graceful toehold and web. The outstanding feature was a series of varied "cutoffs".

4—Combe and Nevins, in a series of published songs, presented essentially the same act they have been giving for some time. "Blue Hoosier Blues" was used to open, and the reviewer does not recall this team having sung the number at this house before. Otherwise the routine embraced "Like Kelly Does", "Dancing in the Old Apple Tree", "Our Home Town", used formerly by Harry Carroll and sung by Combe and Nevins very well, and for a finish "Stutter" went over nicely in the deuce spot.

5—Al K. Hall and Company may an act that, with the exception of Hall's dance, seems like a collection of "bits" from memory that would be hastily assembled when the coming on of a burlesque show arrived to rehearse a summer stock on the Monday morning of the week the show was to open. "How do I know?" Because "Dancing Al Hall" was for years in burlesque, and has that style, despite the fact that he is billed as a musical comedy star. Considerable applause greeted the finish of the offering, and Hall made a short speech. There were quite a number of actors present, however, on the Monday matinee.

6—Glenn and Jenkins repeated their "Working for the Railroad" turn that has played here a number of times and has been reviewed in detail in these columns before. Several minutes could be cut from the running time with very advantageous results. At present the act is too long.

7—Gus Fowler, in his manipulations of watches, clocks and timepieces of all sorts, sizes and descriptions, has not his equal at this particular branch of necromancy. His assistants looked neat, little Doris presenting a cute picture. The set is effective, the apparatus slick and span, and Fowler himself—there. A lady back of the writer said she wondered whether Fowler had the right time. This is one time that Fowler had not only the right time, but the right spot. He cleaned up.

8—Eddie Cantor, who really did not need to, palpably "plugged" a number of songs, saying to Maurice Abrahams, who was in the audience and played the piano in the pit upon Cantor's invitation: "Come on, let's give it a good plug." He introduced Abrahams as Belle Baker's husband, and induced Miss Baker to help him plug the number by singing a couple of choruses while he kidded and tried to break her up. If the Palace is to be used as an advertising medium for a music publishing house, why not really make it a good plug and mention the name of the house? Cantor did everything else.

9—Topics of the Day. Worn wheezes.

10—Duci de Kerekjarto, undeniably superior to any violinist in vaudeville and the equal of many on the concert platform, with the magic of his bow held the audience spellbound. This was true not only of the down-stairs portion, but the gallery as well, and Kerekjarto played only classics. This was truly a wonderful demonstration of an artist whose tour de force embraces attack, technic, expression, bowing, phrasing, interpretation and brilliancy. His rendition of the most difficult "Nightingale" numbers, despite the fact that he broke a string, was marvelous.

11—Louise Lovely, assisted by Wilton Welch, an electrician and a camera man, took a number of motion pictures of children in a scene directed by her, and also of the audience. The pictures will be shown at the Palace next week. Miss Lovely also told a few stories—one quite old—about the Irishman's sister marrying a native of Australia. Act will be reviewed in detail in next week's issue.

12—Lillian Shaw, on at a late hour, ran entirely too long, half the audience leaving the theater after her bridal number. Miss Shaw's material is still suggestive—some of it very much so, especially when delivered by a woman.

13—Lorraine and Minto, with Elsa Hanson, in a beautifully staged dancing act, in which Miss Hansen shows mazette-like airiness and grace, were on too late. The act deserves an earlier position.

MARK HENRY.

Palace, Chicago

(Reviewed Sunday Matinee, June 17)

The show this week is exceptionally pleasant and meritorious in every feature. If you like vaudeville you will call this bill ideal.

Alex Cross and Ralph Santoro are billed as "Artistic Fashion Plates of Physical Culture" and they are that and then some. They look the part and act it according to Hoyle. They have a number of new and original stunts and get a hand after each turn. They close very strong. Eight minutes.

The Four Rubin Sisters presented a miniature recital of songs and instrumental music which gave the girls—four of them—opportunities galore to show their real abilities and display their art. Two cellos, a flute, piano and vocal numbers gave them a wide range. They are clever girls and show real team work in all they do. A high-class offering that held for twenty minutes.

George Yeoman and Lizzie presented a playlet, entitled "The Editor of the Assassinated Press". Which, by the way, is not a playlet but a monolog, and Lizzie is only in the mind and never on the stage. But it is a clever idea well put over. It is full of snappy gags and late and original stories and situations that afford lots of entertainment and plenty of laughs. Sixteen minutes.

Toto, the famous clown, seemed funnier and more mysterious than ever and his offering has been greatly augmented by the grotesque dancing figures that have everyone questioning as to what they are and how they do it. This act closes with furiously fast finish that took the audience over the top for the first real ascension. Eighteen minutes of thrilling fun.

Hal Skelley, in "The Mutual Man", a comedy skit with music, is assisted by Ima Williams, Eunice Sauvain and Helen Gates. They seem to gain in popularity as their sketch increases with age. They captured the audience and kept it well under control for forty-five minutes.

Germaine Mitty and Eugene Thillo, assisted by Willard F. Doree, were billed as the Premier Dancers of France and they gave a superb and finished exhibition of the classic, acrobatic and the dramatic dancing art at its very best that was pleasing in the extreme and very dainty and beautiful to watch. Their art is weird and wild in its effectiveness but genuine in its basic principles. This act would have to be seen to be really appreciated. Fifteen minutes of grace and action; four bows.

Van and Schenck opened their fourth big week at this house and their stay has simply made every patron of this popular house their personal friend. They had a great reception and everything they did went over with increasing evidences of appreciation and approval. How many songs did they sing? How many didn't they sing would be easier to tell. They simply kept on singing one great hit after another until at last the audience got to where it half consented for the show to go on. A mountain floral piece was sent up and seemed to loosen up these song birds who are generosity itself when it comes to acceding to the wishes of a crowd. They were better received than at any time so far since they opened their phenomenal run. Forty-five minutes.

The Sheik came direct from Arabia. He is a beautiful white horse that wins the good will of the audience as soon as the curtain goes up. He poses in the most artistic, natural and difficult manner for the many feats and situations that he performs and forms. He is a living moving picture and holds everyone to the close, making a great finish for a great bill.

FRED HIGH.

E. F. ALBEE, M. A.

New York, June 16.—E. F. Albee, president of the B. F. Keith Circuit, was given the honorary degree of Master of Arts this week by St. Stephen's College at Annandale, New York. This is the first time that any college has conferred such an honor on a theatrical manager.

Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell, president of the college, honored Mr. Albee with the degree because, as he said, of his "twenty-five years of remarkable service in regenerating and improving artistically and ethically a great enterprise for the healthy amusement of the American public."

St. Stephen's College has 120 students and sixteen teachers. The village of Annandale is situated on the Hudson River.

HETTY KING SUING PAPER FOR LIBEL

London, June 16.—Hetty King is preparing to sue The Weekly Record, a Scottish publication of Edinburgh, for libel. The paper printed an alleged interview on her American tour with a sub-heading "Yankee audience most miserable I have ever seen. Sense of humor gone"—this latter being attributed to prohibition. Miss King's plea is an absolute denial of any such interview. Albert Voyce has been subpoenaed in Miss King's behalf.

From Coast to Coast by Special Wire

Palace, Cincinnati

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, June 18)

The not the best bill of the season, this was program is presented at a fast clip and the attention of the audience thronged, Paul and program: "The Fourth Musketeer", with Johnny Walker, amusing.

The Laffs Duo, man and woman, executed a series of strong-arm and strong-jaw feats with a minimum amount of "stalling". Six minutes, full stage; one bow.

Hallen and Day opened with a flirtation bit that varies little from the average and then proved themselves to be an unusually talented couple by cleverly delivered dialog and excellent singing. Miss Day has a remarkable soprano voice, is very good looking and has a sunny personality. Ten minutes, in one; one bow.

The Wilson Aubrey Trio cavorted on triple horizontal bars in sensational fashion. The stunts they do may not be so extraordinary, but the snappy manner in which they were executed gave them an entirely different aspect. They closed with a burlesqued wrestling match that stirred up considerable mirth. Seven minutes, full stage and in one; two bows.

Mabel and Ann Clarke have an old-fashioned act, with dialog following somewhat along that same line. The comedienne entered from the orchestra and indulged in dialog that, at times, was very funny. Some clever puns are gotten thru the use of cigaret titles. Thirteen minutes, in one; several bows.

Wade Booth, baritone, sang classic, semi-classic and popular selections without resorting to facial contortions or eccentric gestures to make his singing sensational. It was not sensational, but it was truly enjoyable. He was accompanied on the piano by an unprogrammed lady. Twelve minutes, in one; heavy applause.

Fay and Allan showed why they were placed in the next to closing spot by searing the applause bit of the afternoon. This no doubt was largely due to the man, whose singing of jazz numbers was certainly spirited. His partner, a tall, blond Miss, was heard to good advantage in both song and dialog. Fifteen minutes, in one; three bows.

Dan Fitch's Minstrels, four men and two women, offer twenty minutes of genuine minstrel entertainment from Southern melodies to old and feeble jokes, and closed with the regulation afterpiece that was put over with great enthusiasm. The dancing of Dan Fitch and one or two others in the cast was a treat. Settings for forepart and afterpiece illustrate. In two and full stage, three curtains.

KARL D. SCHMITZ.

SELWYN'S PLANS FOR SEASON

New York, June 15.—The Selwyns announced their plans for the coming season today and they include the presentation of several foreign shows as well as some American offerings. Jane Cowl will tour for twelve weeks on the Pacific Coast in "Romeo and Juliet" and will later appear on Broadway in "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Twelfth Night".

Four English plays will be done by the Selwyns, including "Battling Butler", a musical show which they will present at the Adelphi Theater, Chicago, on Labor Day in association with George Cohan; "By the Grace of God", a comedy by Frederick Lonsdale, which will open in September with Violette Hemsing, Mabelle Winwood and Norman Trevor in the cast; "Success", a comedy by A. A. Milne, which will be done in December, and the Charlie rovine, which is slated to open on New Year's Eve.

The Grand Gaiety Players will open on October 15 at the Dresden Theater, under the Selwyn management, for a season of ten weeks, and during November they will present in association with Charles B. Cochran a continental type of review headed by Raquel Meller, a Spanish actress. In October Irene Castle will start a tour in a fashion show, and a dramatization of "Sweet Pepper", by Bernard Foxon will also be done. At least four comedies of "The Fool" will be sent on tour, and a company will play "Partners Again" on the road.

BLAZE IN WASHINGTON THEATER

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Fire which started in the furnace of the Raphael moving picture theater from setting fire to motion picture film trimmings, according to fire officials, slightly damaged the theater yesterday evening. The theater was crowded, but was emptied in a few minutes without signs of panic. A number of firemen were overcome by carbon monoxide gas fumes while fighting the fire.

"LOYALTIES" FOR NEXT SEASON

New York, June 15.—Charles Dillingham is taking a tour to the Coast for his English company of "Loyalties", beginning on Labor Day. It will be the first production to play the new Lodge Street Theater in Albany.

Loew's State, New York

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, June 19)

An excellent summer bill, abounding in humor of the lighter variety, with just enough song and dance thrown in to balance it. Kramer and Boyle and Meyer Davis and Band are joint headliners. The overture, entitled "Give a Little Credit to Your Dad", is a medley of various "daddy" songs, and serves to introduce, in an extremely clever manner, a new number called "Granddaddy".

The Girlie Girls, four of them, opened the show with a snappy, fast-moving, mischievous novelty athletic act. They are comely misses, well-built, and work with dash and speed. They are clever cyclists and tumblers, and add to the zest of their work with free and easy nolae, which seems quite the natural thing for them to do. They started the show off with a bang, and went away taking with them the undivided approbation of the audience. A good opener for any bill, the youth, dash and ability of the girls being telling assets.

Gould and Edwards in a fast-moving novelty dancing act followed. These boys earned a good-sized hit for themselves. They showed themselves capable dancers and won approval. The feature of their act is a double dance on roller skates. They make a neat appearance, work with ease and showed some classy stepping.

Jean Boydell, comedienne, with plenty of pep and a virile attack, held the third spot. She utilized several character numbers to good advantage. For an encore she offered an eccentric dance that took several bows.

"Righto", a comedy playlet with four people, featuring Nina Bond, was next. This act breezes along at a fairly fast rate and has quite a number of laughs in it. It tells of a wife who is constantly nagging at her husband for his use of slang. The husband thinks his wife much too slow for him, so she decides to show him that she can step out. The work of Miss Bond and the butler were the two outstanding features of the act. A sure-fire chuckle producer.

Kramer and Boyle, with their kidding and good-natured banter, won the instant approval of the audience, and not only got a number of laughs, but stopped the show cold. It was in the a following, however, that these two boys showed their ability at impromptu entertaining. Working with the Meyer Davis Band, they tied the show up into the proverbial knot.

Meyer Davis and Band, nine musicians all told, and Kramer and Boyle, with their music and nonsensicalities, could not seem to satisfy the audience. They kept crying for more until the folks were all worn out and really had no more to offer. It proved a merry afternoon.

ESS KAY.

BENEFIT FOR LEDERER'S SON

New York, June 15.—For the purpose of aiding George W. Lederer, Jr., son of George W. Lederer, one of the pioneer producers of musical comedy productions in America, who is seriously ill with an attack of cancer of the throat and has had four operations performed on him during the past two months, a gigantic benefit performance will be given at the Sam H. Harris Theater on Sunday evening, June 24, which will have the support of prominent producers, managers, actors and newspaper men.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the performance includes Sam H. Harris, George M. Cohan, Lee Shubert, A. L. Erlanger, E. F. Albee, John Golden, Florence Ziegfeld, Jr.; Wm. A. Brady, L. Lawrence Weber, William Harris, Jr.; Joseph P. Bickerton, Alfred E. Arons, Jules Hurtig, Gus Hill, Sam Scribner, George White, Louis F. Weber, Frank Gillmore, Abe Levy, Edward Flynn, Jack Welsh, Martin Herman, Hugh Grady, Michael Mindlin, Brook Pemberton, Beatrice Burston, Madeline Donnelly, Slime Silverman, Bide Dudley, Arthur Dinger, Leo A. Marsh, Gordon Whyte, Paul Sweiethart, R. B. Hennessy and A. A. Duchemin.

YIDDISH PRODUCTIONS UP TOWN

New York, June 15.—Boris Thomashevsky has disposed of his interest in the National Theater and is preparing to move his Yiddish players to the Noma Hayes Theater, on which house he has taken a year's lease beginning September 1. It is Thomashevsky's plan to make his up-town quarters the home of Yiddish musical comedy, with his brother Max as the house manager, while another brother, Harry, will act as stage manager. The reason given for dispensing with the old East Side theater was one of convenience for the up town patrons of Yiddish drama, who, with each year, were growing less eager to journey down town.

IN "BLOSSOM TIME" CAST

Chicago, June 16.—Fenita de Soria is now in "Blossom Time", in the Great Northern, in the place formerly occupied by Zee Barnett.

Grand O. H., St. Louis

(Reviewed Monday Matinee, June 19)

Sinclair and Grey. Two rather good-looking girls in an ordinary exhibition of trick bicycle riding. Five minutes, full stage.

Morgan and Ray, barber shop singing of published tunes. Still and unnatural. Thirteen minutes, in one.

Visser and Company in an unusual surprise, a whirling perch maneuver, accompanied by little explosive gasps of worry by the feminine member and a droll duck which quacked at inopportune moments during a song are the mainstays of the act. The rest takes up time. Six minutes, in three.

Freda Leonard and Jewell Barnett, Precocious individuals, who sing "mamma" and "daddy" songs with contiguous harmony, exchange risque pleasantries, and make startling advances toward the men in the audience. Sixteen minutes, in one; four bows and one encore. Strong applause by the males; one even whistled.

Valand Gamble, drol repartee and lightning figure calculations far over the heads of the audience. The act is a real one, but for some reason died. Sixteen minutes, in one.

Mabel and Leroy Hirtz, in "Love in the Southland", unpassionate tho faithfully characterized songs of the South. All on a "pretty" stage. Ten minutes, in one and three.

Minnie and Annie Kent, in "Why Cry", a hybrid playlet by a down and out but "pure" chorus girl, who has struggled back to the big city and calls on an old friend once of the ensemble, who now lives in riches and idleness. Then follow scenes of disrobing and "making one's self comfortable", at least this is the excuse. The conversation is not quite as intimate as you would expect in a situation of this sort, but the imagination is stimulated quite as well by artful phone calls by supposedly wealthy Johns. The play ends with an explanation that the wealth was made from oil lands and that the Johns were all one man—the rich one's fiance. You can judge the merit of the plot yourself: certainly the stage settings were trashy and the players far too deshabille for a public theater. The experience accomplished nothing and only furthered the vaudeville fans' already lurid imagination of the private life of the professional actress. Seventeen minutes, in one and three; five bows, strong applause.

Eddie Black and Claire O'Donnell. Working against a negative mass of psychology caused by a young lady fainting in the fourth row and somebody in the gallery smashing a glass bottle with a metal cap, the start of the act was feeble. However, deft medleys on a muted violin and wicked shuffling sent the artistes over strong. Fourteen minutes, in one; four bows, one encore.

Rubeville, a very enjoyable rubie band concert interspersed with solo and quartet singing. Seventeen minutes, in three; strong applause, several bows. ALLEN HYDE CENTER.

PRESS PERSECUTES PHARUS

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard)—Pharus, otherwise Doe Thompson, continues to do nicely at the Palladium, but is subject to a venomous press campaign against him by The Daily Sketch, newspaper, and its night edition, The Evening Standard. This is apparently because Alf Davis, publicity man of Moss Empires, pulled a good stunt with Pharus at The Daily Mirror office.

The Daily Sketch is challenging Pharus \$5,000 to disprove its contention that he is a faker. The campaign hasn't hurt Pharus, who has not shirked the challenge but wants a square deal as regards the test.

"RAINBO BLOSSOMS"

Chicago, June 16.—Rainbo Garden, the exclusive North Shore resort, inaugurated its al fresco season last night with a new revue, "Rainbo Blossoms", in which the dancer, Evan Burrows Fontaine, is the striking feature. Many of the popular entertainers who have been singing and dancing at Rainbo's indoor show are retained for the summer season.

BOSTOCK AIDS HOSPITAL

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard)—E. H. Bostock donated \$5,000 to Ipswich Hospital to endow a bed in memory of his sons, Jack and Douglas, the latter being recently appointed manager at the Bostock Hippodrome, Ipswich.

TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, TO BE RENOVATED

Rochester, N. Y., June 16.—The Temple Theater here, which was purchased by the B. F. Keith interests recently from J. H. Moore, will be thoroly redecorated this summer. E. F. Albee, Keith head, visited here recently and decided on the redecorating plan.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

Lafayette, New York

(Reviewed Sunday Concert, June 17)

The "How Come" Show hangings, used during the week, prevented the staging of more than one act on full stage, therefore the booking was confined too largely to acts that would work in one. This handicapped the bill offered considerably.

Hightower and Jones, spotted third; Adams and Tunstall, in sixth place, and the Thumbling Demons, seven acrobats who closed, the only act to have full stage, were the high spots of the bill. The Hightower-Jones act delivered a fast and clever routine of dance steps that would earn a band anywhere.

Adams and Robinson, in single and duet piano renditions, were simply great. One is a wizard musician and the other equally good with his own unique playing of blues.

Williams and Hughes, in an act that is new, opened with a good singing, dancing and talking act. It is a great improvement over their former act.

Leander and Whittlefield, in a comedy eccentric bunch of nonsense, got some good laughs in second spot.

Lew Keene and the Goldie Sisters had the steam taken out of their efforts by having to follow an earlier dancing act. They took a nice bunch of laughs. "The Haunted Violin" was the novelty number and it scored.

A Valentine film, "All Night", concluded the program. The Dressing-Room Club presents next Sunday's concert.

J. A. JACKSON.

GREGORY TAKES TO ROAD IN "HER TEMPORARY HUSBAND"

Chicago, June 12.—Will H. Gregory, actor and producer, left this week for a road tour with the "Her Temporary Husband" Company, which will play sixteen weeks of chautauqua time, under the direction of the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua Company. Mr. Gregory organized and directed the company and will star in and manage the organization. Other members of the cast are: Arthur Gale, Willard Kent, Robert Burden, Rose Dean, leading woman, and Elsie Corbin. Mr. Gregory engaged Mr. Kent and Mr. Dean in New York. Miss Corbin he had not seen since she was a baby. Mr. Gale was once assistant to Mr. Gregory when the latter directed Alma Rubens in pictures. Miss Rubens was recently at the Roosevelt Theater in "Enemies of Women", with Lionel Barrymore. Mr. Gregory was associated for a year with Mr. Barrymore with the old Biograph and says he is the greatest character actor of the day.

While rehearsing "Her Temporary Husband" Mr. Gregory also conducted the rehearsals of "A Pair of Sisies" for Redpath-Horner Time for Ethel Bennett, organizer and owner of the company. The cast of the latter company is composed of Reginald Noarr, manager; George Strauss, Douglas Graves, Lillian Norman, Ethel Hobart and Rebecca Bandy, the latter girl a newcomer whom Mr. Gregory thinks will be a big success. He said Mrs. Bennett picked an excellent cast.

CUT IN THEATER INSURANCE

New York, June 15.—Thru the efforts of Ligon Johnson, the general counsel of the International Theatrical Association, a reduction of 25 per cent on the premiums for insurance of theater buildings and their contents has been obtained for this city.

Last winter Mr. Johnson started his campaign to get a lower insurance rate for New York theaters, on the ground that the rates charged were disproportionate to the risk, since modern theaters were equipped with the most modern fire-fighting equipment and were thoroughly fireproof. He had a complete set of statistics bearing on these points prepared and presented them to the New York Fire Insurance Exchange and other rate-making bodies throughout the United States. The New York exchange has been the first to respond and it is believed that the other bodies will feel the influence of their decision. The saving to the theater owners of New York is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The change in rates only applies to theater having stages and dressing rooms, motion picture theaters not benefiting by the reduction. Mr. Johnson has filed similar applications for reduction of rates with the remaining fifty-two fire insurance exchanges of the United States.

PAVLOVA TROUPE LEAVES FOR MEXICO

New York, June 16.—Anna Pavlova, the famous danseuse, left this week with her ballet corps for an eight weeks' run in Mexico City. Upon the conclusion of this tour she will appear for a special engagement of two weeks at the Metropolitan Opera House.

HASOITRA, the Oriental dancer, has accepted a new act written for her by Roy Brant, and is rehearsing it for vaudeville presentation shortly.

MUSIC PUBLISHERS' CONVENTION SHIES AT STANDARD CONTRACT

Adopts Committee Report "Suggesting" Various Royalty Contract Forms—Sam Fox Finds American Songs Pirated Abroad

NEW YORK, June 16.—The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Music Publishers' Association of the United States, held on Tuesday at the Hotel Astor, did not result in any important actions being taken on any of the various questions of the music business. The radio issue was left more or less up in the air, the report of the committee handling this matter merely recommending that the members give the broadcasters the right to use their songs, without prejudice to the rights involved, provided the title and name of composer are announced before each rendition.

The committee, headed by Isidor Witmark, which has been investigating the advisability of adopting a new standard royalty contract, to be used between composer and publisher, reported that many forms had been considered, but did not submit any one contract to be the standard one. Instead, several different forms were submitted, each of which leaves room for changes or amendments, and these were also "recommended" for the members' attention.

The officers elected for 1923 were: George Fischer, president, re-elected; Sam Fox, elected to succeed Jerome Kelt as vice-president; E. T. Paul, re-elected secretary, and Harold Flammer, re-elected treasurer.

Sam Fox, head of the music publishing company which bears his name, delivered a report on his investigation abroad on the feasibility of protecting American mechanical royalties in foreign countries. Mr. Fox has just returned from a long visit abroad.

He said that he discovered that American compositions were used to a surprisingly large extent without authorization in European countries, especially in Germany. The best agency for the protection of American copyrights, said Mr. Fox, is the Mechanical Licensing Co., Ltd., of London. This company has offices in almost all of the European countries, makes a fair charge for its services and issues detailed quarterly reports to its clients.

The committee that investigated the advisability of eliminating the fictitious prices on sheet music, by which is meant the pricing of music at amounts twice as high as they are really to be sold, reported that "the time was not yet ripe" to take any definite steps to change the present system.

Directors elected for 1923 were: E. F. Bitner, Walter Coghill, of the John Church Co.; Harry B. Croxley, A. P. Schmidt Co.; Walter Fischer, of Carl Fischer; R. L. Huntzinger, of R. L. Huntzinger, Inc.; C. A. Kehler, Lorenz Publishing Co.; Dean Preston, Jr., B. F. Wood Music Co.; J. T. Ranch, Hinds, Hayden & Eldridge; M. E. Tompkins, G. Schirmer & Co.; Isidore Witmark, M. Witmark & Sons; C. A. Woodman, Oliver Ditson Co.

THE N.V.A. AND THE V.A.F.

Our esteemed contemporary, "The Performer", of London (England), has been publishing some highly edifying and interesting correspondence between Mr. E. F. Albee and Mr. Alfred Voyce, chairman of the V. A. F. of England. From "The Performer" of May 30 we reproduce the following:

"Last week we indicated that there exists in America a belief that the National Vaudeville Association is wishful of instituting an affiliation between that body and the Variety Artists' Federation, and we pointed out the exact relationship existing between the two organizations.

The position is made still clearer by the correspondence that has passed between Mr. E. F. Albee and the chairman of the V. A. F., of which the following two letters form an important part:

On April 20 Mr. Albee from the Palace Theater, New York, writes Mr. Voyce as follows:

"I can see nothing in our method of doing business here that would interfere with the present constitution and by-laws of the Variety Artists' Federation. Our Arbitration Committee for the adjustment of difficulties between the artistes and the managers results in much good. There is only one thing which might be different from your conditions over there. We have no labor union affiliations. We fully believe that a vaudeville performer is an artiste, and not a laboring man, and should be classed as such. We can find nothing in labor union conditions to standardize a vaudeville artiste's membership in a labor union organization. There are no established wages and no established hours of work. In fact,

sides, and I thereby believe that it is the managers' duty to do the things that we are doing here. Cut out the "master and man" business; cut out the excited part, one above the other, and bring ourselves down to an equal level and work for each other and the business which we represent. These principles are in evidence in vaudeville throughout the United States and Canada today. There is no theory to it. Hundreds of cases every month are living examples of the fine feeling and co-operative spirit which exists between the artistes and the managers on this side."

"Any time I can be of help in any kind of a way I am at your service.

"With all good wishes and thanks for your co-operation."

To this Mr. Voyce, on May 8, replied:

"Dear Mr. Albee—Many thanks for your favors of the 20th and 26th ult., which I have read with considerable interest. We, on this side, have always been ready to cooperate with the managers in opposing any avowed enemy, or in improving the conditions and opportunities of the profession. In fact, the V. A. F. is of the opinion that certain evils can only be remedied by joint action on the part of managers and artistes. For this reason we joined with the managers in opposing the further imposition of the Entertainment Tax, and also against the wholesale broadcasting of vaudeville material. Anything that threatens the industry as a whole must be imminent to the artistes engaged in it."

"Your idea of a protective organization appears to be identical with that which Sir Oswald Stoll had in his mind when he, after considerable expense and exemplary patience, established the Ent. Nat. Ind. Council, except that your organization is composed entirely of

managers, while the E. N. I. C. included artistes, actors, musicians and stage employees, a fact which, to our mind, revealed the well-meaning intentions of Sir Oswald.

"This Council, however, broke down because certain of its component bodies, while in Council, devoted their energies to personal grievances and local disputes rather than to national questions.

"In our opinion, an organization established for the protection and smooth running of our profession should be comprised of representatives of all sections. Managers, on this side, recognize and invite the support of artistes, actors, musicians and stage employees whenever it is necessary to oppose any faction that threatens to endanger the welfare of the industry or to battle against those who seek to weaken its position as a factor in the scheme of national life.

"Our only Labor affiliation is with the Trades Union Congress, which is a non-political body. We are included in what is described as the 'Non-Manual Group', which represents a component part of the same section of Labor. We fully recognize that a vaudeville performer is an artiste and not an itinerant laborer, and should not be classed as such. While the N. V. A. may find nothing helpful in the Labor movement on your side, we have every reason to appreciate the fact that the same section of Labor, on this side, has been of considerable service to both artistes and managers, and as Labor is now the second largest party in the House of Commons, and, therefore, recognized by King and State as 'His Majesty's Opposition', we are anticipat-

ENGLISH ARTISTES INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CONDITIONS

Changes Bound To Come, Says Writer in The Performer

New York, June 16.—Never before has the variety profession in England been so interested in the conditions affecting the American vaudeville artiste as it is at this time. Artifedem, writing in *The Performer*, the official publication of the English Variety Artistes' Federation, has an article in the most recent issue to reach this side of the Atlantic in which he sets forth the American situation as retailed to him by an American correspondent. In part, the article is as follows:

"To start with the whole system of American vaudeville is different. One man dominates American vaudeville and American vaudeville politics—E. F. Albee. He is a very wealthy man. A conservative estimate of his fortune is \$18,000,000. Some say it is around \$25,000,000, whilst it has even been assessed at \$10,000,000. Mr. Albee has made all his immediate associates wealthy also. Mr. Murdoch is perhaps worth \$5,000,000, while Messrs. Goodman, Pat Casey, Lander, etc., are all very likely millionaires. Mr. Albee is a very much discussed man, but we are assured by an American correspondent, whose knowledge of these things is unimpeachable, that Mr. Albee is not the personification of all things evil; on the contrary he possesses many fine traits and characteristics.

"Mr. Albee," continues our correspondent, "does not owe his position and wealth to a sharp and unscrupulous practice. He has never done anything that any other person in his place would not have done. But he has perfected a system—a vast machine—that has the vaudeville artiste absolutely helpless in his power. And this system is ruthless. Also it is to all intents and purposes a monopoly. There is the crux. There is practically no appeal from its mandates and decisions. For instance, take the latest: Seven days shall constitute a week's work, and artistes working only six days shall receive only six-sevenths of a week's salary. This is being incorporated in all contracts, and the artiste is absolutely helpless.

"The N. V. A. differs from the V. A. F. in that the latter body is absolutely controlled by and for performers. Americans tell us that their N. V. A. president, secretary, and treasurer and executive committees are appointed for them, and that there is no machinery whereby they can propose the simplest resolution and get a vote on it.

"It is alleged that the A. A. F. has been unable to make satisfactory headway in organizing and holding the American vaudeville artistes. It is a fact that the N. V. A. has made very rapid strides numerically and financially. This latter because nearly every vaudeville theater is assessed and laid under tribute, as are also all artistes and agents. You've got to support the fund or get out."

"We are now told that Equity—which is very, very powerful—is going to cover the vaudeville field and attempt its organization. In this Harry Mountford will be concerned, as altho he was dropped from the executive secretaryship of the four As, he still retains his position with the A. A. F. Mountford, by the way, has not been idle. One of his numerous monkey wrenches finally penetrated the innards of Mr. Albee's big machine, and the havoc has been dire indeed. As before stated, and fully published elsewhere in this journal, Max Hart won his appeal at Washington in the Supreme Court of the United States. In return for advice and data which Mountford supplied Hart to aid his attorneys in the preparation of his brief Mountford is credited with having exonerated that they inserted in said brief a prayer for an injunction restraining Mr. Albee et al. from continuing the practices complained of during the pendency of the rehearing.

"Said our American friend: 'Great changes are bound to ensue in American vaudeville, and it is more than probable that some measure of emancipation for the vaudeville artiste and agents is at hand. It's all very, very interesting to us over here—it's more than that to the American performer. But that's his business.'"

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ing even greater assistance from Labor in the near future.

"The same section of Labor, on this side, also believes that the things that the artistes are entitled to should be forthcoming thru proper principles—principles that should be held and lived up to by every section of the entertainment industry.

"The great majority of V. A. F. members have no use for what you have described as the 'Master and Man business'. We believe that both managers and artistes should work for the business they represent, and we could cite many instances in which they have taken joint action against a common enemy, owing to the co-operative spirit which obtains here in regard to questions which vitally affect the profession as a whole."

"YOU'D BE SURPRISED" HAS HEAVY LOSSES IN LONDON

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—"You'd Be Surprised" will close on June 23. It is estimated that it has lost more than \$150,000. It certainly has driven away the theater's weekly audience and the alcoholic bars therein have been losing nearly a thousand dollars weekly.

The theater that housed "You'd Be Surprised" resumes vaudeville June 25 with the usual three-a-day.

GOODMAN ESTATE SMALL

London, June 16 (Special Cable to The Billboard).—"The estate of Meyer Goodman, agent, who committed suicide April 2, has been proved at \$250.

LAST HALF REVIEWS

Fox's City, New York

(Reviewed Thursday matinee, June 14)

A very good show here the last half, of comedy, novelty, music, singing and dancing, well arranged and presented.

Lorraine Young in a neat gymnastic act proved a good opener. The young girl is graceful, well dressed and in rapid fashion does quite a number of feats upon a trapeze concluding with a snappy whirling-thru-space trick that brought forth strenuous applause.

Bobby Jarvis and Company in a playlet with singing and dancing did not fare so well from an applause standpoint due to a rather weak finish, but the act held the attention fairly well otherwise.

The Temple Four proved a fine quartet with good ensemble and harmony singing as well as individual solos. The black-face comedian who sings bass, has a well-rounded and tonally-accurate voice. He made an individual hit. The act went over well enough to take a legitimate encore and sang "Where The Bamboo Bables Grow".

Following were Stutz and Bingham in the same act they presented at this house before and which was reviewed in detail in these columns. The act is cleaner and more legitimate than formerly and there is less of the pants-falling business which is a decided improvement. The woman's dressing could be improved and more care taken with the singing of the encore. When reviewed it was careless and mechanical.

Rita Gould hit the next spot with emphasis, getting over very well on individual numbers and at the conclusion of her efforts. It is a well-arranged, beautifully costumed offering displaying cleverness and technical ability that registered strongly. Reviewed in detail in another column.

Alexander and Elmore were rather rough and vulgar. The two have talent but it is misplaced. Act went over to hands at the finish, but should be rearranged and all semblance of objectionable material and rough business, such as forcibly slapping the woman on the back, eliminated. There was a large spot which looked like grease at the back of the left leg of Alexander's trousers, right below the knee. This looked very bad and showed extreme carelessness.

The Alexander Sisters and Company verified upon this occasion the reviewer's previous opinion of the act. The dancing is remarkably clever, the girls are class and big time. They could fit in any production nicely where they would be a decided asset and just why they are playing the medium houses is a mystery. They stage and dress the act very well indeed; both are very shapely, have nice personalities, dance with decided lifting impressiveness and are surefire. Whoever staged that Apache number deserves a great deal of credit. It is immense.

MARK HENRY.

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

(Reviewed Thursday matinee, June 14)

Bronson and Edwards, two men in grotesque makeup, offering a comedy magic "expose" act, opened the show. They drew numerous laughs from the folks, particularly the younger element in the audience, which seemed to enjoy the work immensely. Their comedy acrobatic finish, however, was what sent them over for a big hit. They drew a large share of applause at the conclusion of the bit. We half wondered if some of the folks might not have been in earnest.

Reilly and Walters, two men who dance very good but do not sing so noticeably well, offered a routine of dance numbers that won applause and deserved to, for they work hard and can really do some wonderful stepping. But the talking is out for them. They cannot do it and it also robs them of some extra wind. We would advise them to eliminate the opening song and subsequent number. Took a number of bows, declining an encore.

Howard and Lind, two women in a novelty singing act had no trouble at all in winning favor. They have voices of different caliber which harmonize nicely and their routine of numbers is particularly suited for them. The act deals with their inability to secure partners in life's most fascinating game, "Matrimony". A number of laughs and some good vocal work featured the act, which was extremely well liked.

Crane Wilbur, motion picture star, playwright and what not, held the spot following with a playlet that bears his name. Strange as it may seem, this kept reminding the writer all along of "Tiger Rose". Suzanne Caubet, billed as a Goddaughter of the Immortal Sarah, assists him. She is clever in a light vein and would, we think, make an excellent comedienne. Wilbur himself possesses a forceful, pleasing personality and certainly proves that he is a product of the old school of acting by his easy confident handling of his part. A rather pleasing playlet that won considerable favor with the audience.

Aleen Stanley, "The Personality Comedi-

enne", assisted by her brother, won the hearts of the audience immediately. She works in such a pleasing, smooth manner and does not seem to try for laughs at all. Her material, moreover, is clever and her delivery is exceptionally good. She is versatile, has a pleasing voice and that peculiar personality of hers is bound to win favor. The biggest hit of the show, sharing honors with the following act, Williams and Wolfus.

Williams and Wolfus, that sure-fire standby of laughter. It would take columns to describe the entire act done by this outfit. Suffice it to say they won laughter to such a degree that it was freely mingled with tears. They had the audience in stitches and kept it that way all along. We forgot how many encores they took. The act was built for laughs and it certainly gets them galore.

Melody and Steps, man and woman, in a singing, dancing and music act. The late hour and the length of the program sent the people home and as a result this last act was severely handicapped. Playing to only a handful, they could not show to advantage.

ESS KAY.

GOOD WILL OF

CIRCUS INCLUDED

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his interest therein shall pass at his death to his partner or partners."

Washington, D. C., June 16.—The "good will" of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is valued at \$175,000 by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This came to light Thursday in connection with the levying of an estate tax on the estate of Alfred T. and Henry Ringling, late circus proprietors. The physical properties of the circus as a going concern, as represented in the Ringling estate, were fixed at \$450,000. Cash assets of the estate represent \$275,000, making the whole estate, including the wood-will valuation, total \$900,000.

MARCUS LOEW IN TWO-A-DAY FIELD

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as under the two-a-day system. It is known that for some time past Loew has been seeking some way to better his vaudeville bills. While in many of the Loew theaters the acts are only added to fill out the motion picture bill and to get a higher price, the fact remains that the public wants vaudeville, and is willing to pay a little more to get good vaudeville.

In the event that the Loew houses are reorganized under the two-a-day plan, the circuit can be expected to be declared outright opposition by the Keith offices. Heretofore, while Loew has been declared opposition, the Keith people have never enforced the order to any extent.

W. A. STEFFES' BACKERS ANSWER CHARGES MADE BY SYDNEY S. COHEN

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longer could it look to the national organization with any hope for the protection to which members of a national association of this kind are entitled.

"If Minnesota, as is charged in the insidious attack of Mr. Cohen, has in the past been influenced improperly by First National, why did he not take steps to thoroughly investigate the facts he infers are in his possession? As president of the national organization it is his duty to safeguard its units against outside influence and to build up its component parts into one strong organization, independent of outside interference or dictation? Why, if the conditions he alleged existed, did he receive the Minnesota organization one which would accept no dictation from him or any other man before hurling this cowardly statement to distort the real truth of the causes which led to Minnesota's withdrawal from the national organization?

"Is there not a sinister significance in the charges Mr. Cohen makes against the Minnesota organization, immediately following as they do the surrender of the organization's charter because it no longer wishes to be a part of the procrastiinating autocracy which he has set up with himself the supreme dictator of its actions and policies? As ridiculous as the claim that First National controls the Minnesota organization is Mr. Cohen's statement that Theodore L. Hays, our vice-president, is its 'dominating figure'. This is an attempt to cast suspicion on the honesty, integrity and ability

of our president, the man who has made and maintained our organization. Mr. Cohen in his statement wisely refrains from making any direct accusation of Mr. Steffes, knowing that the high regard our president is held in by the rank and file of independent theater owners of the United States, who have occasion to know of his untiring efforts and many sacrifices in their interest, would brand as ridiculous any such statements.

"Mr. Hays, whom Mr. Cohen chooses to term 'the dominating figure' of the Minnesota organization, is an able and fearless exhibitor, a capable and commanding executive. He has given freely of his time and ability to make the organization successful. With all due respect to and deep appreciation of Mr. Hays' work and sacrifice, we cannot permit the impression to be gained by independent theater owners that Mr. Hays has sought to usurp or has had occasion to usurp the powers or duties of Mr. Steffes. Mr. Hays, an independent theater owner of Crookston, has done invaluable service in the Minnesota organization's behalf. It is grossly unjust to him to state either directly or by inference that he ever has unduly influenced the organization's policy, or committed by word or deed any act contrary to or not conducive to the best interest of independent theater owners of Minnesota.

"Mr. Cohen claims that Mr. Hays promised him at Chicago that Minnesota would not withdraw from the national organization. No man can speak for Minnesota in a matter of this kind, for the Minnesota unit is not an automatic one as Mr. Cohen apparently wishes to assume. The Minnesota unit is a democratic organization governed for and by its members, and matters of policy can only be decided by the members as a whole thru their duly elected board of directors. Except as the Cohen statement attacks the integrity of Mr. Steffes and Mr. Hays, we are not concerned with his ridiculous charges that Minnesota is dominated by First National. The record of Minnesota as an independent and efficient body of theater owners is too well known to need reciting.

"And so far as Sydney Cohen threatening to invade Minnesota to establish another paper unit to affiliate itself with his monarchy is concerned, we in Minnesota accept this challenge gladly and will welcome Sydney Cohen or any of his henchmen to come into our territory at any time, either for the purpose of trying to disrupt one of the strongest exhibitor organizations ever formed in the United States, or for the purpose as above stated, of creating another paper unit, as we have confidence in our members and they likewise have confidence in our officers.

"Respectfully submitted by
Board of Directors of the Motion Picture
Theater Owners of Minnesota.

"J. B. Clinton, Duluth; Joseph Freedman, St. Paul; George Garisch, Minneapolis; A. A. Kaplan, Minneapolis; W. L. Nicholas, Fairmont; Jay Dundas, Sioux Falls, S. D.; V. B. Vaileau, Bismarck, N. D.; Harvey Buchanan, Superior; H. B. Johnson, Rush City; C. H. Hitchcock, Minneapolis."

CARROLL MAY SETTLE DISPUTE WITH EQUITY

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at the invitation of Carroll, visited the Carroll Theater and addressed principals and chorus, asking them to join.

The principals agreed that they would join, provided the chorus would do likewise. When Emerson spoke to the chorus he was unable to win them all over, about six girls standing out against Equity.

On Saturday night Carroll gave an interview to newspaper men in which he took the position that he was helpless in the situation and might have to join the Producing Managers' Association if Equity took any steps to enlist the aid of the stagehands and musician unions on the opening night June 28.

"I don't see why Equity cannot agree to accept the people who are willing to join, which would be about eighty-five per cent," said Carroll.

Carroll then called in two chorus girls who seemed to be the leaders of the little group of six irreconcilables and asked them to tell the reporters just why they would not join Equity. Amy Frank, one of the girls, under questioning from The Billboard reporter, said that she "didn't see why she had to join Equity just because of something that happened ten or twelve years ago." Meaning that she was willing to accept the better working conditions Equity people had won by bitter fighting, without joining Equity. She also demanded why Equity had no sick benefit fund and wanted to know "what good it was" without such a fund. She said she had been in the show business for seven years.

The other girl, Margaret McKay, declared that Equity owed her two weeks' salary. Asked to explain this a section, she said:

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"I joined Equity two years ago when I rehearsed in 'The Little Red House' that Barry McCormick was producing. I did not pay any money when I joined. Equity telling me that I could pay later when I had the money. After rehearsing four weeks the whole thing was dropped, because McCormick could not pay any money. I have asked Equity for two weeks' salary, but they have never got it for me."

"You see," said Carroll, waving his hand appealingly in the direction of the two chorus girls, "what can I do with these people? Of course, I don't want to hide behind their skirts."

After leaving Carroll's office several of the newspaper men talked over the matter, saying that it was ridiculous for Carroll to expect them to believe that the fate of his \$150,000

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VAUDEVILLE IN PICTURES



MIDGETS WED—Elizabeth Hoy and Prince Ludwig, two of the midgets in Ike Rose's act, are made one in Boston, where they played last week. The deed was done before a Justice of the Peace.

—Photo, International Newsreel.



ELLEN TERRY BROADCASTS

—The famous actress read a portion of "King John" over the radio in London recently, her first "appearance" by wireless.

—Photo, Keystone View Co.



ZIEGFELD STAR HEADED FOR OPERA—Mary Lewis, who was featured

in the "Follies" for a year, left for Europe last week to study for grand opera.

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MRS. SHEIK TO ENTER NO-BILITY—Jean Acker, former wife of Rudolph Valentino, now appearing in vaudeville, is to wed the Marquis Luis de Bezan y Sandeval, a Spanish nobleman.

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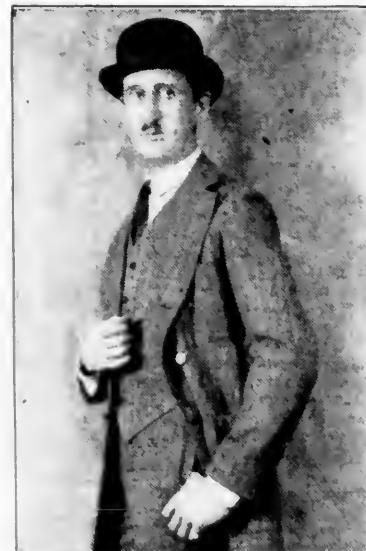
BUSTER KEATON, SECOND EDITION—When Buster Keaton appeared in vaudeville as a kid he looked just like his little son, pictured above between papa and his auntie, Constance Talmadge.

Photo, Keystone View Co.



BARRYMORE BIDS BON VOYAGE TO BARRYMORE—Ethel Barrymore, famous star of the dramatic stage, soon to appear in vaudeville, seeing her brother, Lionel, off on the S. S. Paris. With Barrymore is Irene Fenwick, who is to become his wife.

—Photo, International Newsreel.



JACKIE COOGAN, SR.—Many vaudeville artistes should recognize the man pictured in this photo. He is the daddy of the kid wonder of the screen, little Jackie Coogan, and played in vaudeville for many years.



"RADIO GIRL" BECOMES RADIO MANAGER—Vaughn De Leath, who was the first girl to sing over the radio, became the first of her sex to manage a radio broadcasting station when she opened Station WDT last week in New York.



THE TEUTONIC CHARLIE CHAPLIN—Germany has an imitator of the great film comedian, who has caught the public's fancy over there. This "Chaplin" still aims to the custard pie as an aid to his art.

—Photo, Keystone View Co.

RITA GOULD

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, June 14, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing, Setting—Special in one. Time—Nineteen minutes.

Rita Gould presented one of the best acts she has done in some time when caught by the writer. Before a special drop and assisted by a pianist, who DOES NOT play a solo, for which much thanks, Miss Gould opens with "Peacock Sally From Peacock Alley", which she sold well with admirable diction. A dance at the finish, in a spot, punched over the initial number well.

Rita made quite a flash in a gown creation; the waist of silver brocaded blue and the skirt of deep orange slashed to show the lower limbs encased in flesh-colored tights. An Egyptian style hat of orange and black was worn, black satin and silver and red brocaded high-heeled slippers; a black staff carried.

A quick change was made to a brown and white gingham with white apron and collar for "Pickeninny Shoes", which was presented in highly artistic style and was one of the best numbers of the act. Miss Gould showed wonderfully well the sorrow in an old mammy's heart as she caressed the shoes of her pickaninny, real tears springing to her eyes, and with bits of business and pantomime really made the number a classic gem. Decided plaudits acclaimed the effort as meritorious.

In a gown, one lateral view of which showed a silver brocaded net trimmed with beads and brilliants and the other, when Miss Gould reversed her position, a widow's dress of black and jet, the hat and shoes, cleverly constructed to give every detail of the effect intended, a bridal-widow number was sold with telling effect. The idea of the costume and the manner of presentation of this number are unique.

For the conclusion, another quick change was made to an evening gown of yellow and green, ornamented with brilliants, green jade earrings and a necklace of green jade beads. Announcing that three and a half yards were used, a piece of green georgette was deftly affixed to Miss Gould's head to form a turban. This drew a hand.

"If Some One Will Be My Bold Bad Sheik, I'll Be His Arabian Queen", was rendered in a manner to bring Miss Gould back for four legitimate bows, which was exceptional at the City, which was half empty when the act was reviewed.

The offering is considerably above the average in material, costuming and presentation seen at this house and in the other medium-time theaters around New York. Miss Gould might omit the "schicker" remark advantageously, otherwise the act is class and big time.

TEMPLE FOUR

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, June 14, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Singing, Setting—One. Time—Fourteen minutes.

Three of the quartet do straight and the basso, blackface, as a number of popular songs are harmonized. The comedian gets a number of laughs and sings with fine rotundity the verse of "Lovin' Sam, the Sheik of Alabam", with the other boys joining for the chorus. The act went over big and "Where the Bamboo Babies Grow" was used for an encore. During the latter the comedian does considerable clowning in an endeavor to smear the faces of the other members of the quartet with burnt cork, which he finally succeeds in accomplishing. This detracts from the class of the act and could be omitted to advantage—it is not big time.

One piece of business should be absolutely omitted, however, and that is the business of thumbing the nose, done by one of the quartet, as he temporarily prevents the accomplishment of the business by the blackface comedian before referred to. It is vulgar and does not belong. Better results would be obtained were the boys to sue to it that the orchestra does not play too forte. In so doing the audience could hear the voices and harmony to better advantage.

BOBBY JARVIS AND COMPANY

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, June 14, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Playlet with singing. Setting—Special in three. Time—Twenty-two minutes.

The "and Co." consists of three girls who all argue as to the proper method of making love to win a man, two of the girls making a wager with jewelry. Each tries her method, with one winning him at the finish. One of the girls sings "Who Cares" and does a dance. Bobby Jarvis danced and there was a special number near the direct conclusion in which parts of "Say It With Music", "Say It With Dancing" and other numbers were incorporated.

The offering is on the order of the tabs, which were in such vogue on the Gin-Sun Time a number of years ago, is lacking in punch and needs a more decided conclusion with all the girls on for the finish. Will put the set a far from the class or presentation interest in an early spot in the line of her former vehicle.

NEW TURNS and RETURNS

Reviewed By MARK HENRY

smaller medium houses, but could be improved by coaching and revision and the introduction of more specialties, tho the running time should not be lengthened. It is a few minutes too long as it is.

ALEXANDER AND ELMORE

Reviewed Thursday afternoon, June 14, at Fox's City Theater, New York. Style—Talking and singing. Setting—One. Time—Sixteen minutes.

Man and woman in a rather rough bokum collection of old gags and pieces of business that are very much in need of new and more refined material.

Miss Elmore, in a gown of fur-trimmed blue, opens, and is interrupted by Alexander, who attempts nut comedy. Frequent repetitions of "Oh, for Heaven's Sake!" punctuated such gags as "Face in my sneeze" and "Tonsils backfiring". We were also edified by seeing the man roughly slap the girl in the back and calling her "A big Polack", listening to the word "encore" pronounced incorrectly several times, "I've got a cold; I cut my finger naila too close", calling the operator "Superator—oh, stops", and the mention of cockroaches several times with quite a dissertation upon them.

The audience was told that the actors live on applause, but this act was starving to death—that they did an encore, and if they didn't get a hand, this was something the audience would miss. "You have to coax us, tho," said Alexander—"this is what we call greasing the patrons."

Miss Elmore sang a number in soubrette style. Alexander sang "Yes, We Have No Bananas", to fair returna, and for the finish of the act the girl sang "Nobody's Baby", while Alexander did the old gestures business from behind, putting his arms in place of Miss Elmore's.

This found favor with the so designated "patrons", who, however, did not accept the intimation that an encore would be forthcoming if they "coaxed" the act along.

There is a possibility, however, that more applause would have greeted the finale, despite the preceding vulgarity, had not Alexander added insult to injury by the very unrefined scratching business, in which the girl's nether limbs were in evidence.

Miss Elmore looked very neat in the short costume of black trimmed with cerise, displaying a very pretty figure, and knees which dimpled thru sheer black stockings.

The team can deliver, but the present material needs immediate revision and cleaning up, if the couple ever hope to advance. At present, even in the medium houses, the offering is rough.

FLO LEWIS

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Singing and dancing. Setting—Special in two and one. Time—Twenty-one minutes.

Flo Lewis, assisted at the piano by Jesse Greer, in a very ornate stage setting, enters and says to the orchestra leader, "Hello, Benjie." Subsequently there was a succession of "Benjie" this and "Benjie" that, "Thank you, Benjie," and business with "Benjie"—giving flowers to "Benjie" twice, putting candy in "Benjie's" mouth twice—he missed the first time—and "Keep your eyes on the music, Benjie", when quite a display of nether limbs encased in "nude" stockings was in evidence. To say the least, it was very bore-some.

"Kisses I'm Giving Away" was the first number, followed by a dance. Miss Lewis was unfortunate enough to catch her heel twice in the net skirt—the dress seems too long if dancing is to be done at this point. An impression of a speaker at a woman's club drew laughs and was followed by a number, "Were It Not for Famous Women, There'd Be No Famous Men".

Jesse Greer was introduced preceding some silly business, and subsequent to Miss Lewis' remark, "If you will permit me to change"—the it is hard to imagine how the audience could prevent it—Greer sang a Finale Hopper number. In exaggerated get-up of the Greenwich Village supposed type, Miss Lewis did a lot of running around the stage, clowning, wrestling with Greer, and "Oh, Bounyng". She used the "frame for a little struggling" remark, previously employed by another act, and did a vulgar piece of business in protruding a generally hidden portion of the anatomy over the footlights, and making vain attempts to arrange her very short skirt to hide her legs. There was other business and talk in nervous, jerky and vacillating style preceding a finale dance, which was well done. More flower business with "Benjie".

Miss Lewis works hard and did her best to put over the material which had been arranged. Followed a patter number, after which they TRIED to play "John of Ad"—the discords which were purposely perpetrated were awful, yet, rendering a "dinner" number in an un-even the musicians in the pit laughing. Some necessarily loud and screechy manner that

EDDIE CANTOR

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Black-face comedy and singing. Setting—One. Time—Twenty-three minutes.

Eddie Cantor is one of the snappiest black-face comedians the writer has ever seen. He enters with spirit, rep. effervescence and gusto. He is unique in a style of his own lib., all over, the place and sings song after song with a rapidity that would leave many another breathless. He is absolutely sure-fire in his delivery and has few contemporaries who can equal him in putting over a number. He claps his hands and dances around as if he were happy, and obturates his remarkably optimistic personality to the furthestmost corners of the auditorium. Despite the fact that the majority of the staff of any of the New York music publishers would in all probability have resulted in a negation of response, Cantor would more than likely have been just as big a hit without the clique, or the frequent requests from the gentlemen referred to in theatrical argot under a vegetarian nomenclature.

Cantor facetiously referred to the army of "song pluggers" who had met him at the stage entrance with requests to "Give us a break"—and just to give a few of them a break. Eddie put over "How Are You Goin' to Keep Your Mind on Dancing", "Yes, We Have No Bananas", "Oh Gee, Oh Gosh, Oh Golly, I'm in Love", "Be Be Bebe", "Eddie Steady, Steady Eddie", and for encores a special version of "You Know You Belong to Somebody Else" and "Runnin' Wild".

A riot of a hit that will live in the memories of the oldest habitues of the Palace as unique.

M. E. G. LIME TRIO

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Gymnastic. Setting—Three. Time—Seven minutes.

Three men who present a novelty gymnastic act billed as "The Gollywogs", which is interesting not only thru the tricks performed, but by the manner of their presentation.

Dressed as laborers, two of the trio carry in a medium-sized packing case; this upon being opened is seen to contain a figure, which in reality is the third member of the trio, altho this is not apparent to the uninformed.

The figure is thrown around as if a dummy, pulled this way and that, and fastened to a pole attached to a stand. A dance follows in which in-the-air splits are done and other feats. For a conclusion the laborers each take a foot and run around a table upon which the figure is resting, passing each other as the legs are crossed, one under, the other over. This is an old circus trick, but a good one, and which the reviewer has not seen in vaudeville for some time.

The act is a very good one of its kind and should appeal thru its quality, novelty and showmanship. When reviewed it went over very well indeed.

CANOVA'S POSING DOGS

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Posing Dogs. Setting—Special in three. Time—Nine minutes.

Two beautiful dogs in attractive setting are shown in a series of poses, including "Canine Models", "A Cat in Danger", "On the Trail", "Jumping Thru a Hoop" and "A Pleasure Ride". While the poses are being arranged motion pictures are thrown upon a screen showing what is in course of progress behind.

The act is class and shows artistic perceptibility, and as an opening turn on a big-time bill would fit nicely, but placed to close the show with the motion picture opening after Eddie Cantor it hadn't much of a chance. Even fast, snappy acts can not hold them closing the show at the Palace, much less a quiet one that has a screened opening. Despite the very poor judgment displayed in looking this turn for the spot, the dogs held the interest of those who did stay.

BURNS AND LYNN

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Singing and dancing. Setting—One. Time—Twelve minutes.

Two men in mitsis who open with a song, "Hello, Hello", followed by a purposely awkward dance, placing two very much battered instruments of brass to their mouths, the boys are about to play, but break into song instead—this went for a good laugh. Followed a patter number, after which they TRIED to play "John of Ad"—the discords which were purposely perpetrated were awful, yet, rendering a "dinner" number in an un-

pleasant manner that

A short vocal number and the dance requested followed, and for a finish some excellent pedal technic was displayed, including the back falling step done at a forward angle and "belts". This the audience was quick to sense a exceptional and rewarded the two with a good round of applause, several bows being taken.

Next to closing the first half, Burns and Lynn held the spot very well.

MEEHAN AND NEWMAN

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Singing and dancing. Setting—Special in one and two. Time—Thirteen minutes.

Larry Meehan and Gertrude Newman in "Broken Promises" have a clever offering of songs, dances and vocal imitations which present in an artistic manner. Meehan opens with an explanation, in one, aent the fact that in this act they do not use a blue drop, piano and piano lamp. Upon the rise of the front drop it is discovered this is exactly what they do use. Altho the theme has been utilized by Bert Hanlon and Leedom and Stamper in song, this is the first time the writer has ever seen the idea similarly employed.

"Louieville Lou", sung cleverly, registered well, as did also the playing of "Blues" on a harmonica by Meehan while Miss Newman strummed a guitar uke. Meehan did some snappy dancing, including an excellent one-foot swing that drew its own reward, and as he faded the playing of steel guitar Miss Newman, in a change of dress, re-entered, when it was noted that she was vocally imitating the steel guitar, and very well, too. "Memphis Blues" was a hit, and for an encore, in one, Miss Newman did a yodel cleverly. The act stopped the show decidedly in the down spot and deserves a great deal of credit. Two clever persons with talent, technic and good personalities.

SINCLAIR AND GASPER

Reviewed Monday afternoon, June 11, at Palace, New York. Style—Comedy. Setting—Special in one. Time—Seven minutes.

Ethel Sinclair and Marie Gaspar have in "On the Long, Long Trail", by Paul Gerard Smith, an act that will probably be used by them for some time if successful in securing bookings in cities where there is a "wise" audience. At the Palace the laughs were hearty and frequent, altho the material was of the risque sort and the entire theme upon a subject which carries an implied suggestiveness that is not nice.

Two girls, one from the Bronx, the other from Weehawken, meet on a country road. They are both "walking home" from automobile rides. Subsequent conversation all revolves around this theme, in lines which are bright, well written and capably delivered. No doubt to some the offering may seem "smart", but to this writer the dilation of reasons for walking home, coupled with the disclosed fact that one of the girls has "pinched" a watch and pocketbook, is not palliated by reason of the fact that laughs are obtained, that the girls deliver the lines well, or because of their personalities or capabilities.

A number sung near the finish was pitched in the wrong key—this may have been due to nervousness—and at the finish of the act the effect of an automobile was shown by a lighting arrangement, going thru the woods, in which the girls were supposed to be riding home. As the automobile disappeared the girls re-entered, and ad libbed conversation as they walked across the stage, hinting they were homeward bound on foot.

The direct finish seemed unnecessary; at any rate, it let down the returns from an applause standpoint considerably.

GOLD AND GOLDIE

Reviewed Wednesday afternoon, June 13, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Musical and singing. Setting—Special in one. Time—Eight minutes.

Man and woman of colored extraction who sing and play saxophones and clarinets. Before a drop of solid black with a gilt border that has seen a great deal of wear the team opens with "Carolina Mammy", the man taking a falsetto at the finish. Man looked neat in tuxedo and gray Fedora, carrying a cane. The girl was dressed in bright red.

An old number, "Stay in Your Own Back Yard", was played double on saxophones in harmony, after which the girl danced while playing, the two rendering "Aloha" prior to an exit.

The man did "Louisville Lou" in a more or less mechanical manner, failing to punch out the points and gave the impression, as do many others, that he knew the song had been heard before and the punch lines wouldn't get a laugh anyway.

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neither music nor anything else but unadulterated noise. Not content with the screeching of the forcefully played clarinet, the girl tried to outdo it vocally and it seemed like a contest for a hooby prize between the clarinet, the girl and the orchestra as to who could make the most noise.

Girl sang part of "Hot Lips" and both played clarinets, with a dance break for the finish. The act, which is noisy, weak and lacking in many respects, flopped badly when reviewed.

Changing the drop, which is not good for an act of this kind, getting a couple of more up-to-date numbers, eliminating the noise and doing a neat song and dance or saxophone finish, would help materially.

SALLE AND ROBLES

Reviewed Wednesday afternoon, June 13, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Talking and singing. Setting—One. Time—Fifteen minutes.

Two men doing straight and comedy of the not variety. The boys open with an attempted song, the orchestra playing purposely forte to drown them out. Follows some dialog embracing a number of old gags, the comedian talking very rapidly, mechanically and in a tiresome monotone. Proceeding an Italian number the comedian sniffs "anow", which is in decidedly bad form—if they will not allow this to be in the motion pictures, why should it be permitted in vaudeville? "In the Heart of Little Italy", sung with a patter chorus, brought but fair returns.

The straight songs part of "You're a Million Miles From Nowhere When You're One Little Mile From Home", interrupted by the comedian in the wings, barking like a dog. Some further talk in a foreign language and an attempted parody. "I May Be Gone for a Long, Long Time" was interrupted by an undressing pantomime bit. The lady undressing business is rather ancient and not refined, particularly the scratching business.

The "chicken liquor—two drinks and you lay" gag has been told here repeatedly and failed to get over, as did also "Two little worms were digging in earnest—poor Ernest". The "Georgeite" gag is vulgar. "Sidewalks of New York" was sung straight and parodied for the direct conclusion, with "Gallagher and Shean" played for bows of which there were not many.

The act is rough and needs material—the comedian should talk more slowly and get away from the "but" idea, which with very few exceptions has about played out as far as vaudeville is concerned.

LA VAUX

Reviewed Wednesday afternoon, June 13, at Loew's American Theater, New York. Style—Accordion playing. Setting—One. Time—Eleven minutes.

La Vaux in a neat-appearing business suit plays a number of selections upon a piano-solo in a manner to win applause.

Opening with the "March of the Wooden Soldiers", which gives him a good start, he plays a semi-classical number to follow. Just why he uses the heavy amber spot is unknown, it adds nothing to the effectiveness—in fact, this act doesn't call for a spot at all and would be much better without it.

A medley of popular numbers, including "Stutter" and "Barney Google", sent La Vaux over to good returns. For an encore a medley of old-time hits was played, which embraced "The Bowery", "Sidewalks of New York", "Sweet Rosie O'Grady", "In the Good Old Summertime", "After the Ball" and "Gallagher and Shean".

A fair opening act for the medium-time houses, lacking in the display of showy technic and novelty which might make for better bookings.

NEW ACT SIGNED BY BARNEY GERARD

New York, June 16.—"The Jazz Craze of 1923", produced by Dawson and Oliver, has been signed by Barney Gerard for his production, "The Vanities", and will be a feature of that show. Every member of the act is under 20 years of age.

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VAUDEVILLE NOTES

ROBINSON and EXCELA are spending a few days in Indianapolis, Ind.

BILLY GLASON is back East, after completing a nine-months' tour of the West.

JACK OSTERMAN has gone to the Coast where he may enter the movies.

THE WILTON SISTERS have been signed to play ten weeks on the Moss and Stoll circuits in England, opening in July.

YVETTE RUGEL will spend the summer in Italy, where she will appear with the Royal Italian Opera Company.

ALBEE and LOWE have endorsed plan to invite the Democratic Convention to New York in 1924.

SCOTT MOORE returned to New York last week after a thirty weeks' tour of the Keith Time.

VIRGINIA BURT has written a new song, called "Sweet Honey Love", which the John Church Company will publish this month.

THE MUNICIPAL COMEDY FOUR, a Paul Poole act, gave its first Metropolitan showing last week at Proctor's 58th Street Theater.

MR. and MRS. GLEN CONDON, of the N. V. A., left last week for a two weeks' vacation in Bermuda.

KRAMER and BOYLE and MYERS' BAND are the headline features at Lowe's State Theater, New York, this entire week.

LARRY WELLS of WELLS and SCOTT, is vacationing at Sound Beach, Conn. SCOTT is doing an act with his father and mother.

PAULINE BENT and ROSALIE CLAIRE are rehearsing a new act in which they will shortly open in New York.

"BAN-JOE" WALLACE and His Art Club Orchestra opened for a summer run at the Palais Royal, Atlantic City, June 17.

KAFKA and STANLEY are to open shortly for a tour of the Loew Time, booked for them by Irving Yates.

ED BULGER, formerly of THE BULGER BROTHERS, is doing a new single act in vaudeville.

"BUCK" FITZGERALD, recently seen with "From Dixieland to Broadway", is being featured at Matins, Atlantic City.

CALM and DALE have put on a new dancing act and are to be seen shortly on the Loew Time.

LILLIAN MORTON has been engaged for a tour of the New York Loew houses by Irving Yates.

GRACIALITA, a Spanish dancer, has been engaged, thru Harry Walker, for an indefinite run at Bongiovini's Gardens, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FRANK BLYLER, who closed recently after forty consecutive weeks at the Moulin Rouge, New York, is vacationing in Minnesota.

What do you think of BILLY (SINGLE) CLIFFORD? They say he is expecting an heir. Recruiting actors for "School Days"? We wonder.

TOM DOUGLAS, after conquering London in "Merton of the Movies", is to have a play by Barrie. Meantime he will accept vaudeville engagements over there.

ELI DAWSON and VICTOR OLIVER have written and placed two new song numbers, called "I'm Tickled Pink" and "Uncle Joe", with the Edward B. Marks Music Company.

PAT MORIARTY, the dancer, was bit and slightly injured by a taxicab on Riverside Drive, New York, while crossing the street. He suffered lacerations of the leg.

HARRY BAUM and HIS ROYAL ORCHESTRA, under the management of LOU THOMAS, are playing a summer engagement at Danceland Casino, Oak Bluff, Mass.

IRVING CLARK left the cast of "The Love-Land Revue" and is rehearsing a new act of his own to be known as "Irving Clark's Revue".

ROTH and RICHARDS are supplying the talent for a new revue to be staged at the El Kadie Gardens, Atlantic City, by ED HUTCHINSON.

ROY BRIANT is writing a new act for C. B. MADDOCK, which the latter will produce in the fall. It will be called "The New Mamma" and will have a cast of eleven people.

HELEN KENNEDY is showing a new act, in which she displays her ability to sing, dance and play the violin. She opened on the Lowe Time June 18.

MAX STAMM, well-known character comedian, is the entertainment feature at La Perquette, at 89 McDougal street, New York, a well-known village resort.

CHARLES YATES, of Chicago, of the booking office of FREEMAN and YATES, is now associated with his brother, IRVING YATES, in New York.

MME. DUBARRY and company of five operatic singers scored a decided hit at Poli's Capitol, Hartford, Conn., where they opened on the Poli Circuit.

BILLY STREET, old-time musical mope, and FERNAND SMITH, known in vaudeville as "The Musical Dale", are living in Hartford, Conn., their home town.

MCDERMOTT and VINCENT returned to New York City last week from an eighteen months' tour of the Middle West and West. They have gone home to Boston for the summer.

LEO EDWARDS and WALTER PRESTON, a newly found tenor, are doing a new musical act under the direction of the Gus Edwards office.

JOCELYN DeVELLOUFF has been engaged as premier danseuse at the Monte Carlo, 51st street and Broadway, New York, by Harry Walker.

MARK LEVY has opened up new offices at 506 Lowe Annex Building, New York. JOE LEVY and EDDIE SMITH are still associated with him.

Either MR. ALBEE'S lieutenants do not tell him, or he himself is growing indifferent. The fact remains that fifth in steadily increasing quantities is being spewed on the vaudeville stage.

LAWRENCE KUQUA, who for some time past has handled the publicity work for Lowe's Crescent Theater, New Orleans, La., has been appointed assistant to RODNEY TOUPS.

BERT GILBERT, ALICE BOLDEN, THE CRANE SISTERS and KATHERINE McCONNELL, are the featured members of the new Roehm and Richards revue at the Beaux Arts, Atlantic City.

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Butterfly and the Cat", opened last week on the Pantages Time. When they complete the circuit they will return to Europe, as they have bookings ahead in Paris.

"A Lesson for Wives", a new comedy skit written by S. J. KAUFMAN and produced by ROCKY and GREEN, starring MR. and MRS. NORMAN PHILLIPS, broke in at Hartford, Conn., recently.

JAMES J. FLETCHER is having a special set of scenery made for his new act, "Oil", which EDDIE HAYDEN O'CONNOR just finished writing for him. EDDIE GORDON is arranging the music.

JERRY FLAHERTY and HELEN THEIRER, SOL RELLA, CALM and DALE and JOE SMITH appeared at last week's show at Terrence Garden, New York, booked by Harry Moss.

TUCK and CLAIRE close July 2, after a forty-week tour of the Pantages and Loew circuits, booked by Henry Peyster, of the Pines office. They reopen for Pantages in the fall.

SAM KESSLER, well-known booking agent, left New York City last week for an eight weeks' trip to the Coast, stopping in Chicago for ten days. He will combine business and pleasure on the trip.

THE MOSCONI BROTHERS, whose vaudeville contracts would not permit them to open a Broadway dance hall after they had spent a lot of money on it, are now dancing at the Trianon, Chicago's immense dance palace.

LOUIS FLETCHER, formerly of NIP and FLETCHER, and MARK GERMAINE, of GORDON and GERMAINE, have formed a new team and will be booked under the name of FLETCHER and GERMAINE, by HENRY PEYSER, of the Pines office.

EARL CARROLL denies that "Vanities" is to be a vaudeville-a-la-Shubert show. The New York Times doubts it a revue. It is not going to be that, either. The best one can do by way of classification is to call it a girl-and-music show.

DOLLY ST. JOHN and GRACE LEONARD, who do a novelty act in vaudeville, have concluded their season and are vacationing at their homes. MISS ST. JOHN is in Atlanta, Ga., while MISS LEONARD is at Louisville, Ky. They resume their route August 12.

LESTER LAMONT, female impersonator, has returned to his home in Cincinnati for a few weeks, after a long and remunerative tour of the Junior Orpheum and Association circuits, which took him to the West Coast. "The Paper Fashion Plate" will enhance his act for next season, adding some new gowns and a new

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Donald Kerr
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Rita Owin
Gus Shy
And Others



purple cloth drop. He will also carry his own five-piece orchestra. LAMONTES contracts will take him East, opening the first week in August. While in Cincinnati LAMONTES will play the suburban vaudeville houses and clubs.

FRANK and ETHEL CARMEN, novelty hoop rollers and haton experts, closed their season at Keith's Palace, Cleveland, June 10. They will spend the summer at their cottage, "Carman's Rest", Glen Lake, Glen Falls, N. Y., and will reopen for Keith in September.

THE TRADO TWINS, who appear in the new Winter Garden show, have been booked for a three-year period by the Shuberts, with a thirty-five week guarantee at a rising salary each year. They are not to appear in vaudeville.

MOLLIE DOUGHERTY and ALICE WEAVER opened last week at the Moulin Rouge Cabaret in New York. These two girls were in the "Greenwich Village Follies" last season, got ambitious, and put together a cute act in which they first appeared in Philadelphia, at the Beaux Arts Cafe.

JOSEPHINE WORTHL, who has appeared in her own vaudeville sketches, "The Little Shepherd of Bargain Row", and, last season, "Mother Kate's Birthday", was injured in an automobile accident at Lincoln, Neb., early this month. She suffered a fractured hip bone and will be laid up for some time. Friends can address her at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Room 335, Lincoln.

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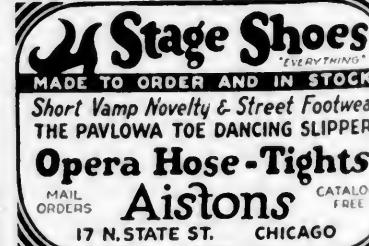
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MELODY MART

The place of Tin Pan Alley—once a songwriter always a songwriter—was never more true than in the case of John W. Bratton,



well-known writer of many popular hits of yesteryear and today. Like several other songwriters, Bratton graduated into the ranks of the theatrical managers, the firm of Leffler & Bratton, formed nineteen years ago, having produced and managed a score of shows, mainly on the road, employing several thousands of actors.

Despite his managerial activities, Bratton has not wasted his musical talents, several of the songs he has written of recent years having been very popular.

Twenty-five years ago Bratton jumped to fame as the writer of "Sunshine of Paradise Alley". He was one of the prized writers of M. Witmark & Sons, his creations having been so valued by that firm that he was invited to lay the cornerstone in the old Witmark Building on Thirty-eighth street when it was built. In that period of his evolution Bratton also wrote "Only Me", "I Love You in the Same Old Way", "Henrietta, Have You Met Her?", "In a Cozy Corner" and "Laces and Graces", all big hits in their day.

Fifteen years ago he also wrote the music for two Broadway shows, "The Man From China", produced at the Majestic Theater, and "The Pearl and the Pumpkin", which played at the Broadway Theater under the management of Klaw & Erlanger.

As a theatrical manager, Bratton's first venture was with McIntyre and Heath, who toured the country under his direction at the head of a company of comedians. Nineteen years ago he formed a partnership with John Leffler, one of the best known managers in the business, the first production made being "Buster Brown". The success of this cartoon comedy on the road led to the production of "The Newlyweds and Their Baby", "Let George Do It" and "The Dingbat Family". For several years the firm specialized in this type of attraction, having as many as twelve companies on tour in one season. Other shows which toured under the Leffler & Bratton banner were: "Damaged Goods", "Driftwood", "Listen, Lester"; "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm", "Girl in the Limousine", "Very Good, Eddie"; "Love o' Mike", "The Natural Law", "The Greenwich Village Follies" and many others.

This next season Leffler & Bratton will produce Charles B. Dillingham's great musical show, "Good Morning, Dearie", of which they have acquired the exclusive rights and original production.

The hit songs that John W. Bratton has written recently are: "Friends", memorializing the death of Theodore Roosevelt; "Hello, Prosperity", and "Before We Say Goodnight". At present songs he has written which are gaining popularity are: "Tell-Tale Eyes", "Kitten's Millions", "The Likes of Me" and "The Mender of Broken Dreams".

A deal of importance in the motion picture and song world was consummated last week in Chicago when the management of the "Covered Wagon" film made a proposition to Ned Norworth, Inc., publisher of the new song, "In a Covered Wagon With You", to incorporate the number in all their performances.

The film people propose to use the song as a prologue, overture and exit march at each showing of the picture. According to Norworth, the deal was satisfactorily closed.

There will be a little covered wagon on one side of the lobby display, with boys in uniform bearing copies of the song. On the opposite side of the lobby will be a tent, such as is used in the desert, inside of which will be a

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The Norworth Company is planning for additional rooms in the State-Lake Building in connection with the present quarters. The song is leaping to the front with amazing rapidity.

This is the first time that Norworth has put out his own numbers. His initial songwriting was for the late Henry Lewis, when that artiste was in vaudeville. He wrote for "The Frivolities of 1919", the music of which was by William E. Friedlander, who passed on Norworth's number. Nan Halperin was in the show. Norworth also supplied material for "The Passing Show of 1918" and "A Smile, a Kiss for You" for the Shuberts. He wrote "Which Hazel" in "The Frivolities of 1919". The same song was used in Pat Rooney's "Love Birds". Norworth also wrote "Sunshine and Rain" with Jack Mills, Inc.

Betty M. Ramey, of the B. H. Nye Traveling Exposition, of Columbus, O., has been signed to write songs exclusively for the K. B. Mansell Music Publishers, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Sizemore & Shrigley, music composers, have opened another branch office with J. Ernest Shannon, 515 Pantages Theater Building, San Francisco.

The latest Stark & Cowan numbers, "Won-

der next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard,

NEW LINDSAY REVUE AT STRAND ROOF

New York, June 8.—The Strand Roof has a new revue, written, staged and devised by Earl Lindsay. The revue, styled "A Garden of Beauties", is in fourteen scenes. Evelyn Martin, a sprightly dancer, is the individual feature of the entertainment.

The revue opens with a number called "In the Good Old Summer Time", a love scene, utilizing a number of favorite love songs, sung by Anna Baithy and Eddie Heffernan. Evelyn Martin follows with a specialty, and "The Redheads" offered a kid song. Karma, an Oriental dancer of skill, does an interesting specialty, and Evelyn Martin, assisted by the girls, followed with "A Book of News", after which Heffernan did a specialty, which proved diverting. Irma Frisch, with her violin and twinkling toes, provided an interesting interlude. "A Popular Girl Makes a Popular Song", the biggest number of the show, utilized the services of the entire company and afforded the Misses Waddell, Davis, Daniels, Oliver, Dove, Ellsworth and Howard an opportunity for specialty dances. Karma follows with a modern song and dance, after which Anna Baithy sings an Italian air with vim and vivacity. Evelyn Martin leads the "Daily Dozen Girls" in "The Morning Exercise", and Irma Frisch follows with a snappy acrobatic dance specialty, after which "The Redheads" offer a "blues" number, followed by Evelyn Martin in an eccentric toe specialty. The finale number, called "Come to the Ball", again calls for the services of the entire company. The costumes are exquisitely designed and executed, and the lighting effects, designed by Lindsay, are novel. The revue is proving a business-getter.

MORRISON'S ROCKAWAY FOR MUSICAL STOCK

New York, June 16.—Morris and Bernard, who have acquired the Morrison Theater, Far Rockaway, opened their season of musical comedy stock there today. The opening bill is "Hello, Miss Rockaway", by Sam Morris and Ben Bernard, who will arrange all of the bills to be presented at the theater. Frankie Hunter, and Julius and Max are the featured players, while others prominent in the east are Mina and Ida Bernard, Edward DeVelle, Charles Harris, Claire Volpe, Dorothy Rose and Virginia Ware. There is a chorus of twenty girls. The opening bill is in two acts and ten scenes. The house, which formerly played summer vaudeville, is run along popular-priced lines, with a \$1.10 the highest priced seat in the house.

"DARDANELLA" COMPOSER DROPS STAGE FOR COMMERCE

New York, June 16.—Johnny Black, the composer, who has been appearing in vaudeville for a number of years, has retired from the stage and will hereafter devote his time to the manufacture of a new mute for cornets, which is his own invention. Philadelphia is to be the manufacturing center. He will distribute his invention to all the instrument dealers in the country.

SAUNDERS BACK FROM COAST

Earl Saunders, of the Orpheum booking staff, returned last week from a three weeks' business trip to the Coast, covering the houses booked by him.

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THE TEN GREATEST Living and Active American ACTRESSES? What's Your Idea?

If You Are a Regular Reader of the Billboard Kick in
on the Voting—\$100 to the Person Whose Ballot Tal-
lies Most Closely With the Consensus Vote

So much interest has been manifested in the lists of America's greatest actresses printed on this page in the last issue that The Billboard has decided to obtain an expression from the profession at large as to which ten active and living American actresses, in their opinion, are the greatest.

Every member of the theatrical profession, in all its branches, is invited to nominate the ten active American actresses, in the order of their merit, who most truly represent the greatest type of artistry on the so-called "legitimate" stage. In order to add interest to the choosing, a prize of \$100 will be given to the person whose list is the same, or most nearly like, that which will be tabulated from all the votes cast. In other words, every vote cast for every actress will be tallied and the actress receiving the greatest number will be placed first on a list, with the remainder following according to the number of votes cast for them. The person whose ballot most nearly coincides with the recorded voting of all the ballots will receive \$100.

This is not to be considered a contest in the ordinary sense of the term. It is being started so that the public may know which American actresses the theatrical profession as a whole considers the greatest. To this end no hard and fast rules will be drawn as to the meaning of the word American. An English-speaking actress who has played largely in this country for the past few years will be eligible for nomination, no matter what her place of birth, on a similar footing with native-born Americans. The "legitimate" stage will be considered that of comedy and drama, as distinct from musical shows of all kinds and varieties, and only nominations of actresses working in this field are invited. The Billboard seeks to limit the voting to the purely dramatic and comedy fields, to the end that only the acting ability of the nominee shall be considered.

More Sample Lists

This week two more lists are printed. The first is from Rollo Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd at this writing is playing in "The Fool" in New York and is about to open his stock company at Elitch's Gardens, Denver. He has directed this company for several years and is widely known as a versatile actor and an artistic director. Mr. Lloyd spends a lot of time in the theater observing plays and players, and is considered a most astute judge of acting ability. The list he made up at the invitation of The Billboard represents those ten living American actresses, arranged in the order of their ability, who, in his opinion, are now America's greatest. The list is as follows:

1. Lucille Watson
2. Pauline Lord
3. Phyllis Povah
4. Helen Menken
5. Lenore Ulric
6. Eva Le Gallienne
7. Fay Bainter
8. Adela de Hirsch
9. Florence Moore
10. Marie Bruce

The Billboard also asked a dramatic critic to express his views on the subject, and he submitted the following with the proviso that his name be not used in connection with it:

1. Julia Marlowe
2. Margaret Anglin
3. Ethel Barrymore
4. Maud Adams
5. Nance O'Neill
6. Laurette Taylor
7. Jane Cowl
8. Pauline Lord
9. Doris Keane
10. Minnie Maddern Fiske

Contest Editor, The Billboard, 1403 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

All ballots must contain ten names—no more and no less. Ballots not complying with this rule will be destroyed without tabulation.

All ballots must reach the Contest Editor by August 31, 1923.

The announcement of the prize winner and the result of the balloting will be printed in The Billboard as soon after the close of the contest as the ballots can be tabulated. The check for \$100 will be mailed to the compiler of the winning ballot simultaneously with the publication of his or her name.

Everybody in Show Business Eligible

Ballots may be entered in the contest by anyone in any branch of the theatrical business. The Billboard wishes to get a sincere expression of opinion from everybody engaged in the amusement profession as to who they

(Continued on page 25)

Rules of Contest

The rules under which the contest will be conducted are as follows:

Send in the names of ten active American actresses in the "legitimate"

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field who, in your opinion, are the greatest now living.

Arrange these names according to the order of their greatness, putting the greatest first, the next greatest second, and so on to the tenth.

Use the ballot on page 25 which will be duplicated each week; or, if you do not care to cut your paper, use a separate sheet.

Write or print all names legibly and be sure to include your own name, address and "line of work".

Keep a copy of your ballot for reference.

Date your ballot. If later you wish to revise it, send in another marked "Revised" and also the date of your previous ballot.

All ballots must be addressed to the

"SWEET NELL" RUN EXTENDED

New York, June 15.—The run of Equity Players' production of "Sweet Nell" at the 18th Street Theater has been extended until June 30. Miss Laurette Taylor, who is playing the name part, agreed to appear in the piece for one month only, but business has been so big that she has consented to play for a few weeks longer.

Alfred Lunt, who was appearing in the piece, has had to leave to fulfill picture contracts. His place has been taken by Frederic Worlock. Regan Hughton has also left the cast and he has been replaced by Morris Akern.

NEW PLAY FOR GUILD PLAYERS

New York, June 15.—The Guild Players in Philadelphia will present a new play, "The Families", the joint effort of Maurice Howard

Bible Roles Favor George Gaul, Now in "7th Heaven"

From the role of Genesis in "The Book of Job" to the role of Adam in "Back to Methuselah" has been the experience of George Gaul, actor. But, contrary to poor Adam's experience, instead of being banished from Paradise, the many George Gaul stepped into a real actor's Paradise, "Seventh Heaven", which has already exceeded "Lightnin'" record, will run all summer at the Booth, and perhaps next summer, to quote a John Golden official,

We asked Mr. Gaul teasingly whether he was naturally of a religious turn of mind, as like attracts like; to which he replied, with indigious sanctimony, that his father and mother had planned his education to the end that he should be a clergyman. After attending preparatory school in the City of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia), where he was born, he played in a school production that changed his mind entirely about becoming a clergyman. He decided to become an actor instead, and no amount of parental persuasion could change his mind. So the Gaul parents wisely decided to agree with the young adversary to their ecclesiastical plans by sending him to the Sargent Dramatic School. From the Sargent School to a Frohman play was but a step. Young Gaul was added to the cast supporting Billie Burke in the Frohman production, "Love Watches".

At the termination of his engagement with "Love Watches" the young actor heard the footsteps of the wolf pattering in his vicinity and decided to go to work in an office, since he couldn't find a stage engagement. Accordingly, he called on the president of the Oil Elevator Company, who was a personal friend, and asked for an office job. He was given one immediately as typist.

"I worked just two weeks," said Mr. Gaul. "Fired?"

"No, just quit. Couldn't stand it!"

But good fortune smiled on George Gaul. He found an engagement with Mr. and Mrs. Coburn in Shakespearean repertoire, taking immensely the idea of playing in the great outdoors. He appeared also in the Coburn revival of "The Yellow Jacket". This play, it will be remembered, was a failure when first produced, but enjoyed success after the Coburn revival. For the past seven years Mr. Gaul has played in stock in Milwaukee and Indianapolis. Apropos of the recent revival of "The School for Scandal", Mr. Gaul stated that while he was with the Stuart Walker Stock Company that play was revived and enjoyed the biggest week's business of the season. In the cast were Walter Hampden and David Bispham. Mr. Gaul playing the role of Sir Oliver Surface.

Mr. Gaul spent two years under the management of A. H. Woods. He appeared in the original production of Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen"; in "The S. S. Tenacity"; in "The Book of Job", as the Negro servant Genesis; in "Back to Methuselah", doubling as Adam and Napoleon, and now he's in "Seventh Heaven", at the Booth Theater.

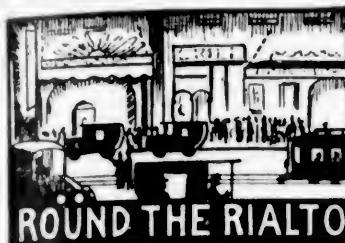
In discussing the role of Chico, the ardent, swaggering, whimsical philosopher who emerges from a Paris sewer to bring courage, fight and love into the life of the heroine (played by Helen Menken), who dwells in a slough of despondency, uplifted by even a faint flicker of love bestowed, transporting her into seventh heaven, we said we thought Mr. Gaul's interpretation was a thing of whimsical beauty.

"But I was not good in the role at first," protested Mr. Gaul. "The critics dayed me. I turned their criticisms to constructive use, improving my interpretation of Chico each day. Chico is still in the process of evolution, which probably accounts for the fact that the role has never seemed monotonous to me. I look forward to each performance with zest. Chico, by the way, is the first comedy role I have ever played."

We asked Mr. Gaul if he had ever undergone any vicissitudes, to which he replied that he never permitted them to depress him, because depression drags one down and weakens effort. It was just the sort of response one would expect from this ever-smiling young man, whose buoyant optimism is reflected in a rich, colorful voice—a voice that smiles and increases, expressing most alluringly the whimsicality of the many-sided Chico. Asked how he had cultivated such a fine voice, Mr. Gaul replied: "By courses in speaking and singing." We left Mr. Gaul impressed by his modesty and smiling reticence. Imagine a young actor agreeing with the caustic critics when they discussed his "shortcomings". Who? Yes, when criticisms are viewed cheerfully, as Mr. Gaul views them—as constructive aids to good acting.

ELITA MILLER LENZ.

Jane and Edgar Scott, the former of whom was a member of Professor Baker's class at Harvard, Ernest Lawford, late of "The School for Scandal", given by the Players' Club at the Lyceum Theater, has been engaged to play the leading role.



THE TEN GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN ACTRESSES

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consider the ten leading active and living American actresses are. It believes that such a choice will be valuable and instructive, and invites all of its readers to compete. Send in your ballots early, comply with the simple rules of the contest and the \$100 prize may be yours. Every reader of The Billboard is a member of the theatrical profession and all are entirely eligible to vote in this contest.

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DRAMATIC NOTES

Romeyn Park Benjamin, son of the late Park Benjamin and brother of Mrs. Enrico Caruso, has been added to the cast of "The Earthquake".

Earl Carroll used to be a good White Rat. Latterly, too, he has been very pro-Equity for a manager, voicing his approval and endorsement frankly and frequently. His change of heart was a big surprise to Gillmore.

A. H. Woods in truth knows no letup when it comes to purchasing plays. His latest acquisition is "For Tomorrow We Lie", the first play from the pen of M. G. Candy, a young English playwright.

Kate Jepson is seriously ill in the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Front street and Lehigh avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. She is bedridden and letters from friends are very welcome and precious under those circumstances.

Blanche Ring, having completed her tour with a Shubert unit, will appear next season in the leading role of a new play. It will be tried out in stock at Washington during July, with the view of presenting it in New York next fall.

Walker Whiteside, after a tour of forty weeks in "The Hindu", under the management of the Shuberts, has returned to his home at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York. Mr. Whiteside played a brief engagement in New York last season at the Comedy Theater.

Bransby Williams, an English actor, will make a tour of Canada in a repertoire of plays adapted from Charles Dickens' novels. Starting the first week in September Williams has been booked by the Trans-Canada Theaters, Ltd., for a period of twenty weeks, finishing

his engagement about midwinter. He will be so occupied with one thing and another that even a hawking acquaintance in the States will be prohibited.

Princess Bey Linn, Chinese actress, is to be seen next season in a new play written and sponsored by Harry B. King, the Chinese dramatist.

The Moscow Art Theater, in securing the Russian rights to Percy Mackaye's "The Scarecrow", believes it has found a bear of a play. Dr. Sergius Bertensson, who made the Russian presentation possible, is on his way to Europe with both manuscript and contracts.

Tom Neshitt, who appeared in support of Margaret Lawrence in "Secrets", at the Fulton Theater, New York, has sailed for London aboard the Orea and on his return to this country in September will resume his engagement with this play under Sam H. Harris' management.

The cast of Edward Locke's play, "Yesterdays", to be presented by Samuel Wallach early in the coming season, includes Orlo B. Sheldon, Byron Beasley, Jules Bennett and H. Conway Wingfield. Locke is the author of "The Climax", produced in New York some years ago, and other plays.

Frederick Lonsdale, English playwright, is coming over in July to visit Cyril Maude, who is starring in his play, "Aren't We All?", at the Gaiety Theater, New York. According to Mr. Maude, this is Lonsdale's first play, he having heretofore been contented with writing libretti for English musical comedies.

Channing Pollock's "The Fool", billeted for the Selwyn Theater, Chicago, will have Charles Waldron in its leading role. Richard Bennett had some idea of serving in this capacity in the piece, but abandoned the plan. Mr. Waldron was with Pauline Frederick's company during its Chicago engagement of "The Guilty One".

Philip Moeller, director of the Theater Guild, has sailed for Italy. He will return in August by way of France, where he will confer there with Lenormand, author of "Les Rates", with the view of staging this play for the Guild next season. When translated from the French it will be known as "The Failures" and will have Jacob Ben Ami in the title role.

Jules Hurtig, of the producing firm of Hurtig & Seaman, has a new play, recently tried

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LONG RUN DRAMATIC PLAY RECORDS

Number of consecutive performances up to and including Saturday, June 16.

IN NEW YORK

Abie's Irish Rose.....	Republic.....	May 22.....	456
Aren't We All.....	Gaely.....	May 21.....	32
Devil's Disciple, The.....	Garrick.....	Apr. 22.....	64
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Give and Take.....	Central.....	Jan. 18.....	182
Ice Bound.....	Harris.....	Feb. 10.....	146
Mary The 3d.....	39th Street.....	Feb. 5.....	155
Merton of the Movies.....	Cort.....	Nov. 13.....	233
Not So Fast.....	Morocco.....	May 22.....	31
Polly Preferred.....	Maxine Elliott's.....	Jan. 11.....	184
Rain.....	Booth.....	Oct. 30.....	283
Seventh Heaven.....	Hudson.....	Ang. 30.....	333
So This Is London.....	Provincetown.....	May 24.....	24
Sunny.....	45th Street.....	May 18.....	35
Sweet Nell of Old Drury.....	Bijou.....	Apr. 3.....	72
Up Town West.....	Belmont.....	Feb. 19.....	134
You and I.....	Empire.....	Apr. 9.....	80
Zander, The Great.....	Alice Brady.....		

IN CHICAGO

Chains.....	O. P. Heggie.....	Playhouse.....	May 20.....	36
*Rolling Home.....	Donald Brian.....	Cort.....	May 20.....	36
Steve.....	Eugene O'Brien.....	Princess.....	Apr. 8.....	89
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*Moved from Harris June 10.

COMING TO BROADWAY

New York, June 16.—The summer season for Broadway can be termed definitely on with the opening of the George White "Scandals" and the unexpected opening last Thursday of "The Passing Show of 1923" at the Winter Garden. The only other opening next week besides the "Scandals" is "Helen of Troy, N. Y."

George White will open his latest edition of the "Scandals" at the Globe Theater on Monday with a cast which includes Lester Allen, Johnny Dooley, Winnie Lightner, De Lyle Alda, Tom Patricola, Marga Waldron, Olive Vaughn, the Sixteen Tiller Girls, the Breen Brothers, James Miller, Dora Stroewa, Richard Bold, Olavette, Margaret Breen, Helen Hudson, Newton Alexander, the Tip-Top Four, Myra Cullen, Edna May Head, Marie Nervel and Dornherger's Orchestra. The prices for the first performance will be sky-high, \$11 being the toll for all the orchestra seats, \$6.00, \$5.50 and \$4.10 for the balcony and \$3 for the gallery. It was White's intention to charge up to \$25 for this performance, but he altered his plan. According to advance reports, this show is much bigger than its forbears and will go strong on the display of feminine form.

"Helen of Troy, N. Y.", the first musical show by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, will open at the Selwyn Theater on Tuesday night so as not to conflict with the

"Scandals" opening. The score of this piece was written by Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby and it is being produced by Rufus Le Maire and Harry Ruby. In the cast are: Helen Ford, Queenie Smith, Tom Lewis, Roy Atwell, Paul Frawley, Joseph Lertora, Charles Lawrence, Clyde Hunnewell, Stella Hoban, Lovey Lee, Elsie Bonwit and Marie Paynter.

FIRST MEETING OF GREEN RING

New York, June 15.—At the first general meeting of The Green Ring, of which Whitford Kane is one of the sponsors, a committee was appointed to select three plays to be presented. A report on the plays selected by this committee will be rendered next week. It is probable that the first play produced will be done late in the summer. A house has been secured on West 14th street for the productions and it will be remodeled into a small theater.

CAST OF "DANGEROUS PEOPLE"

New York, June 15.—In the support of William Courtenay, who is shortly to be seen in the leading part of "Dangerous People", opening here in the early autumn, will be George Parsons, Virginia Hammond and Pierre Watkiss. Courtenay's new vehicle is from the pen of Oliver White, a vaudeville writer, and it will be sponsored by H. H. Frazee.

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DRAMATIC STOCK

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HARD HIT BY DAYLIGHT SAVING

Business at Dramatic Stock Houses in Eastern Canada Falls Off Considerably

St. John, N. B., June 15.—Daylight saving time is working havoc with dramatic stock in Eastern Canada. Before the daylight saving system was inaugurated the latter part of May there was no organized resistance and opposition on the part of theater managements or stock organizations to the introduction of the daylight time. Probably it was felt that little damage would be inflicted by the new time. Never was a more erroneous judgment made.

Since the inauguration of the daylight saving time business at all the theaters and particularly those housing stock companies has fallen off considerably.

In Halifax, N. S., the Carroll Players, which have been at the Majestic Theater for an indefinite run, have been transferred to Sydney, N. S., where they are at the Lyceum Theater. Another group of stock people, also known as the Carroll Players and under the same management, and who were booked indefinitely at the Opera House, St. John, N. B., have been announced as closing June 16. Good business was experienced until the introduction of the daylight saving system.

The openings of stock companies in several other centers in Eastern Canada have been deferred because of the damage inflicted by the new time.

THE MAJESTIC PLAYERS

Utica, N. Y., June 13.—The Majestic Players this week are presenting "Why Men Leave Home". "A rip-roaring comedy" The Utica Observer calls it, and then proceeds to state that the local company did it well. There is no reason in the world, however, for advertising the play as "Now in New York at \$2.50 prices," nor is there the slightest excuse for The Observer saying that "the regular production is now in New York," etc. The piece closed on Broadway in January, five months ago. Clay Clement, Hal Dawson and Willard Foster have the three big roles as the "bachelor husbands". Mr. Clement plays Tom Morgan, the "ring-leader", but actually the lily-white individual of the trio, Dorothy Beardley, Florence Arlington and Vivian Hickerson are cast as the neglectful wives. Douglas Cosgrove and Valerie Hickerson are the fourth couple unmarried in act one, but after some hesitation take the fatal plunge ere the curtain has fallen. Vivian and Valerie Hickerson are sisters. Margaret Robinson has a fine role, that of the wise, sweet, old-fashioned grandmother. The butler's role requires Carl Blythe to make but a brief appearance. Margaret Raehm, a twelve-year-old girl, is revealed as the alleged "vamp" just before the curtain drops.

KURTZ THEATER, BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem, Pa., June 15.—About a year ago the Kurtz Theater introduced musical stock presentations, which ran for about four weeks, when the demand of the patrons for dramatic shows induced the Messrs. Heilberger, managers of the theater, to put in dramatic stock, which has been drawing good houses for the past forty-five weeks.

This week the Kurtz Players put on "Within the Law". The cast: Blanche Seymour as Sarah, Brenton Grant as Smithson; Vincent Coleman as Richard Gilder, Miss Kathryn Dearborn as Helen Morris, Howard Sidney as Edward Gilder, James Doyle as George Demarest, Miss Gladys Hurlbut as Mary Turner, Scott Hitchener as Detective-Sergeant Cassidy, Miss Willa Frederic as Agnes Lynch, T. Jefferson Evans as Joe Carson, Miss Lea Unangst as Fannie, Sidney Elliott as Eddie Griggs, Lawrence O'Brien as Inspector Burke, Tommy Kehoe as Thomas, Edward Gray as "Chicago Red", William Strong as Dacey, Brenton Grant as Williams. Staged under the direction of James Doyle, the presentation was meritorious in every respect.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

POLI PLAYERS AT HARTFORD

Hartford, Conn., June 13.—The smile on Manager Benson's face Monday night indicated that he was well satisfied with play, players and patrons, for the play was "The Gay Young Bride", with Tommy Martelle in the leading role of Stanley Chapin, Arthur Howard as Ronald Farquhar, Mary Ann Dentler as Alice Farquhar, Billy Blake as Bishop Farquhar, Harold Kennedy as Weller, Frances Williams as Mrs. Miles, Eddie Vail as Col. Spoonbeigh and Ruth Thomson as Ellen Chapin. Victory Montgomery as Mrs. Farquhar made her debut with the Poli Players, and, judged by the reception that she received from the audience, her fame had preceded her, and her work in the presentation left nothing to be desired in personality or ability.

WOOD PLAYERS OPEN

Fall River, Mass., June 13.—The Wood Players opened Monday night in "Getting Gertie's Garter" at the Empire Theater, and had the old S. R. O. out by eight o'clock. Some 200 people were turned away. The Empire seats over 2,000 people. This is the same company that Leonard Wood, Jr., had at the Palace Theater, White Plains, N. Y., with the exception of three cast changes: William Williams, a new leading man; Jack W. Cowell, second business, and George Simpson, juvenile. Dolores Graves, the ingenue, created a veritable sensation in the role of Patty, and Tom Williams as the butler and George Simpson as Billy more than established themselves. Next week "Lawful Larceny", to be followed by "The Gold Diggers".

AL SWENSON IN RICHMOND

New York, June 13.—Alfred Swenson is cutting a very wide swath for himself in the hearts of theatergoers in Richmond, Va., where he is engaged in the dual capacity of leading man and director of a stock company presenting former Broadway successes at the Academy Theater. This company, which was under the direction of Harold Hervia, expected to close its season early in May when Mr. Hervia severed his relations. There was a very popular demand, however, for its continuance and Mr. Swenson was urged to take up the reins as director-manager in addition to playing leads. Mr. Swenson's rare judgment in the selection of suitable plays and the perfect technique in stagecraft displayed by him in mounting and directing same is thoroughly attested by most glowing tributes from the press of Richmond, and, better than all, by the manner in which Richmond theatergoers are responding to the new director-leading man.

"Three Wise Fools" and "The Broken Wing" were the vehicles chosen by "Al" for the first two weeks of his new regime, weeks of May 21 and June 2, and these will be followed by others equally strong.

OPERA HOUSE, LOWELL, CLOSES FOR SEASON

Lowell, Mass., June 13.—The Lowell Opera House, permanent home of the Al. Luttringer Stock Players, closed its doors last Saturday night after an enormous week with Nance O'Neill and her play, "The Passion Flower". There will be but two more attractions at the Opera House before it is closed entirely for this season, one of these attractions being "Lightnin'", which will make a two-day visit to Lowell after its Boston engagement at the Hollis.

Al. Luttringer will take a limited number of his players and road-show "The Passion Flower" for a few weeks, after which the company will open for summer engagements.

Among those included in the cast of "The Passion Flower" for the road, besides Miss O'Neill and Alfred Hickman, are Ann Kingsley, Victor Browne, Richard Morgan, Marguerite Slavin, Malcolm MacLeod, Fred Harvey, Helen Kinsel and Rachael Mae Clarke.

WOODWARD PLAYERS CLOSE

St. Louis, June 13.—The Woodward Players have closed a season of thirty-eight weeks. In the early part of the season they played the Garrick, but the patronage at that house was anything but profitable, and they moved from there to the Empress, where business was much better. The closing play was "Twin Beds" and the audience put the seal of approval on play and players by their ever-increasing attendance throughout the week. Virginia Springer and Muriel Franklin, as the Signora and Signor, made those two characterizations stand out pre-eminently.

Miss Whitmore, as the little bride, kept the aspiring heart breakers busy and got away with it admirably. Kernan Cripps, as the juvenile husband trying to have and hold that which was his, had his hands full, and handled his role well. Bobby Read and Laura Lovett as the other married couple were par excellence. Caroline Morrison as the maid who manhandled the men did it to perfection.

ALLEN PLAYERS OPEN

Edmonton, Alta., June 13.—After a four weeks' rest the Allen Players reopened Monday evening in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray". Verna Felton made her first appearance with the company since she left to join Mr. Dietrichstein's company several months ago and received a wonderful reception from a packed house. She and her mother, Mrs. Allen, were the recipients of numerous floral offerings. Miss Felton's Paula Tanqueray was all that her most ardent admirers expected. Mrs. Allen gave a sympathetic performance as Mrs. Cortelyou. Marguerite Klein handled the character part of the ex-chorus girl friend just right. Allen Strickfaden's Tanqueray was sincere and thoroughly convincing. Earl Hodgins, as his friend, gave one of the best performances of the evening and one of the best he has given in his long engagement. Al Cunningham, Alan Petch and Ernest Pelletier all deserve praise for excellent work. Doris Seggie played Tanqueray's daughter in a manner which would be most creditable in a player of far greater experience. The improvement in direction, with Miss Felton once more in charge was most notable.



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PLAYERS' GUILD, MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, Wis., June 13.—"Six-Cylinder Love", in the hands of the Players' Guild, is drawing much approval at the Davidson Theater this week. The endeavors of Scene Artist Otto Schoessling deserve praise. As Gilbert Sterling, Robert Armstrong had his first really noteworthy assignment with the Guild. Elizabeth Risdon as Marilyn Sterling was par excellent. John T. Dwyer as Richard Burton added more to his local reputation. James Gleason as William Donroy drew a majority of the laughs. Mrs. M. C. Gleason as Mrs. Burton, John Thor as George Stapleton and Andrew Baird as Phyllis Burton gave well-acted contributions. The other members had small parts which they handled in rather careless manner.

LYRIC STOCK, BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Ala., June 16.—The Lyric Theater will open a summer season of dramatic stock June 16 with "Why Men Leave Home", and judged by the reservations now being made at the box office the management is fulfilling a long-felt want of Birmingham playgoers for dramatics.

GARRICK PLAYERS CLOSE

Milwaukee, Wis., June 13.—The Garrick Players closed their season this week, after a run of fifty-eight weeks in "Sonny Boy", Myrtle Ross, leading lady, always handled her roles with a sureness and interpretation that made her greatly admired. Howard Hall played the male lead most of the season, but the last few months was replaced by James Blaine, until he was taken very ill and forced to return to his home in Kansas City. Since Mr. Blaine's leaving, Director O'Shea and J. Edward O'Malley presided in the male leads.

ELITCH GARDENS' COMPANY

Denver, Colo., June 13.—Ernest Glendinning has preceded the other members of the Elitch Gardens Company by a couple of weeks and is at present making his headquarters in Denver. Little Mary Mead, who is also to return to Elitch's this summer, passed thru Denver Friday morning on her way to Salt Lake City, where she will spend a week prior to beginning rehearsals for "Brier Rose", the opening play. Rollo Lloyd will arrive next week to take charge of directions.

PERSONALITIES Here and There

Mrs. Lydia Hoyt, a society belle of New York, better known to patrons of the play as Julia Hoyt, after an extended tour of Europe, returned to this country aboard the Aquitania, June 8, for the purpose of joining the Stuart Walker Stock Company at Indianapolis.

W. S. Harkins, who produced dramatic plays in the early eighties in St. John, N. B., is now located at the Green Room Club, New York City, where he is the center of an interesting group of old-time players, who delight in memories of the drama as it was produced and presented in those days.

J. H. Hammer, of Indianapolis, has favored us with a newspaper illustration of a group of the Grand Stock Company of Indianapolis as they appeared back in 1898-99. The cut was made from a souvenir picture treasured for many years by Earl McKee.

Wanda Lyon has evidently been impressed with her own popularity in Rochester, for instead of having there as scheduled last week, she has decided to continue for another two weeks in "The Meanest Man in the World" and "On the Stars". The latter play is the mystery drama that Arnold Daly played so well last season under the management of Joseph E. Shea.

W. H. Harde evidently looks upon Toronto, Can., as a promising field for dramatic stock presentations, for he has leased the Fox motion picture theater for the purpose of conducting summer stock, and plans to run until October 15. This will make two dramatic stock companies in Toronto, for the Royal Players are now presenting stock at the Royal Alexandra.

Walter Beade will open with dramatic stock at New Brunswick, N. J., Monday evening, June 18, and in all probability Mildred Wayne will play the feminine leads in plays formerly produced by Al Woods.

In a recent interview Elizabeth Rose condemned the habit of some actresses and their press representatives in scattering scandal in an effort to attract public attention, which invariably results in lack of patronage.

Edna Earl Andrews has closed her fourth season with the Permanent Players of Winnipeg, Can., with the close of their regular season, and is now en route to Portland, Me., to join the players at the Jefferson Theater.

Jessie Bonstelle has been sufficiently successful at the Harlem Theater, New York City, with her preliminary season, that it will in all probability run into the regular season set down for a Labor Day opening.

Mrs. Leslie Carter will portray many of the characterizations that made her so successful in the past, in the near future, at the Circle Theater, Oakland, Calif., where her husband, W. Louis Maine, has been especially engaged to do the John Drew parts. Clara Joel and William Beard will also be seen in characters that they are fully familiar with, having played them in other shows.

Mignon Gombell will portray the feminine leads in the Robert McLaughlin Stock Company at the Ohio Theater, Cleveland, O., thereby replacing the former feminine leads, Francine Lammore and Gertrude Vanderbilt.

Jesse Bonstelle introduced several dog actors in "The Gold Fish" when she presented that play at the Harlem Theater, New York, recently, and one of them named "Aliblades" made such a decided hit that the feminine patrons insisted on showering him with all the delicacies of the nearby shops, with the result that he became afflicted with acute indigestion, which caused his death—and now there is mourning among the playgoers of Harlem.

Selena and Josaphine Royle, the juvenile daughters of Edwin Royle, author of the new drama, "The Conqueror," will have the two principal roles in that play when it is first presented at the Union Square Theater, Pittsfield, Mass., June 18, and again later when it comes to New York City.

Meyer Kaufman and Lucy Wagner, former stock leading man and ingenue, have forsaken the dramatic profession, and are located at 821 E. Adams street, Los Angeles, Calif.

The second season of the Galesburg Players, Galesburg, Ill., opens June 21. C. L. Menser will again be director and manager. The open-air theater at the campus will be utilized again.

Irene Purcell, who recently closed with the

Otis Skinner Company, arrived in Cleveland last week to play the "Baby Talk Lady" in "Seventeen" with the Robert McLaughlin Stock Company.

Brandon Evans, member of the Hartman Stock Company playing at Columbus, O., was injured recently when he attempted to rescue a horse belonging to the Ringling-Barnum Circus.

Margaret Echard, whose plays have been running at the Garden Theater, Independence, Mo., for thirty-eight weeks, has gone to Wichita, Kan., where she has signed with one of the leading theaters to present her plays during the summer months. She plans to spend next winter in Dallas, Tex.

L. H. Raymond, of the Colonial Theater, Pittsfield, Mass., has the interests of the Colonial Players at heart, otherwise why would he give up his hours of recreation to write the little personalities that appear in this column under "Raymond's Registrations"? The reason is that he knows the players and desires others to know them as he does, and that is an act of good fellowship that can be followed by others, with benefit to themselves and their fellows.

There are many others who may not write as well as Raymond, but an effort on their part with a little assistance from us will bring our fraternal friends closer together, and after all is said and done it is a duty that we owe each other to know each other, and that is what this column is intended for, a sort of rendezvous of fraternal friends in dramatic stock to avail yourselves of the opportunity to meet herein each issue for an exchange of personalities.

Raymond's Registrations

Ruth Ames, leading lady of the Colonial Players, Pittsfield, Mass., had a booth in front of the Wendell Hotel Saturday morning, June 9, and sold dovers for the benefit of the Kiwanis Club Health Camp for Children.

William Aldrich, a former member of the Colonial Players at Pittsfield, Mass., has moved to Illinois, where he is to conduct a hotel.

A number of members of the stage crew of the City Theater, Brockton, Mass., have been touring the Berkshires and stopped at Pittsfield, Mass., to visit with Ruth Ames, Carroll Daly, Bob McCullough and Jane Marsters, who were members of the stock at that theater last winter.

Kervin Wilkinson, of the Majestic Players, Utica, N. Y., at June 17 at his summer camp at Pontoosuc Lake, Pittsfield, Mass.

Mabel Grand, a well-known stock player, making her home in Springfield, Mass., has been playing for several weeks with the Colonial Players, Pittsfield, Mass.

"The Bird of Paradise" was presented by the Colonial Players, Pittsfield, Mass., last week. The next production will be "Honors Are Even", to be followed by Tommy Martelle with his newest offering, "The Gay Young Bride".

The Colonial Theater, Pittsfield, Mass., playing summer stock, is billing an entire county of Massachusetts over fifty miles in length from Great Barrington on the south to North Adams in the north. Gasoline stations along the way offer plenty of display so that transients and tourist may know where they can enjoy a good play.

Edith Bowers, character woman with the Colonial Players, Pittsfield, Mass., is making a decided impression on local patrons. This is Miss Bowers' second trip to the Berkshire town, but for the last three seasons she has been in Brooklyn. In fact, they have nicknamed her "Brooklyn" around the theater.

Joe J. Flinn, juvenile with the Colonial Players, Pittsfield, Mass., was a member of the Carle-Davis Players at Pawtucket last winter. He has been re-engaged for next season, we understand. Joe is very popular in Pittsfield.

Bob McClung has returned to Pittsfield, Mass., this season after an absence of a year to play characters with the Colonial Players. "Bob" has been in nearly every town of any size in the United States and Canada. His trouping days date back to the time when travel was made by stage in many sections of the country.

"THE EXCITERS" CLOSING PLAY

Denver, Col., June 15.—At the Denham Theater this week "The Exciters", concluding the Wilkes Players' season, is exceptionally well presented. The production rates among the best things the Wilkes Players have achieved this season. Gladys George plays a young speed fiend whose desire for excitement and thrills carries her into all sorts of complications. An exceptionally fine characterization is given by Ben Erway in the role of the burglar. Kathleen Wallace is one of the excitement seekers, while Claire Sinclair, Guy Usher, Fred Dunham and Wesley Tilney comprise the family and friends of the troublesome heroine. Mr. Dunham and Mr. Givens are comical additions as they bobble about in the play. William C. Walsh is the undesired lover and is most amusing in the inebriated scene. Dora Clement proves herself a real villainess and is aided by Beulah Baines, Iluron Blyden, George Cleveland and Ralph Lee.

BURNS KASPER PLAYERS OPEN IN CUMBERLAND

Cumberland, Md., June 15.—The Burns Kasper Players, headed by Nat Burns and Edwin H. Kasper, opened their indefinite stock engagement at the Maryland Theater Monday night, with "Her Temporary Husband", to a crowded house.

Just before the curtain for the first act was raised Hon. Thomas Koon, Mayor of Cumberland, made a speech of welcome, etc.

Winifred Barry, the slim, blond-haired leading lady, gave a most finished performance of the character of Blanche Ingram. Her acting and stage personality were the talk of the evening.

Gerald Lundegard, as Dr. Gordon Spencer, was exceptional in every particular. Edwin Kasper, as Tom Burton, gave a good account of himself. Nat Burns, as Judd, enacted the character entrusted him in wonderful style. Nat Burns, besides being an actor, is a stage director who ranks with the best in the stock dramatic field. The work of Kay Ellis, a most lovable type, created considerable comment. Her charms are farreaching. Edward Powers, as Clarence Topping, was well received by those attending the performance. Russell Swann, as the minister, a small bit for a mighty big actor, was well done.

This is the first dramatic stock to play the Maryland Theater since the McElroy Brothers became owners and managers of it in 1912.

Next week, "East Is West".

The staff of the Burns Kasper Players is: Arthur Burns, master art director; Raymond Britt, builder of productions, and Russell Swann, stage manager, and C. Edward Saunders, stage manager for the theater.

FORSYTH PLAYERS IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., June 15.—"Bulldog Drummond", the current offering of the Forsyth Players, is rather a heavy bill for the hot weather but seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the Monday night audience. The new director, Willard Dashbrell, does not seem to be able to overcome the extra long intermissions that are prevalent at the Forsyth. This show, which has four acts and five intermissions, was not finished until eleven thirty; each change of scene heralded a wait of ten to twenty minutes.

Rankin Mansfield, who was the first to be seen when the curtain went up, received a prolonged ovation after his two weeks' absence from the cast. He did a fine Englishman as the friend of Captain Drummond, portrayed by John Litel. Belle Bennett as Phyllis Denton registered a fine performance in a small part. Walter Marshall, playing the arch fiend, Lakington, started cold spinal chills throughout the audience at his entrance, which did not diminish until he was finished by Bulldog Drummond. Most everyone was asleep during the first act due to the heat and a conversation between Miss Bennett and Mr. Litel, which could not be heard. The plot of the play was being unfolded by Miss Bennett, but the surprised remarks of Mr. Litel were heard only, which spoiled an otherwise good scene, but when the girl had departed and Mr. Marshall entered everyone was jerked wide awake and remained awake. Mr. Marshall did a very fine bit of work. The other crook, Peterson, was played by Gus Forbes with gusto and glee. Robert Smiley played Travers in capable fashion. Symona Boniface has found her forte in vamp roles and does exceedingly well and is beautifully gowned. Alice Baker and Stuart Beebe are seen in characterizations that do them credit. The remainder of the cast gave adequate support.

HAZEL BURGESS PLAYERS AT WEST HOBOKEN, N. J.

West Hoboken, N. J., June 12.—For the second week of their special stock engagement at the Roosevelt Theater here the Hazel Burgess Players are presenting "Why Men Leave Home" to packed and very enthusiastic audiences. The demand for seats for the remaining performances has been so large that Manager Whiting is seriously contemplating holding the attraction over for a second week.

As F. Morgan Hazel Burgess gave an ideal performance. Leo Kennedy as one of the unfortunate husbands had little difficulty in winning over his audience. Mr. Kennedy is an experienced stock player and can always be depended upon to give an artistic interpretation of any character he is called upon to play. Frances Morris, the delightful and talented ingenue, as Sybil Sutton, deserved every bit of the cordial reception the audience extended to her, as did Day Manson, the juvenile lead, who plays opposite to her. Other members of the cast whose work deserve special mention are: Virginia Hennings, Eleanor Carleton, Jack Hayden, Charles Myott, Corinne Muir, Virginia Leigh, Bess Brower and William Davidge.

Special mention is justly due to Jack Hayden, the capable stage director, for the accurate and artistic performance given by the company in general. If this production is an example of the future plays to be produced by this company it is indeed safe to say that their stay in this city will indeed be a very lengthy one.

Have you looked thru the Letter List?

LUTTRINGER STOCK IN PORTLAND

Portland, Me., June 14.—Al. Luttringer, who has conducted stock companies in Haverhill, Salem, Lowell and other New England cities, will open a summer stock at Jefferson Theater here June 25. It is planned to have Ann Kingsley and Victor Browne for the leads.

MacLEAN PLAYERS

Akron, O., June 11.—The Pauline MacLean Players picked a winner in "Cornered" and gave it a creditable performance at the Colonial Theater Monday night, marking the opening of their third week here. Every member is seen to advantage, the cast being a large one. High honors go again to Miss MacLean in the difficult job of making the improbable appear entirely possible, and she does it. The patronage to date is equal to that of former years.

BONSTELL'S PLAYERS IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., June 13.—At the Garrick Theater beginning Monday the Jessie Bonstelle Company offered "The Masquerader", in which

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TEXAS TAX BILL PASSED BY SENATE

LICENSE FEE FOR TENT SHOWS JUMPS FROM \$24 TO \$360 A Week in Smaller Towns

In Texas the House bill by Baldwin levying a tax on tented theatrical companies was passed by the Senate at Austin Tuesday afternoon, June 12. A committee amendment, exempting from the tax shows which appear at regularly established theaters, was carried on the bill as passed, according to The Dallas (Tex.) News.

M. A. Moseley, business manager of Brunk's Comedians, writes that heretofore the license tax on theatrical tent shows in Texas was \$24 a week, covering corporation, county and State, in the smaller towns, with a slight increase as the population increased.

"This new bill," continues Mr. Moseley, "calls for \$350 a week in the smaller towns and in a town the size of Waco (38,000 population) the license is \$840 a week. Now in conjunction with this bill was another asking for a reduction on moving picture theaters to \$10 a year in the small towns and in the larger towns \$60 a year, and it was passed. No tent manager can afford to pay this excessive tax. I guess it was introduced as a prohibitive measure. Now, without any thought of the manager, this bill deprives the great majority of the citizenry of any amusement but moving pictures. There are no opera houses in the smaller towns and, with few exceptions, nothing but picture theaters in the larger towns. Not only amusements are cut off but the revenue to railroads, hotels, transportation companies, boarding houses, cafes, rooming houses, newspapers and the revenue to the State, because no one will, in fact no one can, pay this license. Then there are the actors, musicians and others connected that will be forced to be idle about five months of the year. Texas is, or we will now say was, a good State, not in summer, but good in spots and under favorable conditions, meaning weather, in winter as a kind of grazing ground, home or resort, whatever is appropriate, for the tent showman to winter in, taking care of his outfit and giving his people work, holding his company intact and considering if he pulled out even he was lucky. Now they will have to close and Texas will be rid of tent shows as long as this license confronts the showmen. This bill has been in the making for three years.

Showmen are very much like farmers; their organizations don't amount to a hill of beans."

"TED" NORTH LEASES OUTFIT FROM BROTHERS

This year "Ted" North has leased the entire tent outfit of the North Brothers, "Sport" and Frank, who will close a long successful stock engagement in Wichita, Kan., this month. The "Ted" North Players opened their tent season at Holton, Kan., the home of the Norths, May 23, playing four nights to a very profitable business in spite of rain on the first two nights. "Ted" is presenting an entirely new repertoire of bills and at least four good vaudeville acts each night. The company will play under canvas thru Kansas and Nebraska until the middle of October, returning to houses in Nebraska after one week layoff for reorganization. The roster is as follows:

"Ted" North, manager and sole owner; Roy E. Hilliard, stage director and characters; Marle M. Peters, leads; Perry Crandall, juvenile leads; Nat and Verba Cross, W. H. Pendexter and wife, Fred Faunt LeRoy (the Boy of a Dozen Talents); Ruth Kackley Edwards, characters; Mae Miller, Chas. McPherson, bass canvassman and hits; Leo Jamp, props; Orval Simmons and John Cramer, canvassmen, and a four-piece orchestra consisting of Homer (Jack) Riddings, Herold Hitchler and Mr. and Mrs. McNamara. The vaudeville features are Fred Faunt LeRoy, Nat and Verba Cross, Mae Miller, W. H. Pendexter, Ted North and the North Singing Trio. The front of the house is in charge of Mrs. Fred Faunt LeRoy and Mrs. Homer Riddings.

The Summer Special Number of The Billboard out next week.

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

TRIBUTES TO MRS. HOLLIWAY

It certainly was a great shock to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Boyd Holliday, best known to the public as Mrs. Milt Tolbert, stage name Cora Lee. I have always held the greatest personal esteem, regard and friendship for Mrs. Tolbert. She was a talented woman, musically and dramatically. She and her husband joined our show in 1908, and remained continually with us until 1917, she as a solo cornetist and to play small parts in dramatic productions. I soon recognized her natural talents and advanced her in a dramatic way very fast. The second year she was assigned sonnet parts and about the fourth year leading business. She was well known in the dramatic profession

O. A. Peterson writes from Sayre, Ok.: "Our agent, with the Ralph Nicol Show, came here and made arrangements to play. The license was to be \$25 for the week, which Mr. Nicol paid in advance, on Monday morning. Later in the day a county man came and demanded a 'property tax' of \$120. We had never heard of such a thing being required of any show before and told him we did not own property in this county. He said that made no difference; we had to pay it or not show here. He finally agreed to accept \$67, which Mr. Nicol paid him. The next day a city man came and told us there was a mistake about the license; it should have been \$60 instead of \$25. We tried to shame him out of such

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and I am sure her death will be mourned by many, as she was well liked, pleasant disposition, had great regard for the profession, and in later years when branching out with her own show accumulated considerable of the world's goods and a reputation that was valuable collateral.

I am sorry indeed to know of her untimely death.

W. L. SWAIN.

Another link has fallen from friendship's golden chain!

What greater tribute can we offer to the dear one who has passed from our midst than to say that she was OUR FRIEND? As such we mourn her deeply and sincerely for many years we shared that love and devotion which makes life worth living after all. She was a loving wife, a devoted and self-sacrificing sister and above all a true and sincere friend. She rejoiced in our fortune and wept with us in our sorrow. Her untimely and sudden passing will always remain one of the tragedies in our lives. God in His infinite power and mercy knows best. He gathereth His own. We bow to His will and cherish the memory of OUR FRIEND who has entered the HOME ETERNAL, where parting and sorrow are no more.

FRANK AND RUTH DELMAINE.

It was either pay it or don't show, so we paid again. The following day another county man demanded a 'school tax' of \$23.50. Shows never pay 'school tax' or 'property tax' anywhere outside of Sayre, Ok., so far as we know, but we paid it. There was no escape. Now we are waiting to see what other taxes will be invented before the week is out. It seems that the one responsible for all this is the county tax collector, other county officials disclaim

any cooperation or sympathy with such methods to strangers within their gates. I feel that all officials and good citizens in the county are to blame for allowing such a thing to happen in their county. Many citizens whom I talked to approve my intentions to report the affair to The Billboard."

Fred Lytell writes that he renewed acquaintances with several members of the Milt Tolbert Show in Knoxville, Tenn., recently. He also states that a large and enthusiastic audience attended the performance on the opening night. To do justice to the various members of the company would necessitate a complete review of the program, as every member was enthusiastically received. Lytell mentions Beaune Hunter, leading woman; Billy Ferguson, heavy, and Mr. Hale, manager and leading man, as deserving of special mention.

MAUDE HENDERSON COMPANY

Harry M. Heller, agent of the Maude Henderson Stock Company, wrote from Poplar, Mont., June 9, as follows: "No doubt many Eastern managers of the long ago have wondered at times where the Maude Henderson Stock Company had fallen off. I wonder myself how many of the Eastern companies would have had the nerve to come West as did the Henderson company, risking everything it had on the uncertainty of pioneering. When it first came to Montana it was in reality pioneering. The towns along the Great Northern at that time were only wide places on the road, many of them mere flag stops. They all had their quota of saloons and pool rooms. This company, which for many years had played the better towns thru Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, with comfortable theaters and hotels, came out here, stopped at those (at that time) funny places and played in many pool rooms. The people in the towns brought their own planks, beer kegs and pop cases for seats. We built any sort of make-shift stage and gave a really good show. It was pioneering all right! The company finally reached Harlem at that time an Indian reservation just opened for settlement to the public. Miss Henderson, J. C. Parent (the manager who died some three years ago), Edward Gray, George R. Gray, Anna Hughes and Jack Mansfield all filed on homesteads and they still retain the land. It was a struggle playing part of each year and going back to live on the land the time required by the Government each year. Now there is scarcely a man, woman or child in Montana who doesn't know the company personally. We are now learning much about the tent game. While only open for a short time we have been experiencing the inconveniences of rain, which is something unusual in Montana. We are doing a nice business tho, for the more rain this section gets the more prosperous conditions are. The Indians, and there are many hundreds of them in Northern Montana, are all more or less educated and are great amusement seekers. Most of them cling to the old custom of sitting on the ground, and while in town you can see the squaws sitting on the sidewalks almost every place wrapped in a heavy blanket regardless of how hot it may be. Poplar is right in the heart of a reservation with Government agency offices. From where I am writing I can look out of the window to a fertile valley and see the Missouri River winding along for miles. The Henderson company always remains in this country, where it is so well known, instead of breaking new trails. Anyway we'll know more about show business after this tent season. We live and learn and never really know."

NEW COMPANY IN EAST

A new repertoire company has loomed up in the East with Bushnell Cheney, of New York and Madison, Conn., as financial backer and organizer. Mr. Cheney, who is a son of Horace B. Cheney, member of the firm of Cheney Brothers, of New York, has named his company the Jitney Players, and has announced his opening date as July 4 at Madison, Conn. Trucks will convey the show paraphernalia and members of the company, which will make a tour of the New England States. One of the trucks had had a special stage designed for it. The platform, the sides of which fall down, makes a stage sixteen feet broad and fourteen feet deep. It is flexible, composed of plastic units. It is covered with side curtains of olive drab and scarlet, and inside curtains of blue. The tailboard, which serves to hold the sides in position while traveling, forms a flight of stairs leading down to the audience, and the back of the driver's seat is made of two flaps which also fold down and add to the depth of the stage. The company will carry its own lighting system. Besides Mr. Cheney, who is a Yale graduate and a former associate of the Theater Guild in New York, Alice B. Keating, daughter of Francis Keating, of Buffalo, and seven professional players, men and women, will make up the acting cast. The company will present a repertoire of six plays.

Arthur Vermun called at the Kansas City office of The Billboard June 12 to inform regarding the death of George H. Hennemann, known professionally as Dr. Henry George Lorenz, the hypnotist, which occurred in the University Hospital, Iowa City, June 2, from heart trouble. Mr. Hennemann was born in Keokuk, Ia., February 14, 1880, and he was who published the first issue of The Keokuk Truth, a little Sunday morning paper, which appeared August 2, 1908. He sold this paper in June 1909, and during the municipal campaign in March, 1909, he was a candidate for Mayor of Keokuk. Not being elected, Mr. Hennemann turned his attention to the stage and in 1916 appeared over the Pantages Circuit. It is understood. After that time he took out his own show and had been on the road ever since, playing independent houses. Mr. Hennemann became sick the middle of May, his show closed the season in Honiton, Okla., the seven people in the company going to Kansas City and Mr. Hennemann being sent to Iowa City for treatment. Treatment was in his home town of Keokuk June 5. He leaves two brothers, J. A. and C. H. Hennemann, both of Keokuk.

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REP. TATTLES

In the obituary column of this issue the death of Ralph Davis, part owner of Brownie's Comedians, is recorded.

Mrs. Fred Coggeshall feels proud to state that she is in her third year with the William and Nora Leonards Players.

People in Gillespie, Ill., are not very partial to tent repertoire shows, it is reported. Tabloid is said to be their favorite amusement.

The Mac Stock Company so far this season has not made any new records for attendance, but whenever the weather was favorable business has been up to expectations.

After a successful season with the Gladys Klark Company in Bermuda and West Indies, Gladys Klark is enjoying a few weeks at her cottage, "Klarkwood", in Wells Beach, Me.

Floyd and Edna Mae White are now with the J. Doug Morgan No. 2 show, which is featuring Elizabeth Morrill as leading lady. The company is 100 per cent Equity and reported playing to wonderful business.

Craig Royston, heavy and straight character man, recently closed with a tent repertoire company in Kentucky for reasons he declined to discuss. Mr. Royston was a caller at the Billboard office in Cincinnati, from where he exchanged correspondence with other managers.

Roy E. Butler and Mrs. Butler (Alice Richey) are with the Milt Tolbert Company. Roy doing principal producing comedy and his wife ingenues. Their children, Bob and Baby Mary, are doing specialties. The Butlers are in receipt of a letter from Paul Landrum saying he had just joined the Billy Maine Show.

M. A. Frassillon and wife (Margot Beaton Frassillon) have signed with John D. Wimberger, of the Wimberger Players, for the forthcoming season to play the usual Northwest territory. The Frassillons start rehearsals at Wausau, Wis., July 23. Until then they will continue to rest at their home in Toledo, O.

By motion passed owing to a previous error in recording ordinance reading show licenses, it was decided to permit Leslie E. Kell's Comedians to remain in Jefferson City, Mo., recently, on a license of \$10 a day for one week and thereafter the traveling show license would be \$25 a day in compliance with the original ordinance not amended.

The West Stock Company, which opened June 4, will be enlarged from six to eight acting people after July 1. The company is being routed by H. L. Crawford of the Blue Ridge Agency, Asheville, N. C. Mr. Crawford formerly acted in a managerial capacity for Manager Jim Leyton of the West company, and the latter refers to him as a live agent.

Dudley Miller, who has spent a solid year with the Hila Morgan tent repertoire show No. 2, of which Manley E. Axtell was manager, is back in Chicago after the closing of the company's season. The company burned out in Russellville, Ark., and played houses for two weeks until new equipment was secured. Mr. Miller announced that he will return to the same company with the opening of the new season.

When the Harry Shannon Stock Company played Delphos, O., the week of June 4, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown entertained the members of the company at a six o'clock dinner party on June 6. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shannon, Harry Shannon, Jr.; Hazel Shannon, Thomas Mann, Kenneth Harpster, Eugene Redd, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown, Peru and Forest

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Brown. Harry Shannon, Jr., and Thomas Mann acted as toastmasters.

Several members of the Sterling Brothers' "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company were recently entertained by the J. B. Swafford Company. T. L. Flann, owner of the Sterling Show, and his brother-in-law, Eddie Dunn; Bert Stoddard and wife made the trip in Mr. Flann's new touring car and enjoyed dinner with Mr. Swafford and his company. The visitors expressed their regret for having to miss the night performance, as it was necessary for them to leave hurriedly to prepare for the show under the Sterling top. The Sterling company is reported to be still doing a turn-away business in New England.

WORTHAM DRAMATIC COMPANY

Charles Wortham's Dramatic Company (under canvas) played at Kincaid, Ill., the fifth week of the season, commencing June 4. Blue Mountain, Moweaqua, Stonington and Morrisonville, all Illinois, were very good stands, con-

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AMERICAN CONCERT FIELD

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By IZETTA MAY McHENRY

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS RE-ELECTS MRS. J. F. LYONS AS PRESIDENT

Many Important Decisions Reached During
Thirteenth Biennial Convention in Asheville
—Portland Gets Next Meeting
in 1925

The convention was called to order Monday morning by the national president, Mrs. John F. Lyons, and immediately following the singing of the National Anthem the report of Mrs. J. W. Houston, chairman of Credentials Committee, was received and 302 delegates reported as registered. After hearing announcements of Resolutions Committee the president called for the report of Nan Stephens, national chairman of Program Committee. Miss Stephens reported that every State in the federation was represented by one member-at-large in the various committees appointed to arrange for the biennial, and in every case the committees had engaged American artists for the biennial programs. Miss Stephens' report was accepted and then Mrs. Lyons addressed the convention, or rather, as she said, gave an informal talk to the family. She reminded the members that when she accepted the office two years ago she promised that as far as her strength and ability would permit she would be faithful in the performance of her duties and that this promise had been kept.

Mrs. Lyons stated the work for the past two years had been most gratifying and, that it was so, was due to the co-operation of the officers and chairmen of departments and State presidents. Since the last biennial the club membership has been doubled and the finances of the federation show great improvement, also the work of the various departments has been systematized. A large part of this improvement Mrs. Lyons attributed to the unfailing co-operation of the officers and chairmen of the clubs. She also reported progress in the various lines of endeavor and particularly in music in the public schools, but she pointed out that in this line the various States are just beginning to be fully awake, due to the influence brought to bear by the Federated Music Clubs and due to the work of the federation. There is also greater recognition of the American composer and the American artist. Mrs. Lyons again called attention to the fact that the National Federated Music Clubs had no desire in any way whatsoever to discriminate against foreign artists, as art is art the world over.

Mrs. Lyons emphasized two things as important factors in the fulfillment of the work of the federation, namely: First, confidence; second, co-operation. The members must have confidence in themselves and in each other and must work together. She also stressed the point that Federated Clubs should not think only of what they were to get out of the federation, but rather were they to constantly study what service they could render to the national federation to further the purposes of the federation, which is to make America musical. Mrs. Lyons was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The report of the first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Arms Fisher, was then heard, and in the course of her comprehensive and interesting report Mrs. Fischer stated there was more money spent for music thru the Federated Music Clubs than was expended in four countries of Europe, and that this proved there was no need of our government financing music in this country as is done in most countries across the seas. Mrs. Fischer recommended that in place of giving the artist winners a concert tour the awards be scholarships for students either in this country or abroad and an opportunity to travel, also that a complete survey be made of American composers and a survey obtained with the aid of musical publishers as to compositions mostly in demand. Her third recommendation was that there be instituted a Past President's Assembly, which should be composed of all past presidents of

Federated Clubs. This report was approved and accepted.

The president then introduced L. C. Behymer, honorary president of the National Concert

thrilled by the progress of the federation. She stressed the fact the great principle involved was making America musical, and that in doing this the organization aided in making a better country, a better people, and the federation could also be the harbinger of peace thru music. Following this address the convention heard a brief talk by Mrs. George Houston Davis, of Birmingham, Ala.; also Mrs. George Hall, recording secretary, of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Oscar Hundley, Birmingham, Ala., recording secretary. The president then called for the report of the treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Stapleton, Milwaukee, Wis. If space permitted we would like to give Mrs. Stapleton's report in full, as it contained many, many interesting items and information which evidenced the rapid growth of the federation. The total receipts from last biennial, 1921 to 1923, were \$22,805.70. The total expenses, \$20,018.16, with a balance on hand of \$1,886.54. The following will show the rapid growth of the federation: In 1921 there

SIDE LIGHTS AT THE N. F. M. C. CONVENTION

Mrs. Franken reported the N. F. M. C. had more than trebled the number of clubs during the period 1921-1923. In 1921 the number of clubs in the federation totaled 227 and in 1923 they numbered 697.

The N. F. M. C. was the first organization to form circuits for artists, thus making it possible for more cities to hear good music presented by the best artists.

Ft. Worth, Tex., thru the Harmony Music Club, pays more for artists than any other club in the United States.

The N. F. M. C. reported two clubs in Alaska as members of the federation.

The Miles City (Mont.) Music Club, which consists of but ten members, based its past year's work on Clarence Hamilton's "Music Appreciation".

Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley urged the federation to endeavor to make "Better Music for Better Films" one of the slogans of the organization.

Jack Webster Harkrider, of Los Angeles, was kept busy receiving congratulations on the magnificence of the costumes and spectacular effects of the pageantry in the lyric dance drama, "Pan in America". Mr. Harkrider is well known thru his successes at the Texas Centennial Pageant in Dallas, Tex., where he presented in 1921 a pageant depicting the history of Texas in which there was a cast of 8,500 people.

Mrs. Kelley urged that each club have a chairman of orchestra whose duty should be to interest club members and public-spirited citizens to make possible the presentation of the best orchestras in symphony concerts at least once a year.

Mrs. Henrietta Baker Low of Peabody Conservatory of Music of Baltimore recommended that the federation study ten simple, pretty songs during the period between now and next biennial, and then in 1925 it will be possible to present a real biennial chorus capable of illustrating group singing effectively.

Mrs. Geo. H. Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., of the United States Opera Company, asked that the N. F. M. C. strive to organize an opera club in every city for the purpose of studying the scores of opera and the story of the opera.

William Breach, of Winston-Salem, N. C., astounded every one with his announcement that Winston-Salem, with a population of only 50,000, had in the past year appropriated \$10,000 for the purchase of band and orchestral instruments, \$10,000 for concerts and \$5,000 for the purchase of victrolas and records, making a total appropriation of \$25,000. That's how much Winston-Salem values the influence of music. We say three cheers for Winston-Salem.

Twenty-three life memberships were subscribed at the Thursday morning session, which was in charge of Mrs. Seiberling. These subscriptions made the quota go over the top and aroused much enthusiasm.

Helen Pugh, pianist, of Asheville, but 14 years of age, who was soloist with the orchestra on Thursday afternoon, won unstinted praise for her interpretation of Mrs. H. H. Al Beach's "Concerto for Piano".

Katherine Tift Jones in "Glimpses of the South", who appeared at the Auditorium on Saturday, was indeed one of the features of the entire series of programs. On all sides one heard folks expressing a wish to hear Miss Jones again.

William Arms Fisher was a speaker at the banquet and gave an interesting talk on the workings of the song sharks.

Helen Harrison Mills, of Peoria, Ill., as chairman of the publicity department, reported an increase of 50 per cent in the number of newspapers now having space devoted to music news. Ten thousand articles on music



MRS. JOHN F. LYONS

Of Fort Worth, Texas, who was president of the National Federation of Music Clubs for the past two years, was re-elected. The announcement of her re-election was received with cheers and vociferous applause from the delegates in convention at Asheville.

Managers' Association, also a representative from California, who extended greetings to the N. F. M. C. from the 219 men and women who compose the National Concert Managers' Association. He assured the federation of their heartiest co-operation and pledged them the best of service. He stated the federation is a part of the foundation of the work of the National Concert Managers' Association and emphasized the fact that it had as one of its objects one of the goals toward which the federation is striving, namely that of promoting the interests of American artists. Mr. Behymer tended to the N. F. M. C. the united services of his organization. His address throughout was most interesting and he was accorded most enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Frank A. Seiberling of Akron, O., director of the department of finance and legislation, then addressed the convention and in the course of her remarks stated she was

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have been sent to newspapers thru the federation publicity department since the last biennial.

Arthur Rhiss, composer and representative from the British Music Society, was a speaker from the night of the banquet and extended greetings from his organization. Mr. Blinn was a most brilliant as well as a most entertaining talker.

A. C. Behymer, as representative of the National Concert Managers' Association, addressed those in attendance at the banquet and told them that in the past season the clubs of the N. F. M. C. had bought talent to the tune of \$2,000,000.

Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley was one of the most popular speakers of the federation and on the top one heard folks make the statement that they surely would not miss Mrs. Kelley's talk, as she always was excellent and while she gave them facts she also was witty and managed to slip in many a laugh.

The Matinee Musical Club and the Matinee Musical Club Harp Ensemble of Philadelphia presented a program of music on Monday evening of much excellence, and the occasion will long be remembered by members of the federation as one of the delights of the biennial.

Mrs. Robert S. Carroll, pianist of Asheville, soloist at the orchestral concert Tuesday evening, is an artist of much ability.

Oklahoma won first honorable mention in contesting for Mrs. Frankel's prize and Arizona won second honorable mention and also retained the banner for the second year for having enrolled the greatest number of members per capita in the State.

Wisconsin reported that thru the State Federation there had been a music section installed in every library in every city in the State but three.

Missouri reported that the federation had organized a plan to promote interest in music in country districts thru forming neighborhood circles. These circles meet weekly or monthly and with the aid of Victrola records study opera and symphony music.

The Federated Clubs of Missouri during the period since the last biennial has increased the membership from 38 clubs in 1921 to 134 clubs and the total membership is 6,803.

Oklahoma reported having 86 music clubs, and in 1921 it had but 15 in the N. F. M. C., this being a gain of 71 clubs.

Arkansas in 1921 had but 21 clubs in the federation and now has 68. Thus it has more than trebled its club membership.

Arkansas also claims the honor of being the first state in which one of its cities (Little Rock) was the first outside of New York to hold a Music Week. A feature of Little Rock's Music Week was the contest held by a local newspaper which offered a prize for the best original manuscript by an Arkansas composer.

Washington reported one club in the N. F. M. C. in 1921 and in 1923 it has twenty, with a total membership of 1,067. It also, thru the State Library Association, has instituted a traveling music library and any club may obtain scores by only paying the transportation charges.

Idaho, which has only been in the N. F. M. C. two months, has obtained six clubs.

Texas, which won the prize for most consistent growth, reported 103 clubs in 1921, and since then has increased the membership in class to 243.

Arizona sent its report by Mrs. Simms and

won second honorable mention for number of members per capita. It also offered a plan which has been proven successful, and that is that its clubs visit one another and exchange programs.

California increased its membership 100 percent and now claims 76 clubs with a membership of 10,520.

Texas was awarded the Mrs. Frankel prize inasmuch as it was the only club showing but one month in which no club was brought into the federation.

The Chopin Club Fund with but two months in which to work for its goal, namely, \$10,000, went over the top. Think of it! The clubs of the N. F. M. C. subscribed \$8,320, the members of the National Board subscribed \$2,150, and proceeds from concerts given in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, \$300, made the grand total of \$10,770. That shows the spirit of the N. F. M. C.

STADIUM CONCERTS

To Be Broadcasted This Summer

The concerts in the Lewisohn Stadium, New York City, commencing July 5, for a minimum of six weeks, are to be broadcasted, according to an announcement just made by the committee, and more thoroly and completely than any symphony concerts have ever been in the history of music and radio. While it is not intended to give the entire forty-two programs of the New York Philharmonic, which are to be conducted by Willem Van Hoogstraten, nevertheless a great number of the programs, and parts of programs, will be sent over the radio, and advance announcements will be made each evening as to what the stadium concerts of that night will be and how the stadium itself can be reached. Arrangements have been completed with Radio Corporation of America, now broadcasting from the roof of Aeolian Building at 42d street, New York City, and during the six weeks, which may possibly lengthen out to eight, there will be a wealth of symphony music over the wires as played by the augmented New York Philharmonic of a quality and quantity hitherto unknown. At the present time it is expected that the first night's program will be broadcasted in its entirety.

ROCHESTER PHILHARMONIC

To Have Albert Coates as Conductor

An announcement which will prove of much interest to music lovers in this country is that just made of the acceptance of Albert Coates as director of the Rochester (N. Y.) Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra is associated with the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, and Mr. Coates will return to Rochester in time to conduct the first Philharmonic concert on the evening of January 16. There will be three evening and ten afternoon concerts directed by the distinguished British musician.

Mr. Coates has for the past several seasons appeared as guest conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra by invitation of Harry Harkness Flagler, leading the orchestra during the mid-season holiday of Walter Damrosch, conductor of the symphony.

NEW ITALIAN OPERA

For Metropolitan Next Season

A cable from Milan, received in New York last week from Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, announces that he has obtained the producing rights of "I Compagnacci", a new one-act opera by Primi Riccelli, a young Italian composer and pupil of Mascagni. The first performance of the opera was given at the Costanzi Theater in Rome and it will be heard next season at the Metropolitan as a companion piece to Loparri's dramatic opera, "La Hanbana".

WORLD-NOTED ARTISTS

Announced for Appearance in Oklahoma City Next Season

Under the direction of Hathaway Harper, some of the most famous of the world's artists are scheduled to appear in Oklahoma City during the 1923-'24 season, and if arrangements now pending are completed the various concerts will be given in the new Masonic Hall. In the list already announced are found the names of Mata Hari, Mary Garden, Mischa Levitski, Geraldine Farrar, Denishawn Dancers, the Russian Grand Opera Company, Sousa's Band, Fritz Kreisler, Rosa Ponselle, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and Feodor Chaliapin.

At the final session of the annual convention of the Music Industries Chamber of Commerce held in Chicago recently Richard W. Lawrence, of New York, was re-elected president; Ralph L. Freeman, of Camden, N. J., was named vice president, and Alfred L. Smith, also of New York, secretary. The next convention will be held in New York City.

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One of New York's active and successful vocal teachers, Mme. Emma A. Dambmann, has just completed an exceedingly busy season preparing her pupils for the concert stage, recital and church work, radio broadcasting and making it possible for young singers and musicians to have public appearances with the Southland Singers, of which organization Mme. Dambmann is the founder and singer. Two artist pupils, Grace Calhoun and Mrs. George Leppi, recently gave their third joint recital at Lenox, Mass., and are now travelling thru the West, and a number of them are much in demand for concert, church and broadcasting recitals. The Southland Singers will during the coming season be heard in numerous concerts and social affairs. Mme. Dambmann, who is now enjoying a well-earned rest at her attractive bungalow at Shelter Harbor, R. I., will return in the fall to resume her many activities.

\$10,000 APPROPRIATION

For Concerts in Philadelphia Park

A longer season of concerts for Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, has been made possible by an appropriation of \$10,000 which has been approved by Council's finance committee recently. This sum is \$5,000 more than was allowed last year, and this season the concerts will extend over a period of about eight weeks, with programs every evening, including Sundays, and concerts for children on Saturday mornings. Owing to the higher wages asked by the musicians there will be less free music in other parts of Philadelphia. In order to keep within the appropriation of \$27,000 made by Council for the Municipal Band, which plays in various parts of the city, and the Philadelphia Band on the Parkway Plaza, Director Craven was obliged to decrease the number of concerts each band will give.

MOTION PICTURE MUSIC NOTES

To mark his third year as managing director of the New York Capitol, S. L. Rothafel is presenting this week an elaborate musical program, opening with two numbers by the Capitol Grand Orchestra, conducted by Erno Rapee—the "Raymond" overture by Thomas and the "Capitol March", composed by William Ax and Erno Rapee and dedicated to Mr. Rothafel. A special feature of the program is the introduction to American audiences of a young Cuban pianist, Ernesto Leucona, whose compositions have been played in Cuba, in the principal cities of Spain and in every country of South America. Another interesting unit is "Neapolitan Impressions", given by Fernando Guarneri, baritone, and his brother, Tommasini, tenor, assisted by the Capitol Mixed Quartet and the Ballet.

Frederick Converse, composer of symphonies and grand operas, is to write a complete symphony score which will be used with Percy MacKaye's film romance, "The Scarecrow", starring Gleam Hunt.

A soloist well known to music lovers, Emma Noe, was soloist last week at the Chicago Theater, Chicago.

One of the most attractive prologos was presented last week at the New York Strand and is being held over for a second showing of the feature film, "Main Street". The National Male Quartet and the Ballet Corps, headed by Anatole Bourman, are heard and seen in songs and dances typical of Main street, and a rather unusual offering is given headed by Boran Minnevitch called "Main Street Harmonica Players".

Vladimir Dubinsky, first cellist of the Eastman Theater Orchestra, appeared at that house

as soloist during the week of June 10, playing the Berceuse from "Jocelyn" (Godard). Louise Loring, dramatic soprano, who was also on the program, recently returned from Europe. She made her debut in Flume, Italy, and also appeared at Royal Albert and Queen's Hall, London, and made an extensive tour thru the British Isles.

Harold Bachman and his well-known Million Dollar Band were heard for a week a short time ago in the State Theater, Uniontown, Pa., where the band presented exceptional programs of classic and popular numbers.

On an interesting program presented at the Missouri Theater, of St. Louis, recently was the overture, "March of the Toys" (Herbert), played by the orchestra under the direction of Conductor Cohen; the Brandons, Harmony Singers, and a "Dance of the Flowers" by the Missouri Ballet Corps.

Martha Graham, protege of the Denishawns, is appearing for a second week at the New York Rivoli in a special Egyptian dance of her own creation.

St. Paul's Capitol (Minn.) is presenting on this week's program the Aarons Kids, versatile juvenile entertainers, in a song and dance number. The orchestra, conducted by Oscar F. Baum, opens the program with "Ballet Egyptian" of A. Luigini.

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NEW BROADWAY PRODUCING COMPANY

"Sweet William" Will Be First Musical Comedy of I. R. Franklyn Theatrical Productions

New York, June 15.—The latest firm of producers to invade the Broadway musical comedy field is the I. R. Franklyn Theatrical Productions. This firm has as its head I. R. Franklyn, whose activities have heretofore been confined to the magazine field. He is said to be backed by a prominent manufacturer. Isadore Witmark, of Witmark & Sons, is also in the firm.

The first offering to be made by the Franklyn company is "Sweet William", a musical comedy version of "Walt Till We're Married". Violet Carlson, last seen here in "Spice of 1922", and Jack Duffy will be in the cast. The book was written by Hutchinson Boyd and Irving Whitman, with lyrics and music by B. C. Hillman, who wrote "Buddies".

PENNINGTON BACK IN "FOLLIES"

New York, June 15.—Ann Pennington will return to the Ziegfeld fold opening in the "Follies" at the New Amsterdam Theater June 23. On that night a second edition of the revue will be prepared and one of its features will be several numbers by Ann Pennington. She will be assisted by Brooke Johns, who appeared with her in "Jack and Jill". Miss Pennington began rehearsals with the "Follies" this week.

It was with Ziegfeld "Follies" that Ann Pennington began her career. She started in the chorus at \$10-a-week in the "Follies of 1916". Ziegfeld advanced her each season and when she left his management to appear with George White's "Scandals" she was said to be getting \$1,000 per week. She remained for two seasons with White's show and last season appeared in "Jack and Jill" under management of John Murray Anderson. In this show she received the cream of all newspaper notices.

CHARLOT REVUE

New York, June 15.—The Selwyns will produce Andre Charlot's "London Revue of 1924" at the Times Square Theater New Year's Eve. This was definitely announced yesterday, when the selling for London of Charlot tomorrow was made known.

For the past two weeks Andre Charlot, who is one of the best known of the London revue producers, has been in this city looking over the amusement field. He decided that he would present his latest show, now playing in the British capital, here and will bring over the entire English company headed by Gertrude Lawrence and Beatrice Little. Charlot has engaged offices on the fourth floor of the Selwyn Theater Building and his representative will occupy them until he returns with his company next winter.

EMERY TO PRODUCE

New York, June 15.—Edwin T. Emery, managing director of the Sheridan Square Theater, will produce a musical comedy shortly. Before he became the director of this theater Emery was a stager of musical shows.

Emery adopted a new plan to get a line on the value of the musical numbers of the show. He had each of the twenty songs played by the Sheridan Square Orchestra during the season as musical accompaniments for motion pictures and novelties. In this way he was able to get a good estimate of their value.

The present plan of Emery for producing his show is to play it for four weeks at nearly summer resorts, and if it shapes up well enough to give it a whirl on Broadway next season. The tentative title for the show is "Sweetheart Mine".

"GIRLS IN BLUE" FOR LONDON

New York, June 15.—William Wilson, a former director of the Hippodrome, will present "Two Little Girls in Blue" in London during August. This piece was played here two seasons ago with the Fairbanks Twins heading the cast. In the London production it is probable that the Keane Twins, now in "Adrienne", will have their roles.

ANOTHER SUMMER REVUE

New York, June 15.—The latest recruit to the ranks of summer revues is "Newcomers of 1923", which will be sponsored by Will Morrissey. This is the production which ran in Chicago under the name of "The Hollywood Follies" last season. Morrissey has written the book and most of the music and will play in the piece himself. Others in the show include Ernie Hare, Paisley Noon, Cecil and King and Jean Granes and Company. The scale of prices will be at a \$2 top and a Broadway showing is promised at that money.

HIGGINS IN "WILDFLOWER"

New York, June 15.—Bobby Higgins has replaced Olin Howland in "Wildflower", the Hammerstein musical comedy now running at the Casino Theater. Hugh Grady, general manager for Hammerstein, claims that Howland objected to coming to a rehearsal and was given his notice. Howland was Equity deputy with the company.

"MERRY WIDOW" AGAIN

New York, June 18.—"The Merry Widow" will be sent out again next season by Henry W. Savage. This will make its third road tour since its recent revival. The route for next season will take the show into territory not covered by the other tours. Starting in August, the show will remain out until the following spring.

LONG RUN MUSICAL PLAY RECORDS

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"ADRIENNE" A HIT

New York, June 15.—"Adrienne", Louis F. Werba's musical comedy at the Cohan Theater, is now classed among the big musical show hits on Broadway. The business has been well over \$20,000 since the opening and each night has been practically a sell-out. Several nights last week, in face of generally poor business at most of the other theaters, "Adrienne" sold out to the upper tier of boxes, generally the last seats sold at this theater, and in addition there was a generous sprinkling of standees.

NEW NEGRO SHOW

New York, June 16.—Tutt and Whitney, colored comedians and producers, will present an all-Negro musical show next season under the title of "North Ain't South". They have written the book and Russell Smith is doing the score. Tutt and Whitney have just closed a season as featured players with "Shuffle Along".

"THE BROKEN WING"

New York, June 15.—"The Broken Wing", a play which was successful here a season or two back in dramatic form, is being made into a musical comedy with a score by Harry Carroll. The piece will be tried out on the Coast this summer and if it is found not wanting Eleanor Painter will sing the prima donna role in the Broadway production.

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MUSICAL COMEDY NOTES

Ruth Urban has decided to call it a season with "Hitchy-Koo".

De Wolf Hopper will reappear in the fall under the management of John Pollock in a revival of "Wang". Pollock is brother of Channing Pollock, author of "The Fool".

Lora Sonderson, prima donna of "Go-Go" at Daly's Sixty-third Street Theater, New York, retired from the cast this week, and was replaced by Ottlie Corday.

Genice Corday, a specialty dancer in "Sally, Irene and Mary", now playing in Boston, will sail on the Majestic June 23 for Paris, where she will be seen in a series of dances with Sasha Volchenko.

Helen Bolton, prima donna of "Up She Goes", which closed recently at the Playhouse, New York, will leave soon for Los Angeles to spend the summer doing motion picture work. She will return East in September.

A little maneuvering in the cast of the "Music Box Revue" took place last week. John Steel left to fill picture house engagements and was replaced by Wynne Bullock. Jackie Hurlbert succeeds Oliveau, who joins George White's "Scandals".

"Poppy", in which Madge Kennedy is to be the star, will be presented in the autumn at the Apollo Theater, New York. W. C. Fields, long identified with Ziegfeld's "Follies", will also be in the cast of Philip Goodman's musical comedy production.

Dorinda Adams, of "The Music Box Revue", will withdraw from Sans Harris' Company at his Music Box, New York, for the summer and will devote her time to the study of classical dancing. She will be presented as a full-fledged danseuse in a new musical comedy next autumn.

Elsie Janis will make her first appearance since returning from Europe at the Army Relief Fund garden party to be held this week on Governors Island, New York. In addition to this popular impersonator and singing comedienne, the program includes many stage favorites.

Julian Eltinge, well known for his gorgeous impersonations of the glamorous feminine, will be starred in a new musical comedy next fall. Eltinge had tried out a musical show earlier in the season, but the production failing to materialize into a hit he went into vaudeville for a tour on the Orpheum Circuit.

Sophie Tucker is appearing in "The Pepper Box Revue" on the Pacific Coast. The cast of Ackerman & Harris' production also includes George Le Maire, Joe Phillips, William Le Maire, W. C. Hayes, Harriet Bennett, Irma Alfred, Jack Burroff, the Connor Twins and the Cooley Sisters. It is thought that the show will be brought East later in the summer.

The story goes that Billy B. Van, principal comedian of "Adrienne" at the George M. Cohan Theater, New York, is to officiate at the marriage of Vivienne Segal, prima donna in the same show, and Robert Ames, leading man of "Icebound". The ceremony is to take place in the near future at Lake Sunapee, N. H., where Van holds the office of justice of the peace.

Edith Day, featured with "Wildflower", has introduced a new song by Herbert Stothart, entitled "You Can't Blame a Girl for Dreaming". Stothart and Vincent Youmans wrote the music for the Hammerstein musical production at the Casino Theater, New York. The latter composer incidentally has written the score of "Plain Jane", in which Mary Day will play the stellar role, and the musical version of "My Lady Friends".

A thorough English account of the great success of the Asturias in the London production of "For Goodness' Sake" was sent to The Times by its London correspondent. It read: "Adèle and Fred Astaire by their dancing carried away the audience, and by the number of encores they received actually impeded the action of the piece." Or as the reader said on this side of the water would say: "They stopped the opera."

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GEORGE "BUTTON" FARES and the Wig-gins Sisters, Kathleen and Neomi, are recent additions to Fred Hurley's "Fashion Plate Revue" at Coney Island, Cincinnati.

RUBY DARBY, Billy Maxwell, Harry Welch and Jasbo Mahon, take notice! E. M. Gardiner is now doing parts on his own show. Will wonders never cease?

THE RILLY MAINE SHOW is now in its fourth week at Casper, Wyo., and will remain several weeks more. Business has been very good. Col. Leslie Davis, an oldtimer, and one of the ablest agents, is piloting the show.

LOUIS MORGAN'S "DANGEROUS GIRL" Company is now en route in Indiana, after a long sojourn in Missouri and Iowa. Olga De-Costa and Esther Bert recently joined the company.

CHESTER HANNA is out of the tabloid business for the summer season but says he will open his show, "The Original Dancing Dollies", in Alabama next fall on the Spreigberg Time.

Hanna is with a carnival company at present. ON THE WHOLE, Orth and Coleman advise that they have had a most prosperous season. This is the eighth consecutive season for their "Top-Top Merrymakers", which opens at the Family Theater, Rochester, N. Y., for three weeks June 25.

EDWIN CORNELIUS, formerly straight man with James A. Bova's "Curly Heads", which recently closed a long rotary stock engagement in Cincinnati suburban houses and went on the road, has joined the Fred Gordon Players as light comedian.

"HAPPY" DONALDSON recently closed his "Mile-A-Minute Girl" Company and has taken over the management of the Kirby Theater at Mullins, S. C. Mr. Donaldson says he will run first-class pictures until the fall when he will give his patrons a change of tab. show weekly in addition to pictures.

JOE AND KATHRYN MURRAY close their season with the "Footlight Follies" Company in Cleveland August 16 and will go to their summer home in Michigan. The Murrays claim to have had several good offers to return to burlesque next season and from musical comedy producers. They say they have had a very successful and pleasant season.

KITTY JONES takes this means to thank her many friends for the kindness and sympathy extended to her during the illness and death of her beloved husband, F. "Happy" Jones, who passed away at their home, 2412 Allen street, Dallas, Tex., on June 1, after an illness of ten days. A detailed account of Mr. Jones' death was published in the obituary department last week.

SCOTTY MCKAY and Bruce Hart, both of Dallas, Tex., had the pleasure of making acquaintance the other day in Wichita, Kan. "Scotty" is a member of the California Quartet, a special attraction with the Al and Lole Bridge Show at the Orpheum Theater in Wichita, and Hart is with the Southern Four, a feature of the "Zig Zag" Company, which played the Wichita Theater, Wichita.

THE GRADY TRIO is playing the larger picture houses, opening at Keith's Strand, Kokomo, Ind., June 10. When seen recently by the writer in one of the suburban houses of Cincinnati, the act was a tremendous hit. Mr. Grady plays the accompaniment for the sisters in a well-executed routine of dances and fills the interval, while the two misses change costume, with imitations on the piano. The girls later appear attractively costumed and contribute generously with their saxophone playing, Mr. Grady coming on to make a saxophone trio for the finale.

MANAGER CHAS. MORTON of the "Kentucky Belles" Company is leaving for a six weeks' trip into Texas, New York and Atlanta, Ga. While in New York he will buy some new costumes for the coming season, as he expects to launch five companies playing the Barbour circuit. On June 11 at Joplin, Mo., Homer Meacham, principal comedian with this attraction, and Adele Gahagan were married on the stage amidst a shower of rice and old shoes. This couple leaves this show on July 7 to spend the honeymoon in St. Louis. The "Kentucky Belles" open an indefinite engagement at the Broadway, Tulsa, Ok., June 18.

THE LASALLE MUSICAL COMEDY CO., which organized and rehearsed in Cincinnati, opened its tenth annual session in Lexington, Ky., this week. The company, organized by Mrs. Jack Best, includes the Mersereau Trio, Martin Lee, comedian; Baby Vivian, child entertainer; Estelle Glenn, soubrette; Monte Wilks, straight, producer and stage manager; Robbie Connolly, Edith St. Clair, Sylvia Lee, Gladys and Emma Gray and Peggy Glenn, chorus.

FRANCES RYER, prima donna, who closed with Bill Ott's show in Marion, O., was a Billboard visitor in Cincinnati June 12, and left the following day for New York. Miss Ryer, a Boston girl, will take her first fling in burlesque next season.

bell, Ethel Bernard, Grace Moxie, Bobby Lee and Marion Paulson.

NEW ADDITIONS to the "Jack Lord Music Girl Comedy" Company, now in its sixteenth week at the Castle Creek Theater, LaVoye, Wyo., include Helen McGrath, the McCords and Harry Corday and wife. This is said to be the only show in a field where there are over ten thousand oil workers and business is good. The policy is three bills a week, with one show a night except Saturday and Sunday, when there are two shows. There are no matinees. Last week a midnight show was given at a dollar price, benefit of the LaVoye baseball team, and a capacity house resulted. Each Wednesday night is feature night and last week a wrestling exhibition was staged by two local boys, who drew a large house. Mr. Lord is planning a real sport card for the near future.

LAWRENCE NOLAN, leading man with the Mac Stock Company and formerly of tabloid, writes that while his show was playing near Mattoon, Ill., he drove over and spent the day renewing friendships with the Ches Davis Revue. "Ches has a fine tabloid working under

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canvas and reports business excellent," writes Nolan. Jim Pritchard, formerly of the Lasses White Minstrels, is straight man and base soloist with the Davis show. Our old friend, Bert Southern, is the producer and Ches still hands out the laughs a la blackface. The Louis Morgan "Dangerous Girl" Company is also in that part of the country playing houses. Didn't get to see them, but understand Morgan has a clean, snappy show. I played day and date with him last season in Port Arthur, Tex., and if this season's show is as good as the one he had then he sure deserves business. Regards to all tab. friends."

UNIVERSALLY ACCLAIMED to be one of the finest tabloid productions on the road is E. M. Gardiner's "Echoes of Broadway", which enjoyed a week of popularity at the Gordon Theater, Middletown, O. The company has several Ohio dates to fill ere going into stock in Indianapolis. The week in Middletown, by the way, marked the seventy-fifth on the Sun Time. The company has met with the approval of theatergoers and house managers, and the season so far has been profitable. So it seems, as Billy Higley, straight man, bought a new sport model car and Charles Timbrell, principal comedian, recently purchased an expensive car. Other members of the company are E. M. Gardiner, owner and manager; Joe James, Juvenile; Eva Marlowe, soubrette; Val Russell, characters and blues singer; James and LaDale, specialty team; Trixie Reynolds, musical director; Edna Flippin, Ella Gardner, Blanche La Dale, Muriel Rose, Eva La Dale, Peggy Lee, Billy Hatt and Pearl Brown chorus. Eva Marlowe and Trixie Reynolds, each most tastefully gowned and having their share of good looks, enjoyed the motor ride from Middletown to Cincinnati on June 15 and before their return engaged in social chat with the writer. Incidentally it being their first opportunity to hear the click of typewriters in The Billboard editorial department.

MULLARKEY'S MELODY MAIDS, now appearing in stock at the Orpheum Theater, Ottumwa, Iowa, according to reports received at the Kansas City office of The Billboard, are now in their third big week and booked for the summer. Mr. Mullarkey is doing everything to make this show one of the best that has ever been in Ottumwa and has not spared expense in making this show a clean, classy revue. The show is equipped with special scenery, new wardrobe added weekly and special electrical effects. "Dutch" Miller, Local 441, is handling the stage and building new equipment for each and every bill. Operator Handcock, also a member of Local 441, is managing the electrical effects. The show roster at present is: Leo Mullarkey and Art Hughes, comedy; Dan Slagle, Juveniles; Hazel Hammer, ingenues; Edith Foresberg, dance specialties; Johnson & Day, musical team; Buddy Avery, the dancing fool; Miller Sisters and the chorus of fast-steppers, including Iona Cordell, Bobby Hoffman, Marion Dalton, Pat LaPorte, Margaret Clark, Louise Strong, Mildred White, Josie Smith and Babe Weaver.

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Billy "Beef Trust" Watson Knows What Burlesque Fans Want

New York, June 15.—When Billy "Beef Trust" Watson opened at the Columbia Theater this season his revival of "Krousmeyer's Alley", with its Dutch and Irish heroes, and the alley kids, with brickhats and cats, the censors were against the use of the brickhats and cats, and decided to rule them out of the show, but after careful consideration it was decided to let the mstay, and, as we predicted in our review at the Casino, if they did stay they would in all probability prove a box-office attraction, which the close of the season proved conclusively. Be that as it may, Billy Watson has proved his showmanship and "brought home the bacon" and he has been doing it for over forty years, and saving it instead of wasting it, with the result that Billy "Beef Trust" Watson or, as we personally prefer to title him, Paterson Billy Watson is now enjoying the reaping of his harvest in burlesque, with two theaters, an office building, a hotel and other realty holdings in Paterson that make some of the Wall Streeters appear like pikers. Supplementary to his holdings in Paterson is a beautiful estate that he calls a summer home at Belmar, N. J., where the Watson children (including three hopefuls) enjoy their summers in company with their dad, whose head and social advancements will not interfere with their aspirations for the stage, for all of the Watson kiddies are talented, and the ability that they have shown at charitable affairs promises a future stage career.

Billy "Beef Trust" Watson (Gee, how he must love that title!) is the same genial fel-

low that he was when coffee and sinkers were a treat and "beef and" down on the Bowery a feast. But now he is eating lobsters, peaches and cream, riding around in autos when he isn't out on Shark River fishing or in his Paterson office with Dan Guggenheim figuring out his income tax, which runs up into four figures.

hit in "Bubble Bubble" last season, has been signed up again for next season. Otto Kremm will be the carpenter, George Boyce, electrician, and Flo Russell mistress of the wardrobe.

Jimmie Cooper for his "Beauty Revue": Alice Baline, who did the apache dance last season, as ingenue for the coming season.

Arthur Harris for Clark & McCollough's "Monkey Shines": Lloyd Feddick, "Tut Tut" as a title has been discarded.

Jack Reid for his "Record Breakers": Betty Delmonte, Maida Firmin, Bert and Pauline Hall, Princess Dovee, Morris Perry, Billy Cumby, "The Black Spasm"; Timothy Healy, Emily Keller, with Jack and Ella Gilbert Reid.

Barney Gerard for his attractions, which one

LENA DALEY

Whose Smile Won Fame and Fortune

Everyone in the show world familiar with circuses knows that Baraboo, Wis., was formerly the winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. prior to the affiliation with the Barnum & Bailey Circus, and everyone familiar with the Ringling Bros.' Circus knows that for years it was famous for its ballets.

It was during rehearsals of the ballet prior to the opening of the regular season that many of the little girls of Baraboo congregated to feast their eyes on the feminine beauties in the circus and build air castles of what they would do along the same lines when they became older, and chief among them was a little girl named Lena Daley, who never tired of being present at rehearsals.

It was at one of these rehearsals that the ballet master in trying out an intricate dance lost his head and hawed out the girls sufficiently strong to incite them to strike against what they all claimed to be an impossible dance when his gaze fell on the little girl with the ever-present smile who was looking on from a vantage point, and it was her smile that dispelled his anger and caused him to remark, "Why, there is a kid standing there looking at you that I will wager can do it," and with the thought came action, for, calling her over, he inquired if she could, and without a moment's hesitation she said she "could and would," and she did. Verily, the smile of Lena Daley won the day for the ballet master, and the admiration of the choristers, who adopted Lena and her smile, with the result that she became a member of the ballet at a salary of eight dollars a week.

Beginning with attracting the attention of the ballet master with her ever-present smile it wasn't long ere she attracted the attention of a minor executive of the circus in the person of Ed Daley, who decided that "Smiling Lena" was the only one girl in the world for him, and being ambitious he visioned her as a heroine and himself as the hero mounting the theatrical ladder to fame and fortune.

What Ed Daley wants he goes and gets, and that probably accounts for "Smiling Lena" becoming Mrs. Ed Daley and the featured feminine of numerous musical comedies, including the companies of Joe Howard, Yorke and Adams, and several others. Ed decided that there was more real money awaiting him in burlesque with its forty consecutive weeks of salary.

For several seasons Ed Daley managed shows on the American Circuit in which "Smiling Lena Daley" was the featured feminine, and the success of those shows was due to the managerial ability of Ed Daley on the front of house and backstage, and the presence of "Smiling Lena Daley" on the stage.

When it appeared as if the American Circuit would cease to function and many of the prominent stars of burlesque were going into other fields of theatricals, Sam A. Scribner, general manager of the Columbia Amusement Company, controlling theaters and attractions on the Columbia Circuit, with his usual discernment decided to corral the best obtainable for the Columbia Circuit, which accounts for the graduation from the American Circuit of Ed and Lena Daley to the Columbia Circuit with the "Broadway Brevities", which was a decided success last season, so much so that today Ed Daley is the sole owner of Ed Daley's "Brevities of 1923", starring Lena Daley, and a sharing partner of Sam A. Scribner in Ed Daley's "Buzzin' Round", another new show for the Columbia Circuit for next season, and there was every prospect of Daley having a third show on the Columbia Circuit for next season, as the Campbell & Drew franchise was offered to and declined by Daley.

This article was intended for "Smiling Lena Daley" only, but the Daleys are so closely identified in their professional and home life that one is never mentioned without the other and seldom are they found apart in business or at home, for they are life partners in every word and deed, and seldom is a couple found more congenial.

Since the close of their last season Ed Daley has been busily engaged in his suite of offices in the Columbia Theater Building, while Lena has been just as busily engaged with a staff of seamstresses in the Daley costume studio

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OLYMPIC STOCK, NEW YORK

New York, June 15.—Dave and Sammy Kraus have been conducting burlesque stock at the Olympic since the closing of the regular shows of the Mutual Circuit, and business has been far above their expectations.

The cast for week of June 11, viz.: Ray Paine, Al Watson, Eddie Lloyd, Babe Almond, Jacque Wilson, Eleanor Wilson, Lester Dorr and John Burke, and for the week of June 18 there will be additions of Charlie Burke, Grace Goodale, and as usual Millie. Millie will do her classic dancing, as she has become a permanent drawing card at the Olympic. The Chorus—Billy O'Neill, Helen Gibson, Irene Samuels, Luu Welch, Vivian Robinson, Betty Taylor, Dolly LeVoy, Florence Stockwell, May Wire, Ada Lesser, Florence Watson, Helen Brundage, Edna Carroll, Puggy Van Camp, Sylvia Melrose and Eva Brown.

IRVING PLACE STOCK, NEW YORK

New York, June 15.—Sol. Fields for some time past has been conducting burlesque stock at the Irving Place Theater on Irving Place off 14th street, around the corner from the Olympia, and the business has been exceptionally good.

The cast for the week of June 11 was Sid Rogers, Johnny Goodman, Ed Welsh, Billy Cochran, Jean DeLisle, Dorothy Drake and Sue Millford. For the week of June 18 there will be additions of Billy Wallace, George Carroll, Jessie Recke and Gertrude Avery.

SEEN AND HEARD

By NELSE

Rube Bernstein and his manager, Irving Becker, have decided to drop the title of "Broadway Flappers" and use "Bathing Beauties" for next season on the Columbia Circuit.

Gus Flieg made sufficiently good as a producer at the Band Box, Cleveland, to cause the management to recall him for the balance of the summer run. Gus will produce two shows on the Mutual next season.

NOTICE!

A report on the Burlesque Producing Managers' committee's meeting and the election of officers for the Burlesque Club will be found in the news section of this issue.

PRODUCING MANAGERS' ENGAGEMENTS

Columbia Circuit

Ed Daley for his "Brevities of 1923": Lena Daley, Walter Brown, Harry Peterson, Thelma Carlton, Jack "Smoke" Gray, Grace Arliss, Olive Kennedy, Victor Kaplan, and Jos. Gambina as musical director.

Ed Daley for his "Buzzin' Round": Msc Janese, Al Hillier, John O. Grant, Babe Heavy, Hazzard and Spellman, Aithe Barnes and Oce "Fat" Hamilton.

Low Talbot for his "Wine, Woman and Song": Bert Bertrand, Harry S. LaVan, Nate Busby, Jimmie Walters, Gertrude Ralston and Viola Spaeth.

Jack Singer for the Charles H. Waldron, as yet untitled: Scotty Friedell, Ernie Mack, Gene Schuler and Jack Cameron.

Hurtig & Session for their attractions have engaged Joe Rose, for the past three years at Minsky's National Winter Garden, to write the books and he is now holding forth in their offices.

Billy K. Wells for his "Bubble Bubble": Anna Clifton and her husband, Billy Dexter, as manager of company. Bert Weston, who managed the company last season, will have charge of Mr. Wells' executive offices in the Columbia Theater Building and supervise his various productions in other fields of theatricals. William Browning, who made such a decided

has not been decided as yet: Al Lubin as manager.

Semour Felix will operate on the Campbell & Brew franchise and has not settled on title or cast.

Mutual Circuit

Fred Strauss for his "Snappy Snaps": Ray Read, William Young, Rex Weber, Monica Mayo, Dolly Lewis, Bonnie Dale, and Sid Kennedy as leader, Ted Murphy as carpenter and Henry Lewis as props.

Fred Strauss for his "Smiles and Kisses": Lee Hickman, Abe Leonard, Arthur Stern, Bessie Rosa, Muriel Claire, Johnnie and Marie Baker.

Grif Williams for his "London Gayety Girls": Tony Cornetta, Ralph Fielder, Harry Harder, May Morell, Gertie DeMay, Clara Gray, and Nell Sullivan as leader, likewise May Allen and Bille De Tello.

Lou Sidman for his "Flirts and Skirts": Harry Harrigan, Dick Hahn, Brad Sutton, Walter "Pep" Smith, Caprice, Pearl Briggs, Nola Edwards, and Arthur Dupont as leader, Al Casey Fox carpenter, Charles Lester props, Louise Traynor mistress of wardrobe, and Lou Sidman manager.

Jack Polar for his "French Models": Jack Ormsby, Sammy Spears, Harry Beasley, Eddie Hart, Betty Palmer, and Otto Mulvaney as leader.

Harry "Hello Jake" Fields for his "Hello

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His Regards to Broadway

HAVING been ordered away on a vacation that may last several weeks I must temporarily refrain from assuming responsibility for this column. But before doing so I want to say "au revoir" to the thousands and thousands of members who have followed my report on the doings of their association thru this medium, and to tell them that I shall miss more than I can express this weekly talk to them until my return.

I want to thank those who have so kindly written me on the many subjects I have tried to touch upon. I want them to know that their interest has pleased me greatly, and that their critical comments have always been most carefully considered.

FRANK GILLMORE.

Honor Star for Equity Veterans

The Equity members who were locked out of the Earl Carroll show, "Vanities of 1923", appeared before the council at its last meeting and were cheered by the councilors as they entered the room. President John Emerson, Elsie Ferguson, Florence Reed and Frederic Burt delivered short talks of congratulations and encouragement.

The council decided that these members who stood up for their association and its principles under fire should be recognized with a gold star embossed on each of their cards.

Loyalty Laughs at Lockouts

Earl Carroll's action in connection with his "Vanities of 1923" is a deliberate attempt to injure the A. E. A. and to vitiate its policies. He has discharged from his employ all the Equity members of the cast not because of incompetency but simply because of their membership in the Equity Association. We have no intention of letting him get away with a lockout of this sort.

Mr. Carroll, as an "independent" manager, that is, not a member of the Producing Managers' Association, has been operating under the Equity Shop policy for the past two years and until now has never made any objection to it. Under Equity Shop, of course, our members will not play in the same cast with non-members.

When Mr. Carroll started his rehearsals we were informed that he had engaged a mixed cast, which was of course against the Equity Shop ruling. Upon inquiry he told us that the principals were all vaudeville people and that there were no Equity members among them, that they were engaged under vaudeville contracts and that the show was to be practically a vaudeville show, under vaudeville conditions, and hence would not come under Equity jurisdiction. Carroll did, however, want some of our chorus people, and asked us to make no objection to their playing. An arrangement was made thru which he could use our chorus people, as he promised to use only members of the Chorus Equity Association.

But we soon learned that it was to be a regular revue, and hence under Equity jurisdiction. We told him he would have to abide by Equity Shop, as he had done in the past, and make his entire company Equity, or, if he preferred, join the P. M. A.

Instead of adopting either of these courses he told the Equity members of his company that, unless they renounced their association, they might consider themselves discharged. Apparently he thought they would be so anxious to keep their parts that they would desert their association, but in this he was entirely mistaken, for every Equity man and woman in the cast, including one of the principals, Ray Doolley, and the director, Walter Catlett, as well as the loyal boys and girls of the chorus, stood up for their association and its principles, so their engagements were terminated.

Beached at Bedford

Tom Hanlon, our traveling representative out of Chicago, sent headquarters the following wire:

"It was necessary to take extreme drastic action on Porter Tent Show. Wire me eighty-seven dollars to take care of people back to Chicago, care Western Union, Bedford, Ind."

The money was immediately dispatched and the people brought home.

Life Membership for Annie Russell

Miss Annie Russell is our latest Life Member. She writes:

"Having been one of the early members I want to feel secure in always being a member—if you will have me! Nor can I think of

any better proof of my admiration of the splendid work which Equity has accomplished for my profession, or a better expression of my deep interest in all that Equity is trying to further accomplish."

Equity Disbands—In Press Yarn

A certain theatrical paper that is opposed to Equity's aims and principles in a recent issue "suspended" nearly our entire membership.

We hasten to assure our members that this certain paper was as truthful in this as it has been in everything pertaining to the A. E. A.

Taking the Count of 18

The exact vote that killed the Grahn Sunday Bill in Wisconsin was 18 to 12.

Bulletining the Bulletin

With the summer season coming on our bulletin board in the main office is covered with notes about boarding places in the country, furnished rooms, cottages and so forth. The bulletin board covers a variety of subjects, and acts as a general exchange.

Equity at Film Congress

President Emerson attended the International Congress on Motion Pictures Arts, held under the auspices of the Authors' League of America, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, June 7 and 8, as Equity's representative.

George Lederer, Jr., III

We were grieved to learn of the illness of George W. Lederer, Jr., and hope that the benefit to be held for him June 24 at the Sam H. Harris Theater will be a great success and bring him much financial relief.

A Visitor

We understand that the prominent English actor, Sir John Martin-Harvey, with his company, is to visit us next season.

Suspended for Contract Jumping

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ryan (Miss Irene Noblett) were suspended by the council at its last meeting for contract jumping. The manager, S. G. Davidson, was sent a check by the A. E. A. for the amount of their two weeks' salary.

Burning the Capitol

Reports state that the Capitol Building, in which is Equity's Chicago office, suffered a \$150,000 loss by fire. We have not received word at this writing that our office was at all damaged, and so consider no news good news.

Immediate Action

Equity's traveling representatives are being empowered to suspend members in the field who refuse to obey instructions and regulations of the A. E. A., and the offending members will be presented with printed slips officially

Chorus Equity Association of America

JOHN EMERSON, President.

DOROTHY BRYANT, Executive Secretary.

EVEN new members joined the Chorus Equity in the past week.

The following members were splendidly loyal to Equity when told by Earl Carroll that they could not be employed in his "Vanities of 1923" Company if they insisted on remaining true to the principles of their organization: Julian McKenzie, Jet Stanley, Norah White, Dolly Ryan, Claire Wegner, Elsie Lombard, Leslie Ostrander, Dan Sparks, Abner Barnhardt, Allan Dale, William Lillibridge, Robert Spencer, Irving Carter, Gerald Gilbert, Eugene Jenkins, Dennis Murray, Harry Howell, Jean Barney and Elaine Gladson. In answer to a special invitation they appeared before the council of the Chorus Equity and of the Actors' Equity and were greeted by a rising vote of thanks. In an address to them President John Emerson compared them to soldiers in the front line whose bravery and loyalty made the association possible. Addresses were made

by Miss Florence Reed, Miss Elsie Ferguson and Frederic Burt.

By action of the council every member of Equity who has lost an engagement thru his or her devotion to the organization becomes a gold star member and will carry a membership card to which a gold star is affixed. Those Equity members who are no longer with the Earl Carroll Company and the members who left "The O'Brien Girl" Company two years ago are entitled to this card.

We are holding checks in settlement of claims for Royal S. Trott, Margaret Royce Collignon, Ann Smith and Charles Murray Blackwood.

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DOROTHY BRYANT,
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says he is writing a new book for Friedlander & George for a one-night-stand musical comedy, entitled "Mrs. Katzenjammer in Society". New scenery and wardrobe is being made and the show experts to open the middle of August, according to Mr. Bowers. Friedlander & George's "Peaches and Cream Girls" will continue to play on the rotary plan in the Windy City.

"THE HONEYSUCKLE GIRLS" Company has been given an extension of engagement at the Casino Theatre, Ottawa, Can., by House Owner and Manager Pete Kehayas for an indefinite period. Despite the hot weather the company, owned by Comic Dyer, is drawing good-sized audiences, our local representative reports. Dyer in his Jewish comedy work is introducing some new bits in the twice-a-week change, with some novelty costumes and specialties. His own work, especially his impromptu "kidding", is always sure of a laugh. Chas. Grenier, blackface, is a new member of the company and is going over in nice style. Al Beaumont, in straight and character work, is a big favorite, while Frank White in eccentric comic work goes big, particularly in his French work and songs in straight character. Gentle Dyer, leads goes thru his routine in a finished manner and as a rule appears in a new gown weekly. Rose Beaumont, soubrette, is of the smaller type, and wins appreciative hands in her specialties. The chorus is well balanced as to height, etc.; good steps and harmonize in voice. In line are Adonna Moreau, Babe Rochester, Rose Beaumont, Babette Grenier and Eva Roger, with Baby Irene in kid specialties. The latter is very popular with the younger patrons and woman folk. Manager Kehayas has increased his orchestra from three musicians to five and has invested in a new piano. Joe Ovette and wife in their mind-reading and Chinese magic act are booked in at the Casino for the week of June 18. The Casino stage is now under the able and efficient management of Gil Graham, late of the Dominion and Family theaters."

"THE ORPHEUM THEATER, Oklahoma City, opened June 30 with an indefinite run of the Orpheum musical stock, an aggregation of twenty-five players especially picked for the summer season in Oklahoma City by Buckley and Sullivan. The cast is headed by Max Ford, of the original Four Fords, and Madeline Randolph, the leading woman for past three seasons with the Roof Garden show. The balance of the cast consists of Jane Hazelton, Jack Collins, George Stanley, Leo Dunnett, Jack West, Martin Gibbons, Kay Norman and William Pollard, and in addition is a chorus of fifteen singing and dancing sylphs, which were taken intact from the Roof Garden Show. Two shows daily and change once every week will be given.

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John Drew

IT IS a singularly important event to play—old and young, that John Drew in his fiftieth year on the stage, should play the part of Sir Peter Teazle with Ethel Barrymore in the opposite role. The mother of John Drew was a figure in the American theater for twenty years. At the age of sixty-two she played Lady Teazle in her own Arch Street Theater, Philadelphia, with our present Sir Peter in the part of Joseph. At the age of seventy-six, with vigor unabated, she played Mrs. Maprop with Joseph Jefferson in the all-star cast of "The Rivals". At the Play-club presentation of "The Rivals" this season I sat beside a Philadelphia whose long memory of the Arch Street Theater included Mrs. John Drew's Lady Teazle, and at "The School for Scandal" at the Lyceum I chanced to sit beside a Harvard man who had happy recollections of her Mrs. Maprop in Boston, about 1895. Miss Harrymore represents the third generation of this noted family. Her mother may never have played Lady Teazle, but she was "an excellent Maria" in Daly's revival of Sheridan's play.

As our personal contacts with Mr. Drew have been lamentably few, the part of Sir Peter came at an opportune time. Mr. Drew's part in "The Circle"—where we made his acquaintance for the first time—was not intended to display his elegance. But with the part of Sir Peter in eighteenth century manner and speech John Drew's powers are unabated, and we have a means of recording his standard of elegance.

In John Drew we have a standard of speech in the American theater that is especially modern, on the one hand, and a little old-fashioned on the other; but our meaning of old-fashioned must be understood. Our critical predecessor in the discussion of "the spoken word" was Alfred Ayres. He belonged to the period of Mrs. John Drew. He was an elocutionist in the best acceptance of that term. He was a modernist in his distaste for loud speaking and artificiality. He was a stickler for correct pronunciation and distinctness of utterance.

In the judgment of Mr. Ayres, Mrs. John Drew was the most accomplished actress of her time—not the greatest, but the most accomplished. Both Clara Morris and Mrs. Drew approached or realized his ideal in clearness of speech. Mrs. Drew, like Joseph Jefferson, spoke with extreme naturalness and with no apparent effort. Mr. Ayres spoke of Mrs. Drew and Miss Morris as "two of the very few players that know how to be colloquial without degenerating into the commonplace". Neither of them was ever afraid to take "all the time necessary" to make the author's thought clear and impressive. Both of them always made themselves heard, and every important word they sent to the uttermost parts of the house—and always without apparent effort. Compared to other players of thirty years ago, their distinctness, their artistic knowledge of speech and voice, was old-fashioned.

If we go out of our way to record these echoes of the past, it is for purposes of comparison. The clear-voiced, expressively toned and clearly articulated speech of Francis Wilson, and the equally clear speech and natural ease of John Drew in "The School for Scandal", are matters of comment by all who have seen the recent revivals of the old comedies. A boy of my acquaintance was incredulously surprised the other day to learn that Francis Wilson was over forty! The ringing authority of John Drew's Sir Peter rang thru the Lyceum Theater with unerring precision. His memory might falter, but it never led to the hanging of a word or syllable or to a sagging of the voice. The memory immediately prompted itself by logical thinking, and the speech was continuous and coherent to the ear. While we listen to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Drew with a modern ear for naturalness, we may detect on examination the schooling of deliberation that Alfred Ayres commanded.

Not long ago Mrs. Thomas Whiffen was interviewed and she spoke of this very detail in putting voice "over". She considers that the failure of many young players is due to the effort to make speech in the theater "too conversational". "The charm of a good play is lost," she says, "when the actors fall to give every word its full value of enunciation."

In Mr. Drew's speech there is only one thing that raises any question of old-fashioned conceptions that might now clash with the modern teaching of spoken English. This one thing is the use of strong vowels in unstressed syllables, especially in terminations with endings in "-est", "-ment", and the like. In the "-ment" termination especially Mr. Drew as Sir Peter shows an established habit of giving the vowel full value (strong form), which in this case is the -e in "met". This idea of correctness probably represents the best tradition of the stage and of society in the day of "old-fashioned" carefulness. This idea of precision also represents the best knowledge of the time.

The scientific study of spoken English as a living historical language is extremely recent, dating from about 1880 in England. That marks the earlier activity of Henry Sweet, father of British phoneticians. America looked into the subject about thirty years later. Not

THE SPOKEN WORD

Conducted by WINDSOR P. DAGGETT

until five years ago, when William Tilly came to this country, after Germany touched a match to him, did we have a phonetic teacher of the best rank devoting his time to English. In fact, it is only within the last few years that any teacher of English in the public schools, in England or America, would be familiar with the "strong form" and "weak form" of the vowel in unstressed syllables in terms of historical knowledge. Now that the researches of the past forty years are available, we have definite facts to work on.

These strong-form pronunciations are heard to a considerable extent in Shakespeare. On a certain level of deliberation they are inevitable, but as a general practice they are objectionable. If the younger actor gets the impression that they are essential to correctness, he is entirely misled. In my weekly theatergoing I gather certain questionable associations from strong-form pronunciations. I associate them with such parts as the the-

ETHEL BARRYMORE

"THE School for Scandal" was written in 1777. Forty years later, after the original old favorites had gone, Hazlitt reviewed a performance of the play at Covent Garden. He complained that the actors were incapable of acting genteel comedy. The work of Little Moses, the money-lender, was the only one to suggest a trace of good manners. Time has entirely removed us from the eighteenth century. Comparing the standards of our own day with what we conceive to have been exquisite in the days of young Sheridan, we have seen a pretty satisfying picture of gentility on Broadway within the last few weeks.

Ethel Barrymore, as Lady Teazle, was entrancing to gaze upon, and her lightness of foot and the ease of her coquettish and scandalous good manners were equally charming. In voice Miss Barrymore was master of her pouring, mellifluous tone that brings spontaneous sentences to her lips, with a "cup" of feeling tone from the throat mingling its stream of womanly emotion in the teasing speeches. In the scenes of honor compromised this "cup" of bigness and sincerity was rightly dominant and dignified. It is this blended quality of voice in Miss Barrymore at her best that gives her readings a rare flavor. There is the impetuous, fleeting word, swiftly, playfully and merrily spoken; but back of it is a note of inward nature that never quite expresses itself—a note of heart fulness and womanly reserve. This other note in Miss Barrymore's voice is back in its old form. We have not heard it so rich in expression since "Declasse". In Lady Teazle this undertone of heart quality gave a playful wholesomeness of nature to the sophisticated social tongue. In the screen scene it gave an arresting note to the humiliation of Lady Teazle that was more eloquent than words.

In manner Miss Barrymore was uncommonly resourceful. Her eye was sparkling in its directness, avoiding its evasive side glance, which is a mannerism of insincerity. Her hands were expressive and her arms especially well behaved. Not once did she put her hand to her cheek in the favorite pose, and not more than three times in the whole evening did she finger her hair. On the contrary, Miss Barrymore found quite sensible things for her hands to do. They got away from their set stations of check and cross. They had the composure to take becoming positions and keep still, and, in song meeting the text, they made gestures that exactly fitted the thought of the moment. Give Miss Barrymore a makeup of rouge on her cheek and chin, the ample folds of an eighteenth century satin and a hat with a feather, and she is the loveliest woman we would ask to see in the nineteen hundreds. Her throat is exquisite and her tone rests there in formal freedom when she is at her best. At no time this season has Miss Barrymore showed the worth that she showed in this all-star company with the Players Club.

To continue our historical vein of reasoning, Miss Barrymore is especially modern. Her speech is entirely intuitive by nature. Neither by study nor training does it become deliberate in the way that an actor's speech may be deliberate on the stage. Miss Cowl comes much nearer to the deliberate school of speaking that Alfred Ayres extolled in the work of Mrs. John Drew and Clara Morris. Miss Cowl and Miss Harrymore are entirely different in mentality. It remains to be seen which one will make the greatest permanent mark in the theater. Miss Cowl, if I understand her, has risen to prominence by consistent, hard work and study. Miss Cowl may have less natural genius. Mrs. John Drew was not her grandmother and the romantic Maurice Barrymore of other days was not her father. But diligent application to high purpose is rounding out her talents to ripeness and power.

The deliberate school of speaking belongs to an older generation. It belongs to the days when distinct speaking was the first rule of the theater and when actors were trained in the old regime of relentless stock. Mrs. John Drew was on the stage at the age of seven. She played Pauline, Beatrice and Ophelia in her teens, and was Lady Ma Bell with Forrest before she was twenty. During her first year as manager of the Arch Street Theater, Philadelphia (1861), she played forty-two roles. Mrs. Drew was then as young a woman as Miss Barrymore is today, but she had "gone than the mill" in the way that modern actors never do. John Drew had some of this training in his mother's company, and in his twelve years with Daly, but Miss Barrymore began her career in the day of "stars". She may have played forty-two roles in her career, but probably never more than four in one season, and she knows nothing about the rigorous discipline that oldtimers thrived on. Miss Barrymore inherited much of the elegance and charm that she brings to the part of Lady Teazle. She inherited a magic name and position in the theater. Whether her family pride and individuality will stir her to greatness beyond this personal charm and aptness as a comedienne is a matter for later reckoning. I could not see Miss Barrymore's Lady Teazle without feeling that it is her own fault if she cannot play Beatrice with honorable mention. We forgive her her Juliet, which was more a mistake than a failure. Lady Teazle is her restorative, and it should give her impetus to add considerably to her repertory in parts of distinction.

It must be remembered from the start that John Drew is not a "methodist". It would be silly to think of him as having a single-track mind or a routine way of doing things. If he pronounces a strong form -e in unstressed syllables nine times out of ten he is sure to pronounce it with a weak vowel on the tenth count, and very likely much oftener. The point at issue is that he appears to use

strong character played by Miss Alison Skipworth in "The Torch Bearers", with the "provincial actor" of Leo Stark in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury", and with such declamatory delivery as George Sommes brought to "The Book of Job"—good declamation, but elocutionary rather than natural in the normal sense.

Even in the dramatic word "banishment" in "Sweet Nell", Herbert Grimwood very naturally uses the obscure-e in the final syllable, and in "Antigone" of two weeks ago both Miss Matthison and Mr. Kennedy used frequent weak forms in "judgment" and words of this order.

"Nobles" with Mr. Drew has strong form -e in the unstressed syllable. "Subject" has strong -e, and "Joseph" is pronounced "Jo-zef" in the last syllable. I do not attribute this to the age or character or deliberation of Sir Peter, or to the size of the Lyceum Theater, but to the idea of correctness that has prevailed in careful speech for many years. On one occasion I noticed that Mr. Drew pronounced "punishment" with obscure-e in the proper name.

"Gentlemen" is pronounced like two words by Leo Stark as the "provincial actor" ("gentle-men"), with -e in "met". "Kinsmen" in Jane Cowl's balcony scene has the same strong form -e ("kins-men"). Rollo Peters in the line that follows Miss Cowl uses obscure-e in "kinsmen" ("kins-men"), with no falling off in elegance or correctness. John Drew says "madmen" with obscure-e in the last syllable. Here he uses the obscure-e which he seldom uses in the endings "-ment". It is questionable if "gentleman" (with weak form) and "gentle men" (with strong form), "madman" and "mad men", "kinsmen" and "kins men" mean one and the same thing.

The deliberate speaker before a large assembly, where it is difficult to make oneself heard, is justified in using strong-form vowels in unstressed syllables. Considering the naturalness of speech, acquired by Joseph Jefferson, Mrs. John Drew, Clara Morris, John Drew and Francis Wilson, we do not classify actors as deliberate speakers before a multitude. Their standard of speech is much closer to conversation, for actors are not orators. Their art of clear speaking is a matter of correct voice, good enunciation and easily precise articulation, rather than in "spelling pronunciations" of any sort. The deliberation that Alfred Ayres commanded was a matter of tempo and precision, clear thinking and expression and mastery of voice. He looked for deliberation on stressed syllables and thought words and for distinctness in all syllables; but distinctness in all syllables does not mean strong vowels in all syllables. Mr. Ayres was in constant turmoil over the strong form pronunciations of the indefinite article and other routine words in the sentence, and he fought this matter out not only with the actors, but with the teachers in the public schools and with the professors in the colleges. Mr. Ayres was right and the pedants were wrong.

It is only in the use of strong vowels in unstressed syllables that we find John Drew a fashion of correctness that may now be challenged as old-fashioned in the light of modern teaching. But the phoneticians have furnished us with ample proof that these unstressed syllables have been weakened in careful speech from the time of Queen Elizabeth to the present day. The actor can not defend strong-form pronunciations on the grounds of "correctness". As for being heard, the acoustic comforts of a modern theater do not demand them. They will be used in especially deliberate passages and sometimes before a stop at the end of a sentence or a phrase. But they will be used more sparingly by actors of this generation than they appear to have been used in the period of thirty or fifty years ago. That is all there is to the argument that Mr. Drew's pronunciation has prompted.

In the clarity and cultured beauty of his voice, in precision, economy and naturalness of speech, Mr. Drew puts his voice "over" with a ring of youthfulness seasoned with mature authority and judgment, and whatever he does has the stamp of culture. He belongs to the studios school of his accomplished mother and admirer. What William Winter said of Mr. Drew in his early days with Charles Frohman now applies to a career of fifty years which has given us the man; Mr. Winter described John Drew as "illuminated with the lustre of high principle, personal purity and a life of thought and refinement".

In prefixes, Mr. Drew is much more likely to use weak vowels than he is in final syllables. An obscure-e in the first syllable of "obligé" is frequent, altho "society" and "violent" may take an -o for the "o" spelling, two pronunciations that are precise without being pedantic. "Authority" he pronounces with a short aw-sound in the first syllable rather than with the long aw-sound that Mr. Kennedy used in "Antigone". A long aw-sound in this syllable is standard in Southern England.

In regard to words with secondary stress, Mr. Drew is quite flexible and he adapts his pronunciation to his rate of speech. His "circumstances" is likely to have a secondary stress on the third syllable, with the -a in "man". This is the usual American pronunciation; but "matrimony" becomes both "ma-tri-mo-ni" with an -o and secondary stress on the third syllable, and at other times it is "ma-tri-mu-ni" with leveled stress and obscure-e in the third syllable; and "ceremony" easily becomes "se-re-mu-ni" with obscure-e (u), a pronunciation that sounds very inadequate to certain provincial Americans.

In terms of elegance, Mr. Drew is particularly fine in the short i-sound in words like "milliner" and "family" (fam-i-ly). It is in words of this sort where McKay Morris is yet to acquire real finish. Mr. Morris means to say "family" "trippingly on the tongue", but his precision is not always adequate. His -m becomes a mumble and his -i becomes obscure-e (a-fam-i-ly). Mr. Drew gives "will" a special delicacy with the nice -i and a clear -l. In words with the glide, "opportunity", "introduce", and the like, Mr. Drew is never negligent of the glide. One can easily detect McKay Morris leaving it out of "stupid", and Henry E. Dixey omitted it in "produce".

In "where" and "grief" Mr. Drew sticks to the modern accepted standard, giving both words the vowel sound of "her" with no

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By Elita Miller Lenz

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SIDE GLANCES

Lucille Watson's Vacation

Lucille Watson, who is co-starring with H. B. Warner in "You and I", the Harvard prize play, at the Belmont Theater, New York, did not have to ponder long when we asked her to tell us about her happiest vacation.

"The place was Quebec, Canada," said she. "The time was every summer during my childhood. Those summer vacations are the happiest of my life because Quebec was my birthplace and the scene of school days. It was in my parents' time a very charming garrison town, where my father was quartered with his regiment."

This characteristic answer bears out the old-old saying that the truly great are always unassuming. Miss Watson, much-traveled stage celebrity, might have mentioned many fashionable vacation resorts, but her heart was true to the scenes of her childhood.

The Name of Adrienne

which is incidentally the title of Vivienne Segal's new starring vehicle, has so captured the fancy of Sidney Harris, manager of the George M. Cohan Theater, New York, that he

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The hat below is a sport model, developed from accordion-pleated taffeta ribbon, with a two-wheel cocarde of same. This development may be carried out in any of the pastel sport shades, and a band, fashioned from contrasting strands of wool, is entwined about the crown.
—Photo, Underwood & Underwood.



has made formal application to the legal powers that be to have his baby's name changed from Jeanne Ruth to Adrienne. According to Windsor P. Daggett, who edits our spoken word column, the name has charm when it is properly pronounced. So it wouldn't be a bad idea for Mr. Harris to send out announcements with a reprint of Mr. Daggett's instructions on how to pronounce Adrienne.

Irene Bordoni Returns

from Paris with several trunks containing the eight costumes she will wear during the three acts of the new Hopwood comedy, "Little Miss Bluebird", in which she will star, say the reporters. We have jotted down a memorandum in our diary to seek the key to the secret chamber where the eight gowns hang.

Much Adored Jane Cowl

Every time we interview an actress who never fails to express her admiration of Jane Cowl's Juliet. When we tried to get Helen Menken to talk about herself she enthused over Jane Cowl's Juliet. And now The New York American prints an interview with

STYLETTES FOR SUMMER

Pleated bounces are very much in evidence on the newest summer frocks. Altho one occasionally sees a circular bounce, the straight bounce is most favored.

In the all-star presentation of "The School for Scandal", at the Lyceum Theater, New York, Ethel Barrymore, as Lady Teazle, appeared to splendid advantage in a period gown. A bouffant creation of silver brocade, worn over a blue taffeta foundation, borrowed charm from a graceful Gainsborough bat of blue velvet, trimmed with an ostrich feather on each side of the brim, their ends curling under. Miss Barrymore carried an immense muff, matching the hat in color.

The audience that attended "The School for Scandal" donned its best in honor of the great occasion. The auditorium of the Lyceum Theater, New York, resembled a rose bower, for the feminine portion of the audience was decked in varying tones of rose and coral, with several gowns of the brilliant shade designated as lacquer red.

This widespread preference for red is noted at the races, on the golf links, tennis courts and in motor toppers. And it is said that shoe merchants have had record-breaking demand for red sport shoes.

Another color that has leaped into favor is cocoa brown. It is very effective on all types.

Dimitri and voile tuck-in waists and overblouses, hand made, are very popular, due to the vogue of the sleeveless jacket. White crepe de chine is much favored in the more expensive blouses, which are either embroidered with emblem and monogram or elaborated with peasant color schemes.

Styles for fall are being discussed by designers. They will be varied and whimsical. There will be lines of monastic simplicity, with adaptation of the monk's cowl and the clergy's sleeves. The colors forecasted are cardinal red and bishop purple. Lines will also revive memories of Cleopatra and Catherine de Medici. Cleopatra inspires interesting skirt treatments, while Catherine de Medici inspires elaborate, stand-up collar designs and ornate, puffed sleeves.

Another advance novelty is the detachable bustle. It takes the form of an immense bow, which is said to be most beneficial in its effect on the stout figure that must adhere to straight lines. On ready-made frocks the bustle is made detachable in case the purveyor wishes to dispose of it.

Patou is importing a "two-faced" frock, which is decidedly circular on one side and straightlined on the other. In other words, the front of the gown is a contradiction to the back. Attention is called to the fact that there is an advantage in having circular pleats, arranged in tiers in back, as they do not crush easily when so arranged.

Word comes from Paris that the skirts of some frocks will be shorter than those of the moment, just for the sake of variety.

The softly draped and paneled evening dresses of the moment will hold their style throughout the coming season, judging from advance fall style sketches.

To add a chic touch to the beach costume or bathing suit, the bandana scarf is without a rival. When shopping for one of these scarfs be sure to specify a color-fast bathing bandana.

New York shops are welcoming mid-summer with appealing displays of imported voiles, linens, dotted swiss and organdie.

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The printed silk frock, in two contrasting colors, is seen in the three-tier-pleated effect.

The dressier frocks for summer are of lace and tulle, with introductions of brocade to insure bouffancy.

One may follow individual preference in the matter of neckline, as the bateau, the low-rounded and the V-necks are in vogue.

Veils are enjoying a prosperous season.

Laurette Taylor, the stage Nell Gwynn of the younger generation, in which lovely Laurette says: "Honestly, after seeing Jane Cowl as Juliet I believe implicitly in miracle."

Now who believes that professional jealousy exists in high places?

JOLLY FANNY RICE

Incomparable Mimic Is Still "Verily, Merrily, Cheerily" With Us

Several weeks ago Fanny Rice accompanied a woman friend to an affair of the Professional Women's League. Her appearance caused quite a stir. "Where have you been all these years, jolly Fanny Rice?" asked many women, after recovering from their surprise. "I thought you were dead!" chirped a very frank matron, whereupon Jolly Fanny Rice proved she was very much alive and still entitled to the appellation "jolly," bestowed on her by Joe Howard, of The Boston Globe, when she first became a star. A few days later she was a guest of the Drama Comedy Club, where practically the same scene was enacted.

"What's the use of being so very much alive if the world thinks you are dead?" silently reasoned a friend of Miss Rice's, taking a menu and a copy of Fanny Rice's radiantly young face, puffy autumn hair and supple figure which has not taken on an extra pound since the old Casino days. Said friend answered her own question by deciding to tell the world that Fanny Rice was just as much if not more alive than ever. She began to tell the world by whispering it to the writer. "One whisper brings on another," said she, insinuatingly. "Well," said we, "lean closer and whisper Miss Rice's address."

"Miss Rice is here—outside waiting for me," responded our informant in a stage whisper, wherein she departed and returned with Miss Rice.

"Oh," we exclaimed excitedly, as the smiling little mimic entered our office, "it is THE Fanny Rice! THE Fanny Rice for whom we have been watching since childhood; the incomparable mimic who was the first vaudeville performer we ever saw!" (Recalling a trip to New York at the end of a school term, earned by close attention to readin', ritin' and rithemint.) Repressing a mad desire to embrace little Miss Rice we asked her: "Where have you been all these years—jolly Fanny Rice?"

"Very much alive, thank you," responded Miss Rice, with a mock sarcasm that prevented us from giving utterance to the words: "I thought you were dead!" We managed to observe instead: "What wonderful memories of the stage you must have, Miss Rice. May we add you to our collection of Reminiscent Ladies by asking you to go into a memory trance and tell us about your recollections?"

"I do not need to go into a trance to conjure up memories," answered Miss Rice. "Those memories are too precious, too deeply impressed on my mind and heart to ever fade."

"As I look back upon my career I feel honored to recall the names of Messrs. Richard Mansfield, Joseph Jefferson, Nat Goodwin, William Crane, Frances Wilson, Robert Tabor, Julia Marlowe, Mrs. John Drew and others with whom I have been closely associated, including Julian Russell, with whom I played in the same cast for three solid years in the New York Casino. I have been very fortunate in having been trained by the most prominent stage directors. The stage has been my life, and I can truly say I have never lost a sea-

son in all my years before the public, which is really something to boast of."

Never Announces Names of People She Mimics

The fates that presided at the birth of Fanny Rice endowed her with the rare gift of versatility, a gift that has enabled her to portray a varied and diverse line of characters. Joseph Jefferson at one time told her this would be her greatest handicap, as it had been his—and from his experience he had come to the conclusion that it was better to stick to one line of work and become identified with it, as thereby you obtain a larger measure of success.

Asked about her gift of mimicry, Miss Rice replied: "As long as I can remember it seemed to be second nature to me to absorb the personalities and mimic the idiosyncrasies of people, after being in their vicinity for only a short time. This talent gave me the incentive to build and create a vaudeville act, whereby with miniature figures, facsimiles of the characters I portrayed, using my own head to top the figure, with addition of wigs, mustache, etc., I mimicked the facial expressions and voice intonations of various personalities."

Miss Rice never announced to an audience whom she was going to imitate, feeling that if they did not recognize the character, which was invariably some one prominent in the public eye, she had failed of success. In this country she has successfully mimicked Roosevelt, Taft, Bryan and Rockefeller.

"When I toured Australia in 1913-'14," said

DAINTY FANNY RICE



As the irresistible coquette in "Miss Innocence Abroad", which played at the New York Bijou Theater twenty-eight years ago. Had motion picture magnates existed in those days doubtless they would have vied with each other for the privilege of filming this expressive beauty.

Miss Rice, "I mimicked various men basking in the public limelight in that country and the neighboring island of New Zealand. I wanted to mimic Sir George Reed, at that time the most popular and prominent public man in the Commonwealth, and I encountered considerable difficulty in getting sufficiently near to him to get a line on his peculiarities and appearance. I learned that 'The Millions Club', composed of the millions of Australia, was to give him a luncheon at the Town Hall. This being a very exclusive stag affair did not seem to offer much of an opportunity to get close enough to the great man to hear him speak and absorb his mannerisms. However, as I had to open the following week and wanted the material, I determined to try. I stood near the entrance to the Town Hall, in a street that was packed with a crowd of people all striving to get a glimpse of this popular statesman as he drove to the luncheon. I got in touch with a policeman recently imported from the Emerald Isle, and after chatting with him for a few moments I told him what I wanted and my reason for being there, and asked him if he could in any way assist me to get inside, where I could either see or hear, even if I had to stand behind a door and rubber thru a keyhole. He advised me to go to the man at the door and explain the situation to him, hinting that possibly he might be amenable to reason in the form of half a quid; but unfortunately the doorman lacked the genial personality of the son of Erin, and I was subjected to a decided refusal, accompanied by a scornfully supercilious expression, which considerably dampened my ardor; but fortunately my Irish policeman again came to my rescue and beckoned a man in uniform who had just emerged from the Town Hall, and after a diplomatic exchange the uniformed individual escorted me past my obdurate friend guarding the door, who muttered some rather

uncomplimentary things in regard to the American propensity for always wanting to butt in (my accent evidently having betrayed my nationality), and I was ushered into the Town Hall and seated beside a group of very distinguished-looking ladies, who were also there as spectators, and being only about twenty feet from Sir George Reed I had an excellent opportunity of listening to his speech (which also appeared in all the daily papers the following day), getting the intonations of his voice and watching how he handled his monocle, etc.

I took extracts from his speech, built my figure, donned wig and monocle and mustache, and when the curtain went up on my miniature theater I was not left in doubt as to the judgment of the Australians on my imitation of their best-beloved public character—the applause from the audience and the smiles that were tossed to me: "How are ye, Geoy?" proved to me that he was recognized. I felt proud and glad to think that I, an American woman and a stranger in their country, had been able to put it over.

"In New Zealand I impersonated the premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and had the satisfaction of seeing Lady Ward and her son watch me do it from a box in the theater. At that time New Zealand had just presented a dreadnought to the Imperial Government, and Sir Joseph was accused of taking too much credit to himself for this accomplishment, ignoring the fact that the country at large had dug down into its jeans in order to make the presentation possible. Sir Joseph, by the way, was knighted by the king because of his part in it. In addition to the figure of Sir Joseph I had a miniature dreadnought, which stood at the left of the figure, and which could be all lit up by electricity by simply pulling a string. The figure was decorated with imitations of all the medals which the gentleman had received at various times, and when the curtain went up he was immediately recognized, and the audience indulged in a volley of antagonistic remarks, which changed to laughter when I began the following speech: "I see

JOLLY FANNY RICE



As she looks today—the same delightful spirit of fun lurking in her eyes as in the "Miss Innocence Abroad" photograph at the left.

you recognize me—Sir Joseph Ward, M.P.—K. C. G.—Q. R. S. T.—X. Y. Z.—and made Baronet by the King—and I (New Zealand) presented the Imperial Government with a dreadnought—observe the dreadnought, then I pulled the light on the dreadnought and all the miniature portholes and guns showed up, and the audience rose on its hind legs, shouted itself hoarse, and I knew I had got them."

Associated With the Immortals

Later we had the privilege of glancing thru Miss Rice's scrapbook. On the first page was pasted a photograph, taken at the age of ten, when she was cornetist with the Barnabie Concert Company of Boston. Another photograph showed her in the role of Hilda in "Pinafore", with the Boston Opera Company, at the age of eighteen. In response to our question, "How did you happen to become a light operetta singer?" Miss Rice replied that a prominent Boston vocal instructor heard her sing when a child, liked the quality of her voice and volunteered to cultivate it, an offer which was gladly accepted by Miss Rice's family, all of whom were musicians; and it was this instruction which led her to an operetta career.

Fanny Rice's first New York appearance was as the footblack in "Strange Disappearances", a melodrama, produced at the old Miner's Theater. Henrietta Crosman, Jenny Hughes and George Clarke were members of this company. Later she played the protean part in "La Vie

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A unique feature of commencement exercises at Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton, Mo., June 2, was the German play that was presented by the German students of the college. The production was "Der Bibliothekar" (A Private Secretary) and was a comedy of errors.

The Peoria (Ill.) Paramount Players scored a new success with their presentation of "A Russian Romance" May 23 in the newly decorated Little Theater in the Wheelock Building. Mrs. Westhead's students displayed unusual talent and won many commendatory notices for their instructor.

George V. Denny, business manager of the Carolina Playmakers, is planning to visit New York about July 1 after a couple of weeks on the Hatteras Reef, just south of Hatteras, N.C. "This is a wonderful place, with real native North Carolina folk," writes Mr. Denny.

"The Doll's House", a production put on at Kirksville, Mo., by the Dramatic Club of the Northeast State Teachers' College, proved such a big hit that the students were prevailed upon to present it in a number of towns in this section of the State until the number of performances reached ten, and further performances had to be stopped because of lack of time due to commencement duties.

The Springfield (Ill.) Community Players presented "New Wine", "The Lifting of the Fog" and "Hands Up" in the Christ Church parish house May 28 and 29. The varied atmosphere of the three plays and the widely different motifs gave the players excellent opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of their talent and dramatic interpretation. James H. Patton made his appearance as a member of the players.

The Blue Grass (Ia.) Community Players presented "It Pays To Advertise" in the community house June 15. The membership is made up largely of Phi Sigma men and the production was the outstanding event of the players and the community's theatrical year. Many towns in this vicinity have invited the players to appear there after the home presentation. It is likely that a brief tour will be arranged.

G. W. Marque Maier, of the Hightstown (N. J.) Players, was obliged to postpone his tour of the Western and Canadian little theaters, planned for the month of May, until the latter part of June due to school duties (being a high school instructor) and Eastern engagements. Mr. Maier has received cordial invitations from many little theater groups to visit them while on his tour, among them the Portal Playhouse at Minneapolis.

Charles F. White was elected president of the Peoria Players at their annual meeting in Peoria, Ill., June 1, and other officers are: Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, vice-president; Elizabeth Pulsipher, secretary; Florence Raymond, assistant secretary; Frank Avery, treasurer; Frank Emerson, Fred Bourland, Mrs. Frank Morrill and Mrs. Harry Stone, directors. Ten children in a play directed by Mrs. Arthur Clark closed the meeting. Activities have been suspended until next fall and winter.

The Stuyvesant Neighborhood Players, New York City, presented four one-act plays at the Neighborhood House, Stuyvesant and Ninth streets, on Saturday evening, May 9. The plays were: "The Exchange", by Althea Thurston; "The Violin Maker of Cremona", translated from the French by Leonard F. Manheim and J. Schlesstein; "The Monkey's Paw", by W. W. Jacobs, and "The Pot Boiler", by Alice Gerstenberg. James W. Wise directed the players.

At the time of going to press the Douglaston Players, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y., were busy rehearsing for a performance of Lewis Booth's "The Clod", scheduled for production on the evening of June 22. Among the amateur actors cast for the play are Jack Yorke, at one time an aviator officer in the Royal Air Forces and brother of Alice Yorke, prima donna of "The Chocolate Soldier". It is reported that Mr. Yorke has been engaged by A. H. Woods for a fall production. Other members of the cast are: Mrs. F. M. Hoopes, Abram Gillette, A. Allen and Ray Weiden.

"Eternal Life", a philosophical play in blank verse, translated from "The Katha Upanishada", written about B. C. 3000, was given by the Union of East and West at the Cloisters of St. Guilhem, Fort Washington avenue and 190th street, New York, by courtesy of George Grey Barnard. After the performance Somesh Chandra Bose, a mathematical prodigy, demonstrated some remarkable mental calculations, and K. Nambu, a noted Japanese artist, displayed wonderful faculties of mind reading. Holders of tickets were privileged to inspect the Cloisters before and after the performance free of charge.

The dramatic department of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., scored another dramatic hit when it presented "The Dream

LITTLE THEATERS

(COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR NEW YORK OFFICES)

"Goddess", William Archer's dramatized Broadway success, on June 2. Harry Schwimmer, who has been a "winner" in previous performances, again had the leading role and made a distinct hit. As the Rajah of Rukh Schwimmer disclosed the Oriental trait of a Machiavelli, tempered with the gentleness of a Chesterfield, a part difficult to play. He was supported by a strong cast, among whom were university players who have achieved success in the past in plays that have been presented here under the direction of the dramatic department.

Since our last mention of the Martha Lee Players, of Cleveland, O., two noteworthy performances have been given by that organization: "My Lady Friends", in Elyria, and "The Hollontot", in Cleveland. The former was presented on the evening of April 8 and repeated on May 25 by popular request, under the auspices of the Women's Civic Club, the

best of the dramatic and humorous values of the play. "Captain Kidd, Jr." is a stirring tale of love and adventure, centered about an old book shop in New York and a charted swampland—"somewhere on the Coast". There's an old manuscript, accidentally found—a secret chart—an expedition—treasure—Spanish doubloons—flags and chests of gold—peaks of kohinoor—laughter a-plenty—breath-catching moments—scenic effects.

Kathleen Conway, of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., advises as follows:

"Shakespeare's last great work, his pageant drama, 'The Tempest', will be given by students of Rosary College, River Forest, a suburb of Chicago, on the afternoon of June 15 and again on the evening of June 16. It will be an out-of-door performance on one of the most beautiful spots of the campus, where an amphitheater has been built, and marks the close of the first year for this new million-

LITTLE THEATER BROADCASTS

THIS presentation of a play over the radio is an interesting thing for the actors and for the listeners, but most of all for the lucky individual allowed in the studio room while the performance is in progress. At no broadcasting station is it more interesting than at the famous one of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., where a regular company—probably the only Little Theater group of its kind in the United States—"sends out" a performance at regular intervals. The company is called the WGY Players. The audience is all of this country, Canada, Cuba and sometimes the coast of England and France. The money that would be taken in at the box-office if every "listener in" paid for the privilege of hearing them would make the Shuberts green with envy. Like moving picture actors who do not know who is going to see them laugh or weep, love or hate, the WGY Players know not whom they are playing to, but they at least have the satisfaction of being directly before their audience in the mysterious contact which their voices have thru the wireless transmission apparatus. They cannot see the expressions on the faces of their listeners as they are lighted up with interest or drowsed with boredom or glowing with excitement, but they know the people are there.

The visitor to the studio room knocked at the door; it was opened and he walked in softly over the heavily carpeted floor, avoiding several wires, and seated himself on the large divanport. The orchestra was playing. The music ended and the players looked at the intruder and smiled their greetings. Then the announcer stepped to the box with its mysterious-looking wheel-like receiver and spoke into it, giving the next number on the program. The night a reporter visited WGY the players presented "What Happened to Jones". Following the announcement came the familiar "Two minutes, please." The players were laughing and talking animatedly, evidently prepared to have a pleasant time. Each one held in his hand a manuscript of the piece. One member of the company sat over by the farther studio door, acting as a combined prompter and stage hand. He slammed the door, for instance, to indicate the entrance of a character. He shook a frame of pine, with a window pane loosely fitted in, to indicate that someone was trying to gain an entrance. The production required no other scenery. The players wore whatever costumes their convenience dictated; it was not necessary either to dress or to look the part they were interpreting. While not reading their lines they sat about, always near one of the two microphones, following the spoken words on their manuscript. When the time for their cue approached they arose noiselessly and tip-toed to the microphone. Sometimes there were several of the company grouped about one microphone and one or two at the other. A young man with receiver on his ears listened from outside and motioned the players when they were too close or too far from the microphones, when they were speaking too loudly or too softly.

Some of the company acted with their lines as they read them, while others concentrated solely on the inflection of their voices in the reading to convey the desired emotion or the desired meaning. It was particularly interesting to watch Edward H. Smith, director of the WGY Players. He not only "acted" his role, but gave the signals for the doors to be slammed for the entrance and exits, for the incidental music and such things. This he did by a quick waving of the hand over his head, with an instant response from the prompter. The cuing was almost perfect.

entire profits going to the endowment of a permanent hospital bed for a crippled child. The latter play was given on the evening of June 3, winning the commendation of Archie Bell, the nationally known critic in The Cleveland News. The Elyria production was directed by Samuel R. Bradley.

Players of the Bradley Institute, Peoria, Ill., won new laurels with their out-door presentation of the Greek drama, "Aleestis", June 1 and 2, and it sustained the reputation established by the collegians last year when they gave "Midsummer's Night Dream". Nadine V. Shepardson directed the play and the cast included many who had previously won attention for their excellent dramatic ability. A chorus of fifteen which interpreted the theme of the play carried out the Greek-theater idea and added to the effectiveness of the presentation. Clarence Krueger appeared as Apollo, giving the prolog, and the cast included Mrs. Gertrude Meyer Graham as Aleestis; Charles Bradst, as Death; Frederick Oakley, as Phobos; Helen Louise Wallace as the chorus leader.

The Gulf Players of the University Settlement Society, 1st Eldridge street, New York City, played "Captain Kidd, Jr.", a comedy in three acts, under the skilled direction of St. Clair Bayfield, the well-known actor manager, who is to be complimented on the manner in which he taught the players to make the

dollar college for young women, which is destined to be one of the leading girls' colleges in the country. The production is under the direction of Mary Agnes Doyle, a well-known coach, who received her training at the New Theater (now Century), New York City, when that playhouse was under the management of Winthrop Ames. The fact that this great work of Shakespeare's is seldom seen on the professional stage and has had few amateur productions in this country, makes this event one of more than usual interest. To date the most notable American college productions of "The Tempest" were at Vassar College in 1908, and at Northwestern University in 1912.

In response to our letter of inquiry we have received the following communication from Roy S. Newell, chairman of the Recreation Committee, of Bristol, Conn., in reference to the Bristol Community Theater:

"The Bristol Community Theater is not perhaps what you designate as a "little theater".

It is an auditorium and stage owned by the city and managed by a special committee for the amusement, entertainment and education of the people in Bristol. We have produced several amateur plays as well as a few productions by professional companies, both of which have been quite successful. This has been an experimental period for the last few months and from the experience thus gained we anticipate a busy season next year. The

Bristol Community Players, an amateur group, has been very interested in this outfit and have produced a number of plays in this theater and plan increased activities the following season. The Bristol Community Players have been in existence for about six years, started in a very small way and have at present about a hundred active members, among which there is considerable enthusiasm, and we are all justly proud of the theater which has just been erected.

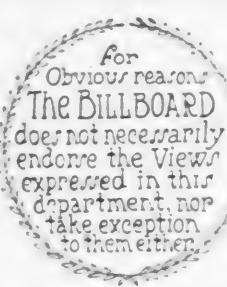
"We have an ample stage with very satisfactory equipment for scenery and lighting, dressing rooms, etc., and an auditorium seating 1,300 people. Our problems of maintenance and organization we believe to be very successfully worked out as our bills are all paid and we have money in the treasury and much enthusiasm for the coming activities."

The Washington Square College Players, of New York University, have just completed their fourth season with the last of five subscription programs and are now formulating plans for their fifth season. Randolph Somerville, director of dramatic art at New York University, will continue as general director and producer with the College Players. Harry Hallinan has been appointed stage director, Richard Coough will continue as technical director and Morris Lapidus will head the costume department. Louis Calvert and Dudley Digges, advisors to the Washington Square College Players, will assist the organization considerably next season, when both of these actors will make productions to be added to the players' repertory. Norman Bel Geddes and Sheldon K. Viele continue to advise the artistic and technical staffs. Last season the first performance anywhere of a two-act comedy by Charles S. Brooks, "At the Sign of the Greedy Pig", was given by the players, together with the first performance in America of Galsworthy's "The First and the Last". A revival of Geo. M. Cohen's "Seven Keys to Baldpate" was a popular number at the home subscription series at the university and on the road. Revivals of Synge's "The Tinker's Wedding" and "Riders to the Sea" and several short novelties were also produced. Next season the players will offer four full-length plays at home, including a revival of "A Pair of Sixes". Several manuscript plays have been accepted. The director will gladly consider all new plays submitted. Several plays are needed for the engagements outside the city of New York and both short and long plays will be welcomed. The Washington Square College Players are unique among amateur organizations in that they maintain a repertory company with thirty plays, one-act, two-act and full-length, ready for performance after a single rehearsal. Last October they opened their new playhouse, seating 300, at the Washington Square center of the university.

The little theater groups that participated in the recent Little Theater Tournament at the Napa Bayes Theater, New York, held under the auspices of the New York Drama League, gave a dinner at the Hotel Yates on the evening of June 6, which lasted from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. It was a very lively meeting, devoted to the discussion of various subjects pertinent to little theaters. During the course of the dinner Walter Hartwig, who managed the tournament for the little theaters, was presented with a beautiful Lord Elgin watch of unique design, inscribed "Walter Hartwig, From the Contestants Little Theater Tournament, 1923." Needless to say, Mr. Hartwig, who was the "guardian angel" behind scenes during the tournament, is very proud of his gift. The question of renting a theater on Broadway where all little theaters could produce plays was brought up, but abandoned until more co-operation from other little theater groups could be obtained, the tournament groups contenting themselves with the prospect of appearing on Broadway in next year's tournament. When approached by a Billboard reporter Mr. Hartwig stated that he wished to impress upon the public the fact that the Drama League had given the Little Theater Tournament its moral, but not financial support, merely co-operating with the players. Mr. Hartwig stated further that the Drama League invites the co-operation of little theater groups for the next Little Theater Tournament. Mr. Hartwig stated that there was quite a bit of discussion during the Little Theater Tournament to the effect that the amateur groups were invading Broadway "to show the professionals how to do things." "The little theater groups do not entertain any such delusions," asserted Mr. Hartwig. "They are not competing with professionals in any sense, but are devoting themselves humbly to the study of drama for art's sake, with no idea of competition with professional actors in mind."

"Since the Little Theater Tournament the twenty competing groups have been kept busy giving exchange performances," said he.

Box and Candles, the dramatic association of Russell Sage College, "added new laurels to its already enviable record" (quoting from The Troy Times) by a performance of Long's Parker's "Dismal" in the gymnasium of the Emma Willard School, Troy, on Thursday eve-



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OPEN-LETTERS

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Little Theater Actor-Director Gives New Interpretation of Hamlet

Saginaw, Mich., June 4, 1923.
Editor The Billboard—On March 10 you published in The Billboard a critique in The Saginaw Little Theater's production of "The Merchant of Venice" in which we pointed out the interesting fact that it was Harry Graves Miller, a Saginaw Little Theater actor and not David Warfield who first gave the modern stage a radically new conception of Shylock, in which Shakespeare's Jew is made a kindly, human character.

This season Mr. Miller again jumps into the limelight, both as an actor and director, with what we believe The Billboard will agree with us was the most unique, revolutionary, original and sensational production of "Hamlet" in the entire history of the stage, not even excepting Gordon Craig's famous "Mad, w/white" "Hamlet" in which Craig indulged in scenic and lighting expressivism, or the more recent "101st-anniversary Hamlet" of Barrymore.

Mr. Miller, principal of the Hoyt School, Saginaw, Mich., and Director of the Saginaw Little Theater, gave Shakespeare's tragedy an acting expressivism. There were two Hamlets! Mr. Miller himself acted the "gray" Hamlet. This production was given April 19, 1923.

G. W. R. dramatic critic of The Saginaw Press, in a 15 column-and-a-half review of the play, issue of April 27, in which he quotes at length from the two Saginaw dailies to substantiate his views, puts forth the claim that Mr. Miller, by reason of his beautiful and most unusual staging and lighting effects and the record feat of changing 14 Hamlet scenes in less than 14 minutes, making the play an almost continuous performance, has now not only established his right to be considered one of the foremost Little theater directors in America but also by reason of his entirely new conception of the "gray" Hamlet and his authentic and thrilling execution of that conception he has proved himself the greatest amateur Shakespearean actor in this country. We subscribe to both the above statements. But why limit him to America? If veritable creations in the 300-year-old field of Shakespearean acting give an actor distinction then the Shylock and Hamlet delineations of Mr. Miller place him as an amateur, in a class by himself—with it even a close rival. Beyond successful dispute he is now the most original and powerful amateur Shakespearean actor in the world.

A large and appreciative audience approved by round after round of applause Mr. Miller's conception of the "gray" or "intertwined" Hamlet. Concerning the method of presentation The Saginaw News-Courier remarks: "As a presentation of tragedy, it was well done. As a new interpretation of Shakespeare's Hamlet, it was an exceedingly interesting study of dual personalities. To Harry Graves Miller, director of the Little Theater group, went much credit for his new method of presenting the title role of Hamlet with two characters, one as the sane prince and the other as his

spiritual overture appearing as the Gray Birthplace and tomb. Without an endowment Hamlet, Mr. Miller interprets the ghost to be a vision projected by Hamlet's subconscious mind, such fancy being physically due to Hamlet's high-strung nervous condition. With Hamlet's soliloquies and the message of the ghost all considered as the expressions of the incarnated mad Hamlet, and with the same Hamlet portrayed by another person, the audience was materially aided to grasp Mr. Miller's conception of Hamlet's dual being. The success of the presentation was materially due to the ability of the group of local players to grasp the underlying idea of the presentation and to interpret in realistic fashion the characters of the play as the director imagined them to be. The co-ordination of excellent directing and capable acting brought credit to everyone in the cast."

In regard to Mr. Miller's acting The Evening Star says:

"Harry Graves Miller as the 'Gray Hamlet', an unconscious projection from the mind of Hamlet, was exceptionally good. Mr. Miller is an excellent actor and his Hamlet will live long in the minds of the people. With his ability to act Mr. Miller possesses a strong and far-reaching voice that could be heard in every corner of the Auditorium."

Prof. I. A. Beddoe, head of the Public Speaking Department, Central Michigan Normal School, and one of the best critics of acting in Michigan, offers the following estimate of Mr. Miller's status as an actor:

"On both the intellectual and emotional side I should rank Mr. Miller very high. In use of the voice his phrasing, enunciation and blending were perfect; and thru vocal variations in force, time, pitch and quality he was able to express with fine discrimination all the various elements of meaning and feeling that characterize a great actor. Mr. Miller's voice is, in itself, a fine instrument and shows careful training. His bodily expression, thru gesture, attitude, facial expression and movement generally, was excellent."

Yours truly,

(Signed) ISADORE E. FLANDERS.
P. S. Enclosed find photographs of the "Gray Hamlet". I. E. F.

Appeal From Mary Anderson Editor The Billboard.

St—Will you do me the kindness of giving a message from me to my friends in the United States? Since the appeal went out to the English-speaking world for an endowment fund for the Shakespeare Memorial Theater at Stratford-upon-Avon a pressing invitation has reached me to undertake a tour in America for the purpose of raising funds for this object. I am assured that if I come over with our Shakespeare Festival Company there will be no lack of support. I would love to accept this cordial invitation and relieve the unforgettable days of long ago. For reasons too many to recount here, this is impossible, but my heart and soul are in the movement to make the one great memorial to Shakespeare, whose works we claim an inexhaustible heritage, free from debt and sufficiently endowed to complete the work for which it was founded. Thousands of my compatriots have visited the Old World town that enshines his dust and where his memorial stands, and countless thousands will make the pilgrimage in days yet to come.

This year is the tercentenary of the publication of the first folio of Shakespeare's works on November 8, the anniversary of that publication. I want to be able to hand the governors of the memorial a gift from the United States of America that will be worthy of it and a fitting tribute to the immortal Shakespeare. There are only a few scores of American associate members of the Memorial Theater, but there are thousands of true lovers of the poet who can give \$1 or more annually and so become associates, or \$25 and one life associate.

There are only a few American honorary governors, tho there is scarcely a State but could find a thousand people who can pay \$1000 become such. I wonder which State will do best for the bard who has been such an inspiration and joy to each and every State. There are only four American governors of the memorial I am proud to be one—but there are many lovers of Shakespeare who could give \$200 or more to become governors and so help a school of acting to be founded and enable the Festival Company to give the master's plays throughout the year. The thousands of American visitors to Stratford-upon-Avon would thus at all times be able to see Shakespeare's plays performed within a stone's throw of his

birthplace and tomb. Without an endowment fund this is impossible.

I wish I could come personally and ask for donations and work myself in the plays, but as this cannot be I hope those who love Shakespeare and remember me as one of his humble interpreters will mail their check or money order when they read this appeal, addressing it to Mary Anderson de Navarro, care the Treasurer, Memorial Endowment Fund, Old Bank, Stratford-upon-Avon, England, which is only a short distance from my home.

I shall be delighted to personally acknowledge them, and if I am kept busy my heart will be glad, for I shall know that soon it will be no longer a matter for reproach that the burden of maintaining the memorial to Shakespeare has been left by an indifferent world upon the shoulders of the few people of his little birth town.

The American public have never failed me in the past, and surely they will respond when I appeal for so great a cause.

MARY ANDERSON DE NAVARRO.

Stratford-upon-Avon, May 19.

We are informed that an autographed copy of Mary Anderson's portrait by Sargent will be sent to every donor of \$25 or over to the Shakespeare Memorial Endowment Fund.—

EDITORS THE BILLBOARD

Denies Wehla Engagement in Waco

Waco, Tex., June 10, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—Will you kindly correct the notice in the Tabloids section of the June 6 issue of The Billboard which states: "Billy Wehla informs that his 'Smiling Thru 1923' Company opened at the Orpheum Theater, Waco, Tex., May 27, for an indefinite run." He hasn't played the Orpheum Theater since I took it over and I wish Mr. Wehla would stop announcing his shows as playing this house when they are not in this locality.

The "Melody Mart Revue" is now playing here. Wallace Kennedy is straight man, Stanley Crable, ballads and parts; Steve Powers, fast comic, and Billy Miller, general business. The show is enjoying a very pleasant stay.

(Signed) W. D. SACKER.

Manager, Orpheum Theater.

Tells Need of "Daddy" Markham

Rochester, Minn., June 7, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—in visiting here I learned that Al E. Markham, known to the profession as "Daddy", was at St. Mary's (Mayo) Hospital. When I called, I found "Daddy" coming thru his sixth operation, but one would hardly know him, as he has wasted away. Doctors say he is going to come out all right, but it will be a long time before "Daddy" will be able to do anything after he gets up.

Those who know "Daddy" remember him as one of the biggest-hearted men in the world. I recall during the strike of No. 5 Union in Chicago when "Daddy" paid room rent and fed more financially broke actors and vaudeville artists than anyone else. That summer he spent about \$5,000 to help as many professionals as he could, even paying railroad fare to enable some to get home.

Now "Daddy" is down on his back, with only a little assistance. He helped others, and those wishing to help him can do so by addressing Al E. Markham at his home, 1812 Third ave., Rochester, Minn.

(Signed) BILLY A. PAUL.

An old ironer and friend.

Brown's Portmaneau Theater

New Orleans, La., June 8, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—Some time ago I wrote you about the "Doc" L. S. Brown Portmaneau Theater Company and promised to write again. We have been very busy, made a little money for a time and now, in checking up for the season, find that we lost a lot of money and time. The show was not booked properly. We would play a few stands in stores, parlors, poolrooms and what not and then lay off and spend what we made. The movement is new, but conditions are strange. We showed in a saloon at Hegewisch, Ill., to about eighty people who couldn't understand English. But we were equal to the occasion and put on the show in pantomime.

I will return to Chicago shortly and reorganize a show to work under different conditions. I have written a three-act play, "The Vix With the False Whiskers", and will open it at Gary, Ind. If it is a success I will put on a real show. I only carried three actors and had to use local amateurs. Next season I will use experienced troupers and stay away from the single-track towns.

(Signed) "DOC" G. S. BROWN.

Origin of "Apache" in France

East Lynn, Mass., June 11, 1923.
Editor The Billboard—On page 45 of The Billboard, issue of June 2, in an article, "Hard Words", with reference to the word "Apache", the paragraph states that the Indian name, "Apache", should not be confused with the word "apache" as applied to a class of ruffians.

It is the same word, the difference in pronunciation being due to the French pronunciation of "ache". This French use of the word was applied originally to the ruffians in Paris between the ages of 16 and 25.

The word has been used in France, principally in Paris, only in recent years. It was not in use in 1903 and does not appear in the French underworld dictionary published in 1905. Furthermore, the word was not known at the worst criminal resorts or places of refuge in 1903, such as the Alcazar, one of the most dangerous places in Paris; la Salle Octobre, near l'Ecole Polytechnique; la Rue Lunette, a place of refuge; la Grappe d'Or; l'Hotel Fradin, in rue Saint-Denis; le Gareau des Innocents, l'Ange Gabriel and le Grand Comptoir. The word "apache" is now applied to all vicious criminals. Formerly this type was known as "assommeurs".

The first use of the word "apache" in a trial in Paris was in August, 1907, when the president (we would call him Judge) of the assizes a "Casque d'O" asked a witness of a stabbing affray in the Belleville section, or "arrondissement", "You call yourselves 'apaches' among yourselves?" "No, monsieur le President," replied the witness, "that word is the invention of journalists."

In the movies we often see the representation of what is supposed to be an "apache" dance. I wonder if the actors know that their idea of "apache" dance is the Montmartre dance? This dance is staged especially for tourists who may visit the Montmartre section of Paris. The tourists who return to the States are pleased to tell their friends that they visited the Moulin Rouge (now out of existence), le Chat Noir, or some similar resort and have seen the real "apache" dance. They have not. The real "apache" dance is to be seen only in the Saint-Merri or in the Belleville section.

I consider the page by Windsor P. Daggett to be the best in The Billboard. "The Spoken Word" should be read by the teachers of English throughout the land. From my experience with them I know many would learn a thing or two.

(Signed) MAJOR A. W. LOWE.

Press Agents, Genuine and Near

Editor of The Billboard:

Dear Sir—"And now we have an organization of Theatrical Press Agents."

I read the above notice in a New York daily and the announcement brought a smile because we have always had an agents' organization which operated both in and out of the producing managers' office. And we have never been without one for so many years.

If an agent ever became located in a manager's office he brought his friends with him, and, whether good or otherwise, they always had the job, and no matter who the luckless agent was who applied for a position, with all his knowledge and many years of experience he never got us near to the manager as Los Angeles to New York, because the New York agent who created for himself the title of General Press Representative for Mr. Manager saw to it that this strange agent from out of town should not have an audience with the "boss" lest he spoil his "little parade", and he did see to it and command because there are countless real press representatives with a wonderful amount of creative talent to sell who have received that cute little note reading thus: "Your application has been placed on file," etc.

And the New York press agents are organizing for what? the only support the producing manager has with a traveling attraction is to be organized and the agent ahead of the show has joined hands with the manager back with the show to compel the men who gave them employment to be kind to them. If the manager has no personal business representative with the organization who is with and for him heart to heart and who has not joined a league which is organized to compel the manager to do this and that, with the show hundreds of miles away from New York and the entire traveling show organized into groups, who is to represent the investing manager?

The manager has always relied upon the agent and whenever the attraction needed anything from "open time" to advance money to get the show into the next town the manager knew the agent would fix it and had confidence in the agent to guide the ship into a safe harbor, and this the agent did time and time again. But when the manager cannot rely upon the agent and in strictest confidence confide in him, it is time the manager quit producing.

Now, unlike the press agents' organizations which preceded this one, the new organization has only certain types of agents in mind—those connected with the theaters are eligible. Not the circus agent—Lord bless you not! Not the carnival agent—heaven forbid! Not the billposting agent—positively shocking. Not the newspaper men who probably forget more than

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The Gray Hamlet, an unconscious projection from the mind of Hamlet—Harry Graves Miller.

FROM LONDON TOWN

The Vaudeville Field

Billboard Office, 18 Charing Cross Road, W. C. 2
By "WESTCENT"

The A. A. Should Do Well

ONION, June 2.—Considering the terrible state of the vaudeville world the V. A. F. is just marking time, inasmuch as the greater majority of halls are playing attractions in which mostly chorus folk predominate. The V. A. F. doesn't handle chorus girls. It won't and does not attempt to. Thus the activities of the A. A. are far and away greater than the V. A. F. The V. A. F. officials are considering the handling of a revue artists' contract—for principals—as many, many principals are music-hall folk who, having dropped out of vaudeville for years past, are in the position of not having the benefit of the A. A. standard contract, which is practically nonexistent in this class of entertainment. Certainly with such shows as *Wylie and Tate*, *Harry Day* and such like Many V. A. F. committeemen are in reves, so the situation is curious in the extreme. The loss of vaudeville contracts has without a doubt injured the V. A. F. membership, but there is the saving grace that the regular vaudeville acts and the "stars" are all on the roster, and that is something. The accession has been from the smaller act who must needs use one of the best mudpacks on the market. She wishes to admonish her readers, however, against too frequent use of any kind of mudpack. For the average skin once a week is sufficient.

to rush any art engaged to its destination on his tour by hook or by crook. This Stoll would be equal to doing, for his extreme limits would be from Manchester to London, a distance of 185 miles. He opines that what he could do could be done by others. But the shifting of hundreds of acts on the Moss and Variety Controlling Tour (they were playing regular vaudeville then) seemed the better to be zoned. Maybe they will revive that scheme should trouble happen, and it seems likely, because altho the craft unions officials think they ought to accept a cut the National Union of Railwaymen won't have it at any price. Well, this "sharpening" during the summertime needn't have many terrors, but perhaps there will be a shortage of these equipages on account of the all-pervading "trippers". Still it's as well to get the plans out of the Moss Empires archives, isn't it? Archie Parnell was then in command of the V. T. C. Co., but now he's an agent.

THE VANITY BOX

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The Shopper \$2 and she will forward to you one of the best mudpacks on the market. She wishes to admonish her readers, however, against too frequent use of any kind of mudpack. For the average skin once a week is sufficient.

If you have falling hair or dandruff there is nothing that will more quickly remedy these destroyers of beauty than the Harper method of treatment. The Shopper has seen some truly remarkable results from this treatment and takes pleasure in recommending it to her readers. Twenty-five cents will bring you a booklet from Martha Matilda Harper, entitled "The Scientific Care of the Hair and Scalp", as well as a special traveler's size of Mescaro Tonique. Order thru The Shopper.

Thirty-five cents in stamps will bring you a tube of a lemon cream that is cleansing, healing, astringent and bleaching. If you bathe in the sun or motor you shouldn't be without a tube of this splendid cream to remove the dust of travel and to protect the skin against discoloration.

DRAMATIC NOTES

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ont in Newark, which will arrive in New York next season. His production of "Just Married", seen here several seasons ago, will again go on tour in the fall.

Carlton Brickert was forced to leave the cast of "Up Town West" at the Bijou Theater, New York, on account of illness and has been replaced by F. C. Owens.

"Vows" is the title of a new play by Frank Tannehill, to be presented in the fall. Mr. Tannehill, who will stage his drama, was associated with Gns Hill's enterprises as director.

Judith Vossell, who appeared with Henry Miller last season in "La Tendresse", will be seen in a new play next August. Miss Vossell is at present resting at Shawnee, Del., where she will spend the summer.

"Dancing Mothers", a new play by Edgar Selwyn and Edmund Goulding, has just been completed, and it will be produced by the former in association with his brother, Arch Selwyn, early in the fall.

No Jealousy Between A. A. and V. A. F.

We caught this idea in a recent "Billyboy" editorial. We really don't think it is the exact situation. It is a fact maybe that the V. A. F. officials are not willing to join in certain amalgamations which the A. A. officials think desirable. It is true that there has always been a distinction—shall we call it "social" for want of a better or more hurtful word—between actors and vaudevillians. Perhaps the V. A. F. being the older organization thinks its ideas the better—from experience. Perhaps the A. A. thinks the V. A. F. too conservative and wants ganging up. There are all those little humanities and foibles to be considered. It should be known, however, that Monte Bayly was the man thru whom, by his exposition of the tenet of trade unionism at the Rehearsal Theater on August 23, 1918, a big audience carried the following resolution with acclamation: "Tha' tids meetin' havin' heard Mr. Bayly thoroly supports his proposl to form this association into a trade union." This was the kernel from which grew the A. A. as a trade union. Bayly was their guide, philosopher and friend. He helped them form their rules; he gave them copies of every stick of V. A. F. printing which related to the subject. They adopted the V. A. F. stamp system of dues collection. They adopted the V. A. F. death levy. They adopted the V. A. F. cards of members and the Boots Cash Chemist as their provincial agents. If there was any jealousy surely an official of one union would not have gone out of his way to create a union for actors, and Bayly today in a fully benefited member of the A. A. It is just as well that these things should be known—just to kill that jealousy idea. It must be confessed that the V. A. F. has disagreed with the A. A. on certain matters of policy—but what union hasn't?

The fact that the A. A. and the V. A. F. are on the J. P. C. and that they are both agreed and work together thereon should dispose the "rift in the Inte" business. It's just a matter of practice. The A. A. is today on the upgrade and should establish themselves—if the actors will only support them as they should.

Will There Be a Railway Strike?

We make no excuse for asking questions and then giving our own answer. We are naturally concerned at the disruption of the lines of communication, but with the rapid growth of road transport we are not so fearful of the consequences as we were a few years ago when in 1919 the trains dislocated show business and we ourselves had a hazardous journey to Paris on business which would brook no delay. When, the year following, a subsequent threat of the N. C. R. was made the various managers put forward suggestions of partitioning the country into zones even to the extent of pooling their attractions in the same area. In this, however, Stoll was not a bit because he reserved to himself the right

William B. Friedlander, composer and producer, announces that his offering in New York for next season will be in the form of a comedy-drama. Details as to authorship, name of play and date of presentation are matters of a private nature.

Having completed his motion picture engagements, Guy Bates Post, according to gossip, will figure next season as a potential exponent of Shakespearean repertoire. In all probability Mr. Post will make his New York appearance in "Hamlet" and "Richard III".

William Courtenay, following his engagement with "The Voice", now current in Chicago, will be presented in Oliver White's new play, "Dangerous People". Mr. Courtenay appeared in New York last season in "Her Temporary Husband" at the Frazee Theater.

Henry Duffy, who organized several companies of "Abie's Irish Rose" last season, will present Tom Moore, motion picture star, in a new play by Ted Gibson entitled "The Dust of Erin". The premiere performance will take place in Atlantic City the last week in August.

Tilla Durieux, who recently arrived in this country from Europe, may have a preliminary season of German plays at the Irving Place Theater, New York, before appearing under A. H. Woods' direction. She will be seen later in the English translations of her foreign repertoire of plays.

"The Earthquake", the work of Theodore A. Liebler, Jr., will be presented by William A. Brady, Jr., some time next month. Included in the cast, in which Ann Andrews will play the leading feminine part, are Alfred Holton, Albert Andruss, Franklyn Fox, Luis Alberni, J. M. Kerrigan and Mitchell Harris.

Lionel Atwill will not go on tour next fall in "The Comedian", as Belasco has secured for his star another play by Sacha Guitry. Since Atwill has been under Mr. Belasco's management he has appeared in several Guitry plays, including "Deburau" and "The Grand Duke".

Edward Childs Carpenter's play, "Connie Goes Home", has further added to its cast Clara Blandick, Florene Pendleton, Berton Churchill, Thomas Donnelly, Ethel Reney, Ryder Keane and Audrey Hart. Kilburn Gordon, Inc., will present this as the first of a series of plays on their list for production next season.

"The Love Child", produced last season by A. H. Woods in association with Charles Wagner, will go forth on tour early in the fall. The cast for Henri Bataille's drama has not been completed as yet. Sidney Blackmer for one will not rejoin the company as he is to be seen in a new play, "Scaramouche", dramatized from a novel of the same name.

Comes another play from the pen of William Anthony McGuire. This time it is "Jack in the Pulpit", written with one Morris. Whether this be McGuire's favorite cigaret, or a modest collaborator is a question. Sam Harris also has "The House of Shilohmar", by the author of "Six Cylinder Love", which will not be done until late in the season.

The new title for Sam Forrest and Robert Housum's dope drama will be "Red Light Annie", and it is to be Sam H. Harris' initial production for next season, opening about the first week in September. Mary Ryan has been engaged to play the name role, which she created when it was tried out this spring under the name of "The Slave Maker".

The habit of collaborating persists with Winchell Smith. His next play is to be done

with Guy Bolton, author of "Polly Preferred" and other Broadway successes. Smith was reported working on a new play at his home in Farmington, Conn., dealing with life in Monte Carlo, but he has abandoned this for the time being.

After an absence of more than five years, William Elliott recently arrived in this country from Paris, where he has been presenting American and English plays translated into the French. Elliott was formerly associated with Comstock & Gest and for a time acted in his own productions. He is expected to launch in New York next season an English adaptation of a French play.

Will Page, publicity director for the Ziegfeld enterprises, will temporarily vacate his post in order to present a play of his own, an English adaptation of "La Femme de Mon Ami", a French farce, in which Henry Dixey will play the leading role. Billie Burke's new play, to be presented under the management of her husband, F. Ziegfeld, will be seen in the early fall, and is said to deal with modern psychics.

The Selwyns have acquired the rights to Somerset Maugham's latest play, "The Camel's Back", which they will present this autumn. Kenneth Douglas, last with "The Demi-Virgin", has been engaged for one of the leading parts. This marks the Selwyns' second offering by this English playwright, they having produced "The Circle", in which Mrs. Leslie Carter and John Drew co-starred in New York about two years ago.

When Aaron Hoffman's comedy, "Good Old Days", is presented in New York on August 3, A. H. Woods will have effected a very drastic change of cast. Hoffman's piece is now current in Chicago bearing the title of "Light Wines and Beer". Beatrice Alien has already been placed under contract and will join the company in New York, as will Charles Winninger, George Bickel and Mathilde Cottrell.

Word comes from London that David Belasco and not Charles Dillingham has acquired the American rights to "The Dancers", in which play the author, Gerald Du Maurier, and Tallulah Bankhead are now appearing in London. In a previous issue of The Billboard it was reported that Dillingham had arranged to bring "The Dancers" to New York, with the actor-author and Miss Bankhead playing their original roles.

Booth Tarkington's comedy, "Magnolia", of which Leo Carrillo is the star, will be presented by Alfred E. Arons, Inc., in Atlantic City next week. The company surrounding Mr. Carrillo includes Josephine Royle, Phyllis Schuyler, Elizabeth Patterson, Ethel Wilson, John Nicholson, John Rutherford, J. K. Hutchinson, John Harrington, James Bradbury, Jr., John Mellon and others. The staging of Tarkington's play is the work of Ira E. Hard.

Gilbert Emery's play, "Tarnish", which goes into rehearsals June 25, will be sponsored by John Cromwell, who directed many productions for William A. Brady. Tom Powers will leave Stuart Walker's company in Cincinnati next week to play the lead in Emery's piece. Fania Marinoff will probably play the chief feminine part and Mildred McLeod, now in "Mary the Third", at the Thirty-ninth Street Theater, New York, will also be seen in the cast.

It is probable that Henry Ainley, an English actor, will embark for these shores next fall to appear before an American audience in the title role of John Drinkwater's historical play of "Robert E. Lee". Robert Milton, who is to stage this production, is at present in London acting as an emissary for William Harris, Jr. Ainley recently opened in "Oliver Cromwell", another Drinkwater drama, in London, and according to information received here did not create any kind of a stir.

The Michaels, Mindlin and Goldreyer, satisfied with the success of their mystery production of "The Last Warning", have acquired Herbert Hall Winslow's new play, "Pansy", which may or may not be the result of having read a seed catalog. However, Roberta Arnold, seen two years ago with Frank Craven in "The First Year", is to be starred in Winslow's play, which goes into rehearsal under the direction of Leon Gordon the first week in August. Gordon, incidentally, is the author of a play about darkest Africa called "Dry Rot", on which the two Mikes have an option.

A benefit performance for Fred Moore, well known in theatrical circles of Atlantic City, will be given the last Sunday night of this month at the New Jersey summer resort. Leo Newman and Abe Levy have obtained the Apollo Theater and are arranging a program that will include many headliners in the East. The subscription list bears the names of all the leading managers, including A. I. Erlanger, Lee Shubert, A. H. Woods, Sam H. Harris, Charles Dillingham, Mrs. Henry B. Harris, William Herman, Bruce Edwards, A. L. Jones, Harry Somers, Sam Scribner and Hurtig & Seamon. Al Jolsen has contributed materially to the fund.

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A LONDON LETTER

Treating of the "Legitimate"
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East End People's Theater

LONDON, June 1.—Councillor J. W. Rosenblatt and the well-known critic and entrepreneur, J. T. Grein, have perfected plans for the People's Theater at the Whitechapel Pavilion. An interesting acting innovation is the proposed invitation of West End favorites to play from time to time as guests of the permanent company. The company will comprise, among others, Phyllis Ralph, Campbell Gordon and Ernest Milton.

Expensive Musical Comedy

Laurillard announces that he was compelled to withdraw "The Cousin From Nowhere" last Saturday from the Princess Theater. Everyone will regret that this really entertaining musical comedy has had so short a run and will wish E. L. better luck with "John and Mary", the new Kunneke opera, with book by Arthur Wimprey and H. M. Vernon, which is to be put on by him in the autumn. "The Cousin" goes on tour, two companies under Laurillard's management being formed.

So heavy are musical comedy costs nowadays that nothing short of capacity houses suffice to meet the costs. Thus, despite an enthusiastic reception by press and public and the real esteem of lovers of good musical entertainment, one of the best musical post-war comedies is withdrawn unduly early.

To judge by the enthusiasm which has greeted the revival at Daly's of "The Merry Widow", I should say that James White's venture is quite safe. The piece wears well and George Graves is George Graves. And Evelyn Laye, by that same token, is Evelyn Laye—as charming a widow as the musical comedygoers are likely to imagine.

Leeds Little Theater

Clemence Dane, Gertrude Kingston and Viola Compton were among the speakers at a meeting held recently in Leeds in which the foundation of an Art Theater was discussed. A lively artistic movement exists in many of our Northern cities and it will not be surprising if, with the revival of trade and freer money, a considerable number of dramatic clubs undertake more definite responsibilities by opening up little theaters.

Arts League of Service

The Traveling Theater of the league is now on its thirteenth tour and is making abundantly good in the villages and small towns visited. The current repertory included Tchekov's "The Bear", Galsworthy's "The Sun" and a modern mystery play, "The Cloak", by Clifford Bax.

A recent visit to Dorchester won the renewed praises of Thomas Hardy, the venerable West County novelist, who has a high opinion of the work this organization is doing in taking the drama to out-of-the-way districts. A new recruit to the talented company is Sara Allgood, who is well known as a West End actress, but better known as a leader of the Irish Players in the great days of the Dublin Abbey Theater.

"The Perfect Fool" Published

Holst's opera has caught the fancy of opera patrons and each performance has been generally applauded. Novello's have just published it and there is a vocal score arranged for the piano by Vally Lasker. The orchestral score of the ballet and another of the fugal overture also are listed by Messrs. Novello.

Theatrical Losses

My friend who hides his modest personality under the nom de guerre of "The Stroller" in the columns of our most popular evening journal, The Evening News, has lately been considering the woeful losses of London theatrical entrepreneurs. He announces that bankruptcy proceedings show DeCourville's losses as 20,000 pounds on "Flus and Needles", 16,000 pounds over "Hullo, Canada", and so on. He suggests that within the past four years probably half a million pounds sterling has been lost on theatrical speculation in the West End. What has been earned by intelligent investment he does not compute. He adds that F. C. Townsend dropped 3,500 pounds on "The Love Flower"; Gopodd on "Her Son", "A Mixed Marriage" and "If Four Walls Told"; 1,000 pounds on "Mary" and "The Gypsy Princess"; nearly 3,000 pounds on "Ring Up" and "By All Means, Darling"; and 1,500 pounds on "Just Fancy"; while J. L. Sacks lost, according to "The Stroller", 7,000 of the best on "Three Cheers" and "No-body's Boy".

I should be interested to find how big a part of that 60,000 odd was lost on "If Four Walls Told". Anyhow, none of the other pieces was worth a ten minutes' purchase from oblivion. So one can not commiserate with F. C. Townsend and his brothers in adversity. An ignorant "punter" makes money only for the bookmaker. If managers or bookers will not or can not choose plays of merit, the loss is on their own heads—or their trades people. Usually the latter.

And repeated visits to our post-war theater make me (and not me only, as it is written elsewhere in the chronicles of the "legitimate") believe that those same backers and entrepreneurs would be better employed running fried-fish shops than in providing reasonably intelligent entertainment for reasonably intelligent Londoners. And yet even fried-fish shops need intelligent management!

Broadcast Battlefront

The broadcast war continues. Each side sends out a daily, or almost daily, communiqué, but of advance or retreat there is little to report. The man in the street is indifferent. The tranquil government, having granted a monopoly, apparently regards the mashed taste of the wireless enthusiasts as a phantasy of the British Broadcasting Company. Under the terms of the monopoly the B. B. C. must pay to certain stipulated agencies for any news broadcasted. But there is no need to pay for theatrical or musical entertainment!

The various entertainment folk concerned are busy, as usual, in mutual destruction; e. g., while the musicians are fighting the B. B. C. monopolists thru their trade-union representation on the committee, individual

sponsibility. Not the least important part of that responsibility should be the auditing of the revenues, or at any rate the maintenance of such oversight as will guarantee that a vast industry, which makes heavy contributions to the exchequer in general taxation and in the specialized entertainment tax, receives its due financial reward from the new industry which, without the other, would be of no account.

Brevities

"Partners Again" Company is to give a special matinee at the Garrick in aid of the London Jewish Hospital. Another charity matinee is that of "Tons of Money" for the civilian blind of London. Yet another is Harry Vine the Younger, a pageant play by E. P. Peevey, with Henry Ainley, William Rea and Mary O'Farrel curiously enough playing the same characters as they play in "Ironwell" at His Majesty's Theater this week. This will be done at Fairlawn, the Vane property, in aid of the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital.

Robert Macdonald, in association with Robert Courtneidge, will present his provincial success, "Kathinka", in London shortly. R. M. also has an Egyptian-Chinese drama by F. Sontar and A. C. Vesey, with music by F. Rosse, for early production.

Cochran apparently cares nothing for the traditions of a theater, for he has made of a quondam inn-yard, converted into a variety hall, a home for musical comedy and rovine. This inn-yard, which now is the New Oxford,

THE SPOKEN WORD

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suggestion of the older fashion that made "were" rhyme with "care". To words with an "r" between two vowels—"quarrel", "married" and "marriage"—he gives the one-trill-with-practical-ease. He gives "progress" with an aw-sound (o in "on") rather than with the -o in "go" of British preference. His "your" is "you" with the glide of "you" rather than "jaw" with an open-o. His "what" has lip rounding (o in "on") rather than the u-sound in "but". Like John Barrymore, he pronounces "nephew" with the sound of American usage, rather than with the v-sound which is the standard of British speech and of many American speakers.

In the broad-a pronunciations, Mr. Drew is somewhat variable. "After", "answer", "master", "pass", "can't", and "shan't", he pronounces with broad-a; but to "advantage", "demand" and "slander" he gives flat-a. It is interesting to note that Henry Hull in "The Rivals" was more consistent in these details than Mr. Drew in "The School for Scandal". It is not unlikely that mixed pronunciations of the broad-a words prevailed in the theater of the past more than it does in the theater of today. English-speaking students as a whole have been set the task of learning Accepted Standard English and the broad-a words are a group that have constantly aroused dissension. The New York theater has gained considerable consistency in the acceptance of broad-a words, and the young actors have been particularly responsive in this respect. They soon discover that there is a Standard English in the best speech of the theater. Some day I hope to ask Mr. Drew or Charles Richman how this matter stood in the Daly Company.

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Here Is Food for Thought

Two items in this column, one in reference to the newly organized press representatives and another in reference to the self-titled press representatives who have outlived their usefulness, appeared in the last issue, and it surprises us more than anyone else the attention that has been given the items by numerous agents who have written in requesting that we delve further into the matter as to who are and who are not entitled to the appellation press representative. To comply with the many requests would probably be interesting and result in instructive reading for those who glimpse this column weekly, but we prefer to leave it to the agents in general to thresh it out among themselves, therefore we are giving publication to a contribution from Charles Francis Park in the "Open Letters" department which has been established for the purpose of permitting readers to give vent to their personal opinions.

Mr. Park's personal opinion will appear in this week's issue and it should prove interesting and instructive to readers of this column for the reason that we know of few better qualified to express an opinion on the subject of agents than Park, who has had years of experience as an active agent and manager.

We have no desire to take issue on the subject, but earnestly invite each and every agent now in the business to express his personal opinion thru the "Open Letters" department.

We know for a positive fact that seldom, if ever, does an outside agent ever get to the larger producing firms either thru personal contact or thru written application, for the reason that the holder of the swivel-chair job in the department of publicity sidetracks the aspiring applicant, and in fear and trembling, lest he should find ways and means to reach the "big boss", the swivel-chair sinecurist unsees a flood of passes on his acquaintances among newspapermen for the use of their friends in return for letters to the producers telling them what a wonderful press representative they have on their staff.

Fred McKay of the Irshman staff, likewise manager of the Empire Theater, has gone to Providence, Mass., for a three weeks' vacation at his summer home adjacent to that of Eugene O'Neil.

Sam Banks, contracting press agent of the Ring Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, has a nature office on the advance car managed by George Goodhart, and judged from the numerous articles in the dailies throughout the country the offices of Messrs. Banks and Goodhart are the favorite rendezvous of the newspapermen.

Harry Bonnell and Fred A. Murphy have closed with the J. P. Murphy Producing Company and are now associated in independent bookings in the vicinity of New York.

Miriam Howell and Ruth Benedict are considered to be the two youngest press publishers in the theatrical field. Miriam has been doing the press agenting of Sam Harris' attractions, "Music Box", "Six Cylinder Love" and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips", and was the first press agent for Brock Pemberton's "Six Characters In Search of an Author" and Rita Coventry's "The Love Habit", and is now a big factor in the fame and fortune of Mme. Helena Rubinstein, the beauty specialist, while Ruth is advancing the interests of the Theater Guild. What chance have the "has-beens" when these fast maturing feminines are in evidence?

Dick Wilson, of Amsterdam, likewise the man ahead who made the natives sit up and notice and the theater managers buy Rex the Mental Wizard, made a hurried visit to New York City after doing an eight weeks' engagement on the Keith Time thru New England, in preparation for another eight weeks' engagement on the Keith Time thru Nova Scotia, managed by the Mental Wizard and Suzanne the Miracle Girl in esoteric mystery, supplemented with a feminine violinist. Verily it takes more than a swivel-chair agent to make managers buy an act outright and then book it over the Keith Time.

Lone G. Kling, formerly of the Dreamland Attractions, a carnival show on tour, has severed his connections with that attraction and is now the agent and promoter of the Muller J. Riley Shows touring Pennsylvania.

Better Late Than Never

Alfred Nelson, care The Billboard, New York City:

Friend Nelson—Am enclosing a few items regarding coast agents and billers. Have been very busy or would have kicked in oftener. Now with the Pacific States Advertising Company, billing fairs, rodeos and roundups from Canada to the Mexican border, also doing a little commercial work. Tom Godfrey, the well-known circus and hall show agent, is in charge of the California end and is sure some stepper when it comes to making fair

managers order paper. It looks like the best season ever out here, all the operas doing rapidly, everybody working, and prospects for the biggest wine grape crop in history, so what could be sweeter?

Yours,
KIP HUMES.

COMMENT

From what we know of Kip Humes, he never kept an agent from seeing the firm, but he can wildcat, route, hook and bill and then write more interesting copy than a lot of the would-be wise guys who are taking money under the pretense of being press representatives.—NELSE.

Kip Humes Contributes

Walter Messinger went thru ahead of Fred Stone's "Tip-Top" Show and at \$3.50 top did capacity at every stand on the coast, and yet Fred says there'll be no more one-nighters.

Eugene H. Roth and most of the bunch who went with him to Universal City are back. Another case of you can't keep a good man back with it when they belong ahead.

Mel Raymond got Leo Ditzlestein all the business he could handle on his coast tour.

Tom Hodgesman and Johnnie Brassil took Sophie Tucker's "Pepper Box Revue" out of Frisco and will probably be out until late in July, as the show is cleaning up.

Jack Moore, the Frisco "agent of personality", has "The Passing Parade", a girl show, in tow and headed for Canada.

Charles Melvin Turner writes that he was headed for the Banana Belt with "Hello Prosperity", but the title should have read "Hello Poorhouse", as the only prosperity they had was in the name.

Harry Mansfield and George Bouvier are billing Mamie Smith's "Struttin' Along" like a circus, and naturally are standing 'em up at every performance. The show may stay out all summer.

Tom Godfrey is around again after a two months' sojourn at the White Hospital, Sacramento. Tom suffered a broken leg and shoulder when his car was wrecked at Woodland some time ago.

Ben Steele, ahead of McIntyre & Heath, got a cash in Frisco that few second men will ever equal.

"Bones" Holden is again with Foley & Burk's Carnivals, making his third successful season. The reason is that Bones is a hiller.

Frank Garrigus, who has the No. 2 car on the Barnes Show, writes that the boys had a great time at Elyria, O., on Decoration Day,

Pop Terril and Frank Brooks and several of the other G. A. R. veterans being tendered an ovation on the line of march.

Curly Thompson, second man with "The Unloved Wife", states that Arthur Duffy, the man ahead of him, leaves very little space for him to cover. The "Wife" still seems to be getting the money.

The agents making the smaller towns in California will find quite a few well-known billers and second men handling plants for the Foster & Kleiser Company. Roy Gilpin at Red Bluff, Doc Garnett at San Luis, Col. J. W. West at Bakersfield, Curly Welch at San Bernardino, Ray Justis at Salinas and L. L. Cronkite at Long Beach are always there with the glad hand to the visiting agents.

There will be more shows roaded out of Frisco and Los Angeles this fall, according to present indications, than ever before—Ackerman & Harris, Thomas Wilkes and Moroso, with three or four attractions each, and Jack Brehaney with five "Covered Wagon" companies. There are prospects of a shortage of agents and second men before they all get on their way.

From a Recognized Press Representative

Editorial Rooms Sentinel,
Stamford, Conn., Thursday, June 7, 1923.

Alfred Nelson, 1493 Broadway, care The Billboard, New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Nelson—Visiting, as 'twere, with Business Manager Milligan in the editorial rooms of The Daily Sentinel, an excellent hit of circus publicity propaganda was brought forcefully to my attention.

During my conversation with Mr. Milligan a very intelligent-looking chap walked into the office and introduced himself as Roland Butler, general press representative of the Sparks Circus. I stepped to one side until Mr. Butler had completed his mission and left the office. Naturally, being interested in publicity, I took the liberty of examining his copy, layout and art work, copyrighted with the initials R. B.

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Truly yours,
HUBBARD NYE.

COMMENT

Credit to whom credit is due, be it the agent who does the work or the other agent who appreciates the work of a fellow agent.—NELSE.

BERLIN NEWS LETTER

183 Uhland Street, Charlottenburg
By O. M. SEIBT

BERLIN, May 23.—Hugh D. McIntosh, former Australian vaudeville magnate, is in town. I met him at the Adlon, where he told me he had just arrived from London, having flown over in seven hours (against 22 by rail and water). He is on a pleasure trip around the world and is enjoying his first stay in Berlin, looking over the amusement market, tho no longer interested in theatricals.

Mae Laura, American dancer, who at present is devoting her energy to medical studies in relation to dancing, gave a most interesting conference at the Lyceum Club on the new theory of healthy life and relaxism, which wants to teach humans the art to relax at the right moment and in the most beneficial way so as to be sure to always keep our harmony of line and soul.

Otto Helmemann, American impresario, has returned from Rio de Janeiro, where he was with Tom Jack, the Albin chamberlain, at the exposition park. Business was fair. Helmemann says he had a chance of acquiring a "laughing mirrors" side show at Rio and was surprised at the extraordinary financial success.

He goes over again in the fall, taking with him Van Albert, the Dutch giant, who was in the States a couple of years ago.

With the dollar at fifty thousand, there is a huge increase in all necessities of life. The policy of the government to keep down prices has broken down with the failure of the policy to keep the mark stabilized. The result is a new wave of high prices, causing great distress and discontent among the working class, combined with new difficulties for German industry, which in many cases has already lost its world market, due to the increased cost of production. The cost of living in Berlin has increased during the second week of May by 6.5 per cent; during the first week there was an increase of 5.9 per cent. Meat has become a luxury to the average German at over 8,000 marks the pound, butter 9,500, poultry 9,000,

coal 25 per cent higher, all railroad charges doubled and likewise postage 100 per cent dearer.

The new Admirals has been leased by Hermann Haller, director of the Nollendorf, and will play musical comedy, commencing in September. Thus Berlin loses a fine big-time vaudeville house that was only opened six months ago.

Two new summer vaudeville gardens have opened in town, the Burgerhaus Johannisthal and the Urhock Bellicalliance Strasse. Berlin's most chic theater, Alhambra on Kurfurstendamm, changes its policy and becomes a musical comedy house in the fall. Karl Hajos, Austrian composer, will be the manager.

Rohins comes to the Wintergarten next month to share headline honors with Farrer's boxing kangaroo.

Ise Marwenga, noted German actress now with the Shuberts, has been fined eleven million marks by the supreme arbitration court of actors for breaking her contracts; she succumbed to the lure of a Shubert contract and broke away from the Nollendorf last summer.

After ten years of interruption, the Selzach passion plays (Canton Solothurn) will be resumed this year, and will last from June 10 until end of September. The Turin Oberammergau production at the Stadium finishes May 30.

Maria Orska, famous Berlin actress, has been booked for America.

A new cabaret opens May 25 in Bellevue Strasse, the Gondel.

Hans Breitenstaeter, German boxing champion, was defeated by Harry Persson, Sweden.

The Lustspielhaus has made arrangements with The Trompe, a newly-formed legitimate company, to take over the house in September. Every member of The Trompe is under heavy penalty not to take part in any film production.

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With the Stage Employees and PROJECTIONISTS

Personal and other items of interest to Carpenters, Electricians, Property Men, Scene Shifters, Fly Men and Motion Picture Machine Operators.

Address communications to Stage Employees and Projectionists Editor, The Billboard, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The new road cards are out for the coming year, and, in the words of a contributing brother, "Are quite pretty."

Doc Grant, "one of the hoys", who is at the desk of the Hotel Raleigh, Chicago, will go on the road next season.

Ray Winks, of Lima, O., Local No. 349, is at present in stock with Bert Smith's "Ragtime Wonders", at Pontiac, Mich.

"Skelly" Gray, who hails from Logansport, Ind., Local No. 118, is employed at Riverview Park, Chicago, for the summer.

Buck Miller is the carpenter with Harry Rogers' musical show, playing at the Calumet, Chicago. Buck has been with the show for some time.

Arthur Jahn, last season advance carpenter with the touring "Music Box Revue" Company, is at his home in Reading, Pa., awaiting patiently for a call to the road.

"Shorty" Holland, of Local 42, Omaha, Neb., arrived in Chicago several weeks ago from Northwest Canada. Shorty is hale and happy, looks fine, but has not grown much.

J. P. McKinnon, Ed LeRoy, Art Koch and R. E. Lowry, all of Local 110, Chicago, are responsible for the wonderful projection results at the Roosevelt Theater, one of the Windy City's largest picture houses.

Roy Huey, operator at the Elite Theater, Bethany, Mo., will go to Kansas City to work at a theater there. Lester Maple, who has had charge of projection at the Rex Theater, Ridgeway, Mo., will take Mr. Huey's place in Bethany.

The stage boys at the Lincoln Hippodrome, Chicago, are: George Baldin, "Hammer and saw man"; Edwin Long, "Julee dispenser"; Hugh Greaser, "prop hunter", and U. Alexander, stage "fire extinguisher". Sam Klugman is professor of projection.

A contributor whose name we would like to mention, but will not for fear of attracting attention of prohibition officers, says: "Governor Al Smith has some show and lots of the brothers here (meaning Chicago) wish they were on his crew."

M. A. Francillon, a member of Local Union No. 477, Green Bay, Wis., has signed with John D. Winniger, of the Winniger Players, as propertyman for the coming season. The Winniger Players start rehearsals at Waukesha, Wis., July 23. William Carlson, of Local 151, Lincoln, Neb., is carpenter with that attraction. Until rehearsals are called Mr. Francillon will remain at his home in Toledo.

That the members of Local 110, Chicago, the projectionists' division in that city of the International Alliance, are mighty well thought of by theater managers and merchants is very evident from the many testimonials and good wishes extended to them. These are in the shape of signed testimonials which appear in the Illinois Theatrical Directory which the operators issued for their Fifteenth Anniversary Ball. It is a work of art and reflects great credit on those who are identified with it.

The curtain has fallen on fifty-five annual theatrical seasons since John S. Illig became propertyman at the old National Theater, Sycamore street, Cincinnati. Mr. Illig was only 18 years old when he took that job and at 73 is proud of his long connection with the stage. His one wish is that he will continue to work as long as he is able and to die in harness. Following his start at the National Mr. Illig served for the next ten years at Wood's Theater, under Barney McCauley; at the old Mozart Hall, now the Grand Opera House, under Col. Bob Miles, and also at the Pike. All of these theaters were (or are) in Cincinnati. Later he went to New York and worked for some of the largest producers of the last fifty years. He has been in the employ of H. H. Frazer during the last four years. Mr. Illig visited his old stamping grounds two weeks ago during a brief vacation.

MUSICAL MUSINGS

By the MUSE
(Communications to Cincinnati Office)

Friends of the band boys on the Walter L. Main Circus advise that they would enjoy reading occasional notes on those musicians in this department.

Harry Armstrong, former leader of circus bands, last season with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Show, will return to the road in the fall as musical director with a leading minstrel company.

Harry Spindler and members of his orchestra have returned to their homes in Cincinnati for a short rest from an extensive tour of the Middle West and Canada, during which they were featured at theaters, dances and hotels.

A Benson orchestra headed by Ralph Williams, banjoist, recently terminated an eight weeks' engagement at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Ky., and is filling a summer season on the Streckfus excursion steamer J. S., which will put in most of the time at St. Louis, Mo.

The University Five, of the University of Florida, are reported to be purveying a nifty brand of melody at Camp Walton in North Florida, where they will remain until fall. John Blatt is pianist; Robert Dunlom, banjo; Roy McIntyre, drums; Maurice Wheaton, trumpet, and Frederick Sasse, saxophone.

Raymond Maker, pianist, postcards from Tampa, Fla., that he was on his way to join Jack and Dewey Aldair's Band in Mexico City, where it is featured at the Restaurant Abel, Country Club and Olympia Theater. Maker adds that he enjoys reading "Billyboy" each week, even tho he gets copies a week or so later than if he were in the States.

Pep Barnard communicates that his orchestra is working every night and several afternoons each week in the central part of New York State. The roster: Barnard, violin-leader; Walter Van Dyke, piano and singer; Dallas Cassell, sax. and clarinet; Herbert Fethmell, trumpet; Walter LaVelle, trombone, and Byron Kiesinger, banjo.

Frank Walterstein's Original Orchestra left the Hotel Galvez, Galveston, Tex., June 14 to open an engagement at The Oasis Cafe, Juarez, Mexico. The Frisco Five, another of Walterstein's bands, will follow him into the Galvez for the remainder of the summer. Walterstein has four orchestras in the South at present. From El Paso he plans to go to California.

J. Kubler's Southern Six, out of Youngstown, O., recently played for the opening of several dance pavilions at parks in the Buckeye State and is now at the new Pitt Erie Inn at Grove City, Pa. The personnel: Howard Hynes, piano-director; Phillip Prosser, sax., flute and clarinet; Randall Cubbison, banjo and sax.; Wm. Cover, trombone; Owen Kincaid, sax., clarinet and piano; Fred Colclough, drums. Ray J. Kubler is manager.

Geraldine Worden's Marigold Orchestra, which closed a long engagement at the Hotel Ohio, Youngstown, O., April 14, has been playing at the Hotel Shenaton, High Point, N. C., for eight weeks and will continue there until August 1. After a month's vacation the organization will start an indefinite play of dates in Western hotels in Omaha. Six girls and a man make up the orchestra and each plays two or more instruments.

Quintet, the singing parlor of Louis C. Kellogg, sang a chorus of "Mister Gallagher and Mister Shean" to the accompaniment of the Sherman (Tex) Municipal Band when the first summer concert was offered there recently. The band numbers fifty-eight pieces and is directed by E. A. Lightfoot. New uniforms have been provided for this season. Kellogg, a former trouper, is baritone soloist, and C. A. Bernier, also an ex-trouper, is trombone soloist with the hand.

Chas. W. Storm's Band will play the first of a series of summer concerts in public parks of Lexington, Ky., July 1. The roster: Storm, cornet-conductor; Walter Kruenkamp, flute and piccolo; Chas. S. Wright, E-flat clarinet; Frank Stansberry, Tony Philapone and Joe Gregson, B-flat clarinets; L. C. Taggart, Wm. Talbot, C. W. Bush and John Vance, cornets; R. B. Eckert and W. Weaver, horns; Wm. B. Small, Wain Tyree, Frank West and Y. Curtis, trombones; S. R. Griffith, baritone; W. E. Palmer and C. B. Riddell, tubas; W. P. Hamphrey and Eugene Gibbons, drums and xylophone.

O. A. Peterson writes: "In my article of June 9 I did not say 'Raymond's overture'. I wrote it as it should be, 'Raymond overture' or 'Overture Raymond'. It reminds me of the town band leader who said: 'We play all of William Tell's overtures and the 'raspberries' written by the Hungarians.'

His manner of calling attention to the error differs from the way he corrected himself in

BORN TO SING UNHEARD

(ERNEST NEWMAN, in Manchester Guardian)

WHILE judging at one of the Scotch competition festivals last week I had another illustration of the waste of good musical material that goes on all over the country or lack of some apparatus for collecting it and putting it to its proper uses. At almost every festival we come across at least one singer whom we feel at once to be essentially better than most of the professionals we hear in the course of a year's concertgoing. Then we see and hear no more of him; he may return to the next festival, or the next two, but even that does not always happen. As a rule we hear these people just once, and when we think of them afterwards we can only regret that so much excellent material has gone to waste.

Last week I heard a young girl who is certainly a born singer. I gather that she has been taking formal lessons only for a year or so; but, in any case, she is the sort of singer who owes more to nature than she ever could to any teacher. She has a beautiful voice, and her style proved her to be genuinely musical, which comparatively few singers are. Here, I do not hesitate to say, is a talent that, if it had been born in London or one of the big towns, would have been noticed two or three years ago, and would have received careful training with a view to the adoption of singing as a profession. In the remote country it remains unobserved till, one fears, it is almost too late. A competition festival brings it forward. We all admire and wonder; but what can we do? What can the possessor of the talent do? These people are almost invariably engaged in earning their living in some occupation that leaves them little time or energy for the intensive study of music in general and of singing in particular. No one dares suggest to them throwing up their business and training for a professional career. For my part, I never offer advice on that point. Young singers frequently wire to me asking me to hear them and to tell them if they would be justified in taking up music professionally. I invariably decline. Many more things than a voice are required to make a good singer. One has to be a musician as well, to have the gift of learning by experience, to have the capacity for unremitting work, the will and the power to wait, and many other things. It is impossible for any stranger who hears a girl sing for half an hour to say whether she possesses all these other qualities as well as a voice; and I for one would never take the responsibility of advising anyone, on so slight an acquaintance, to take up singing as a career.

But the none of us could say whether a young singer has the requisite capacity for hard work, there are now and then cases in which we are justified in saying that in the matter of voice, style and musical understanding the student is a thoroughbred. The thoroughbreds in music are too rare for an experienced musician to have any doubt when he comes across one. I can remember two cases at the Scottish competition festivals in which I should have毫不犹豫地 told the singer that she ought to give up business if she could and devote herself solely to the business of becoming a professional. But what are these people to do? It means at least three years of quiet study, not only of singing, but of music in general, and not only of music, but of languages. Where are they to find the means to allow of this? There are scholarships, of course. But it often happens that when a young singer who has been discovered at a festival enters for a scholarship at one of the conservatories she finds that she is just over the age limit, or she may be rejected because she cannot pass an examination in musical theory! This, I understand, happened in the case of the singer I heard last week. Presumably she would have got the scholarship on the strength of her gifts as a singer, but because she could not answer some question about key relationship or something of that sort she was rejected. One would have thought that the conservatories would exercise a little discretion in these matters and relax their pedantic rules occasionally.

the June 9 article, viz. "I said: 'Taking it four in a measure makes an allegro out of it, even tho it moves 'faster' than when taken two in a measure.' I should have said: 'Even tho it moves 'slower' than when taken two in a measure.'

Either O. A. is a jokesmith or he just naturally flourishes a nasty pen.

Al Sweet and his Singing Band conclude a three weeks' engagement at the Cincinnati Zoological Garden June 23. In point of surroundings Sweet classes the date as the most pleasant of his long career. The personnel of his present White Hussar organization is: Earl Slocom, flute; Jesse Ewing, solo clarinet; Attilio Oliva, first clarinet; Walter Miller, second clarinet; Roland Manchester, alto saxophone; Joe Longwin, tenor sax.; Everett G. Johnson, solo cornet; Virgo E. Elmsley, first cornet; Leslie Enos, second cornet; Jack Bean, first horn; Wilbur Hutchinson, second horn; Jack Knox, first trombone; Eugene Boland, second trombone; Cecil K. Stage, baritone; Talmage Wilson, E-flat bass; G. H. Edler, B-flat bass; Edward Richey, drums. Concerts are rendered each afternoon and night. The California Girl Orchestra, numbering eight pieces and directed by Alfie Tranger, and the Russian Balalaika Orchestra also taking part in the program.

The complete program for Sunday night, June 17, follows:

- PART I—8:15 to 9:00 P. M.
AL. SWEET AND HIS SINGING JAZZ BAND
1. Los BanderillerosBolpatrick
2. Overture—El GuaraniGomez
3. Male Chorus—Annie LaurieDudley Buck
4. Oh! A Way HomeRowles
4. Selection from Comic Opera—Robin Hoodde Koven
5. Teding Solo—SelectedMr. Jack Bean
6. Descriptive—A Circus ParadeSweet
7. The Stars and Stripes ForeverHouse
INTERMISSION—ICE SHOW
PART II—9:05 to 10:00 P. M.
CALIFORNIA GIRL ORCHESTRA
1. Rose of Rio Grande, 2 Banjo Specialty, 3

Farewell Blues, 4 Don't Think You'll Be Missed, 5 Old Time Southern Medley.

PART III—10:00 to 10:40 P. M.

RUSSIAN BALALAIIKA ORCHESTRA

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1. (a) Parade of the Wooden SoldiersMarch
(b) Souveniere di BiellaAndreeff
(c) Polanka (Ural Cossack's Dance).

Balalaika Orchestra

2. (a) Tosca (Bussi d'Arte)G. Puccini
(b) MattinataR. Leoncavallo

Miss Berta Frid

3. Selection from "Chauve Souris".

Balalaika Orchestra

4. CzardashAndreeff

Alexander Kirilloff

5. (a) MagyarChaillf

(b) Russian Court DanceMinkuf

Lilly Lubell

6. (a) The Drooping CornS. Rachmaninoff

(b) My Mother Warned MeFolk Song

Miss Frid

7. (a) The Song of the Volga Boatman.

(b) Bright Shines the Moon.

Balalaika Orchestra

Frank (Pop) Crowe, veteran trouper, now residing at Oakland, Calif., says many of the old musicians can relate incidents of their careers that would fit well in Musings. As a starter he narrates: "Some years back, while wintering in Jacksonville, Fla., with the Gentry Show, I went with our milkman to a dance. It was in a big pine woods and we made the journey in a car, having to stop often to learn the way and being barked at by dozens of coon dogs. The dance was in a one-room house, boarded up and down with lumber that had dried and left cracks of from one to two inches wide. In the yard was a fire with benches for visitors to consume the contents of whiskey jugs that were easy to see. Music was provided by a blind fiddler, with the folks taking turns in beating tid-deum, ill-de-um on the fiddle strings with two little sticks. The prompter or caller had a handlap. Few will have to stretch their imaginations to realize that I saw and heard some great things. But

the strangest of all was when the dance ended and the blind fiddler took his six hits, put his instrument under his arm and disappeared alone in the woods, homeward bound."

JOLLY FANNY RICE

(Continued from page 39)

"Parisienne", with Richard Mansfield as the old roué, rendering a cornet solo during the course of the play. She was also a member of the cast at the New York Casino in the days of Lillian Russell and Jefferson De Angelis at that playhouse. Among Miss Rice's Casino roles were Nelly in the play of that name; a brigand boy in "The Brigands"; Molly in "Poor Jonathan", and Phoebe in "The Yeoman of the Guard". She also appeared in the operetta "The Little Peacock" and "Miss Innocence Abroad", not to forget Javott in "Ermine", Elsa in "Merry War" and Yum Yum in "The Mikado". Later she starred for two seasons with the Carleton Opera Company, which organization had the rights to all the plays done at the Casino. Other productions in which Miss Rice attained success were "A Jolly Surprise", in which she sang a grotesque song entitled "The Drummer", imitating a French artist at the les Amis de l'Artiste Cafe, Champs Elysees, Paris; in "The Skating Rink", with Nat Goodwin; "The French Ball"; in "The Rag Baby", as Venus, with Frank Daniels; in "The Circus Rider", as Lady Marlboro, with Charles Cherry in the cast, and in "The Good For Nothing", as Nan.

Miss Rice played the role of Lucy in the production of "The Rivals", which was staged in 1898, Mrs. John Drew playing the role of Mrs. Malaprop. Miss Rice states that Mrs. Drew's portrayal is so vividly impressed upon her memory that she feels she could give a perfect imitation of her as Mrs. Malaprop.

At one time Miss Rice was star of her own company, playing the big houses on tour, and enjoying a ten weeks' run at the old Bijou in New York, then in its heyday.

While discussing Lillian Russell her eyes filled with tears. "Miss Russell," said she, "gave me her sympathetic encouragement when I literally jumped into the cast at the Casino and she became my loyal and inspiring friend. On Sundays we used to cross the Hudson on the Fort Lee ferry and journey to the convent to see Miss Russell's daughter, Dorothy. On these visits Lillian Russell played the role of Lady Bountiful, carrying gifts to the children at the convent, with whom we spent many a happy Sunday afternoon on the lawn.

Miss Rice appeared deeply moved by the welcome accorded her by the members of the Professional Woman's League and Drama Comedy Club, after making repeated rounds of the producers' offices where she was apparently not known to the office forces. She here gave ludicrous imitations of the young guardians of the gates and switchboards at some of the producers' offices she visited, and amusingly related how they would announce to the managers, "There is a woman outside by the name of Fanny Rice, who wants to see you. Want to see her?" While some managers were familiar with the name and welcomed her warmly, there were others of the later generation to whom the name Fanny Rice meant nothing. The expression on Miss Rice's face as she told of this lack of recognition after years of renown made us wish that we were a theatrical producer so that we might stage a comeback for this intangible mimic who always signs herself "Verily Merrily, Cheerly Yours, Jolly Fanny Rice", and who is well remembered by the members of the younger generation on The Billboard staff for the incomparable gift of mimicry that made them laugh gleefully when they were "kids".

In passing, the writer can not withstand venturing the opinion that certain managers who have been heading vaudeville bills with "Stars of Yesterday" have certainly overlooked one of its greatest luminaries.

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MINSTRELSY

It's in Cincinnati.

Fritz Mahara is vacationing in Chicago after a long tour "blazing the trail" for Russo & Hock, Famous Georgia Minstrels. Mr. Mahara is completing taking Mrs. Mahara and his daughter, Verenia, to see the wonders of the world this summer.

Tom Ferguson, of Nashville Students fame, has been established in the real estate business in San Francisco since the closing of the Bushy Mountain Minstrels. His former partner, G. Walter Pugh, has been selling oil leases in the Midwest with much success since the closing of the Custer Pugh Minstrel organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hockwald, of the Russo & Hock Famous Georgia Minstrels, are taking a well deserved rest after a long and profitable season. The show is still on tour, playing a four weeks' summer engagement over the Panhandle route. During Mr. Hockwald's absence from the show the management is in the capable hands of Jack Holland, who knows minstrels from A to Z.

Not a few minstrel boys were surprised to learn that Carlo Restivo had relinquished his freedom of backwoodsman and taken up the duties of a husband. His marriage to Gladys Gertrude Villari at St. Paul of the Cross Church, Jersey City, N. J., June 10, was celebrated in a thoroughly appropriate way. The Restivos will make their home at 508 Palisades Avenue, Jersey City.

John G. Meyers, of Syracuse, N. Y., viewed the John R. Van Arnam Minstrels at the Temple Theater in that city recently and writes briefly of the organization as follows: "Mr. Van Arnam sure has some wonderful talent this season. Everything was neat and clean and the band stands out above all others. Eddie Bolton, Gus, Alvin and Ollie Landick stopped the show looking at it from all points, the show is doing of a ninety per cent rating."

Sims and Paulette have resumed playing their route of the Keith Circuit in the East following a week's layoff as a result of injuries received by Miss Paulette in an auto accident near Boston. Samson, who escaped injury, was formerly a baritone singer with the Cohn, the Hill and Vogel minstrel companies. "Doc" says his playing the hand saw with a violin bow and the guitar with a file is a big hit with audiences everywhere.

The following minstrel folks were conspicuous on Broadway the other week: J. R. Van Arnam, H. Tom Ward, Buck and Eddie Leahy, Grant Allman, Joe LaFan, Rudy Jordan, Speedy Morris, John Myers, Lombard Brothers, Chas. Zorn, Lew Rockstader, "Happy" Jack Lamont, Mack Guy, Dick Earl, Kennedy Brothers, Harry (Hap) Richards, Moran and Mack, Norman Ward, Jack Duncan, Leo, R. Guy, Billy Deane and "Broadway" Charlie Williams. What a fine little brigade that bunch would make.

Minstrelsy is the best money maker in the business—if you have plenty of good paper and a hot parade—also a good show is necessary if you want to make the same route season after season, say Cohen and Guill, presenting Johnny Langham's Superior Minstrels. That is exactly what they are striving to do, establish a route, and by bearing the above three rules in mind they are fast succeeding. There will be a giant three weeks ahead of the show and a full man ten days in advance.

J. P. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels are due to terminate a twenty days' tour of Texas with fifty stands in Virginia to follow. E. M. Pherson, who has been with Mr. O'Brien for seven years, closed with the show in Mississippi and a new boss canvasman joined at Elizabethtown, Ky. Several new head men and persons joined at Martin, Tenn. The advance staff has been enlarged to three men and Mike Lassiter, at Tulsa, Okla., to handle local cases. "Mike" is late of the Robinson show. This is said to be the best season Mr. O'Brien has had since the war, and the show is acknowledged the biggest of its kind playing the South. The parade is three blocks long, headed by Prof. George Williams and his twenty-piece band.

W. C. Lasser and Mrs. White returned to their home in Dallas, Tex., from a fishing trip on the Gulf coast there were enough letters from minstrel troupe to organize five companies. Lasser was also swamped with mail from the managers wanting to book the attention for next season. The Lasses' White Corporation goes along all season as a big favor. A newcomer has as much pull with the management as an oldtimer as long as he proves himself a gentleman and does his work fairly. The management does not care to run flat door men and above all will not tolerate agitators. Lasser says that's the only way to operate a show and get results right. A number of the old members have signed their intentions of returning to the

THE NEGRO PLAYERS

(ROBERT LITTEL, in *The New Republic*)

If only because there has been so much misunderstanding and slighting of the Negro in this country, it should be said that the Ethiopian Art Theater, even before it arrived in New York, had an audience which was prepared to be as generous as it knew how. There is a small but enthusiastic group of people bound together by a desire to have the Negro accomplish, in writing, in art, in literature, something extraordinarily good, a group who would be only too pleased to have the Negro beat us at as many of our own games as possible. They went to the Ethiopian Art Theater with difficulty, thinking back a hope that here was the real thing at last. Unfortunately it turned out to be a long way from the real thing.

The Ethiopian Art Theater. A name that suggests velvet-black skins and cotton and dialect and deep free-rolling laughter and a happy cousinship with nature which we poor pinched victims of civilization can well envy. But in at least four ways the Ethiopian Art Theater is far from being Ethiopian. It is directed by a white man, Mr. Raymond O'Neill; it offered plays by white men (Wilde, Shakespeare); its members are far from being what Granny Maumee called Royal Black, and they had behind them not the South, which is the Negro's true background, but the dancing and vaudeville background of Chicago.

The little one-act play, called "The Chip Woman's Fortune", which began both bills, tho' supposedly about Negro life, with the exception of a few lines here and there might just as well have been about white people. I saw it three times, and each time it was a little paler than the time before. It might be described as a mild, sincere comedy of gratitude, surprise, reconciliation, speeding up suddenly at the end into jazz as the phonograph is turned on and all the members of the family dance about the room with that amazingly accurate syncopated motion which seems natural to Negroes but not to us. The acting, like the play, was sincere, usually natural, but not very positive, and left little impression beyond the regret that Mr. Sidney Kirkpatrick's motions were not as true and well managed as his voice, and another regret that Miss Evelyn Preer, who did with her voice just what she chose to, should have chosen to overact with it.

"Salome" followed "The Chip Woman's Fortune", and a greater contrast could not be imagined. Insincerity is a feeble word to describe one of the world's worst plays by one of the world's most overrated writers. "Salome" is like a large purple bathtub lying all alone in a hayfield. It is the most lurid, most uneatable and most poisonous-colored fruit on the tree of synthetic sin. Only a gold-plated spittoon falling down all the stairways of a deserted house could give an equal effect of brass and emptiness.

Yet the Ethiopian company, by a great deal of hard work, managed to blow a certain amount of its own kind of life into this gilded carcass. At moments the play actually rose from the ground and lived; at moments the audience was under the spell of something like the heavy exotic excitement which Oscar Wilde intended. But a minute later the whole play would crash to the ground under the sheer weight of its own verbiage.

show next season, while many new members have been engaged. Rehearsals start in Cincinnati August 1.

When John R. Van Arnam's Minstrels played the Rialto Theater, Amsterdam, N. Y., May 31-June 2, it was the first time in the history of the city that a black-face troupe held the boards of a local theater in the late spring. Eddie Bolton, sensational hand-stand artiste; Olin Landrith, female impersonator; Kiefer and Scott, dancers; the Blue Mountain Jazz Band and the Four Phonodolls, jugglers, were among the stars. A picture was screened in addition to the minstrel entertainment. The Van Arnam organization gave its show for the benefit of the patients at the Montgomery Sanatorium after the regular matinee performance on May 31. A group of cars carried the artists direct to the sanatorium from the theater at 4:30 p.m. Van Arnam's Symphony orchestra, Frank Gilmore, baritone; Harry Green, tenor, and a bass singer whose name is not known by the writer, were added attractions to the regular Sunday picture program at the Rialto.

The consolidation of the Neil O'Brien and Bert Swor minstrel companies was a great surprise to other minstrel managers and has been a matter for discussion among the many who take an intelligent interest in this form of amusement ever since the news leaked out. Announcement comes to this editor's desk in the way of a formal letter to the effect that the consolidation for the present will be known and billed as "Neil O'Brien's Minstrels, with Bert Swor, late star of the A. G. Field Minstrels." The announcement further states that Messrs. O'Brien and Swor are equal owners and costs the billing will be modified when the amalgamation has been fully established with the public. The following statement by Mr. O'Brien is contained in the announcement:

"This professional partnership was suggested by that experienced minstrel manager, Henry J. Sayers, who while acting as organizer for Bert Swor's Big Four Minstrels discovered that what the country needed was not MOULÉ minstrelsy but BETTER minstrelsy. Promptly acting on this discovery he called Mr. Swor and me in conference and succeeded in convincing us that a consolidation of our two companies would result in a bigger and better minstrel offering than either company could well be made in its individual entity."

"The maintenance of minstrel enterprises has come to call for so large a daily outlay in salaries, newspaper advertising, baggage handling and railroad transportation to say nothing of the investment in scenery, lighting effects,

properties and printing—that only the biggest kind of organization can keep in step with the times and give the public what it demands and has the right to expect."

"It may interest followers of minstrelsy to know that with the opening of the forthcoming season I shall return to the stage, and with my partner and buddie, Bert Swor, will appear at every performance. May I hope that my stage work has not been entirely forgotten, and that a friendly welcome awaits me?"

"Without our old friend Bert Swor, Neil O'Brien's Minstrels would be a SUCCESS, but with him a SENSATION! I am confident that this alliance makes for a smarter and better entertainment, and I venture to predict that in respect of importance, enterprise and all-round merit, Neil O'Brien's Minstrels with Bert Swor will have no equal in the field of Negro Minstrelsy."

BERLIN NEWS LETTER

(Continued from page 45)

The present play of the Lustspielhaus is "The Blue Hawaii", an English piece.

Since "Fredericks" is the present craze here both on the screen and in legitimate, a circus has come along and transferred him to the ring, Sarrasani in Dresden. The local concert cafes also are doing their bit to further popularize "Fredericks" in order to be up to date, and there is plenty of Prussian military music wherever one goes these days in Berlin. Wagner has been removed to the storehouse.

"Count of Charolais" is a big success at the Deutsches, especially for Molss.

Tilstro's "Light in the Parkness" scored at the Volksbühne.

Upcoming new plays: "Princess of Virtue", operetta by Zorrig, June 1 at Deutsches Künstler; "Strike d'Amour", musical comedy by Voros Miska, June 1 at Lessing; "The Spring Fairy", musical play by Coriolanus, next month at the Deutsches; "Night of Bacchus", spectacular production by Granstaedten, next month at Vienna, Theater an der Wien.

Ludiano Albertini, Italian film star, goes to America shortly....Asta Nielsen's latest, "Alcesta", a pronounced success at the Marmorhaus...."The Lure of Tibet", a Hagenbeck super-film, the success of the week...."The Conquering of the Dolomites", a fine production....A new film company has been founded at Breslau, screening "Prussia's War of Deliverance".

Circus Henny, at present in Cologne, has adopted the subtitle "European Barnum & Bailey".

A troupe of German lady boxers some months ago went to Sofia, Bulgaria, and the same "impresario" of the show recently approached the police authorities for the necessary visas for another troupe of girls to go to the Orient under his management. While investigations were being done, the mother of one of the girls from the first troupe came to the police with a letter from her daughter describing conditions down there as simply appalling; the girls, the letter stated, were forced to mix with visitors and the so-called music hall was nothing better than a brothel. The "impresario" has been arrested.

An Actor's Dream

An actor dreamed that he applied for work in the movies and for weeks was turned down, never being given any reason, until finally a chorus of managers sang this song for him:

Can you walk bow-legged?
Have you got crossed eyes?
Can you ride a broncho
Or throw custard pies?
Can you dance all evening?
Do you know how to shoot?
Have you ears like a jackass or
An elephantine snoot?
Did you kill your husband?
Did you kill your wife?
Did you carve your baby
With a butcher knife?
We can use you in the movies
If you pass this test,
But if you are just an actor
We will let you rest.

Looking at it in this light, he determined to stick to his old job, and he is still an actor.—Anonymous.

SHREVEPORT (LA.) OPERA HOUSE WILL COST \$750,000

Shreveport, La., June 16.—Work is slated to begin shortly on the new opera house here that will cost \$750,000, including equipment, Harry Ehrlich, of the Ehrlich Brothe, lessors of the Grand Opera House here, has announced. The original plan to remodel the old Grand O. H. at a cost of \$225,000 has been abandoned. The new theater will have two floors and will seat 2,500.

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HOUDINI TO RECEIVE

S. A. M. TESTIMONIAL

New York, June 16.—In recognition of services rendered by Harry Houdini to the Society of American Magicians, as an appreciation of his unceasing efforts in their behalf, and for his worth to magic, a testimonial will be given him by the organization at the next annual banquet to be held June 1, 1921.

A committee appointed to take care of the matter consists of Howard Thurston, chairman and sponsor of the idea; Dr. A. M. Wilson, editor of The Sphinx; Oscar Teale, B. M. L. Ernst and George Heller. Meetings have been held, but as yet no definite conclusion has been reached as to just what form the proposed testimonial will take.

THURSTON TO GROW ORANGES

New York, June 16.—Howard Thurston, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left his summer home at Beechurst, L. I., last week for a two weeks' stay at Tampa, Fla., where the magician intends to purchase an orange grove.

Upon his return Thurston will start work immediately on next season's show, which is to be one of the most stupendous he has ever had. Several new illusions and a number of other different effects are to be added. Another enterprise under Thurston's direction will be "Dante", a magic show which has been in course of construction for over a year and for which \$10,000 has been spent in printing alone. The supporting company will number twenty-three, including a union staff and musical director and as a special feature the Six Musical Wizards.

PROVIDENCE N. C. A.

HOLDS BIG AFFAIR

Providence, R. I., June 16.—The Rhode Island Society of Magicians, Local No. 2, of the National Conjurors' Association, had Dr. A. M. Wilson as their guest of honor here last week.

The festivities included a surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Floyd, Frederick Eugene Powell and a number of Boston magicians having motored down from the city of tea fame to be present.

Following a dinner, an entertainment under direction of Leon Sylvian was given, at which time Powell did the cut and restored ribbon; Arthur Taylor, cups and balls; J. H. Farla, handkerchief productions; J. H. Percival, ten cards from the pocket; I. C. Williams, a four-

tee effect; W. J. Satchell, the Ten Inch thumb tack so that it projects but slightly. Perhaps tie, using a pair of thumb-cuffs in place of the usual cords; Frank Durot, the torn and restored paper ribbon, and Sam Bailey, his clever spelling trick.

Addresses were made by Powell, W. F. Lardner, W. E. Floyd, C. F. Fenner, Frank Durot, S. W. Bailey, Mystic Clayton and B. C. Tillinghast.

Those present at the dinner included Frederick Eugene Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Mystic Clayton and Mrs. Clayton, W. H. Mederos, W. C. Cruise, H. W. Johnson, Dr. Wilson, Frank Durot, Byron C. Tillinghast, William J. Satchell, Charles Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Percival, Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster Fenner, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ellis, Miss Lena May Kihue, Mrs. V. Idon, W. Foster Lardner, house manager of the local E. P. Albee Theater; Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Williams, Arthur Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sweet, Leon Sylvian, Earl Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Anderson, Joseph H. Farla, Ira Barret, Wm. Tales, T. Dickerson and Taylor, the Wizard from New Hampshire.

BOSTON S. A. M. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Boston Assembly, No. 9, of the Society of American Magicians, at their annual meeting held recently, elected Arthur E. Baird president, Walter Taylor, first vice-president; Richard Poole, secretary, and Henry Bordcott, treasurer, in which office he succeeded himself. First and second sergeant-at-arms are C. Victor

AN APPRECIATION

SPACE is valuable, but we cannot refrain from taking this opportunity to thank the many who have responded with such alacrity and prompt courtesy in sending news items, congratulations and wishes for success. We intended printing a list of all names, but there has been such a multitude of letters that it has been almost overwhelming. So to each and every one let this express our hearty appreciation for your kind co-operation. Just keep up the good work and make me hush to keep up with you—I like it.

Next week there will be started a series of special articles of decided interest to all magicians, which will touch on all phases of the art. —MARK HENRY.

Miller and Richard Cartwright. Other officers and committees will be appointed by the chair.

Following the meeting an entertainment was given at which time Powell did a remarkably clever cut and restored ribbon effect and I. C. Taylor, to get even, produced a roll of bank notes from Powell's pocket, a feat that the Dean of Magicians admitted was exceedingly skillful, particularly at that time. Clayton gave a short talk which was of interest and Powell and a number of the local boys made addresses.

DR. ELLIOT'S LAST LEGACY

New York, June 15.—A new book entitled "Elliot's Last Legacy", which should prove of great interest to lovers of magic, has just been put on the press and will make its appearance in three months.

The work, which was originally to be named "Elliot's Quality Magic", has been edited by Houdini and is being printed by the Adams Publishing Company. Clinton Burgess compiled the data.

HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

It's the LITTLE details that count so much. This is more true of magic than anything else. Wands frequently roll off the table—at the recent S. A. M. entertainment this happened two or three times. Try laying the wand on the table from front to back and not from side to side. Or better still, slightly flatten the wand or drive a small black-headed pin

into effect; W. J. Satchell, the Ten Inch thumb tack so that it projects but slightly. Perhaps tie, using a pair of thumb-cuffs in place of the usual cords; Frank Durot, the torn and restored paper ribbon, and Sam Bailey, his clever spelling trick.

Don't run to fads in magic and don't make your combinations so complex that the audience cannot follow!

Remember that a few tricks well done are better than a multitude poorly executed. Alexander Herrmann didn't do so many tricks on the stage, but those he did present were performed superbly.

Get away from the studied patter effects and try to cultivate an easy, natural style of conversation. Of course it isn't every one who can ad lib, and those who cannot must have more or less of an idea what they are going to say, but set phrases become tiresome in their monotony. So also does the naming of each article as it is used, such as "This glass," "That chair," "This table," etc.

If you devote all your time to fancy moves and ultra effects to fool magicians, you will find that altho you may be successful artistically you will fail commercially. Spend time figuring how to sell not only one effect to an audience, but all your effects to many audiences.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

HILL JOHNSTON, "The Gay Deceiver", is playing for the W. V. M. A. and Junior Orpheum Circuit around Chicago until the Great Johnston and Mahendra Show opens for a summer tour.

AGNES HUSHEN and HARRY BURNING, mental telepathists, are playing an indefinite engagement at Chester Park, Cincinnati.

THE SHARROCKS created much favorable comment by reason of their rapid thought transmission at the Davis in Pittsburg recently.

HARRY HOUDINI paid us a call—sorry the editor was out. Call again, Harry!

SPENCER, the mindreader, had the citizens of Bellire, O., guessing recently when he played there with WIZARD GEORGE.

THE BAMS BAMS, appearing recently at the Victoria Theater, Wheeling, W. Va., produced flowers and did a number of other spiritualistic effects. They use a wigwam instead of the customary caldron.

PAUL R. SEMPLE, A. W. FIETZ and ZERRAH BOONE, all of Martins Ferry, O., have been actively engaged in local work and report that magic is having an unprecedented popularity in their territory.

ERNEST K. SCHILDEGE and PHIL DALE of Hartford, Conn., are playing local dates and have in preparation a number of new effects for next season.

GUS FOWLER, "The Watch King", who is playing the Toll Time, was given a dinner and entertainment while in Hartford by Chapter No. 2 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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"HOW COME?" IN HARLEM

"How Come?", the big colored show that Ben Harris spent \$75,000 on prior to its opening at the Apollo Theater, New York, where it spent five weeks, came into its own when it appeared before the all-colored audience at the Lafayette Theater in Harlem. With such opposition as the new Chappelle and Stinette show at the Lincoln Theater and the original "Shuffle Along" Company at the Bronx Opera House at 119th street, the show drew a packed house and left people standing in the street.

The curtain did not go up till 9:45 p.m., on the first performance, due to the inability of the limited stage crew of the house to hang the production on time. All of the principals were greeted as they appeared with hearty receptions, for there were many personal friends in the audience. There was a very large professional contingent present. They were recruited from the many vaudeville houses now at liberty, the people from the third "Shuffle", who had just come into town, as had the Harper and Blanks crowd from Europe, to say nothing of the regulars from the D. R. C. and the C. V. B. A.

The show was put on with the same vigor that characterized the down-town appearance and with practically the same cast. They are in the house for an indefinite run, and Louis Azorsky, manager, anticipates about ten weeks, after which the company will go on the road, playing the bigger cities.

Lola Chester has replaced Miss Stinette and young Cooper is handling the part formerly played by Chappelle, otherwise the big cast is as before. One or two new numbers have been added to good advantage.

Eddie Hunter, George Lane, Andrew Tribble, Billy Higgins, James Dingbat, Alice Brown, Nona Chester, Andrew Fairchild, Nina Hunter and Amon Davis, Johnny Nit and Alberta Hunter—all came in for strong approval.

THE K. OF P. BAZAAR

On June 9 the Grand Lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias, of New York, opened a ten-day bazaar in the Harlem district of New York City with a parade by the uniformed rank of the order headed by the regimental band, under the direction of Prof. D. Daniels.

Collins and Boom, the Putnam Building agents, provided the attractions. The program included John Moss and his four trained bears and two dogs with a beautiful layout of equipment; Iron Hand and Squaw in their bicycle and unicycle act, and Malcom, the comedy juggler. Gray and Gray were billed, but did not appear.

Among the concessions were: Alba, Buddha; a juice-stand feature in a new drink, Jed Bancroft with a sauer game, Tom McMullen with a balloon game, J. Martin with a bell game, Eddie Simmons with a baby rack and ball game. Collins & Boom owned the Hoop-la, operated by a Miss Williams; Bancroft also had a walking Charlie. There was in addition a horoscope and a eat game and three refreshment stands, the latter being operated by the ladies of the order. The first two nights gave every indication of a successful affair.

The organization band also furnished the music inside for the program and for the dancing. Since this is the first effort of the sort with colored lodges as sponsor, it will be watched with considerable interest.

VALENTINO IN COLORED HOUSE

To Milton B. Starr goes the credit for trying to bring to the patrons of the colored houses the better known performers of both races. Thru a New York agent he has presented a number of first-class colored acts from the big time in his own theater, The Bijou, in Nashville, Tenn. The experiment has been a costly one for him, since the other managers have not co-operated as fully as they might have in the progressive move. However, Mr. Starr has persisted and his associates are fast learning the value of his ideas.

His latest move has been to secure Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Valentino and their company, including the orchestra, for June 13. This is the first appearance the film star has made before a colored audience. This, following so close upon the Bishop tour, the engagement of the "Unloved Wife" Company and Mr. Starr's recent inquiries for information on the best Negro acts in the profession without regard to circuit connections or present salary, indicates his intention to elevate the plane of Negro theatricals on his circuit.

THE LINCOLN, NEW YORK

The Mason & Henderson Stock Company has been playing at the Lincoln Theater in New York for several weeks with very satisfactory results. When Mrs. Downs, the owner, and Manager Snyder observed the strong competition that was to come for the week of June 11, when "How Come?" would be at the Lafayette, the original "Shuffle Along" at the Bronx Opera House, and the opening of the new Harlem River Park, to say nothing of a circus and bazaar of the K. of P., they decided to strengthen the show. Chappelle and Stinette were added to the cast and some additional girls placed in the chorus. The result was that the Lincoln held its patronage for the week.

J.A.JACKSON'S PAGE

**IN THE INTEREST OF THE COLORED ACTOR,
ACTRESS AND MUSICIAN OF AMERICA**

(COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR NEW YORK OFFICES)

MUSIC AT HAMPTON

At the annual spring concert William M. O. Tessman, bandmaster of Hampton Institute, who is also a violinist, gave the first local solo east in Baltimore for the benefit of the presentation of R. Nathaniel Dett's recently published violin composition, "Ramaia", which gives an interpretation of Negro life in the as to warrant its consideration for commercial presentation.

Ernest Hays, of Boston, graduate of the New England Conservatory in 1916, who is the organist of the Ebenezer Church and director of the Vespers Quartet of the Morgan Memorial—"The Church of All Nations"—played on the Frissell memorial organ in Ogden Hall. The Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Wilhelmina B. Patterson, sang.

COLORED ELKS' HEAD INJURED

Salisbury, Md., June 7.—J. Findley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Elks, was seriously injured in an automobile accident en route here last Friday. The car in which he was riding completely overturned. He is now in the Salisbury Hospital.

"THE LOVE GAME"

"The Love Game" is the name of a three-act musical comedy that was presented with a local cast in Baltimore for the benefit of the presentation of R. Nathaniel Dett's recently published violin composition, "Ramaia", which Murray and the success of the piece was such

for the occasion.

FROM LEON LONG

The Earl Evans Ragtime Minstrels started over the western end of the T. O. B. A. Circuit with an engagement at the Lincoln Theater in Louisville on June 11.

Leon is routing his "Hello Rufus" show thru the Kentucky-West Virginia territory, where his attractions have almost become institutions. He is making Keystone, W. Va., his headquarters for a time.



Blaine and Brown, in a comedy act entitled "The Ole Man's Son". They have been mighty successful on the T. O. B. A. Circuit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ernest T. Atwell, field director of the Community Service, a national playground and recreation service, asks us to announce the opening of a recreational training school in Chicago to be continued until August 4. Recreational specialists and lecturers have been provided who will make the course a most interesting one. There is such close affinity between the work of this service and the characteristics of stage requirements that the director is especially anxious to have it brought to the attention of our readers. Free tuition will be granted to sincerely interested ones. Mr. Atwell may be reached by communications to 413 South Broad street, Philadelphia, or one may make inquiries of the service in Chicago or the other cities.

DESCDUNE'S BAND

The Union Pacific Railroad staged a "Booster Day" at North Platte, Neb., on May 31. On that occasion the band that led the parade of railway officials, headed by President Gray, of the railway company; guests and officials of commercial organizations was the Dan Desdune's Band of Omaha. It was a signal honor for a Negro musical organization.

The week previous the band made a trip across the State providing the music for the hundred and twenty-five big business enterprises that made the Omaha Good Will Trade Excursion. During the six days required for the trip the band played in an even hundred towns of the State and traveled 2,218 miles.

In North Platte the band shared the day's work with the U. P. Band, of Denver, and with the Chamber of Commerce Band, of North Platte. This group has made place for itself in the music and business circles of the Midwest that the rest of us may well be proud of, because Dan is a regular "one of us".

Plans for the staging of the fourth annual North Alabama Colored Fair have been completed. An active drive for both exhibits and attendance was launched on June 15. The drive was preceded by a careful survey of the territory at interest by Secretary P. C. Parks, who is also vice-president of the Alabama-Tennessee district for the National Association of Colored Fairs. During the trip he obtained considerable information that will be very valuable, not only to his own local organization, but of immense value to all our fairs.

The fair will include our group in seven counties of Northern Alabama and in six counties in Tennessee. Parks proposes to have not less than 25 per cent of these people visit the Huntsville Fair. He is greatly impressed with the progress and the exhibition possibilities that he found among the citizens of these counties. Parks intends that the fair shall be an instrument for disclosing the features that will serve to make the race contented in the Southland.

School improvements, the improvements effected for Negroes by State and government agents and the extent to which white cooperation has been accomplished with our farmers will be elements that the fair will seek to give prominence.

As an incentive to the exhibitors from beyond Madison County to participate, a series of prizes is being offered, with a special prize for county exhibits that are complete on the opening day.

The association is paying freight bills on all county and community exhibits and granting free admittance to one person with each exhibit. The amusement features have not yet been contracted, but it is understood that available colored acts are to be given every inducement to play the fair.

VARNELL'S REVIEW
(Star Theater, Shreveport, La., June 4)

George Glascoe's "Red Hot Syncopators" was the week's attraction. This show, which is a hundred per cent attraction, played a return engagement after an absence of only one week. To play them the management canceled Henri Bowman's "Cotton Blossoms". The management neither knew or cared what became of the latter show. Such possibilities as these are what makes the operation of shows over the T. O. B. A. a very uncertain enterprise.

The management wanted Glascoe for two weeks and declined to accept any other attraction. Mr. Reerin granted him one week. The situation created leaves the manager so dissatisfied that he is threatening to discontinue vaudeville. Bowman suffered a loss, the booking office has been given a lot of additional trouble and Glascoe has enjoyed a brief popularity that comes from a practice filled with chances that he and his people may be the victims of at some other time.

The definite rotation of units as practiced on the burlesque wheels would eliminate all these unfavorable features from the circuit. To have it so the association must be invested with an arbitrary power over bookings not now possessed. To this, of course, most managers object. They do not want to surrender their rights to select attractions.

The Glascoe show was reviewed in the issue of June 9. Hence the review is not repeated.

WESLEY VARNELL

CONCERT ARTISTS

Estelle Pinkey, Fanny Douglas, Mary Europe, Mary Gibson, Rosabelle Lane, Eve Dykes and Ruth Loveless are the officers of a music group in Washington, D. C., who organized for the purpose of providing a scholarship at Howard University for a worthy colored girl. It is altogether likely that the group will become a unit of the National Negro Musicians' Association.

Burnetta Bullock, a five-year-old Washington girl, is rapidly making a name for herself as a piano prodigy.

A band of twenty colored youths from Hannibal, Mo., won a hundred-dollar prize in the recent contest between high school bands from all over the country held in Chicago. Many of the other bands present had two or more Negroes in their organizations, and the Wendell Phillips High School, of Chicago, reversed the ratio by having only two white boys in a group of fifty.

Mrs. S. W. Layton staged a pageant, "From the Beginning", at the Metropolitan Opera House in Wilmington, Del., with local talent so successfully as to obtain very favorable press comments in local papers. Andrew Lang and F. Grant Gilmore assisted in staging the affair. Eva Graham, a terpsichorean artist; Flora Makel, Letta Lawrence and a Mr. Booker had the principal roles.

Mary Saunders, of Philadelphia, presented a class of 58 pupils at Musical Fund Hall in the Quaker City on June 9. Helen Barret, Carrie Stover and Elizabeth Jackson proved to be particularly talented.

The Bordentown Manual Training School provided the featured talent for the June 3 concert at the Wanamaker store in Philadelphia. Besides Director Grinnell's Robert Curtis Ogden and a glee club and a quartet participated.

GRAY DISCUSSES THE BUSINESS

At last we have worked up to a periodical meeting of managers and actors, for the first time, to discuss ways and submit plans for the betterment of race show business. It would be a calamity to do the "Rip Van Winkle" act in matters of this kind as we have often done before.

Every race theater should be placing to double the business. If the managers would demand a vaudeville system, it would mean protection on both sides—protect the managers from rotten shows, protect the actors by producing a real act or buy "a hit act". No amateur can play the time and steal his act ahead of him and thereby earn a better salary than the originator. In such an event the originator is forced to set his brains to hard study or do some "stage stuff". Need the managers wonder then why their houses do not come up to the standard in business production? It is obvious, then, the co-operative effort between managers and actors would go a long way toward solving this problem of standard production.

Three-fourths of your attractions are the same old stuff—a song, talk, song, close doubles, song open, same old stale talk, her song, his song, close; no scenery, no costumes, no new songs, no plot, no new ideas. The public is tired of it and the few patrons you do get attend only because they must go somewhere for amusement.

In many cases when the managers get a recognized act doing a good show act they will not "bill" it. They do a one-night-show business by getting out a handbill. This kind of advertising passed out years ago. Head line and feature acts should be "billed" the same as moving pictures. If some such system were inaugurated the headline and feature acts would do much to popularize themselves.

S. H. GRAY, GRAY AND ZASTONI

HERE AND THERE AMONG THE FOLKS

Indications at The Billboard office indicate a demand for hands with outdoor experience for Labor Day parade and bally-hoo work.

The old Dominion Medical Society holds its convention at Bay Shore Beach, Va., on June 19.

The Dunbar Theater, Philadelphia, has closed for the summer. John T. Gibson announces the opening as being early in August.

Edna Morton, the film star, has joined the Joe Shattall Revue, opening at Fall River, Mass., June 11.

Frank Montgomery is preparing to stage a new production, "The Broadway Rounders", for the Syndicate Attractions Circuit.

Joe Simms and the Down Home Trio opened on the Keith Circuit at the Jersey City house for the first half of week of June 11.

Kid Checkers, the little dancer, and his wife Helen have quit the Clark Amusement Company and are in Paducah, Ky., for the present.

Susie Sutton, leading lady of the "Follow Me" Company, will summer at 3607 Prairie Avenue, Chicago. She has been engaged for next season by the same management.

Johnnie Lee Long writes that Bessie Cook, pianist, quit the company at Charlotte, N. C., taking with her the company's music, thus greatly embarrassing the show for a time.

The Fillmore Music Publishing Co. has accepted for publication an instrumental composition entitled "Josephine" by "Slim" Austin, the famous trombonist who just closed with the Harvey Minstrels.

The Page wants the routes of the Huntington Minstrels and of the Silas Green Company. We like to answer correspondence, but it's impossible to mail letters when we don't know where to send them.

Herman Brown, Jenkins and Jenkins and Gray and Listen were on the bill at the Lincoln in Cincinnati for the week of June 11. This unit has been going along steadily together for some time over the T. O. B. A. Time.

Gray and Listen are, according to a recent letter, receiving a number of complimentary letters from the managers of the houses they have played. This act is another one of the clean soft. They have talent, hence never need to resort to smut.

Somebody on the Clark Broadway sent the Page and his deskmate, Nelson, a copy of some advertising that was got out for their engagement to play for the Shetzel Post of the American Legion in Philadelphia. It was in Yiddish. Neither of us is Hebrew, therefore we can't tell you what it says.

Rastus Airship and the bunch from the band on the Sparks Circus motored from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to New York City on Sunday, June 10, to visit with the many showfolks in the city, and incidentally with the Page. That gang arrived at our home after we had retired and wakened the sleepy scribe at one o'clock in the morning and kept him up till after three. It was some punishment, but the boys made themselves so interesting that we were glad to have them in our home. Their call was a genuine evidence of sincere friend- ship.

Four years ago there was not a single artist of the group, Bert Williams excepted, recorded on any of the records. Today every recording company has "canned" the talent of one or more of the race, most of them many; and the Okeh Company, the first to employ Negro talent extensively, has a complete program of releases by artists of the race. Their current program is featuring Sarah Martin, Mame Smith, Eva Taylor, Shelton Brooks, Esther Biggs, Clarence

Williams, W. C. Handy and Miller and Lyles. They are advertising heavily in race papers. The activities of the Black Swan Company, a colored concern, has done much toward the race advance in this field.

"The Silas Green" Company is much elated over the result of a day and date engagement with "The Florida Blossoms" on Decoration Day at Charlottesville, Va. The city was treated to a band contest. Prof. Booker's boys, besides the talent they disclosed, were equally superior in brand-new uniforms that had just arrived from Columbus, O., according to a letter from Mrs. Booker, who has recovered from her recent illness. Their date at Alexandria was canceled due to railroad yard congestion during the white Shriner's convention.

Francis R. Jones and his saxophone and string orchestra will provide the entertainment at the Shady Rest Country Club, Westfield, N. J., on June 29. The boys call themselves the Dance Paramount Band and they are justifying their name. Shady Rest is utilizing a lot of race talent this season. The nationally known golf club has become an important fixture in the social life of the New York territory.

George Bates, grand secretary of the colored Elks, is its new president, and Harry H. Pace, of the Black Swan Record Company, a recently elected director.

Just had a letter from Edward Langford, of the Gonzelle White Company, sent from

in Chicago and Detroit the houses increased the number of shows per day; in St. Louis, despite the rain, she drew big and was entertained royally, and in Pittsburgh the police had to handle the crowds. Everywhere she had offers of return dates. Some tour it was.

Monty Hawley and his wife (Bessie Allison), whose recent and sudden marriage almost broke up "The Unloved Wife" Company, write from Chicago that they will remain in the profession. Monty has lost his desire to become a drug clerk.

Prof. George B. McEntee, the Newark Deacon who has been in Ottawa, Can., for the past few years, has the band at Gatineau Point, Que. Eddie Willis, a Boston saxophonist, is with him; so is Sam Martin. Mr. Stiggo, of Des Moines, is the pianist. Bobby Brown and Sam Martin, former members of the band, have returned to the States. McEntee, who has a host of friends in the Northern country, has recently built a home for his aged mother on Ambrose street in Newark, N. J., where he will make his home as well after this season.

"You Know You're Goin' To Miss Me When I'm Gone" is the name of a new Shep Edmunds song that has been recorded on the Okeh records by Sarah Martin. It is reported to be a knockout number.

Willie Walls says that Johnnie Lee Long's "Shu-Shi-Shu" Company is a hundred per cent attraction for cleanliness of entertainment, talent, deportment, scenery, wardrobe and drawing power. That's the sort of news we

Golden Gate Club, performers' rendezvous, on West 135th street, New York. Freckles and his jazz band provide the music, with Angelito Riveria, violinist, as soloist. Russell Lee is doing the singing.

Maharajah, he of the mystic show at Starlight, is expanding. With J. S. Thompson, a Harlem jeweler, he has purchased a big trained dog act that will be ready for the public soon. Six canines comprise the act.

Claude Austin, who recently took an orchestra to Erie, Pa., to play in a park there for the summer, has returned to New York after a two weeks' stay because of the antagonism to Negro artists caused by an altercation between local citizens and a musician who worked in the city last summer. See how lasting and far-reaching those unfortunate incidents may be.

The original "Shuffle Along" played its closing week at the Bronx Opera House in New York, finishing April 16. The second George Wintz show under the title closed in Springfield, Mass. The entire cast has been seen on upper and lower Seventh avenue in New York. Many have been Billboard callers.

The Freidenwald "Plantation Days" Company went on the rocks in Indianapolis, Ind., on June 9. On the closing night the people each received \$7. Many of them are in Detroit and some are yet in Indianapolis.

Adams Park, Wm. A. Jones, manager, has opened for the season. It is located on tide-water at Annapolis, Md. Band concerts, fireworks and dancing are programmed nightly. Sea bathing, a merry-go-round and concessions are features.

Edison McVey and Hubert Julian, a pair of colored aviators, made an ascension in an airplane at Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., and Julian did a parachute descent playing a saxophone that was presented to him by a big music goods concern, before a large crowd of people who went from Harlem to witness the exhibition. It is understood that these men will make a profession of aeronautics. They both received their training in army service in the World War.

A PERFORMER WITH PROGRESSIVE PRACTICES WROTE THIS

Harrisburg, Pa., June 10, 1923.

Mr. J. A. Jackson:

My Dear Friend, The Page—I am grateful for your recent letter and the story of the reception mentioned in the last issue of The Billboard. Please accept my thanks. I have sent a copy to Mr. and Mrs. Hood that they may see how much may be accomplished for the race if the large number of people outside of our profession understand the position we occupy as their representatives before the general public and how much easier our work would be with their co-operation.

One way to bring the profession and the lay public together is for the professional to make it his or her duty to pass along the literature dealing with the entertainment world to some one among those otherwise engaged. Each week I make it my practice to give or send The Billboard and the race amusement publications to some person not familiar with the great place our entertainers have in the life of the country and our immense possibilities for good.

Should each performer do likewise there would soon be established a better relation between the two classes. And to my mind this must be accomplished if our progress is to continue. It is to be hoped that the profession will see the ultimate value of this suggestion.

Another matter I wish to mention. This is strictly within our own line. Oftentimes we are in a mixed company, with Ofays in the majority. The manager of these companies expects the members of our companies to bring results that sustain the company. He oftentimes, however, declines to provide proper comforts for the colored artists. It is up to us to be prepared to insist upon these deserved comforts, even to defending ourselves from such injustice.

To do so we must keep ourselves financially prepared and have the courage to make our needs appreciated and provided for by speaking at the proper time, decisively, yet respectfully. That this speech may have a background of emphasis, we must always be real ladies and gentlemen, even when in defense of our rights to care and comfort, never resorting to insolence and vulgar language in discussing the matter. One can insist without the aid of profanity.

I shall not feel slighted should you not answer all my letters, much as I enjoy them, but I feel that your time can be better occupied in our interests. I read The Billboard weekly and know what's doing. I shall continue with this show for some time.

Yours with best wishes for yourself and paper,

(Signed) BOB ROBINSON,

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Editorial Comment

IT begins to look as if The Billboard would have to limber up and let loose on the evil conditions in the outdoor world again.

We are loath to do it.

It hurts the clean shows too much.

While they do not wither under it like the dirty and thieving outfits do, still they are injured and oftentimes very seriously.

Still, the last-named kind will, if let alone, very shortly destroy the business, and with it the clean shows, so it would seem that the clean ones would better be hurt than killed altogether.

At any rate our chief concern is the health and welfare of the business as a whole.

Up to two weeks ago we had had so few valid complaints that we fondly hoped another crusade would not be necessary.

In the past fortnight, however, a great change has set in.

Protests and complaints are piling in by every mail. The fools are loose and running amuck.

It looks as if we would have to again tackle the job.

JUST when solidarity in the ranks of the M. P. T. O. A. was most needed disaffection and internecine strife make their appearance and bid fair to tear the organization to pieces.

'Twas ever thus.

Disagreement, clashes of opinion and aerimonious discussion are often a healthy and very encouraging thing in an association.

They beoken keen and lively interest in the institution and make for its health and growth.

Carried too far, they weaken and break it down—may even destroy it.

efforts. It ought to be sufficient answer, also, to those managers who complain that they cannot cast plays under Equity Shop. 'The School for Scandal' was Equity Shop, and it is doubtful if a finer cast could be assembled anywhere.

BUSINESS in general is admittedly good. It regularly—and normally

slackens during the summer season which we are now entering. It is easing up a little bit right now, but this is of no significance to showmen. If it means anything to the latter, it means improvement, for the wage-earners have plenty of money, and, given a greater measure of leisure, will buy entertainment more freely.

The showmen's prospects are as-

NOT "TOO MUCH JOHNSON", BUT "NOT ENOUGH"

DESPITE widely entertained opinion to the contrary, Mr. Johnson has not failed—yet.

He has been slow starting—or at least slow in getting under way.

That's all.

And there have been good reasons.

He had much to learn.

He thought he knew Bedouins, but he did not. Furthermore, he had to unlearn much that he thought he knew about them.

He thought he knew the game, but he did not. It took time to rid himself of this handicap.

He thought he knew the evils he was chosen to eradicate. He found that he only knew them vaguely, yet required an expert's knowledge. One cannot obtain this in a day nor a week. It is a matter of months.

He had to perfect an organization. That is always slow work, especially when it is an entirely new and unique organization.

He had to consider ways and means and formulate plans.

He had to wait on financial support. The money was late and slow in coming in.

And finally he had to do more or less experimenting with helpers before he got hold of the right ones.

That accounts for his poor showing to date.

But he is giving evidence of "opening up".

Last week he stirred things appreciatively.

He may yet "start something".

It is not too late—yet.

To brand him a failure is premature—very.

But if he does fail, not him nor his organization will be blamed.

The stigma will fall on carnival men. Infamy and disgrace will be their portion.

Let those who have been gleefully singing "Too much Johnson" laugh that away.

And why?

The game has got to be cleaned up.

If eventually, why not now?

Besides, the next man may be less discriminating and much rougher than Mr. Johnson.

Under certain circumstances that may be the only way out, but we are hoping it will not prove so in this instance.

A strong organization of exhibitors is very badly needed just at this time.

THE recent performances of "The School for Scandal" at the Lyceum Theater, New York, under the auspices of the Players' Club, were a wonderful example of the strength of Equity.

Here was a company of genuine stars not only in name, but in ability as well, and every one of them was a member of Equity. When Equity can turn out a 100% company of this caliber it should be sufficient answer to

sured until early in 1924, and very likely longer.

Mr. E. F. Albee has been made an M. A. by St. Stephen's College, Anadale, New York, in recognition of his "regenerating, improving morally and esthetically and widely developing vaudeville art."

He has always been strong for cleanliness, he saw vaudeville first and recognized its possibilities clearly and he developed it widely commercially.

There were no new shows produced in New York last week. Such weeks have come to be rare birds.

"Yes, We Have No Bananas", the macaroniverous "nut" song, is sweeping the country. It has been a long,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

J. M. B.—There was a story in the Musical Comedy Department of the last (dated June 16) issue of The Billboard regarding the New York Hippodrome.

Louis M. L.—"The Bondman" was successful on the road during the season of 1907-'08. Elsie Ferguson was leading lady for Will Lackaye in the piece.

L. M. L.—The Twentieth Edition of The Julian Calmian Hill Theatrical Guide and Moving Picture Directory contains the information desired. Address Publication Office, Suite 621 Longacre Building, New York City.

W. E. R.—Al G. Field, dean of American minstrels, who died at his home in Columbus, O., April 3, 1921, of Bright's disease, is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edward Conrad, a brother, Joseph Hatfield, and a sister, Mrs. J. W. Bellis.

T. F.—Buster Keaton's correct first name is Francis Joseph. It is said the famous movie comedian was nicknamed Buster by Houdini, who claimed he was a "Buster" after learning that when a small child Keaton fell down a flight of stairs without injuring himself. The name has remained with him ever since.

R. B.—Paul Herold, giant with the Sells-Floto Circus, writes to correct a mistake in the answer to your question published in the June 3 issue. Mr. Herold says "Der Ankler" (not Der Ankär) is a paper for showfolk and not for theaters. He also says another amusement paper published in Germany is "Der Klomet".

long while since a popular song scored a hit of anything near like proportions. Orders for over 30,000 copies in one day have been received. The demand is still mounting.

If players were to carry small, dignified cards in The Billboard, stating where they could be reached by mail, telegraph or telephone, as do the English actors, and then stay away from the agents until requested to call, they would be accorded far greater courtesy than they now receive.

"Spiritualism without its dark room would not amount to much," says Russell Owen. Absolute darkness so dense and impenetrable that it seems a real and tangible thing, he contends, will in a very short time so affect the nerves of a sensitive and imaginative person that the ordinary inhibitions of common sense lose their grip.

Harry Houdini is a very sensitive and imaginative person, however, and he declares that spiritualism, even with the dark room, amounts to very little.

William Archer's new book, "The Old Drama and the New", has stirred up quite a rumpus in London. He thinks Henry J. Byron and Tom Taylor not worth serious consideration as playwrights. This has stirred the ire of their admirers.

The Socialist Party in the United States is waning in influence and decreasing in numerical strength. Organized Unionism is gaining steadily.

If the dramatic authors do unionize, it may mean the salvation of the white-collar man.

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Fog Horn Clancy is one gentleman that will not go wild with delight over this announcement.

Elinor Glyn arrived in America recently worrying about American girls drinking. She prefers to make them addicts to stuff like "Three Weeks".

There are far, far too many legitimate actors in the profession, considering the opportunities it presents, and that goes double—yen, treble—for vaudeville artists.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

THE purpose of this article is to present a list of the literature of the Circus insofar as it is known to the writer; to comment upon it briefly, and to outline in detail what is deemed will be an interesting, complete and valuable history of the Circus in America.

Books and articles dealing with the Circus may be divided into those covering three periods: First, those which attempt to trace its origin from remote times, which includes the spectacles of Ancient Rome, an account of the itinerant animal trainers, acrobats and buffoons of those ages, and following on thru medieval times up to the early portion of the eighteenth century, when the circus began to appear as an established amusement institution in England. (Louis E. Cooke, the veteran circus agent, had for the last few years been engaged in the preparation of an exhaustive and interesting work, "Circus Life and History From the Days of Caesar to Date", which, from the chapters occasionally published in The Billboard, indicated a most complete account of Circles in these old times. It is hoped that his untimely death of a recent date will not prevent the complete work being published in book form, as Mr. Cooke intended; and that his heirs will place his manuscript and data in competent hands to insure this.)

The second period of our subject falls, from the ending of the first to the year 1850, when P. T. Barnum formed his famous alliance with Cooper and Bailey, and which date marks the beginning of the modern Circus Colossal, which opened the following year. Most of the works on the Circus that we have deal with this period, but, as I will show later, they are fragmentary in character and lack the one great essential to a proper knowledge of Circus history and progress, in that they are disconnected and not written chronologically.

The third period deals with our great amusement institution, from the close of the year 1850 to date. The Circus memories and experiences of the great majority of our people are included therein, and, consequently, any literature dealing with it finds by far more readers and appreciation than that treating of former times.

Before giving a list of the books and articles on the Circus that have come to my notice, I believe it will be well to state that really good books on the subject are very scarce and that those referring to it in any manner are not numerous. To make any showing at all in a compiled list it is necessary to include works that refer to it only in part, and relatively briefly; the autobiographies of Dan Rice and P. T. Barnum being examples. Other classes are those that treat of horse and wild animal training, those on pantomime, and, the largest of all, the various works of fiction purporting to be based on Circus life, but which, with few exceptions, contain nothing to indicate that their authors had any real knowledge whatsoever of their subject. Unfortunately, this latter class have been those most widely read and from which the general public has formed its opinion about the life and history of the Circus. This has, in a way, not always been the fault of writers who have attempted to write up the subject and have made real endeavors to secure information to do so. Your old-time Circus man was not inclined to discuss the inner workings of the life and business with so-called outsiders; they were either disposed of with a grunt of impatient irritation or referred to the press agent of the show, and what he gave out was his idea of what the public should be thrilled, but not informed, by. (No offense meant; there has been a great change.) Here is the list:

"THE OLD SHOWMEN", 1880; "CIRCUS LIFE AND CIRCUS CELEBRITIES", 1881; "THE LIVES OF THE CONJURORS", 1881, by Thomas Frost. Published by Chatto & Windus, London. All three very good on the shows and showmen of Europe, especially England, up to the date in which written.

"WITH A SHOW THRU SOUTHERN AFRICA", by Chas. DuVal. Two volumes, illustrated. London, 1882. Contains very little on the details of the show. Mostly descriptive of the country.

"THE MIMIC WORLD AND PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS", by Olive Logan. Illustrated. Philadelphia, 1871. New World Pub. Co. A few fragments and references to the Circus.

"THEATRICAL AND CIRCUS LIFE", by J. J. Jennings. Illustrated. Sun Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1883. Several chapters on the Circus of indifferent interest and value.

"ACROBATS AND MOUTEBANKS", by H. L. Roux and J. Garnier. Illustrated. Chapman & Hall, London, 1890. Translated from the French. On French performers only. Fair.

"FIFTY YEARS OF A SHOWMAN'S LIFE", by G. VanHare. Published by Sampson, Low & Marston, London, 1893. Very good on the English Circus.

"THE OLD CLOWN'S HISTORY", by John Tryon. Published by Torrey Bros., New York, 1872. Written by an oldtimer. Brief, but very interesting. Authentic.

"INS AND OUTS OF CIRCUS LIFE", by John H. Glenroy. Published by M. M. Wing & Co., Boston, 1885. Very good. Real information, told interestingly.

"AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF PHINEAS T. BARNUM". Illustrated. Published by P. W. Rowe, Chicago. No date. This book is the most available of all Circus publications. It was first issued in 1869 by J. B. Burr & Co., of Hartford, Conn., under the title of "My Struggles and Triumphs", by P. T. Barnum. The book was later issued in a number of very large editions by the Courier Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., which varied as to title and contents, according to date of issue. These editions were sold by direction of Mr. Barnum at a very low price, which brought their sale into many thousands. The edition published in Chicago was subsequent to the death of Mr. Barnum in 1891, and contains an account of this event. This autobiography, while it has a few chapters devoted to the Circus and related subjects, cannot be considered a book on the subject proper, for it covers all of the activities of the author's long and eventful life.

"BARNUM", by M. R. Werner. Illustrated. Published by Harcourt Brace & Co., New York, 1923. A biography of the great showman just issued and covering about the same range as the preceding work. Excellent.

"THE LIFE OF DAN RICE", by Maria Ward Brown. Illustrated. Published at Long Branch, N. J., 1901. Dan Rice was engaged in writing his memoirs at the time of his death, and the book above mentioned was produced from his notes. The work covers the whole of his life, and, while interesting and valuable, contains but comparatively little Circus matter.

"THE CIRCUS, ITS ORIGIN AND GROWTH PRIOR TO 1835", by Isaac Greenwood. Illustrated. Published by William Abbott, New York, 1909. A real authority on the early Circus in America. If the subject can be as well covered from 1835 to date we will know something about it.

"THE LIFE STORY OF THE RINGLING BROTHERS". Illustrated. Published by R. R. Donnelly & Sons, Chicago, 1900. A splendid work on these master Circus builders. There have

been many changes since 1900, and a new edition should be issued bringing the volume up to date.

"SAWDUST AND SPANGLES", by W. C. Coup. Illustrated. Published by Herbert S. Stone & Co., Chicago, 1901. When we finished reading this book we regretted there was not more of it. Written by a real master of his subject, who was moreover one of the greatest showmen of all time.

"ON THE ROAD WITH A CIRCUS", by W. C. Thompson. Illustrated. Published by the author in 1903. Here is another man who knows the Circus from beginning to end and has the literary ability to tell about it.

"CIRCUS MEMORIES", by George Middleton. Published by G. Rice & Sons, Los Angeles, Calif., 1913. A little gem of Circus anecdotes and experiences by one who has a keen appreciation and knowledge of the folk.

"THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A CLOWN", by Isaac F. Marcossen. Illustrated. Moffat, Yard & Co., 1915. Mr. Marcossen in this admirably written little book has given us a glimpse of a very fine character of the white tops.

"FOUR YEARS IN EUROPE WITH BUFFALO BILL", by Chas. E. Griffin. Illustrated. Stage Pub. Co., Albia, Ia., 1908. A fine account of a great tour.

"FOUR YEARS IN EUROPE WITH THE BARNUM & BAILEY SHOW", by M. Watkins. Illustrated. New York, 1901. Very good, but hardly up to what the scope of the subject would allow. A well-written article on the same subject by W. R. Macdonald in The Saturday Evening Post of September 6, 1919.

"SEVENTY YEARS A SHOWMAN", by Lord Sanger. Illustrated; paper covers. Publisher unknown. The life of England's Barnum, well told.

"FIFTY YEARS IN THEATRICAL MANAGEMENT", by M. B. Leavitt. Illustrated. Broadway Pub. Co., 1903. While this is not a Circus book, chapter X is devoted exclusively to the subject and contains a fund of valuable information and entertaining reminiscences.

"THE WAYS OF THE CIRCUS", by George Conklin. Illustrated. Published by Harper & Bros., New York, 1921. A real classic on the Circus. First appeared in several numbers of The Saturday Evening Post in 1920; several million readers enjoyed it, and, like Oliver Twist, are asking for more.

Giff Robinson, the veteran showman, is reported to have recently written a book that has more than sixty old-time Circus pictures, two of which appeared in The Billboard of April 14, 1923.

Other Circus literature includes that which may be derived from the route books published at the close of each traveling season by the various Circuses of the past and present. These books are in some cases very elaborate and contain many pictures and sketches of officials and performers; they are not familiar to the general public, as they have been circulated only among Circus people.

There are very few articles in magazines and periodicals that refer to the Circus. During the last few years Courtney Ryley Cooper, a most competent and entertaining writer, has presented stories and articles dealing with the Circus menagerie in The Red Book and Saturday Evening Post. The latter publication has occasionally printed splendid articles on various Circus subjects by L. E. Yates (believed to be the same Mr. Cooper), who has shown such ability as a writer as to insure the success of a Circus book from his pen.

The files of The Billboard and New York Clipper are filled with much information and entertaining matter on our subject, and a few articles appeared several years ago in Everybody's, The Bohemian and other magazines.

Works of fiction dealing with the Circus and its life include "Allez!", "In the Circus", "Lolly" and "The Clown", by Alexandre Kuprin, the great Russian writer; "Ruby" and "Slaves of the Sawdust", by A. Read; "A Modern Gypsy", by C. T. Murray; "The Slaves of the Ring", by Gerald M. Fleming; "The Rose in the Ring", by George Barr McCutcheon, and others, including a number of juveniles.

Of plays dealing with our subject, "Polly of the Circus" and "Barnum" are notable examples.

Finally, anything further on the Circus is in works describing pantomime and clowning, as well as those on the subject of horse and animal training. Among them are: "A History of Court Fools", by John Doran; "Grimaldi, the Clown", by Charles Dickens, and illustrated by George Cruikshank; "Life of Wallet, the Queen's Jester", "Haney's Art of Training Wild Animals for Circus Tricks" (illustrated; published by Jesse Haney & Co., New York, 1869); "The Vaulting Master", by T. Stokes (illustrated; London; 1742; daddy of all our books); "I. A. Van Amburgh and the Animals of His Menagerie", by H. Frost (illustrated; published by S. Booth, New York, 1862); "The Training of Wild Animals", by Frank C. Bostock (illustrated; published by the Century Co., New York, 1911); "From Jungle to Zoo", "Wild Animal Celebrities" and "Behind the Scenes With the Wild Animals", by Ellen Velvin (illustrated; published by Moffat, Yard & Co., New York); "Among the Freaks", by M. Aiden (New York, 1902).

This completes the list as far as careful search and inquiry covering a number of years has shown. The point it is desired to make is that both the profession and public are willing to welcome good books and articles on our great American amusement.

We need in particular a history in compact form modeled after "A History of the Stage in America", by Arthur Hornblow, which would show by years and periods, chronologically.

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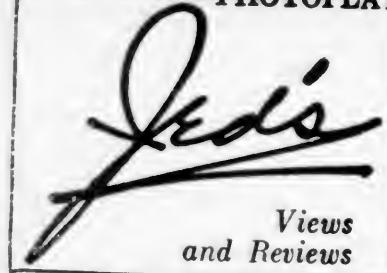
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Views
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(Continued from page 11)

Except for the flicker, "CORDELIA THE MAGNIFICENT" might be described as not much more entertaining than would be a package of still pictures of Clara Kimball Young. It is a series of pictures in motion, but as a motion picture it is a waste of money and time. Lewis Dayton, Huntley Gordon, Lloyd Whitlock, Carroll Holloway and Mary Jane Irving are among the players in the cast, but, as the story is as uninteresting as the picture that has resulted, they have little to do, and it would be unfair to report their shortcomings. Exhibitors who haven't been so unfortunate as to have "Cordelia" will be wise to forget it. There are plenty of good Metro pictures available without getting hooked with this one.

"Cordelia the Magnificent" was the feature at Loew's State, New York, first half last week. Even tho Marcus Loew is head of Metro we can't see any good reason why he should use his big Broadway house to put over a picture that he had the first chance to see. However, "I played it myself" may be a good sales argument.

Good pictures have been few and far between recently. There are many available, for earlier in the year an unusual number of better than average features were released. Then came a flood of bad ones. However—

William de Mille can be looked to for at least one photodramatic gem every season. "ONLY 38", his current offering, is one of these. Let us say right here that "ONLY 38" is one of the best pictures of the year. It should be. Walter Prichard Eaton wrote the story. A. E. Thomas made it into a play. Clara Beranger adapted it for a picture and William de Mille, evidently permitted to make the production without interference from the factory foremen, directed. "ONLY 38" is a comedy photodrama directed with understanding by a man who has lived—not always in Hollywood—and who has studied even since he arrived in the movie mill town. Lois Wilson is the mother who is only 38 and who has never felt the breath of spring until her children—May McAvoy and Robert Agnew—are old enough to be "properly shocked" that mother should free herself from the memory of their departed father, a stern, square-jawed, narrow-minded, small-town clergyman. Elliott Dexter is the college professor who comes with the message of the belated springtime. What results and how it is all worked out must not be told here, for we believe exhibitors will be just as anxious to sit thru this one as their patrons. May McAvoy is marvelous in her understanding of the role. There must have been a horsehair sofa in her childhood home. Robert Agnew, as the boy, deserves to be featured. Elliott Dexter, with less closeups, would have been just right, and we believe that no one could have played the mother quite as well as did Lois Wilson. And whoever posed for that crayon enlargement of the departed clergyman deserves a place on the program. We are going to see "ONLY 38" again. Everybody ought to see it at least once.

When a Cecil De Mille picture is sent

to Broadway the Paramount publicity gets out the brass band or a steam caliope and gets busy to prove the production is a masterpiece and worth all the millions spent to make it. When a William de Mille picture is completed it is fitted with rubber heels and is let in during the night. It is quite natural under the circumstances that Cecil should be the favorite among exhibitors when it comes to box-office returns and that Brother William should be figured as simply a good director. As a

matter of fact William is a photodramatist and Cecil is picture producer, specializing in spectacles with expensive frames.

"DOGS OF WAR" is another one of Hal Roach's "Our Gang" comedies that are finding such deserved popularity among exhibitors. It's the old-time battle of the tomato patch as might be staged by real kids who have read about the late world war and who have the property rooms of a motion

picture studio at their disposal. A ridiculously funny short film has resulted. We liked "DOGS OF WAR" almost as well as "THE BIG SHOW". Exhibitors will do well to enliven their programs with comedies like this.

"Dogs of War" was on the Rivoli, New York, program with "Only 38" last week.

"RAILROADED" is just another one of those Herbert Rawlinson program pictures that are being ground out by Universal, and would be better on the shelf than anywhere else. During the first half of the feature we were almost convinced that we were watching a Universal-Rawlinson that we could boost, and then the story, direction, acting and everything, except, perhaps, the photography, went blah. Rawlinson was all right as long as the story progressed, but when the tale toppled he toppled too. It seems a shame that this chap, who once was so popular, should be junked in this manner. Credit is given on the screen to Margaret Bryant for the story, to Charles Kenyon for scenario, to Allen Dave for the photography, and to Edmund Mortimer for the direction. It's too late to try to place the blame, however. The boat's gone. Esther Raisdon is the girl, but as she was projected into the piece at about the time the story died she should not be criticised for failing to show any signs of acting ability. Others in the cast are Alfred Fisher, David Torrance, Lionel Belmore, Mike Donlin and Herbert Fortier.

We caught "Railroaded" at Loew's New York Theater on the program with "Desert Driven", another jail-break picture starring Harry Carey and distributed by F. B. O.

"DESERT DRIVEN" is a good movie of the "Western" type. It really is better than that, for it can be played safely in the so-called better-class houses as well as in the popular-price places. In the first place, the story holds through, and, while the situations cannot be called new, the treatment is somewhat novel and the tale is pretty well told. Harry Carey will hold his fans in this feature and probably will make new friends. The death-bed confession makes a rather frayed finish, but, as the story has moved steadily and speedily up to this point, the letdown likely will be overlooked. Marguerite Clayton is the girl, but that doesn't really matter. Charles J. LeMoine and George J. Waggoner take care of the dirty work. Direction is good and photography all right. "DESERT DRIVEN" is far above the average "Western".

Metro will open the fall season with Mae Murray's "The French Doll", a Robert Z. Leonard production, and according to announcement made following the recent sales conference of the organization, will carry on with such features as Fred Niblo's screen conception of "Captain Applejack", under the new title (for no apparent good reason) of "Strangers of the Night"; Viola Dana, in "Rouged Lips"; Buster Keaton's first five-reel comedy, "The Three Ages"; Edward Sloman's "The Eagle's Feather"; Reginald Barker's "The Master of Woman", and Jackie Coogan's "Long Live the King". Thirty-three "major productions" are on Metro's schedule for the year beginning September 1.

If it is true that while Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne were in vaudeville countless thousands begged them to return to the screen, let us hope they all have had to sit thru "A MODERN MARRIAGE". It is a fact that in the early days of the screen, when publicity was an unknown quantity and difficult to control, Francis X. Bushman was the daddy of all the Valentinos. One

Flashbacks on the Films

"ADVENTURES IN THE FAR NORTH"—Captain Kleinschmidt's Arctic film, sparkling with titles from Mrs. Kleinschmidt's diary.
 "ALL AT SEA"—Fair Hallroom Boys' comedy.
 "AMATEUR NIGHT ON THE ARK"—Fair Paul Terry cartoon.
 "BACK STAGE"—"Our Gang". Pathé. Very funny.
 "BAVU"—Wallace Beery adds to his fame as a heavy, but movie ending makes comic this tragedy of "red" Russia.
 "BUCKING THE BARRIER"—We can't give this Fox feature much, altho Farnum fans may accept it.
 "CRINOLINE AND ROMANCE"—A pleasing Viola Dana light comedy.
 "DEAD GAME"—"Hoot" Gibson in a 10-cent Western.
 "EXCITERS, THE"—For light entertainment this well-photographed Paramount with Bebe Daniels and Antonio Moreno is all right.
 "FARE ENOUGH"—It is not. It's supposed to be a Century comedy.
 "FOGBOUND"—The director and everyone in this, except Maurice Costello, appear to be fogbound.
 "GARRISON'S FINISH"—We like this Jack Pickford "comeback", and the applause noted during and after the thrilling race scenes proves it will get over big. Looks like a winner.
 "GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST, THE"—The title and Belasco's prominence likely will make this a box-office attraction, but as a photodrama it misses fire.
 "GLORIOUS ADVENTURE, THE"—While this color feature, made in England by J. Stuart Blackton, is not especially new, it is likely that exhibitors will play it for some time to come.
 "GREATEST MENACE, THE"—Perhaps the greatest menace to the motion picture business is this sort of picture.
 "HANDY MAN, THE"—A meaningless Stan Laurel-Metro comedy.
 "HAS THE WORLD GONE MAD?"—Exhibitors who play this one probably will answer: "Yes."
 "HOLD TIGHT"—A weak Mermaid comedy.
 "IN HOT WATER"—A homely and clean Christie comedy.
 "JUST LIKE A WOMAN"—No. It's just a bad movie.
 "KENTUCKY DERBY, THE"—This is not especially new, but is listed as being good entertainment and worth booking.
 "LION'S MOUSE, THE"—The only mystery about this mystery picture is that Hodkinson, with all his experience, should have bothered with it.
 "LOVEBOUND"—A Shirley Mason-Fox feature that is so-so.
 "MAIN STREET"—Harry Beaumont has made a feature that will satisfy those who have read the book and delight those who haven't. This can be exploited. Florence Vidor, Monte Blue, Noah Beery and Harry Myers should be in the lights. They're great. Get this one.
 "MAN OF ACTION, A"—Forget this one. It isn't there.
 "MASTERS OF MEN"—Cullen Landis walks away with this Vitagraph feature. He should top Earles Williams in the billing.
 "NE'ER-DO-WELL, THE"—Tommy Meighan in the sort of a feature his thousands of followers like best. This one can't miss.
 "OLD SWEETHEART OF MINE, AN"—The spirit of the James Whitcomb Riley poem is missing in this Metro feature, especially after the two charming children grow up and the boy becomes Elliott Dexter.
 "ONLY A SHOP GIRL"—Not nearly as bad as the shop-worn title may lead film fans to expect.
 "PUZZLE"—A clever "Out of the Inkwell" cartoon comedy.
 "RAGGED EDGE, THE"—Ragged is right. It's a Distinctive, but it won't do.
 "ROMANCE LAND"—Tom Mix followers will like this one, as will many others who do not take their pictures too seriously.
 "RUSTLE OF SILK, THE"—Altho those who have read this Cosmo Hamilton story will not like the way it has been handled as a photoplay, they probably will admit Betty Compson and Conway Tearle do much to save it as entertainment.
 "SLANDER THE WOMAN"—This rambling tale of Montreal and Hudson Bay is presented with apologies to the Mounted Police. It would seem that apologies are due also to Dorothy Phillips, named as the star, and people who pay money to play it and see it.
 "SHRIEK OF ARABY, THE"—Fair Mack Sennett sheik burlesque, with Ben Turpin. Not up to expectations.
 "SNOW BRIDE, THE"—Best Alice Brady feature in many a day.
 "SOMETHING ABOUT NOTHING"—A better title for this would be "Nothing About Nothing".
 "SUCCESS"—Brandon Tynan, Naomi Childers, Mary Astor and others make this back-stage story human and one that should please.
 "SURE-FIRE FLINT"—This Johnny Hines fun feature is a "wow" in spite of careless editing and several bad titles.
 "THREE WHO PAID"—Usual Dustin Farnum "Western".
 "VANITY FAIR"—A rambling effort to present the Thackeray novel on the screen. Artistically attempted by Hugo Ballin, but too long and shy on drama.
 "WANDERING TWO, THE"—A good "Leather Pusher".
 "WESTBOUND LIMITED"—This is made for the box-office and a railroad tieup. While it is not a "great" feature, it should do business anywhere, for it gets away fast and finishes at express speed.
 "WHERE THERE'S A WILL"—A better than average Fox comedy.
 "WIDOWER'S MITE, THE"—Fine "Leather Pusher".
 "WITHIN THE LAW"—While this Norma Talmadge feature may disappoint some who have seen the play on the stage, it will satisfy the photoplay majority, for when one considers the mechanical difficulties the picture has been pretty well done.

—JED.

didn't have to be an actor to win topay popularity contests in the good old days. Publicity was as powerful as now, but then was as difficult to keep in the straight and narrow path as a sliver. Publicity was just as likely to carry a screen favorite to vaudeville as anywhere. So Francis X. Bushman went on the Keith circuit and took Beverly Bayne with him. Now it is well established that all champions must stage "comebacks", and so it was announced, "after several successful seasons in vaudeville", that Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne were returning to the screen in "**A MODERN MARRIAGE**". Well, they're back. The picture? Terrible. Lawrence Windham made it at the Whitman Bennett studios in Yonkers THIS YEAR. Even in the before-mentioned good old days, when Francis X. was the "most popular screen star in the world", "**A MODERN MARRIAGE**" would have been listed as a poor picture. Too bad. Those most interested should have seen something like "**ONLY 38**" before staging the screen comeback. Pictures have advanced since the good old days despite what some of the dyspeptics say. But if one may judge by "**A MODERN MARRIAGE**", those responsible have not advanced.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne are playing in the picture with a company in combination houses to put over the first run. We missed it in Chicago. Perhaps they're good on the stage in the part of the picture they play in person. But as for the feature itself, unless exhibitors feel that their fans demand an immediate return to the screen of Bushman and Bayne, they, the exhibitors, will do well to wait for the next one.

Film Flashes

Carl Laemmle, Universal's president, "for sentimental reasons only", he it known, may cooperate with a number of friends in the erection of a 2,500-seat theater in Oshkosh, Wis., his home town.

Lenore Ulrich, Belasco star, accompanied by Kathleen Kerrigan, sister of J. Warren Kerrigan, movie actor, stopped off for a few hours in Cleveage while on route from New York to Hollywood to appear in the screening of "*Tiger Rose*".

P. C. Ostend, of the Strand Theater, Anderson, S. C., recently telephoned J. J. Burke, manager of Metro's Atlanta exchange, as follows: "Trailing African Wild Animals" broke all records opening in spite of opposition pageant and Shrine convention."

Title May, proprietress of the Bon Ton, a small Cincinnati picture house, was robbed of \$2000 receipts from the theater, the night of June 16. Miss May was carrying the money in a small suitcase, which was wrested from her by a highwayman as she was entering her home.

Carl Cochems, best remembered as basso with the Chicago Grand Opera Company, has just signed to appear in a principal role in a forthcoming India Pictures production.

Some exteriors of Metro's "*The Eagle's Feather*" will be photographed at Bishop, Calif. The featured players in this production are: Mary Alden, James Kirkwood, Elinor Fair, Lester Cuneo, George Siegman, William Orlamond, Charles McLaughlin and John Elliott.

The Holdings Enterprises, Inc., recently purchased the Avon Theater, Watertown, N. Y., for \$275,000, \$125,000 of which was in cash. The property is subject to one mortgage of \$70,000 and another of \$80,000.

The change in the control of the thirty-five theaters operated in Canada by Messrs. Jules and J. J. Allen has become operative following the order given by Justice Fisher to the Toronto courts. The management of the Allen interests will be in the hands of the Famous Players' Canadian Corporation, headed by N. E. Nathanson, of Toronto.

The Selznick Distributing Corporation, a New York firm, has qualified to distribute films in Indiana. The corporation has a capital of 100 shares of no par value. R. W. McBride is the Indianapolis agent.

Eddie Lyons' protégé, Bobby Dunn, who appears in Arrow's *Mirthquake*, "Oh, Shoot!", is said to be in a class by himself as a slapstick artist.

Courad Nagel, Sydney Chaplin, Lucille Rickson, Emmett Corrigan, Richard Travers, Kathleen Key, Elmo Lincoln and Eugenie Besserer are among the leading characters in Marshall Nellan's "*The Rendezvous*".



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The first meeting of the executive board of the Cincinnati Better Motion Pictures Council was held at the Hotel Sinton last week. The first general meeting of the organization will be held September 11.

Vitagraph's \$6,000,000 suit against Famous Players-Lasky and other defendants, filed in New York City, was announced to have been withdrawn last week. Will Hays is said to have been instrumental in bringing about a settlement.

Lev Johnson, chief electrician of the Norma Talmadge company, was severely burned on the right hand by hot carbons during the filming of final scenes of the star's latest photoplay, "*Purple Pride*", at the United studios, Hollywood.

W. R. Hiller, manager of the Lyceum Theater, Brainerd, Minn., is having many new and improving features installed in his house.

The Bryn Mawr Theater, Chicago, under the management of Lou Weil, reports a good business, using five acts of vaudeville Saturdays and Sundays, with movies featured.

Al Austin, formerly with the Charles Chaplin company, has been engaged by Lou Anger Productions to direct Clyde Cook, the Australian comedian.

Joe Steed has sold his Five Points Theater, Ensley, Ala., to J. A. Herring. The Five Points Theater was built a short time ago by Mr. Steed, who controls or is interested in theaters at Fairfield, Ensley and North Birmingham, Ala.

An organization has been perfected at Chillicothe, Ohio, to be known as the Public Rights League, which will protest against the ordinance recently passed to prohibit picture shows in Chillicothe on Sunday and will make an effort to have the measure repealed. The officers are: President, John F. Hawley; secretary, Albert Tracy; treasurer, Lee Clark; executive committee, ex-Mayor Frank W. Ashby, chairman; Ed Saale, Henry Adams, C. L. Dahl, G. T. Walton, E. A. Tharp, J. F. Heger, Frank H. O'Brien, W. A. Rensch and Allen J. McDowell.

John J. Murray, manager of the Hippodrome, Warren, O., a newly acquired interest, announced that this house will offer motion pictures exclusively in the future.

Victor B. Fisher will close negotiations for world distribution of "*Youth Triumphant*" shortly. In the cast are: Virginia Lee Corbin, Anna Q. Nilsson, Raymond Hatton, George Siegman, Eugene Besserer, Joseph Dowling, Kate Price and Mary Anderson.

Thirty-nine units of the Federation of Women's Clubs attended a special screening of Metro's "*The Famous Mrs. Fair*" at the Century Theater, Baltimore, in response to Manager Thomas D. Soriero's specially engraved invitations and accompanying letters stating that the production was of unusual importance.

Eddie Kounovsky, who has managed the Douglas Theater, Chicago, since 1919, when he fitted up the house, has sold his interests to Brunhoff & Young, who will make improvements.

Conway Tearle has again affixed his signature to a Joseph M. Schenck contract and will be featured in the cast supporting Constance Talmadge in "*A Dangerous Maid*", which Victor Heerman is directing. Production was started June 18.

Bernard Miller, retired Kansas City (Mo.) business man, who is well known in film trade circles, has been appointed business manager of Emory Johnson productions, one of the F. B. O. units at the Powers studios in Hollywood, according to an announcement by Mr. Johnson. Johnson's latest thriller has been completed. Woodward S. Van Dyke has been engaged to direct "*Harbor Bar*".

Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks have each given a prize to be awarded winners of specified events at the Calgary Celebration Week, Calgary, Can., July 9 to 14. Charlie Chaplin is said to have agreed to attend the roundup for three days.

"Yesterday's Wife", film rights of which were purchased from Evelyn Campbell by the C. B. C. Film Sales Corporation, is now in production at C. B. C.'s California studios. Eileen Percy heads the cast.

A series of motion pictures based on the stories of Octavus Roy Cohen are to be filmed in Birmingham, Ala. The Birmingham Motion Picture Corporation has been incorporated for that purpose with \$20,000 capital stock fully

paid in. The incorporators are A. P. Bagby, C. P. McGuire and L. C. Burks. Stock will also be offered for sale in the State if the Alabama Securities Commission approves of a petition to that effect. Roy Rice, of New York, is president of the corporation.

The fourth birthday program of the Newman Theater, a leading Kansas City (Mo.) picture house, commenced June 4 and continued for two weeks. Herewith is the staff of the theater: Frank L. Newman, president and general manager; Milton H. Feld, managing director; Gus S. Eysell, house manager; Ernest Goodell, superintendent of service; Ed Bresidine, assistant superintendent of service; Ed Dillon, auditor; Ralph Ware, master mechanic; Emil Paulson, superintendent poster art; Fred Butler, superintendent scenic art; Geo. Carmen, stage manager; J. R. Sanderson, electrician; Chas. S. Craig, properties; Frank Gossett, engineer; Leo F. Forbestine, musical director, and Thos. F. Bruce and J. Henry Menn, organists.

Fred E. Johnson, manager of the Court Theater, Wheeling, W. Va., has been engaged by Caldwell S. Brown, lessee of the Weller Theater, Zanesville, O., to manage that house. He will assume charge of the Weller August 1.

M. Kenworthy, owner of the Kenworthy Theater, Moscow, Id., has purchased the Liberty Theater, Moscow, from the J. W. Allender Corporation, of Spokane, Wash. C. L. Coats, who has had charge of the Liberty, has gone to Dayton, Wash., to manage a house for the Allender corporation.

Working on "*The Extra Girl*" with Mahel Normand are: Ralph Graves, George Nichols, Anna Hernandez, Vernon Dent and Charlotte Mintau. F. Richard Jones is directing this Mack Sennett production, which is for Allied Producers and Distributors' Corporation release.

Lillian Gish returned from a seven months' visit to Italy a few days ago an honorary member of the Fascisti.

The acting personnel of Christie Comedies includes Dorothy Devore, James Harrison, Neal Burns, Bobby Vernon, William Irving, Ogden Crane, Geo. French, Jimmie Adams, Vera Steadman, Charlotte Merriam, Hazel Deane, Earl Rodney, Ward Caulfield, Lincoln Plumer and Babe London. Harold Beaudine and Scott Sidney are among the directors.

"The Thief of Bagdad" is the title of Dong Fairbanks' next, which is scheduled to go into production shortly.

It is said that John R. Thompson, restaurant magnate, of Chicago, owns several movie theaters. Among them are said to be the Pastime, Ed Barrett, manager; the Kozy, George L. Madison, manager, and the Lorraine, Hinsdale, Ill., managed by Charles Cummings. The Logan Square Theater in Chicago is another Thompson property under lease to the Lubliner & Trintz Circuit.

Thompson Buchanan, of Associated Authors' Trio, is adapting Peter B. Kyne's "*Harbor Bar*" for the screen, to go into production as soon as work on "*Richard the Lion-Hearted*", the initial release of the Authors' Trio, is completed. Woodward S. Van Dyke has been engaged to direct "*Harbor Bar*".

A jury in Justice of the Peace William A. Connor's court, Indianapolis, Ind., last week, acquitted seven suburban picture theater owners of that city charged with violating the Sunday closing law. The accused were: George J. Foreman, Wilbur and L. J. Murdock, A. C. Zarling, Lela C. and William V. Burchfield and William H. Griffin.

Al Durning, for many years in the film business in New Orleans, La., is now manager of the Crescent Advertising Company of that city.

C. E. Jenks, manager of the Springfield (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce, has been notified by Charles L. Seay, Lambs' Club, New York, of a new project to stage an historical Abraham Lincoln film in and about Springfield. Frank McGlynn, Mr. Seay says, will be the Abraham Lincoln of the film.

Al King, a traveling auditor for Universal, is in St. Vincent's Hospital, New York.

David J. Chatkin has been appointed acting domestic sales manager for Educational Film Exchanges, Inc., according to a recent announcement by E. W. Hammons, president of Educational.

Arthur H. Jacobs has signed Frederick Truesdell, noted stage and screen actor, to appear

in his new Frank Borzage production for First National.

The Palace Theater, Indianapolis, Ind., a Keith house, will play combination bills of movies and vaudeville during the summer.

F. H. Day, for several years Australian government film censor, has been signed by Universal on their directorial staff.

J. B. Stine, who owns the Wonderland Theater, Clinton, Ill., is increasing the seating capacity of his house.

In the cast of Metro's "*Scaramouche*" are: Alice Terry, Ramon Novarro, Lewis Stone.

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TWO NEW SONGS

A Review by Clay Smith

The two new songs seem to be making their way in the standard publications. They are more dramatic and moving than the others and adding color to the program. The first song (the one given) from "Gates of Gold" is the prettiest, and this is indeed a good one. Today among the many I reviewed I ran across two more by the same author that stand out from the rest like a diamond in the coal.

The two numbers referred to are: "Night Comes and the Day Is Gone" and "Gates of Gold".

"Night Comes and the Day Is Gone" is published by G. Schirmer Company for black and white and has a beautiful title and calls of path. It is a lyrical artistic song and especially fine for the better singers. It is too short for a program number, but just the length for an encore or grace note. The poem is by Al Flude, and so beautiful I must give it here:

"Down dashes the world in purple and gold,
Now draped in all its glittering white.
The shadows creeps from the earth deep
Of the shrouded, dreamless night.
For life is there the more truth by.
Add the purple and gold of dawn
Crown all the scene and size, too soon
Night comes and the day is gone."

The words are now and dangled and well wedged to the words. G. E. Holmes, a famous writer in the band and orchestra field, is responsible for the music.

"Gates of Gold" is published by the Theo. Presser Company, of Philadelphia. It is a kind of a road map for programming. The form of the song consists of two verses with out refrain. That they are verses which have a pronounced appeal, you'll agree, I am sure. Just read:

"There are days when the whole round world
goes wrong
From morning till laggard night,
And the hours drag by as they creep along
To welcome the fading light;
And gone from the woes of the troubled day
My sun beats too cold,
Till I look to the west, where the clouds of
gray
Have turned into gates of gold."

"And the last wrongs and the words that try
And the tears and the aches hot,
When the gold creeps into the western sky.
Have passed and are all forgot.
For peace steals in at the close of day.
And bears that are weary and cold
Are warmed when the twilight clouds of gray
Are turned into gates of gold."

Mr. Holmes has given these lines a very distinctive motif in a 4-4 Adagio Moderato. He has shown good judgment in keeping his mel-

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ody within an easy compass for all singers, as it no time does to stray out of the octave.

Reprints of both these songs have been made by Homer Redbeaver, and are on the market. They are back to back on Rainbow Record No. 1662.

CLAY SMITH

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Lyceum Arts Conservatory

The Lyceum Arts Conservatory held its tenth annual commencement at Lincoln Hall, 1134 N. Lincoln Street, Chicago, on Friday evening, June 8. The following program was rendered:

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Sol Smith Russell, Joseph Jefferson—go over the list and see how many years they were at their zenith.

Bob Budette was starred twenty-eight years by the Redpath Bureau, and saw a good many of the best and most beautiful years of his good and beautiful life after that time. He was some forty years or more in the public eye, and was a favorite till his death.

And look at Russell Conwell! What man on the stage has lived and drawn for even a good-few fraction of the number of years that grand man has held the public mind and heart enthralled?

Lyceum popularity is hard to attain. A few money changers in New York cannot create a lyceum star. It takes merit and years of patience and hard work to make a man or woman an established lyceum success. But when that success comes it is not at the mercy of the public's or the manager's whim. It is established in the hearts of the kinds of people who

manufacture permanent public sentiment. And it is harder to get rid of than a headache.

It is fine to be an orchid. I'd rather be an oak.

People, while admiring the orchid, forget the oak entirely.

But between spasms over orchids they go back and admire the same old oak. They even sit under the friendly shade of the oak to discuss the beauty of the latest new orchid that has burst from bud to bloom.

HOME CHAUTAUQUAS

IN MINNESOTA

A Unique Chautauqua Plan Devised by Five Communities of That State

The latest wrinkle in chautauquas is that of five towns of Minnesota which have combined to form their own circuits and run their own programs—even to doing the advertising themselves. The five towns are Winthrop, Gibbon, Le Sueur, Gaylord and Arlington. Each town prepares the "stunt" for one night of the program and gives this program of theirs in the five towns on nearly consecutive dates, each town being represented until all the programs have been in each town. Every community does its best to present something unique and worth while. In this case Winthrop is giving a miscellaneous program, consisting of a one-act farce, a male quartet, a reader and a lecture by Hon. W. L. Nolan, speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives and with years of experience upon the platform. Gibbon puts on a play entitled, "Putting It Up to Party". Le Sueur will stage a band program in which it is particularly strong. There will be a soloist and 24 musicians in the band. Gaylord will present "Daddy Long-Legs" and miscellaneous numbers. Arlington will give the four-act drama entitled "The Royal Mount'd". The date of the first program was June 11 and of the last June 22. No one can quarrel with the word chautauqua being used in this case, and it is an interesting experiment, for a change, at least.

JUST TALKING

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings cometh wisdom. Last Friday night I was leaving a hall where I had just given a stereopticon lecture on "Ceylon, the Garden of Asia". In the dark street I was accosted by a small boy, one of my audience, and the following conversation took place:

"Say, if I had one of them elephants you showed us what would I have to feed him on?"

"A big basket of fruit for breakfast and a truss of hay for lunch."

"How can you remember all that you told us?"

"I don't."

"Well, but you never looked at the pictures. Say, they was fine."

"A lecturer has no business to look at his pictures, Sonny. He has to talk to the audience, and he cannot talk with the back of his head."

"Then you did remember all you said."

"No, not like you remember poetry. Suppose a picture came in the wrong place, as often happens, how you would laugh if I talked about the wrong picture and told you all about an elephant when a dog or a cow was on the screen. I'll tell you a secret. Out of the corner of my eye I watch the screen and the I never turn my head yet I know just what you are looking at, and tell you about it."

"Oh, then you just talk."

"You've got it. I just talk."

"Well, I'm going to bring father to hear you next time; and, gee, I wish he'd buy me an elephant."

JULIAN D. ARNOLD.

The Standard Chautauqua System, of Lincoln, Neb., held its eleventh annual convention at the Lincoln Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29 and 30. This convention discussed various phases of chautauqua work, publicity, etc., and in attendance at it were the various directors and officers of that system. The officers are C. O. Bruce, president and general manager; L. J. Mead, assistant manager; Jessie M. Crofton, treasurer; George H. Lemon and H. E. Green, managers of the Northern and Western circuits. They are to hold another meeting for the Western five and six day circuits at Chanute, Kan., some time during this month.

CHAUTAUQUA TIME
AT CEDAR RAPIDS

By LOUIS SAVAGE

Ten professional companies with fifty singers and musicians have filed the air in the community during the week in rehearsals preparatory to the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua season. The system which operates circuits thru Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota and the North and South Dakotas has abandoned Chicago and New York Central for its rehearsals, and, under Charles M. Mayne, centered its whole force here.

The companies which were organized and rehearsed during the week included the "Robin Hood" Company, Camera Singing Party, two units of Black and White Minstrels, the Merrymakers, the Imperial Concert Company, the Dixie Duo, the Full Moon Jackies, Kilgore Philistines and the Phillip Sisters. Other companies of the circuit such as the Broadway production of "The Merchant Man in the World" and "The Wishing Hour" are being organized in New York.

Cedar Rapids is the home of Kest Verner, who evolved the circuit chautauqua plan, and thru systematic routeings brought large local organizations within the financial reach of the smaller towns and gave to all a high standard service at minimum cost. From these warehouses now tons of advertising matter are being assembled and forwarded along the routes and already twelve car loads of canvas, seats and tent stakes have gone out on the largest of the five circuits under the Redpath-Vawter management.

Rehearsals are being held in every conceivable hall in the city. The "Robin Hood" Company worked in the public library auditorium, and, altho this organization of twenty-two people is just off thirty-six weeks as a Klaw-Elenser attraction, May Verner, who has directed three performances of the opera and was assistant to Klaw himself, is putting in strenuous days revamping the production for the outdoor season. Helen Martin, who played the title role in the Boston production, is still singing the role and others well known in the theatrical world who appear are Marlon Legg, J. L. Baker, Richard Haupt, Betty Baxter and Charlotte Inham.

Edna Means is head coach for the other companies. A jazz band licensed to the Y. W. C. A., where it practices, three singing orchestras filled the First Presbyterian Church to overflowing; the Filipinos are at the Y. M. C. A., a mixed quartet is at a downtown hotel parlor and a minstrel troupe is sympathizing in the Chamber of Commerce.

The town boys are having a busy time and Coe College is nearly disorganized. Ringers of a particularly enthusiastic group of pretty girls at the Y. W. C. A. sent one white feather to the Redpath office to apply for a crew men on that particular circuit. Nearly all of the 125 men thus engaged are collegians and the majority from Coe.

Only two of the group are Cedar Rapids natives, Miss Mercedes McGinnis, reader on The Evening Star Circuit, and Miss Orrel Johnson, cornetist, appearing on the same program with the Merrymakers, are the two local contributions to the talent.

The Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal says: "One thing the chautauqua concerts given here this week have proven is that good music has come back. The programs given thus far have featured the old and immortal composers such as Beethoven and Liszt. The artists rendering the programs were musicians of unusual ability, skillful in execution and deeply sensitive of the wonderful themes around which the compositions they presented were written." The above is only a small portion of a feature editorial of that paper and is particularly interesting, because many have claimed that "coach built" musical attractions have lowered the standard of music upon the chautauqua platform, and the charge has been just at times. The criticism of The Journal is in regard to a circuit chautauqua—Redpath-Harris—and is an indication that that circuit at least feels its responsibility in presenting only men of the highest caliber from its platform. I am inclined to think that if one were able to make a close analysis of the chautauqua situation today, comparing those systems which have lost heavily with those which seem to be as prosperous as ever, it would be found that in every case the chautauqua circuits which are continuing to prosper are the ones which have kept their programs up to a very high grade of excellence, both in their musical attractions and their features of orators.



News Notes

Fred High gave his lecture, "Making Service Pay", as a commencement address at Cloquet, Minn., on the evening of June 1.

The Brown Jubilee Company, with Mrs. Brown as manager, is filling engagements for the Menoley chautauquas.

Herbert A. Taylor, clown and juggler, who was with the Swarthmore Chautauquas last summer, is on the White & Myers Circuit this summer.

Maude Willis, who did not expect to be upon the chautauquas this summer, has made a contract with the Standard and is out on its Sixes.

Hammond, La., reports in its daily paper that that is one of the oldest chautauqua towns in that part of the country, that it has been running chautauquas for many years and so far its programs have never failed to please.

Julie Brazil, the song leader of Toronto, Canada, led the songs at the Kiwanis Convention at Atchuta, the Dental Convention at Cambridge Springs and the Carolina Dental Convention at Pinehurst.

Stewart Long, of Sullivan, Ind., gave the commencement address at Newcastle, Ind., on May 31, and was introduced to the audience by Capt. E. J. Llewellyn. Both of them are good platform men.

Robert E. Meyers, of the Interstate Bureau, of Chicago, was obliged to undergo an operation recently for a nose trouble, and has been confined to his home for some time since as a result.

Will C. Buckner, manager of the Famous Dixie Jubilee Singers, has changed his calling for the present at least, and is now representing the Public Life Insurance Company and meeting with success.

Bertha Smith Titus, who was at the head of a studio in Chicago for a number of years and who has more recently been with the Swarthmore Chautauquas, expects to enter Mexico for the purpose of gathering material for a new series of lectures.

Galen Starr Ross, of Columbus, O., spoke before the Celina (O.) Kiwanis "Father and Son Dinner" on May 21, and The Daily Standard said: "The echoes of this appealing, forceful address will resound in Celina for many a day to come."

Jack Sellers, formerly in the Home Production line, is now sponsoring and sending out a male quartet under the name of the Southern Harmony Four. These boys have been singing in different local events for months and have now entered into professional work.

R. E. Morningstar was in Chicago for a few days recently and left to substitute upon the Morgan-Ewell Circuit for a lecturer who was forced to drop out for a short time. He left Mrs. Morningstar in the hospital at Louisville, where she underwent an operation and is slowly recovering.

L. C. Rudy, accordion player, who has just finished about seven months in the South, playing independently at lyceum, chautauqua, school and fraternal and club entertainments, not to forget the radio, dropped in at the Cincinnati office of The Billboard, en route from Kentucky to his home in Detroit, Mich.

Florence Layton, with the Affiliated Bureaus, writes: "I just want to take time to let you know how much I value your book reviews in The Billboard. I have not a great deal of time to read, hence I find these reviews particularly valuable. I hope you will continue your good work. I have heard many favorable things about it."

Josephine Worth, the leading lady with "The Lion and the Mouse" Company, under the management of Lois Ramsdell, of the Wales Production Company, met with a serious auto accident recently in filling engagements near Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Ramsdell, who was at the wheel, in order to avoid a collision, ran the car into a ditch, and Miss Worth was thrown out, breaking her hip.

Mrs. E. L. Irwin has just renewed her contract with the Mutual-Morgan Bureau as Field

Secretary. This will begin her fourth year with Mr. Morgan. During that time she has not failed to secure her contract in each case.

Mrs. Irwin has recently been appointed by the Governor of Indiana to take charge of the Woman's Department of the State Fair at Indianapolis. During the fair she will lecture daily to the 400 or more girls sent to the fair by the schools and universities of the State.

The Bay View University summer school opens on July 16 and closes on August 24. The University School of Music covers the same dates. The chautauqua program runs from June 24 to August 26. Following that is a program running from August 27 to September 9. The faculty of the summer school is one of exceptional merit. It is doubtful if there is any other spot in America where education and entertainment are so artfully combined as they are at Bay View.

J. S. Knox, whose lectures on Community Efficiency and The Power of Salesmanship were features of one of the Eastern bureaus for several seasons, is now at the head of the Knox Business Book Company, of Cleveland, O. He is now on a tour in the West, where he is making four addresses before the National Automobile Dealers' Association at Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif.; Portland, Ore., and Olympia, Wash. This association paid him \$1,000 and all expenses for the four addresses.

Brazil, Ind., is to have an auditorium for its chautauqua. When the contract was awarded for the program last winter it was made a part of the contract that, if the auditorium was erected, the bureau furnishing the program should pay a certain sum each year instead of furnishing a tent. The new auditorium will be 100x120, with stage 35x10 feet. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for the program this season, which will be held in August.

For the past ten years the writer has been hearing about Sunshine Dietrich as one of the live wires of the chautauqua and lyceum platform. A change in management left him without chautauqua bookings for the present summer, and this is an opportunity, if anyone should need a first-class speaker in a hurry, to secure some one who would be all right as a substitute. His address is Box 70, Lincoln, Neb.

Rev. Roy L. Smith, a Colt-Alber Lecturer the last nine years, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by his alma mater on Wednesday, May 23. Dr. Smith is the first pastor to receive this degree from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., during the last twenty-five years, and the recognition comes as a result of conspicuous success at Simpson Church and the growing list of books which have come from his prolific pen. He will lecture on the independent chautauquas this summer, also appearing as bass in the Ministers' Quartet.

The Redpath-Vawter Chautauquas are including a "Black and White Minstrel and Glee Club" in their circuit this season. The Candy (Minn.) News says: "This organization of men, assisted by Miss Means, who is a well-known reader and entertainer, will put on a new and novel entertainment the last evening of the chautauqua. It was on the biggest circuit last year and proved to be a tremendous success. In many of the towns drawing a bigger crowd than the play. It looks as if this number would do a great deal toward helping out the local treasury, as the local committee will get half of the single admissions this year."

We are in receipt of the May issue of The Bay View Bulletin, which gives the program of that assembly. It is a wonderful number.

Bay View is very much more than a chautauqua. It combines with its chautauqua program one of the greatest summer schools in America. We wish that the spirit which has instigated the board in charge of that great assembly might be imbibed in many of the chautauqua committees throughout America, especially those which have dropped their educational features and have made of the chautauqua merely an entertainment enterprise. We wish that every chautauqua committee in America might go thru this program and see the great features offered and the splendid work which is to be done along educational lines. The chautauqua wins by raising its standard. It always loses where the standard is lowered, and the constant demand for flashy entertainment defeats the very ends which the communities are trying to attain.

The Shreveport (La.) Journal gives the following editorial endorsement of the chautauqua idea: "The chautauqua is not a money-making affair. It is educational and inspiring. It aims at higher standards of thinking and living, encourages faith in church and school and government, teaches the value of confidence in one's neighbor, and in oneself, sounds the right notes of patriotism and does many other things of worth-while character. The lessons it teaches are of the type that should attract those who wish to improve their educational advantages as well as to enjoy high types of entertainment. There are fourteen entertainments comprising the chautauqua program to be given in Shreveport, beginning June 6. As a special consideration to children the management has made them a special price of one dollar. For that amount any child has the privilege of attending all of the fourteen attractions. Think of how much pleasure and benefit the attendance of the chautauqua would give some boy or girl, and what a privilege you can have to be his or her patron. It occurs to us that such a gift would be a mighty fine one for any man or woman to make."



"NARRATIVES IN VERSE", by Ruth Compton Mitchell. Published by D. Appleton & Company, New York. Price, \$1.50.

One opens this volume in a spirit of doubt. The narrative in verse is usually a rhymed story with neither the fascination of a good novel nor the charm of fine poetry. But one closes this book with a thrill and an eagerness to begin once more at the beginning and live it once again. Many of these poems have appeared in the best magazines of the day. From the sad irony of "The Night Court" to the thrilling tragedy of "Edith Cavell", the fascination never leaves one. Each poem has the charm of a bit of carved jade, perfectly wrought. Each one leaves the reader with the joy of the appreciation of perfect workmanship, together with a most charming and poignant interpretation of life. In the judgment of the writer there is no book of verse of the year with more flesh and blood and soul than this volume by Ruth Compton Mitchell.

"POEMS FROM LIFE", Edited by Oliver Herford. Published by the MacMillan Company, New York. Price, \$2.50.

"Life" is a magazine of cleverness, and it is natural to expect a collection of poems from such a source to be filled with cleverness. But one is constantly surprised in reading this collection of contributions in verse to that famous publication to find how much of the very pith of life is contained in them. The introduction by Oliver Herford is more than clever, for in addition to its cleverness there is a plea for the real value of humor that should not be forgotten. The book is one of the best "collections" of the year.

"COLLECTED POEMS", by Vachel Lindsay. Published by the MacMillan Company, New York. Price, \$3.50.

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The T. C. A. Drama Co., of the Holy O'Neill directed the cast of 100 who appeared in "The Thread of Destiny". It was given by the May Class, on June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The play was well received, and considerable money was raised.

The May class of high school seniors presented "The Sun of His Love" in the school auditorium June 5 and 6. It attracted two large audiences and was well critically received.

"The Thread of Destiny" was given by the May Class, on June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1923, with great success. It was presented in Durand June 1 and 2, and June 4, 5, 6, 7, there its first success. Mrs. J. L. Frazee, leader of the girls, directed the play.

Students of the Claddock Boys' School, Quincy, Ill., scored a decided success in their presentation of a play based upon Scott's "Lady of the Lake". The part of the administration building and the school camps were utilized for settings when the play was staged May 31.

The dramatic club of Columbia College, Dubuque, Ia., scored a great hit June 4 with its presentation of "The Man of the Hour". Alumni were among the guests, and praise in their complimentary remarks of the play's capable production.

"Travelin' Thru", a quack doctor comedy, by Jimmie Collins of the Collins Production and Talent Bureau, presented recently by the senior class of the Summerlin Institute, of Bartow, Fla., was produced by The Polk County Record the best ever staged by any of the classes.

"Alabama Minstrels", a home-talent minstrel production, was given in Bunceton, Mo., May 31, for the benefit of the Masonic Cemetery Association, and it proved a big hit. Fifteen "home-grown" comedians took part, according to the program, and were trained by H. D. Carlos.

Seniors of Rockford, Ill., college presented "A Winter Tale" June 11 on the college campus and interpreted in a brilliant manner the Shakespeare play. The camps afforded an excellent background. Lincoln Liggett, prominent in amateur productions in Rockford, and Lorene Miller were leaders in the cast.

Senior class of the Monmouth, Ill., college will present "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" June 12, in the Pattee Opera House, and Miss McClanahan, directing rehearsals, is putting in a final strenuous week on what is predicted to be the most pretentious undertaking in the college's dramatic history.

C. A. McDonnell directed the benefit play at the Community House at Wattsville, Pa., on May 29 and 30. The play given was "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross". The same play was given on June 2 for the benefit of the Louisville Cemetery. The capacity of the house was taxed on each night, the plays being a complete success.

Over 100 young people of Jeannette, Pa., took part in the C. D. of A. musical comedy, "Don't Park Here", which was held in the new high school auditorium on May 14 and 15. The program was produced by the Moorhead Attractions, of Zanesville, O., and was a complete success, adding very materially to the benefit church building fund.

The Roosevelt junior high school students, Cedar Rapids, Ia., presented "A Summer Fantasy" June 5 and carried the difficult musical play off with honors. Grace Meloney and Betha Underhill directed the music. Leona Sutherland arranged the dances and drills, and costumes were by Ethel Bjorklund and Dorothy Harvey.

Rockford, Ill., high school glee club, assisted by others of the school, presented "The Drum Major" in the auditorium, June 1 and 2, with unusual success. The operetta was capably directed by Mrs. Sarah Neidhardt, glee club director, and Amelia Deneweth, music supervisor. Marion Hoegberg, honor pupil of school, sang the leading role.

Dr. J. T. O'Neill, musician and monologist, featured the Joliet, Ill., Knights of Columbus Frolics, June 4, 5 and 6, in the Orpheum Theater. The show attracted capacity crowds, and the annual production reached new heights of funmaking and musical attainment. Dr.

Amusement Enterprises, Newbern, N. C.; Chas. J. Buckley, director Tappe Stagecrafters, Champaign, Ill.; Geo. V. Deacon, manager Deacon Productions, Zanesville, O.; Frank O. Crabtree, director Harrington Adams Co., Paris, Ill.; Lloyd M. Ballou, director Harrington Adams Co., Bowling Green, O., and James T. Preper, salesman Harrington Adams Co., Bowling Green, O.

"exceptional degree," said The Press, after the opening performance of "Adam and Eve", "and she has surrounded herself with members who are most capable. Gordon Ruffin as Adam Smith was splendid, as was Frederick Clayton as James King. All the ladies of the cast, Genevieve Berkeley as Corinthia, Helen Jackson as Aunt Abby Hooker, Frances Kase as Julia DeWitt, were admirable. We particularly like the work of Wesley Barney, and as Uncle Horace Pilgrim he was most entertaining. We are going to look for some splendid work from Mr. Barney during his stay with us. Ralph Crabtree as Lord Andrew Gordon and Dan Darley as Clinton DeWitt had the comedy roles, and they made the most of their parts. As the season continues and the Ella Kramer Stock Company becomes more at home we are sure its popularity will, by the means of crowding the Hershey Park Theater at each and every performance."

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MAJESTIC PLAYERS

Utica, N. Y., June 8.—Almost every week the Majestic Players present a piece, give a performance, or both, that the critic of The Utica Observer thinks is better than any done heretofore. In his opinion, "Lawful Larceny", the current production, tops all others seen here during the present stock season. Dorothy Beardsley, popular as principal woman here several seasons, returns as leading lady of the Majestic Players. Miss Beardsley received an ovation when she first came on the stage in the prolog Monday night. She played the role of the neglected but resourceful, and finally triumphant, wife in a manner which moved The Observer critic to write paens of praise enthusing not only over her acting but also her appearance and personality. Clay Clement, cast in the part of the wealthy leech who was a sucker himself once and now takes those who have been taken, scores. The vamp is splendidly portrayed by Florence Arlington. The wobbly husband is sketched quite nicely by Douglas Cosgrove, and the two gambling wives are characterized by Valerie Hickerson and Margaret Robinson. Carl Blythe and Hal Dawson are their lesser halves. Kerwin Wilkinson dons the garb and manners of a servant to play the butler. Willard Foster is cast as the banker.

PLATFORM BOOK-SHELF

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BONSTELLE PLAYERS IN DETROIT

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the leading man, Minor Watson, is seen in a dual role.

The Bonstelle organization has been at all times famous in this city as well as in other cities, and patrons of stock are showing the appreciation and esteem in which Miss Bonstelle and her company are held by their continued patronage.

The cast follows: Minor Watson, as John Chilcoate and John Leder; Douglass Dumbrille, Brock; Neil Martin, Robby Blessington; Phyllis Laughton, Marie; Jessie Bonstelle, Eve Chilcoate; Marguerite Wernimont, Peggy Forsythe; Ralph Hillier, Allison; William Crimmins, Herbert Fraile; Richard Stevenson, Mr. Lakeley; Dorothy Blackburn, Lady Lilliam Astrup; a Detroit favorite, Katherine Alexander, as Robbins; Gilberta Faust, Lady Bramfield; Katherine Watts, Lady Sarah Frale; Albert Bliss, Capt. Gallantry; Elizabeth Carmichael, Mrs. Fordham, and Greening by Millard Vincent.

Commencing Monday, June 11, the Bonstelle Players will put on "Dulcy".

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WOODWARD PLAYERS IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., June 8.—The Woodward Players at the Majestic Theater are continuing by their excellent work to attract many to this well-known playhouse. "Pierre of the Plains" is the offering and staged under the personal direction of Cyril Raymond. The following cast is a notable one: Stokes McCune, as Matt Brady; Alice Hanley, Miami; Walter Connolly, Jap Durkin; Richard Taber, Val Galbraith; Isabel Randolph, Jen Galbraith; Jean Jordan, Father Carriane; J. Arthur Young, Peter Galbraith; Walter Davis, Pierre of the Plains; Forest Orr, Sergeant Tom Redding, and Cyril Raymond as Inspector Whitley. An excellent orchestra under the direction of Ole B. Foerch rounds out an excellent organization.

The personnel of the theater is M. W. McGee, manager; Harry F. Bort, treasurer; Fred T. Grenell, publicity; Don Leonard, chief usher, and Stokes McCune, assistant stage director.

Commencing June 10, "Why Men Leave Home" is the week's offering.

POLI PLAYERS PLEASE

Hartford, Conn., June 8.—The cool weather here during the past few days resulted in a good advance sale at the Palace for the Poli Players' presentation of "The Bird of Paradise", which opened to a good house Monday night. In the leading roles of Luana and Dr. Paul Wilson, portrayed by Mary Ann Dentler and Arthur Howard, there was nothing missing and much to commend, and the same is applicable to the acting of Harold Kennedy as the missionary; likewise the work of Victor Montgomery as his wife; Frances Williams and William Blake were exceptionally good as

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Drama Lotted and "Ten-Thousand-Dollar" Dean. Next week the company will present "The Gay Young Bride", with Tom Martelle in the stellar role. Frank McHugh, the juvenile, will be out of the cast for a week or so due to a necessary operation that will keep him in the St. Francis Hospital until he recovers.

PEORIA HOUSE DARK AFTER STOCK CLOSES

The Sherman Stock Company closed its season at the Orpheum Theater, Peoria, Ill., June 3, and the theater will be dark during the summer. The Sherman company had an unusually successful winter season there and its departure was made the occasion for very apparent demonstrations of popularity by the theatergoers. Announcement from the theater is to the effect that the playhouse will be thoroughly overhauled and redecorated during the next few months preparatory to its fall opening. It is expected to be used exclusively for road shows at that time, leaving the Palace to vaudeville and films.

WORTHAN DRAMATIC COMPANY

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Considering the cold, wet weather, according to a Billboard representative who visited the show in Kimball. The hot, dry weather the latter part of the week made a wonderful improvement in business, said our representative. The Worthan company travels overland by six auto cars and trucks. The following plays are now being produced: "Twenty-four Hours of Truth", "Sent to the Poorhouse", "Spooks", "Dope", "Peggy O'Neill" and "Girl of the Ranch", with vaudeville between the acts. A new fifty-foot top with three thirty-foot centers is used. The roster of the company follows: Chas. Worthan, owner; Mrs. Sadie Worthan, Bonnie Worthan, Mrs. W. H. Novak, Vira Temple, Hal Russell, Mrs. Mayme Russell, Otto Wright, Mrs. Julia Niccolla, Dave Riggins, Jessie Tyler, Jack Worthan, Fred Worthan and Paul Baker.

"UNCLE TOM" STILL HAS STRONG APPEAL

Numerous are the letters received at the writer's desk requesting data on the "Tom" show, which is the theatrical parlance in short for a dramatic presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". "How many years has the Harriet Beecher Stowe masterpiece been dramatized?" seems to be the most persistent question asked by readers. The old classic has been done thousands upon thousands of times in the last seventy years and it is going stronger than ever. Other plays, whether mystery, bedroom farces, dramas, melodramas or romantic, have their vogue and pass, but the "Tom" show will likely be popular for we don't know how many centuries to come. To the younger folks, many of whom have only read the book, the play has a strong appeal, while to the grown folks it still has a considerable grip. We estimate that there are a dozen "Tom" shows touring the country today, many of them presenting all the familiar scenes, Eliza crossing the ice, the slave auction, the death of Little Eva, Little Eva in heaven, Topsy in action, and other of the honored episodes of the play. Of course, some of the companies have almost left out the anti-slave propaganda, which was Mrs. Stowe's reason for writing the book, in their production, and sought to substitute new features for the old originalities. It might be interesting to know that Mrs. Cordelia Howard McDonald, said to be the original "Little Eva", is still alive at 75, and she takes a great interest in things theatrical. In the little red brick cottage of colonial type at 22 Putnam avenue, Cambridge, Mass., formerly owned by Mrs. McDonald, are said to now live Florence and Grace McGuire, who were also known as "Little Eva". Grace, by the way, played Little Eva when she was eight years old as a member of the old Stetson Stock Company. At the age of ten she went on the road with one-nighter, playing the role. She left the stage several years ago, and the last the writer heard about her she was employed in the credit department of the Edison Electric Company. Her sister, Florence, started to play Little Eva with the old Robinson Stock Company, which made annual tours thru New England presenting "Tom". About two years ago she was on the Keith Circuit in the supporting cast presenting "The Mutual Man".

An occasional Tom show is a good thing for the theatergoer. Wearied by a long course of problem plays, girly-whirly shows, the trials and dangers of Uncle Tom, Eliza, George Harris and Little Eva appeal restfully to him.

REMINISCENCES

Which Have To Do With "Rep."

A short time ago there appeared in The Billboard some reminiscences about oldtimers. Tyrone Fry mentioned a few whom he happened to remember at the time, and later Will Cooke contributed some. Mr. Fry has dug up a few more, as follows:

I will begin by mentioning Chas. Forbes, who had out a repertoire show for years, and later played one-night stands with "Black Diamonds"; Jack Turner, who starred Emma Te-

land; George Walters, an old-time repertoire manager, who afterwards had out a one-nighter, starring Nellie Walters; Ben Warner, starring Cora Warner; Wood and Williams' Western Theater Company, which toured Illinois and Iowa for several seasons. I was with this company for three seasons—1878-1882. Later they went out, known as Woods and Loomis, and afterwards it was Woods and Fierce. Then I managed the company. My leading lady was none other than Lottie Blair, the authoress of "Way Down East". She married, while performing in my company, Harry D. Parker, who later had out a company playing "Bound To Succeed". The Jay Simms Company, starring Minnie Castle, was quite successful in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The Jim Huntley Company toured thru the South quite successfully. The Kendall Company toured the Middle West, and later ventured as far west as California. He styled the attraction Kendall's Komedie Kompany. The George Maxwell Company toured thru Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Then Ed. and Carrie Wight had a circuit of fairs in Indiana and Illinois, playing every year for many years. Jack Hogan, who managed the Mabel Norton Company; John F. Breyer and Maggie Breyer, were very successful for years; Harry Choate starred

Mattie Choate, one of the most versatile women then playing repertoire. There were leading ladies who could play some particular part, but for a rough soubret part one night and a heavy emotional lead the next, Mattie Choate has yet to be surpassed. The Florence Herbert Company, featuring Florence Herbert, an emotional actress far beyond the average of the day; Ed Stewart, who managed the Crisp Sisters thru Illinois, Indiana and Ohio; Fred Felton, who had many years of success. Edwin Clifford (Oshkosh Ed) as he was best known, traveled North mostly; Cotton and Rasye, starring Frank Cotton and Millie Willard; Frank King, starring Grace Hazlip, a very clever leading lady, more talented than many who have starred on Broadway; Robert Ransom Company toured mostly Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin; O. W. Blake, starring Julia Blake; The Billy Marble Company; Jake Simon, starring Anna Simon; Thad Barney, who fifty years ago had a repertoire show and played the small towns in Illinois and Indiana. He was one of the old school actors, and at one time played in stock with Ben DeBar in St. Louis. He was a real actor. Rip Van Winkle was one of his pet parts, and, take it from me, he could play it. Before closing I must not neglect to mention the Emma Warren Company, which played thru the South for several years and made quite a reputation. All the companies mentioned were on the road twenty-five to fifty years ago."

A Western tent show manager recently received a letter from a "physical culturist", who said he could make the letters "F" and "V" with his lips instead of with the upper teeth and the lower lip as it is done. "Would you think that this would have any value if advertised?" said the applicant, concluding: "I am not posing as a musician, but I have played some in a town band for a number of years." The manager of the show replied that he had just engaged a very clever lady articulator, who did not move her tongue in saying "No", and he doubted if it would be profitable to feature two articulators. The manager, thinking the applicant would prove a sensation with an audience critical on enunciation, suggested that he (the applicant) communicate with some of the big Eastern producers.

OPEN LETTERS

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any of the rest of them will ever know—no. Decidedly! Not the wild-cat agent who can post bills, railroad the show book it, write his own press stories and forget the stereotyped copy given him upon his departure from New York for a tour, but truly write and plant his stuff without stealing it from anybody. Him—too ignorant! But only a few New York press agents, who know little or nothing at all about wildcatting, railroading, posting bills, etc.: this organization is for them alone. To do what? Ah, ha, now for the great secret! To compel the manager to retain the agent for the run of the play when the attraction comes into the city for a run. To pay the agent a salary each week whether he is working or not.

And if the managers should say no????? Viva la revolution! The agents say "The American Federation of Labor will attend to that." Honest, this is great. Sweet memories of "You slap me and I'll tell mama." And their great nibi is "If we New York agents should strike the managers cannot replace us." Ye gods! Agents who are scattered over these United States will surely weep at this. In reference to the boys who have created stars and put over shows without New York's approval of themselves or attraction.

Do you remember meeting the agent in advance of an attraction which, while good, is not so well known as the attraction he represented the previous year, when he heralded a Broadway star in a shocking play? He jumped into your town on one train and out on the other, explaining to you he had to get into Chicago, where his show was going for a run, and the only reason he played your town was to "break the jump"? And when the show

played Chicago it lasted perhaps two weeks and the agent was back on Broadway riding the elevators. And so this season this same agent has, we will say, a small company playing a good comedy and all booked up to play the one-night stands. What does he do when he arrives in any of those towns wherein he represented a star on his last visit? He hurries over to the theater and of the pretty girl in the box office asks for his mail. Then when she recognizes him in the great agent who brought the star last season, he embarrassed, apologizes for being connected with such an attraction as he now represents.

With the result the girl tells her manager and he loses whatever confidence he had in the attraction and the show perhaps breaks even—and for that the agent draws his salary. Give me the road agent any time in preference. The boy who knows paper from a half-sheet to a twenty-four. You won't find him leaving the town not billeted and you will find but few sheets left over in the billroom because he knows what to order and he knows what to bill; and, greater than this, he knows what to spend in the local papers and also knows the territory. Perhaps he doesn't know much about a room with running ice water, because he is a wildcat agent without a Broadway reputation.

You must have a Broadway reputation without billposting experience. If you are advancing a tent opera or a wild beast or anything that would suggest "gypsies" please stay away, as you are not welcome on Broadway. Of course it isn't what you know, but it is "who you know" that gets you by on Broadway, and this is not chatter. I started early in life and worked ahead of The Great Wallace Shows and from there to Barnum & Bailey and from there to Buffalo Bill. This embraced many years. I went because my father, an experienced manager, now dead, instructed me to learn every branch of the show business before applying for a position in advance of a New York attraction. I learned lay-outs, how to frame copy, how to scale a house, the shortest railroading, and after all these years I have stacked several letters which read: "I have placed your application on file" and stamped below, the manager's name.

I have had several New York shows, but they always stayed out. But whenever a certain few get together and start an organization which eliminates men of proved experience and accepts men of questionable road experience it is funny. Perhaps the managers will wake up and there will be several new faces seen around their offices, faces new to Broadway, yet faces well known beyond the Hudson River. If these men, who are positive they will force the managers to their will, ever give the out-of-town agent the opportunity, somebody will wake up that billposting agents have brains and do not waste their golden hours telling local managers how great they are and put in the rest of the time sitting around the lobby of a hotel, feet up and eyes closed.

If the sympathetic relationship which must exist and must endure between the agent and the producing manager is to be severed by an organization which will, no doubt, create discord, I wouldn't give a penny for the success of a road show. Co-operation means success and if there must be an organization as described let it include also the managers.

An army general confides in his staff and the staff to the privates, but if the manager has no staff and no soldiers to fight for him the battle is lost, with old man hunger the victor.

And if the various departments connected with the theater are all organized against the manager and, therefore, the financial backer, and the manager should become discouraged, what will become of theatrical business?

(Signed) CHARLES PARK.

FILM FLASHES

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Edith Allen, William Humphrey, Julia Swayne Gordon, James Marcus, Lydia Leamont Titus, Otto Matthesen, Carrie Clarke Ward, Bowditch (Smoke) Turner, George Seigman, Smit Edwards and Joe Murphy.

Frank Borzage, director for Arthur H. Jacobs, and Mrs. Borzage celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary June 7.

Seldom has any Metropolitan showing of a film been accorded as many and varied legitimate trips with prominent firms as those of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson's "Trailing African Wild Animals". Credit for this is given Bert B. Perkins, helmsman of Metro's exploitation campaign.

The B. F. Keith Circuit has booked F. B. O's "Mary of the Movies" in all of its New York houses that run pictures.

The Family Theater, Ottawa, Can., dark for several months, was reopened lately for an indefinite run of "Robin Hood", which played the Russell, that city, at a \$1 top. The Family is owned by Harry Brouse.

F. B. O. has contracted for the exclusive services of H. C. Witwer, author and sporting writer, for the next five years.

All attendance records were broken at the Main Street Theater, Kansas City, Mo., James A. Quinlan, manager, when the Metro film, "Peg o' My Heart", was exhibited there. Manager Quinlan said as much in telegram to S. A. Shirley, Metro district manager at Chicago.

Tyrone Power will play an important part

in "The Day of Faith", which Tod Browning is to direct for Goldwyn.

The first international convention of the Department of Distribution of Paramount will be held in May, 1924, according to the announcement by S. R. Kent, general manager of that department of the F. P. L. Corporation.

Edgar Clarke, of Springfield, and Deminic Fracica, of Taylorville, Ill., who have a string of movie theaters in Central Illinois, have taken over the Palace Theater in Pana and the Palace in Nokomis, Ill. This will make nine houses in the Clarke-Fracica chain.

Beartree Van has been engaged by F. B. O. to prepare the continuity of the second series of Witwer's "Fighting Blood" stories.

Walter Bigelow, general manager of the Rialto Theater, Fall River, Mass., and Buddy Stuart, of Goldwyn, evolved many novel publicity schemes when "Souls for Sale" was the feature at the Rialto.

Managing Director Lawrence Beatis, of Loew's Washington theaters, and Manager Gates, of the Columbia, that city, carried out an elaborate advance campaign on Metro's "Soul of the Beast" to gratifying results. A similar campaign was carried out by the management of the Lyric Theater, Cincinnati, where the film played last week with equally good results.

Ray Dennis and Warren Perkins have taken over the Auditorium Theater, Erie, Ill., from Ira Taft and Will Guthrie. The latter have retired from the picture business.

I. W. Rodgers, owner of the Criterion Theater, Poplar Bluff, Mo., has purchased the Jewel Theater, that place, from the estate of the late Henry Turner. This acquisition makes a string of a half score of picture houses owned by Rodgers. The contract of the sale specifies that he shall get possession July 1.

Dr. Wm. E. Beecroft, manager of the Parkway Theater, Madison, Wis., and Walter D. Nealand, Goldwyn attache, tied up with the Western Union in connection with the showing of "Backbone" to good advantage.

Kenneth Perkins, author, has sold the film rights on his "The Beloved Brute" to F. B. O.

John Meseall captured the championship cup, a perpetual trophy presented by Larry Seaman, in the second annual Western Motion Picture Golf Tournament.

Arthur J. Cooper, Charles R. Schweitzer and J. Cooper have organized the La Crosse Amusement Company and will operate a movie theater at La Crosse, Wis.

Manager F. C. Weskil, of the Rose Theater, Coifax, Wash., purchased the Liberty recently and will operate both houses.

Mrs. Louise Illinois, manager of the Billiken Theater, Detroit, has many clever publicity stunts to her credit in connection with the showing of the Pathé serial, "Plunder", which is on her program for fifteen weeks.

The Best Theater, Helena, Ark., newest in that city, was destroyed by fire, said to have been of incendiary origin, early this month.

The Ben-Hur Amusement Company is operating a picture theater at 306 Cicero avenue, Cicero, Ill.

A. and L. Sablosky have awarded the contract for rebuilding the Grand Opera House, Norristown, Pa., which was badly damaged by fire last December, to F. R. Heavner, whose bid was \$113,000.

Fred M. Todd, of Roodhouse, Ill., has taken over the Photoplay Theater, Bluff, Ill.

H. T. Snowden, of Goldwyn, and Manager C. W. Diehl, of the Liberty Theater, Youngstown, O., obtained a tieup of unusual proportions with a Youngstown department store during the showing of "The Christian".

J. J. Raymond, manager of the Park Theater, Utica, N. Y., and representative of Goldstein Brothers, owners of the house, has returned to Utica from the home office, where he attended a meeting of managers of the fifteen houses on the Goldstein wheel. All of the Goldstein theaters in New England cities and in Utica will be kept open during the summer season. First-release pictures will be shown at the Park, as well as in most of the other houses.

Ascher Bros.' Palace Theater, Peoria, Ill., has added a news reel of local views to its regular program each week which is said to be making a hit.

Manager Gerrard, of the Woodlawn Theater, Carthage, Ill., has secured the co-operation of local merchants to aid him in advertising his films. A concert is given by a Carthage band before the theater each night.

Turner Jones, of Southern Enterprises, Atlanta; Mayor John Alsop, of Jacksonville; W. L. Whitehead, of the Republic Theater, Jacksonville, and C. E. Daill, of Tallahassee, appeared in behalf of the theater owners at the hearing of a Florida State censorship measure. It is said these men made such a favorable impression upon the lawmakers that the bill was placed at the bottom of the calendar with an unfavorable report attached to it.

The Motion Picture Theater Owners of Connecticut will hold their annual convention at Double Beach, Conn., June 27.

An organization of first-class studio photographers in the East has been formed. An open meeting was recently held at the Simplex Projection Rooms, 220 W. 42nd street, New York.

The Bijou Theater, Decatur, Ill., will be closed early next month for redecoration and some interior changes.

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“I have an offer of a contract to go to America for \$750 a week,” he said to me today, “but I must pay all my own expenses. We figure that this will not leave much over.”

The interview took place amid the faded splendor, reduced to genteel poverty, of the big music and drawing room of the Villa Wahnfried, once the Mecca of hordes of American Wagnerites.

Siegfried turned for confirmation of his reasonable doubts to his considerably younger and handsome wife, who speaks excellent English with only a slight German accent, being the daughter of the self-expatriated Houston Stewart Chamberlain. “Another feature of the contract proffered by an American impresario stopping at the Hotel Adlon is that all the net profits of Wagner's American tour shall go to the Bayreuth Festival Fund. The conductor feels deeply hurt over a recent article in a New York musical weekly attacking him on the charge of profiteering in his father's operas. He said he had never received a pfennig of profit from the Bayreuth festival performances and was planning to file a brief in his defense against the aspersions of the New York paper.

“Herr Wagner has a massive bald head, set on a short body. His face betrayed signs of nervous strain. He wore a faded green

outing coat (green symbolizing his hopes in the American tour, he said whimsically), dingy cream-colored crash trousers, white spats and exceedingly yellow tan shoes. Clustered thickly around him were souvenirs of the great Wagner, including two magnificent portraits by the famous Munich artist, Franz von Lenbach; a framed page of Wagnerian manuscript music and a glass case full of empty jewel cases, left just as an uncaught pre-war thief had left them.

The stolen collection today would be worth billions in paper marks.

“I know there is a strong agitation against me in New York, if not in other American cities,” Siegfried said, discussing his American prospects. His would-be American manager, possibly to get fantastic

ideas of the size of the dollar crop out of his head, had wounded Herr Wagner's feelings by quoting Otto H. Kahn as saying: ‘The time has gone by when Americans would bring sacrifices to Wagner's altar,’ and had further told him: ‘The Americans have no interest in filling Siegfried Wagner's pockets.’

Herr Wagner summarized his feelings about an American tour as follows:

“I have consulted an old friend of our house and of all artists, Edwin Bechstein, a piano manufacturer, who has long lived in America and knows conditions there, but unfortunately also knows what German artists have experienced over there, such as Hans von Bulow and Anton Rubinstein, who came home with empty pockets and shattered nerves. The recent experiences in America of the Charlotteburg opera troupe likewise admonish to caution. Herr Bechstein again insisted that I must have guarantees. For, assuming that I should accept the proposal to direct concerts for the ridiculous sum of \$100 per concert—for that is all it would net me after paying my expenses, figuring on four concerts per week—I must at least have the certainty that my tour would yield a large sum for the Bayreuth festival performances. But this security I have not got. Possibly my American tour would result thus: Nothing for Bayreuth, nothing for me, and, as the sole result, ruined nerves. I am past 50.

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FOR SALE—Test, 1916, nearly new, complete. Also
four dozen folding Settes, new, each 6 ft. long.
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FOR SALE—Shooting Gallery, \$60.00. **JACK REEDY**,
Crown, N. Y. July 7

FOR SALE—Creator Pop Corn Machine, cost new
\$100.00. Now \$40.00 in Chicago for \$300. Apply **GUST.**
SLAVENSKI, care Manhattan, Cafe, Dixon, Ill.

FOR SALE—Jennings 25c Play, latest pay slides,
1500. **PEERLESS**, 2106 Central Ave., Minne-
apolis, Minnesota. June 23

FOR SALE—Five Calenders, cut down, in case 18
inch high. Fiber to carry on road. Price \$20.00
each. **T. T. PATRIOT VENDING MACHINES**, brand new, used
only twice, just \$50.00 each, will sell for less than
\$40. At \$15.00 each, it's taken at once. Half down,
balance in 30 days. Send money to Citizens' State
Bank, Fort du Lac, Wis., with instructions to pay
me when goods are shipped. **MRS. LYONS**, Box 11,
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

FOR SALE—2-1 Mahogany Veneered Seat and Back
Opera Chair. Seats and Curtains at a bargain.
JOHN BOOTT, Mendota, Illinois. July 7

LATEST IMPROVED POPPER, self-seasoning, cheap;
J. BROWN, River, Calif. July 7

LECTURE OUTFITS—Bargains. **WYNDELL**, 21
1st Ave., New York. July 7

LIBRARY CONCERT AND MOVIE MUSIC at lar-
ge. World wide for Saxophone. **ARTHUR
BALSKA**, Box 112, Great Falls, Montana.

LORD'S PRAYER ON PIN HEAD It is again; new;
2-3 Old Newspaper, dated 1880, describing death
and burial of Washington, States for Sale, etc. Good
condition. \$2.50. Wonderful curio. **SEIDMAN**, Room
180, 110 West 40th Street, New York.

MERRY-GO-ROUND ORGAN for sale. **JOHN
KRAMER**, 211 Delta Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

MINIATURE RAILWAY, complete, engine, cars and
150 feet of eleven gauge track. Make me an
offer. **BOX 187**, Elvira, Ohio. June 20

ORIGINAL AND BEST "SHOOTOSCOPE" Penny
Pistol Machines, all metal, beautiful finish. Don't
be misled by cheap imitations. Ask for circular.
INTERNATIONAL Mutoscope Reel Co., 516 W.
2d St., New York. June 30

POPCORN MACHINE FOR SALE cheap. **H. ALPHIN**,
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POPCORN PEANUT ELECTRIC WAGON, bargain.
ROMMELI, 29 Garfield, Cincinnati, Ohio.

POPPER, Peerless, like new, \$90. **NORTHSIDE**,
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PRES. HARDING PIN, Capitol Pin, Lord's Prayer
Pin. Original new and used, with banners, \$15.00 up.
MILLIKIT, 524 Main, Norfolk, Va. June 30

ROOT BEER BARRELS. **H. McKEY**, 563 W. Madison
St., Chicago. June 30

SECOND-HAND TRUNKS, Pitchfork Cases and Army
Lockers. **J. COHEN**, 35 Canal St., New York.
June 23

SIXTY LEATHER BAGS, Suitcases and Grips at
prices that will save you half. Closing out all
leather goods at less than wholesale prices. **REDING-
TON CO.**, Scranton, Pennsylvania. June 23

SLOT MACHINES, new and second-hand, bought,
sold, repaired and exchanged. Write for
illustrative and descriptive list. We have for immediate
delivery Mills or Jennings, O. K. Gum Venders,
all in 50 cent play. Also Browns, Eagles, Nat-
urals, Owls and all styles and makes too.
Send to me. Send in your old Operator
Boards and let me make them into money-getting two-
bit machines with our improved coin detector and
make \$1.00. Our construction is fool proof and
makes all time repair work of all kinds.
ADDRESS P. O. BOX 118, North Side Station, Pitts-
burgh, Pennsylvania. July 24

TEN COUNTER SIZE Wooden Mutoscopes, good con-
dition, for quick sale. **ALVIN PENNY**,
Alvin B. and J. Jones Exposition, per route.

U.S. DUPLICATOR Used only a few times. Cost
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CAMPTONER**, 301 Reed St., Moberly, Missouri.

10,000 YARDS BATTLESHIP LINOLEUM and Cork
Flooring. Second-hand, at prices fully half
retail. **J. P. REDINGTON**, Scranton, Pa. July 11

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16 WORD CASH. NO ADV. LESS THAN 25c.
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"rooms, grand piano, suitable for dancers,
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Call 10-12 a.m. Studio 5, 637 Madison Ave.,
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RICKETSON'S ROOMING HOUSES, Cincinnati, O., five
bedroom and all centrally located. Kitchen and
assistance now on the road playing Kentucky in his
2nd successful week, and he intends returning to
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main on the road all winter.

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500 Gummmed Stickers, 25c.
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Side-Show Acts Wanted for
Con T. Kennedy's Big Side-Show. A good act
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MURPHY**, Dubuque, Iowa.

Wanted—Black-Face Comedi-
an or Irish Dancer preferred. Med show,
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BOWSER**, Delta, Ohio.

We Pay Big Money for Paint-
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2256, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. July 7

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Wanted—Clarinet, Tuba to
complete Carnival Band. **LOUIS DeCOLA**,
General Delivery, St. Louis. June 23

Wanted—Coronet and Clarinet, to join at once.
Address **W. B. FOWLER**, as per route.

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Little Theatrical Piano—43

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FOR SALE—Bass Drum and Snare Drum, cheap. LYNN HUGHES, Sandusky, Ohio. June 23

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FOR SALE CHEAP—One Holton Cornet, one Keefer Trumpet, one El Alto, one Holton Trombone, two C-Melody Saxophones, one Baritone Saxophone. J. T. FRENCH, 227½ Erie St., Toledo, Ohio. June 23

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SAXOPHONE—Bb Soprano, Straight Model Buescher, in case, practically new, silver, gold bell, \$70. HUTCHINSON, 708 Linwood Ave., Evansville, Ind.

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Attractive Young Lady

French artist on roller skates. Photo re-turned MANAGER, Box 1171, Pawhuska, Okla.

Wanted—Young Lady With

good appearance to work in a high-class established act. Must be able to do a two-minute specialty of any kind that will make an audience sit up and take notice. Send full portion of fees and salary to MANAGER LINCOLN THEATRE, Rochester, New York. June 23

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MAN AND LADY WANTED for vaudeville sketch. Make appointment. MAYET, 316 E. 9th St., New York.

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WANTED—Lady Partner who can sing in vaudeville. Scotch-Irish plaint, rage between 35-45. Send particulars, a first letter, F. X. HENNESSY, care Billboard, 1443 Broadway, New York, N. Y. June 23

WANTED—Lady Partner, for sketch team. Good amateur will do. JACK ATTO, care Billboard, New York.

YOUNG LADY HYPNOTIC SUBJECT for "sleepy" and scientific tests. Must be able to play Piano and work "Crystal Gazing Act". Ambition and personality essential. Pleasant, congenial work if you can qualify. State all first letter. Send photo, which will be returned. Address "ZALANO", Hypnotist, Burlington, Pennsylvania.

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Dave Hopkins, Wire Imme-diately. Wife dangerously ill. MRS. HODGES.

Janesville Fair Association would like to hear from WM. (BILLY) GANSE.

ANNOUNCEMENT—Palace Theatre, Sheffield, Ala. In the heart of Muscle Shoals, will open about July 1st with first-class equipment for pictures and vaudeville. Write or wire for dates. S. W. HINTON, Manager.

COL. JOHN H. FEHR—Will take action on note the 25th of this month. PAUL SHERLOW, 225 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

CONSIDERABLE attention is being paid just now to world crop conditions. From now until harvest this subject will become increasingly important in all discussions relating to business conditions. Altho too early to form any accurate estimate as to what the final outcome will be, cotton crop prospects in the United States are encouraging. The recent Government report making the condition of the crop as 71 per cent of normal was a little under the ten-year average for the end of May. Unofficial estimates indicate an increase of 9 to 10 per cent in acreage over last year. An increase of 9 per cent would mean an area of 37,519,680 acres, and would indicate a total crop of 12,300,000 bales. Last year the cotton crop amounted to 9,723,048 bales, and in 1921 7,953,641 bales. The Department of Agriculture reported this week that there was some deterioration in Eastern sections, with considerable replanting necessary.

Winter wheat and corn are reported as backward, due to unfavorable weather conditions. Spring wheat promises a smaller yield than last year. The fact, however, that wheat options on the Chicago Board of Trade this week reached new low prices for the year would seem to indicate the expectation of a bountiful harvest in the United States. The only regrettable feature is that farmers are not being paid a price for their products sufficient to meet the higher cost of farming. Rye, oats and barley promise well. The Government reports favorable prospects for fruits generally.

Industrial activity thruout the United States shows little change. There has been a good deal of talk of recession and depression, but the fact is production is still near the peak, freight car loadings are still breaking records for this season of the year, retail buying is heavy and there is practically no unemployment. There are fewer indications of a business boom, and in some quarters, particularly in cotton mill operations, there has been a slowing down. Even in these lines the promise is for better things when prices become stable. General conditions are just what might be expected after the recent unnatural and undesirable industrial speeding up, accompanied by price inflation. Things are settling down to a normal, steady gait.

When economic conditions in Europe have been restored it is expected that the commerce of the world will be of vaster proportions than ever before. There is an accumulated demand for raw and manufactured products of all kinds. It has been nearly ten years since the European nations have been financially able to purchase what they need from other countries, even for the most ordinary uses. When credit conditions have again become established abroad a world prosperity such as never before enjoyed may be expected.

—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

INCREASE YOUR WEIGHT—Be plump, pretty. Recipe, 2½c. SAM McDONALD, Chilli, Indiana.

INFORMATION—What do you want to know? Write us confidentially. Charges reasonable. P. O. BOX 213, Cincinnati, Ohio. July 14

PRINTING—Office Supplies, Stationary, Safes, Desks, Books, Radio Supplies, etc. ST. LEGER CO., Cincinnati, Ohio. July 14

WANTED—Jack is to write. Still with same com-pany. Everything fine. ELEANOR A.

SALESmen WANTED

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Imported Razors—Best Quali-ties, from \$3.50 to \$15 per dozen. Half dozen sample collection, 85. **MANSOUR HA-KIM & CO.**, 716 Bolivar Road, Cleveland, Ohio. June 23

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SALESMEN WANTED—Ladies' Jewelry, to 1500 pieces. Wanted immediately. Good com-munity. Must be able to work. **THE BLOCK**, 205, 2nd Street, New York.

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WANTED—To hear from good Stock Salesmen. Stock is stored against loss; good commissions. T. G. SOIT-TUR, St. Joseph, Missouri. June 23

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Presenting a Sensational Foot-Balancing Ladder,
 Week June 18, Palace, Indianapolis, Ind.; Keith's,
 Louisville, Ky.
 Direction Pat Casey Agency.

Arbuckle, Corinne (Avenue B) New York 21-23.
 Arco Bros. (Loew) Astoria, N. Y., 21-23.
 Ardell, Franklin, & Co. (Keith) Dayton, O.,
 21-23; (Palace) Cleveland 25-30.
 Ardine, Tietta, & Co. (Palace) Cleveland.
 Arms, Frances (Keith) Portland, Me.; (Bush-
 wick) Brooklyn 25-30.
 Arnaut Bros. (Broadway) New York.
 Ashley, Arthur, & Co. (Proctor) White Plains,
 N. Y., 21-23.
 Awkward Age (Imperial) Montreal.

Babeck & Dolly (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.
 Bailey & Cowan (Orpheum) Brooklyn.
 Balto, The (Rialto) Chicago.
 Bards, Four (Loew) Palisades Park, N. J.
 Barrymore, Ethel (Keith) Washington; (Keith)
 Philadelphia 25-30.
 Bass & Allen (Orpheum) New York 21-23.
 Basler & Porter (Grand) Shreveport, La.
 Bayes & Smith (State) Newark, N. J.
 Begee & Cupoo (Temple) Detroit; (Palace)
 Cleveland 25-30.
 Baker, Belle (Columbia) Far Rockaway, N. Y.,
 21-23.
 Barnes, Gertrude (Keith) Philadelphia; (Mary-
 land) Baltimore 25-30.
 Barrett, Clayton & Co. (23d St.) New York 21-
 23.
 Barry & Lancaster (Emery) Providence, R. I.
 Beaumont Sisters (Keith) Philadelphia.
 Belford, Six (Murray) Richmond, Ind., 21-23;
 (Palace) South Bend, Ind., 25-27.
 Bellis Duo (Palace) Cincinnati.
 Benway, A. P. Happy (Yonge St.) Toronto,
 Can.; (Loew) Montreal 25-30.
 Bernard & Scarth (Hipp) Cleveland; (Palace)
 Cincinnati 25-30.
 Bernard & Merritt (Loew) Montreal.
 Bernard & Leona (Yonge St.) Toronto.
 Bernet & Downs (23d St.) New York 21-23.
 Bernivel Bros. (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.
 Bernt & Partner (Keith) Washington.
 Berry, Harry, & Miss (Grand) Atlanta, Ga.
 Bi Ba Bo (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.
 Bigelow & Lee (Franklin) New York 21-23.
 Birds of Paradise (Strand) Kokomo, Ind., 21-23;
 (State-Lake) Chicago 25-30.
 Black & O'Connell (Grand) St. Louis.
 Block & Corinne (Strand) Niagara Falls, N. Y.,
 21-24.
 Blondell, Mabel (State) Memphis.
 Boland & Knight (Crescent) New Orleans.
 Bond, Raymond, & Co. (Palace) New Orleans.
 Booth, Wade (Palace) Cincinnati; (105th St.)
 Cleveland 25-30.
 Boreo (Orpheum) Los Angeles 18-30.
 Bowes, Fred, & Co. (American) New York
 21-23.
 Boydell, Joan (Metropolitan) Brooklyn 21-23.
 Bradna, The (Palace) New Orleans.
 Brady, Florence (Palace) Bridgeport, Conn.
 Brahm, Alma, & Co. (Palace) Waterbury,
 Conn.
 Brava, Michelina & Trujillo (Palace) Brook-
 lyn 21-23.
 Breen, Harry (Palace) New Orleans.
 Brice, Fannie (Orpheum) Los Angeles.
 Brill, Ross & Bunny (Majestic) Milwaukee.
 Briscoe & Rauh (Academy) Norfolk, Va.
 Brockman, Howard, Revue (Grand) Shreveport,
 La.
 Broderick, Wynn & Co. (Majestic) Milwaukee.
 Bronson & Baldwin (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.
 Bronson & Renee (Boulevard) New York 21-23.
 Brown, W. H. (Palace) New Haven, Conn.
 Brown, Herman (Globe) Cleveland.
 Brown & LaVelle (Majestic) Chicago; (Majes-
 tic) Milwaukee 25-30.
 Brown & Whitaker (Lyric) Mobile, Ala.
 Browning, Joe (Davis) Pittsburgh; (Temple)
 Detroit 25-30.
 Bryan & Broderick (Orpheum) Brooklyn;
 (Keith) Philadelphia 25-30.
 Budde, Ruth (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.; (Shea)
 Buffalo 25-30.
 Burke, Tom (Davis) Pittsburgh; (Palace) Cleve-
 land 25-30.
 Burke, Mabel, & Co. (Riverside) New York;
 (Bushwick) Brooklyn 25-30.
 Burke & Sawn (125th St.) New York 21-23.
 Burke & Durkin (Fifth Ave.) New York 21-23;
 (Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.
 Burke & Betty (Pantages) Salt Lake City;
 (Pantages) Ogden 25-30.
 Burnell & Co. (Orpheum) Grand Forks, N. D.,
 21-23.
 Burns & Lynn (Jefferson) New York.

Call of the North (Temple) Detroit; (Shea)
 Buffalo 25-30.
 California Quartet (Orpheum) Wichita, Kan.
 Callahan & Bill's (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.;
 (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.
 Calvin & O'Connor (Tivoli) Chattanooga, Tenn.;
 (Pantages) Saskatoon 25-27.
 Canova (Keith) Boston; (Keith) Portland, Me.,
 25-30.
 Cantor, Eddie (Palace) New York.
 Cantor, Lynn (Palace) Brooklyn 21-23.
 Cardo & Noll (Metropolitan) Brooklyn 21-23.
 Carlton & Dupre (Proctor) Yonkers, N. Y.,
 21-23.
 Carr, Eddie, & Co. (Gates) Brooklyn 21-23.

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When no date is given the week of June 18-23 is to be supplied.

Casey, Bannon & Marr (State) Cleveland.
 Cason & Klem (Pantages) Spokane 25-30.
 Casson Bros. & Marie (Lincoln Sq.) New York
 21-23.
 Castleton & Mack (Pantages) Oakland, Calif.;
 (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
 Cave Man Love (Pantages) Pueblo, Col.; (Pan-
 tages) Omaha 25-30.
 Chadwick & Taylor (Orpheum) New York 21-23.
 Chapins, Five (Pantages) Ogden, Utah; (Pan-
 tages) Denver 25-30.
 Charbot & Tortoni (Pantages) Oakland, Calif.;
 (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
 Chester, Glenn, & Co. (Pantages) Oakland,
 Calif.; (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
 Chick Supreme (Pantages) Denver; (Pantages)
 Pueblo 28-30.
 Claire, Marion (Pantages) Seattle; (Pantages)
 Vancouver, Can., 25-30.
 Clark, Hughie (State) Buffalo.
 Clark, Sylvia (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.;
 (Golden Gate) San Francisco 25-30.
 Clark & O'Neill (Pantages) Winnipeg, Can.;
 (Pantages) Saskatoon 25-27.
 Clark, Marie & Ann (Palace) Cincinnati.
 Clarke, Johnny, & Co. (Temple) Detroit; (105th
 St.) Cleveland 25-30.
 Clayton & Edwards (Orpheum) Oakland 25-30.
 Clayton & Lennie (Majestic) Milwaukee; (Ma-
 jestic) Chicago 25-30.
 Clifford, Jack Rube (Palace) Cleveland.
 Clifford, Edith (Hill St.) Los Angeles.
 Clinton, Herbert (58th St.) New York 21-23;
 (Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.
 Combe & Nevins (Palace) New York; (Keith)
 Boston 25-30.
 Day at Coney Island (Broadway) Springfield,
 Mass.
 DeLoach & Richards (Majestic) Milwaukee.
 Delvyns Duo (Pantages) Salt Lake City; (Pan-
 tages) Ogden 25-30.
 DelFeron Trio (Pantages) San Francisco; (Pan-
 tages) Oakland 25-30.
 Devine & Williams (State) Memphis.
 Devlin, Casey (Orpheum) Aberdeen, S. D.,
 22-23; (Auditorium) Norfolk, Neb., 27-28.
 Devoy, Frank, & Co. (Hennepin) Minneapolis;
 (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
 Deagon & Mack (Keith) Philadelphia; (Keith)
 Atlantic City, N. J., 25-30.
 Delans, The (Proctor) Newark, N. J.
 Demarest & Collette (Grand) Shreveport, La.
 Desile Sisters (Majestic) Chicago; (Grand) St.
 Louis 25-30.
 Dewey & Rogers (Pantages) Pueblo, Col.;
 (Pantages) Omaha 25-30.
 Dickson, Mac (Columbia) Far Rockaway, N. Y.
 Digatonos, The (Palace) Bridgeport, Conn.
 Dika, Juliet (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.; (Pan-
 tages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.
 Diskay, Joseph (Temple) Detroit.
 Dixon, Harlan (Riverside) New York.
 Doebek, Joe; Hannibal, Mo.; Shreveport, La.,
 25-July 7.
 Dooley & Sales (Palace) New Haven, Conn.
 Dore Sisters (Keith) Dayton, O., 21-23; (Na-
 tional) Louisville 25-27.
 Dotson (Maryland) Baltimore; (Orpheum)
 Brooklyn 25-30.
 Downing & O'Rourke (Pantages) Vancouver,
 Can.; (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash., 25-30.

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WEEK	THEATER	CITY	STATE

Compliments of the Season (Orpheum) Brook-
 lyn; (Bushwick) Brooklyn 25-30.

THE CONLEYS Tight Wire and Iron Jaw Artists,
 Presenting their Original Iron
 Jaw Novelty with Bob Morton Circus, Grotto Circus,
 Pontiac, Mich., June 19 to 23; Grotto Circus, Ann
 Arbor, Mich., June 26 to 30.

Conley, Harry J. (Regent) New York 21-23;
 (Keith) Boston 25-30.

Conn & Albert (Pantages) San Francisco 25-30.
 Connally & Francis (Pantages) Bellingham,
 Wash.; (Pantages) Tacoma 25-30.

Connors, Jack, Revue (State) Newark, N. J.
 Conroy & Howard (Miller) Milwaukee.

Cook & Oatman (Davis) Pittsburgh.

Cook, Olga (Palace) St. Paul; (Palace) Mil-
 waukee 25-30.

Cormine, Blanche & Co. (Boulevard) New York
 21-23.

Cornell, Leona & Zippy (Pantages) Regina, Can.;
 (Pantages) Edmonton 25-30.

Corradini's Animals (Pantages) Regina, Can.;
 (Pantages) Edmonton 25-30.

Corway, Ferry (Keith) Portland, Me.

Croft & Haby (105th St.) New York; (Keith)

Philadelphia 25-30.

Croft, Hazel & Co. (Orpheum) Mobile, Ala.

Crown, Eddie (Lyric) Pittsburgh; (Temple)

Detroit 25-30.

Cryan & Broderick (Orpheum) Brooklyn;

(Keith) Philadelphia 25-30.

Duda, Ruth (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.; (Shea)

Buffalo 25-30.

Burke, Tom (Davis) Pittsburgh; (Palace) Cleve-
 land 25-30.

Burke, Mabel, & Co. (Riverside) New York;

(Bushwick) Brooklyn 25-30.

Burke & Durkin (Fifth Ave.) New York 21-23;

(Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.

Burke & Betty (Pantages) Salt Lake City;

(Pantages) Ogden 25-30.

Burnell & Co. (Orpheum) Grand Forks, N. D.,
 21-23.

Burns & Lynn (Jefferson) New York.

Call of the North (Temple) Detroit; (Shea)

Buffalo 25-30.

California Quartet (Orpheum) Wichita, Kan.

Callahan & Bill's (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.;
 (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.

Calvin & O'Connor (Tivoli) Chattanooga, Tenn.;
 (Pantages) Saskatoon 25-27.

Canova (Keith) Boston; (Keith) Portland, Me.,
 25-30.

Cantor, Eddie (Palace) New York.

Cantor, Lynn (Palace) Brooklyn 21-23.

Cardo & Noll (Metropolitan) Brooklyn 21-23.

Carlton & Dupre (Proctor) Yonkers, N. Y.,
 21-23.

Carr, Eddie, & Co. (Gates) Brooklyn 21-23.

Dance Creations (105th St.) Cleveland; (Davis)

Pittsburgh 25-30.

Dance Varieties (Orpheum) Boston.

Dance Evolutions (Pantages) San Francisco
 25-30.

Daniso & Dayne (Imperial) Montreal; (Keith)

Portland, Me., 25-30.

Davies, MacBryde & Redding (Majestic) Chi-
 cago; (Majestic) Milwaukee 25-30.

Davies, Tom, & Co. (Majestic) Chicago; (Ma-
 jestic) Milwaukee 25-30.

Davis & McCoy (Pantages) Pueblo, Col.; (Pan-
 tages) Omaha 25-30.

Davis & Bradner (Hamilton) New York 21-23.

Davis & Pelle (Fosham) New York 21-23.

Errrol, Leon, & Co. (Orpheum) San Francisc

o 18-30.

Figg & White (Strand) Washington.

Falcons, Three (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.;

(Pantages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.

Farnell & Florence (Murray) Richmond, Ind.,
 21-23.

Fay, Mrs. Eva (Loew) Montreal.

Fenton & Fields (Arden) Norfolk, Va.

Ferns, Bob, & On (Loew) Ottawa, Can.

Fields, W. C. (Orpheum) San Francisco 25-30.

Fifty Miles From Broadway (1st St.) New

York.

Finlay & Hill (Pantages) Ogden, Utah; (Pan-
 tages) Denver 25-30.

Fisher & Gilmore (Majestic) Chicago.

Fisher, Irving (Shea) Buffalo; (Palace) New

York 25-30.

Fitch's Minstrels (Palace) Cincinnati; (Hipp.)

Cleveland 25-30.

Five & Claret (Hennepin) Minneapolis; (Ma-
 jestic) Milwaukee 25-30.

Flock & Clegg (Orpheum) San Francisco 25-30.

- Jay & Wesson (National) Louisville 21-23.
Jemima, Aunt, and Rand (Golden Gate) San Francisco; (Hill St.) Los Angeles 25-30.
Johnson & Baker (Majestic) Milwaukee.
Jolls-Jester, Six (Fay) Rochester, N. Y.; (Orpheum) Detroit, Mich., 25-30.
Jones & Sylvester (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.
Jordan, Sexton & Co. (Fulton) Brooklyn 21-23.
Jungleland (Academy) Norfolk, Va.
Juliet (Sist St.) New York.
- Kavanaugh & Everett (Keith) Dayton, O., 21-23.
K. Z. (Hipp.) Cleveland 25-30.
Kay Handin & Kay (Broadway) New York.
Keith & Parker (Globe) Kansas City 21-23; (Electric) Springfield 25-27; (Skyline) St. Louis 28-30.
Keli & O'Dare (Lyric) Mobile, Ala.
Kelly, Tom (Hennepin) Minneapolis; (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
Kels & Demond (Poli) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Kennedy, Helen (American) New York 21-23.
Kennedy & Rooney (Princess) Nashville, Tenn.
Kennedy Bros. (5th St.) New York 21-23.
Kent, William, & Co. (Shea) Buffalo; (Keith) Washington 25-30.
Kerkjarts (Palace) New York.
Kencard, Billy (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.
Kessen, Murray, & Co. (Hipp.) Cleveland.
Kless & Brilliant (Pantages) San Francisco 25-30.
Klee, Mel (Proctor) Yonkers, N. Y., 21-23; (Proctor) White Plains 25-27.
Knowles & White (Pantages) Seattle; (Pantages) Vancouver, Can., 25-30.
Kraemer, Berdie (Loew) Astoria, N. Y., 21-23.
Kraenzl & Boyle (State) New York 21-23.
Kraenzl & White (Pantages) Portland, Ore.
Kuhn, Three White (Golden Gate) San Francisco; (Hill St.) Los Angeles 25-30.
- L France Bros. (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.; (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash. 25-30.
LaFrance & Byron (Pantages) Spokane 25-30.
La Pilgrim Trio (Keith) Washington.
Lafine & Emery (Pantages) Ogden, Utah; (Pantages) Denver 25-30.
LaRose & Lane (Novelty) Topeka, Kan., 21-23; (Globe) Kansas City, Mo., 25-27.
LaSalle Trio (Elks' Circus) Kenosha, Wis., 18-30.
LaSalle, Hob (Pantages) Denver; (Pantages) Omaha 28-30.
LaTell & Vokos (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.
L-Loen, Phil (Pantages) San Diego, Calif.; (Pantages) Long Beach 25-30.
LaVall, Etta (Loew) Pallsades Park, N. J.
Laues & Ladies (Palace) New Haven, Conn.
Lahr & Mercedes (Proctor) Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 21-23.
Lambert & Fish (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia.; (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
Lambert (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia.
Lamey, Casting (Victoria) New York 21-23.
Lamont, June & Co. (Prospect) Brooklyn 21-23.
Land of Fantasy (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia.
Lang & Haley (Palace) New Orleans.
Laurie, Joe (Tivoli) Chattanooga, Tenn.
Lawton (Hipp.) Cleveland.
Lazar & Dale (Loew) Montreal.
LeGrohs, The (Orpheum) Oakland, Calif.; (Golden Gate) San Francisco 25-30.
Lelands, Five (Hennepin) Minneapolis; (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
Leendum & Stampfer (Orpheum) Brooklyn; (Palace) New York 25-30.
Lehr & Kennedy (Palace) Brooklyn 21-23.
Lemon & Thompson (Strand) Ypsilanti, Mich., 21-23; (Orpheum) Sault Ste. Marie 25-27.
Lenzberg's, Julius, Orch. (Riverside) New York.
Leon & Milzle (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.; (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.
Leon, Great (Keith) Boston.
Leonard & Barnett (Grand) St. Louis.
Lesson for Wives (Coliseum) New York 21-23.
Lester, Al, & Co. (Delancey St.) New York 21-23.
Let's Go (State) Cleveland.
Leviathan Band (Keith) Philadelphia; (Bushwick) Brooklyn 25-30.
Lewis & Rogers (Rialto) Chicago.
Lewis, Flo (Keith) Boston.
Lewis & Norton (Pantages) Denver; (Pantages) Pueblo 25-30.
Lewis & Brown (Pantages) Seattle; (Pantages) Vancouver, Can., 25-30.
Lindsay, Fred, & Co. (Metropolitan) Brooklyn 21-23.
Ling & Long (Miller) Milwaukee.
Little Cinderella (Pantages) Memphis.
Lloyd & Christie (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.
Long, Mack & Marlane (Skyline) St. Louis 21-23.
London, Louis (Hipp.) Baltimore.
Long Star Four (Lyric) Mobile, Ala.
Long Tack Sam (Pantages) Seattle; (Pantages) Vancouver, Can., 25-30.
Looking Backwards (125th St.) New York 21-23.
Lopez, Vincent, Red Caps (Palace) Milwaukee; (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia., 25-30.
Lorraine, Tex (Palace) New York; (Keith) Atlantic City, N. J., 25-30.
Lovey, Louise (Palace) New York.
Lowe & Stella (Palace) Indianapolis 21-23; (Davis) Pittsburgh 25-30.
Lusk, Joe (Shubert) New York.
Lusters, Two (Poli) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Lyell & Macey (105th St.) Cleveland.
Lyons & Wakefield (Grand) Atlanta, Ga.
Lytell & Fane (23rd St.) New York 21-23.
- M Bonas, The (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash.; (Pantages) Tacoma 25-30.
McCarthy & Sternard (Rialto) Chicago.
McCarton & Morrison (Sist St.) New York.
- JACK McCUSKY PRESENTS
STARS in STRIPES
WITH LITTLE KITTY BENNETT.**
- McCullough, Carl (Pantages) San Diego, Calif.; (Pantages) Long Beach 25-30.
McDermott, Kelly & Dunn (Keith) Toledo, O., 21-23; (Palace) Indianapolis 25-27.
McDonald Trio (Hill St.) Los Angeles.
McDonalds, Daneling (Vollsemin) New York 21-23.
McFarlane & Palace (Jefferson) New York 21-23.
McGuirey, Owen (Maryland) Baltimore; (Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.
McGrath & Deeds (Keith) Dayton, O., 21-23; (105th St.) Cleveland 25-30.
McIntyre, Frank (Hill St.) Los Angeles.
McIntyre & Holcomb (Loew) Ottawa, Can.
McKee, Margaret (Keith) Washington.
McKinley, Nell (States) Brooklyn 21-23.
McLean, Boldy (Orpheum) Los Angeles; (Hill St.) Los Angeles 25-30.
McKee, Velmar & Co. (Keith) Toledo, O., 21-23; (Palace) Cincinnati 25-30.
Mack & Lane (Philton) Brooklyn 21-23.
- Mack, Joe, & Girls (Avenue B) New York 21-23.
Mack & Brantley (Philadelphia) London, Eng., 25-30; (Deutsch's) Munich, Germany, July 1-31.
Marsley, G. & E. (Poli) Worcester, Mass.
Mallin, Bart & Co. (Tivoli) Chattanooga, Tenn.
Mallon & McCabe (Miller) Milwaukee.
Mandell, W. & J. (Maryland) Baltimore; (Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.
Mankin (Loew) Ottawa, Can.
Manlove, Grace, & Co. (Orpheum) Aberdeen, S. D., 25-27; (Auditorium) Norfolk, Neb., 27-28.
Mann, Sam E. (Broadway) Springfield, Mass.
Margaret & Alvarez (Greely Sq.) New York 21-23.
Marion vs. Divorce (Pantages) Ogden, Utah; (Pantages) Denver 25-30.
Marrisey & Young (Pantages) Memphis.
Marshall, Justa, & Co. (National) New York 21-23.
Martin & Martin (Grotto Circus) Pontiac, Mich.; (Grotto Circus) Ann Arbor 26-30.
Martin, Oscar (Keith) Philadelphia.
Martin, Chas. (Bijou) Birmingham, Ala.
Martinetto (Pantages) San Francisco 25-30.
Mason, Harry, & Co. (Yonge St.) Toronto.
Maxine & Bobby (Orpheum) New York 21-23.
Maxon & Brown (National) New York 21-23.
Mayo & Morris (Grand) Atlanta, Ga.
Mayo, George (Pantages) San Francisco 25-30.
Medbury, & Elts (Majestic) Chicago 25-30.
McInote Duo (Emery) Providence.
Merritt & Coughlin (Orpheum) Boston.
Middleton, Jean (State-Lake) Chicago.
Mignon (Greely Sq.) New York 21-23.
Miller & Fears (Imperial) Montreal; (Keith) Portland, Me., 25-30.
Miller, 10th & Co. (10th St.) Cleveland.
Miller & Capman (Columbia) Far Rockaway, N. Y., 21-23.
Miners, Four (Keith) Dayton, O., 21-23; (Palace) Cincinnati 25-30.
Mishka, Olga, & Co. (Pantages) Oakland, Calif.; (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
Mitchell, J. & E. (Franklin) New York 21-23.
Mitty & Tillio (Palace) Chicago.
Monde, Sonja & Weber (Palace) Springfield, Mass.
Montee & Grant (Miller) Milwaukee.
Montgomery, Marshall (Loew) Montreal.
Moody & Duncan (Palace) Cleveland; (Shea) Buffalo 25-30.
Moore & Kendall (Palace) Indianapolis 21-23; (Keith) Dayton, O., 25-27.
Moore, Victor (Keith) Boston.
Moore & Elliott (State) Memphis.
Moore & Fields (American) New York 21-23.
Moran & Mac (Hamilton) New York 21-23; (Palace) New York 25-30.
Morgan & Ray (Grand) St. Louis.
Morgan & Rinder (National) Louisville 21-23.
Morin Sisters (Pantages) Omaha; (Pantages) Kansas City 25-30.
Morris & Shaw (Palace) Bridgeport, Conn.
Morris, Lewis & Madison (Globe) Philadelphia 25-30.
Morris & Campbell (Orpheum) Los Angeles 18-30.
Morris, Will (Lyric) Mobile, Ala.
Morton, Lillian (State) New York 21-23.
Movie Masque (Palace) Indianapolis 21-23; (Keith) Toledo, O., 25-27.
Munford & Stanley (Loew) Ottawa, Can.
Murphy & Clarke (Hipp.) Cleveland.
Murphy, Bob (State-Lake) Chicago.
Murphy, Senator (Orpheum) Boston.
Murray & Gorish (Princess) Nashville, Tenn.
Murray & Barton (Majestic) Grand Island, Neb., 22-23; (Norfolk) Topeka, Kan., 25-27; (Globe) Kansas City, Mo., 28-30.
Murray, Marion (Orpheum) San Francisco; (Orpheum) Los Angeles 25-30.
Murray & Maddox (Lincoln Sq.) New York 21-23; (1st St.) New York 25-27.
Murray & Alan (125th St.) New York 21-23; (1st St.) New York 25-27.
Music Mania (Miller) Milwaukee.
Myra, Olga, & Plaza Entertainers (Shea) Buffalo; (Temple) Detroit 25-30.
- Nelson & Barry Boys (Hipp.) Baltimore.
Nelson, Eddie (Princess) Nashville, Tenn.
Nester & Vincent (105th St.) Cleveland; (Keith) Toledo 25-27.
- WALTER NEWMAN**
- IN PROFITEERING,
Booked solid on Orpheum Time.
Direction Wm. S. Hennessy.
- Norman & Jeanette (Avenue B) New York 21-23.
Norritone, Nada (Pantages) Spokane 25-30.
North & South (Henderson) Coney Island, N. Y.; (Palace) Bridgeport, Conn., 25-27; (Palace) New Haven 25-30.
Northlane & Ward (State) New York 21-23.
Norton, Jack (Keith) Philadelphia; (Riverside) New York 25-30.
Norton, Ned, & Co. (Pantages) Salt Lake City; (Pantages) Ogden 25-30.
Norton & Melotte (Victoria) New York 21-23.
Norworth, Jack, & Co. (Temple) Detroit; (Keith) Philadelphia 25-30.
- Olms, John & Nellie (Bushwick) Brooklyn.
O'Meara & Landis (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.; (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash., 25-30.
Ormsbee, Laura, & Co. (Sist St.) New York.
- Page & Green (American) New York 21-23.
Page, Jim & Betty (Hipp.) Baltimore.
Pender, Bobby, Troupe (Jefferson) New York 21-23.
Parker Bros. (Palace) Cleveland; (Shea) Buffalo 25-30.
Pasquale Bros. (Pantages) Long Beach, Calif.; (Pantages) Salt Lake City 25-30.
Putriedo (Proctor) Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 21-23; (Sist St.) New York 25-30.
Penman & Lillian (Lincoln Sq.) New York 21-23.
Pepeito (Poli) Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Pefrains, The (Pantages) Seattle; (Pantages) Vancouver, Can., 25-30.
Phenomenal Players (Franklin) New York 21-23.
Picfords, The (Crescent) New Orleans.
Pierpont, Laura, & Co. (Matu St.) Kansas City 25-30.
Piroto (Greepoint) Brooklyn 21-23.
Pike, Raymond (Yonge St.) Toronto.
Piller & Douglas (National) Louisville 21-23; (Palace) Cincinnati 25-30.
Pinto & Boyle (Prospect) Brooklyn 21-23.
Poole's Melody Mads (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.; (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash., 25-30.
- Powell & Brown (Palace) New Orleans.
Powell, Jack, Sextet (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.
Powers' Elephants (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.
Powers & Wallace (Bushwick) Brooklyn.
Prossler & Klaiss (Keith) Boston.
Prevost & Gonet (Pantages) Regina, Can.; (Pantages) Edmonton 25-30.
Princeton & Vernon (Pantages) Long Beach, Calif.; (Pantages) Salt Lake City 25-30.
Purcell & Ramsey (Pantages) Tacoma, Wash.; (Pantages) Portland, Ore., 25-30.
- Q Dixie Four (Lincoln Sq.) New York 21-23.
- Rainbow Six (23d St.) New York 21-23.
Rainbow's End (Palace) St. Paul.
Rash, Fay, Trio (Bijou) Birmingham, Ala.
Raymond, Ray, & Co. (Keith) Boston; (Shea) Buffalo 25-30.
Raymond, Emma, & Co. (Shea) Buffalo.
Redmond & Wells (Palace) St. Paul; (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia., 25-30.
Regal & Moore (Pantages) Salt Lake City; (Pantages) Ogden 25-30.
Regal & Curlass (Main St.) Kansas City.
Reagan, Francis (Pantages) San Francisco 25-30.
Renzo Sisters & Allen (Pantages) San Francisco; (Pantages) Oakland 25-30.
Renzo & Gray (Pantages) Winnipeg, Can.; (Pantages) Saskatoon 25-27.
Renters, The (23rd St.) New York 21-23.
Rhali & Lindstrom (Pantages) Memphis.
Ring, Flo (Delacorte St.) New York 21-23.
Ring Tangle (Keith) Portland, Me.
Rives & Arnold (125th St.) New York 21-23.
Rivoli, Caesar (Boulevard) New York 21-23.
Rob & Whitman (Globe) Kansas City 21-23.
Roberts, Joe (Miller) Milwaukee.
Roberta Duo (Strand) Niagara Falls, N. Y., 18-20.
Robinson, Bill (Keith) Philadelphia; (Bushwick) Brooklyn 25-30.
Rogers & Allan (Keith) Philadelphia; (Keith) Washington 25-30.
Rogers, Roy & Rogers (Panagis) Memphis.
Romey & Bent (Fordham) New York 21-23.
Rose's Midgets (Poli) Scranton, Pa.
Ross & Roma (Pantages) Denver; (Pantages) Pueblo 28-30.
Roth, Dave (Keith) Boston.
Rovallys, The (Palace) Bridgeport, Conn.
Roy & Arthur (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.
Royer, Ruth (Bushwick) Brooklyn.
Rubeille (Grand) St. Louis.
Rudell & Donegan (Shea) Buffalo.
Ruge & Rose (Metropolitan) Brooklyn 21-23.
Rue & O'Brien (Fordham) New York 21-23.
Runaway Four (Palace) Waterbury, Conn.
- Sabin, Frank (State-Lake) Chicago.
Samoroff & Sons (State) New York 21-23.
Samson & Marlon (Poli) Worcester, Mass.
Sautos & Hayes (Palace) Chicago 25-30.
Saw, Jimmy, & Co. (Loew) Astoria, N. Y., 21-23.
Savoy & Brennan (Orpheum) Brooklyn; (Maryland) Baltimore 25-30.
Schep's Comedy Circus (Pantages) Pueblo, Col.; (Pantages) Omaha 25-30.
Seed & Austin (Columbia) Far Rockaway, N. Y., 21-23.
Shay, Lillian (Palace) New York.
Sheeky, Blossom & Co. (Orpheum) Los Angeles.
Selina & Nagel (Pantages) Winnipeg, Can.; (Pantages) Saskatoon 25-27.
Sewell Sisters (Academy) Norfolk, Va.
Seymour, Lew (Imperial) Montreal; (Keith) Portland, Me., 25-30.
Seymour, Harry & Co. (Pantages) Portland, Ore.
Shaw, Lillian (Palace) New York.
Sheik's Favorite (Pantages) Kansas City; (Pantages) Memphis 25-30.
Sheiks of Arab (Pantages) Oakland, Calif.; (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
Sheik's Mania (Miller) Milwaukee.
Sheldan, Ballantine & Heft (Palace) Milwaukee.
Sheldons, The (Grand) Shreveport, La.
Shields, Frank (State) Newark, N. J.
Shields, Janet & Harry (Fifth Ave.) New York 21-23.
Shone & Squires (Hamilton) New York 21-23.
Shriner & Fitzsimmons (Hipp.) Cleveland.
Shrini, Hal (Palace) Chicago; (Palace) Milwaukee 25-30.
Singer's Midgets (Proctor) Yonkers, N. Y., 21-23.
Smith & Barker (Palace) Milwaukee.
Smith, Tom (Keith) Washington.
Smith, Johnnie A. (Tootsie) St. Joseph, Mo., 17-30.
Snow & Vernon (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
Snow, Columbus & Hoctor (Orpheum) Los Angeles 25-30.
Solar, Willie (Keith) Portland, Me.
Son Dodger (Palace) Springfield, Mass.
Songs & Scenes (Hipp.) Baltimore.
Southern Four (Loew) Astoria, N. Y., 21-23.
Spanish Dancers (Pantages) Spokane; (Pantages) Seattle 25-30.
Speders, The (Pantages) San Francisco; (Pantages) Oakland 25-30.
Stans, Orville (Strand) Washington.
Stanley, Aileen (Maryland) Baltimore; (Keith) Philadelphia 25-30.
Stanley & Wilson Sisters (Palace) South Bend, Ind., 21-23; (Majestic) Chicago 25-30.
Stanley & Alva (Palace) Brooklyn 21-23.
- Tumakis, Four (Majestic) Chicago.
Telephone Tangle (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash.; (Pantages) Tacoma 25-30.
Tempest & Dickinson (Orpheum) San Francisco; (Orpheum) Los Angeles 25-30.
Thetton, Luretta, & Co. (Rialto) Chicago.
Tindell, Ed, & Edg. (Palace) Springfield, Mass.
Toney & George (Pantages) Omaha; (Pantages) Kansas City 25-30.
Toney & Norman (Golden Gate) San Francisco; (Hill St.) Los Angeles 25-30.
Totò (Palace) Chicago; (Main St.) Kansas City 25-30.
Tower & Welch (Lincoln Sq.) New York 21-23.
Toyland Follies (Delacorte St.) New York 21-23.
Trip to Helland (Orpheum) Des Moines, Ia., 25-30.
Trussell & Fuller (Portland) Portland, N. Y., 21-23.
Tsuda, Harry (Keith) Toledo, O., 21-23.
Tuck & Care (Delacorte St.) New York 21-23.
Tuscan Bros. (Keith) Syracuse, N. Y.
- Uli & Clark (Pantages) Spokane; (Paulages) Seattle 25-30.
University Trio (Keith) Portland, Me.
- Valda & Co. (Victoria) New York 21-23.
Valentino, Mrs. Rudolph (Orpheum) Los Angeles.
Walsh & Ellis (Broadway) New York.
Walts & Ellis (State) Newark, N. J.
Walton & Brandt (Hennepin) Minneapolis 25-30.
Wang, Young, & Co. (Palace) New Haven, Conn.
Wanka (Shea) Buffalo.
Ward & Zeller (Poli) Seranton, Pa.
Ward's, Joe, Mystic Revue (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.
Ware, Helen, & Co. (Palace) Cleveland; (Davis) Pittsburgh 25-30.
Warman & Macie (National) New York 21-23.
Warren & O'Brien (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash.; (Pantages) Tacoma 25-30.
Warr's Symphonists (Palace) South Bend, Ind., 21-23; (Majestic) Chicago 25-30.
Watson, Jos. K. (Sist St.) New York.
Watts & Hawley (Capitol) Hartford, Conn.
Wayne & Warren (Davis) Pittsburgh.
Weber & Ridnor (State-Lake) Chicago; (Palace) Milwaukee 25-30.
Weems, Walter (Pantages) Oakland, Calif.; (Pantages) Los Angeles 25-30.
Welch, Ben (Palace) Cleveland; (Davis) Pittsburgh 25-30.
Weber, Maxwell & Walbank (Greeley Sq.) New York 21-23.
Wells, Virginia & West (Palace) Milwaukee; (Hennepin) Minneapolis 25-30.
Weston & Eline (Liberty) Terre Haute, Ind., 21-23.
Wheeler Boys, Three (Gates) Brooklyn 21-23.
Wheeler, H. & R. (Maryland) Baltimore; (Orpheum) Brooklyn 25-30.
Whirl of the World (Pantages) Los Angeles; (Pantages) San Diego 25-30.
White, Harry (Strand) Washington, D. C.
Whiting & Burt (Main St.) Kansas City; (Palace) Chicago 25-30.
Whitburn, Frank (Hill St.) Los Angeles.
Wild & Sedalia (Rialto) Chicago.
Williams & Taylor (Proctor) White Plains, N. Y., 21-23; (Keith) Atlantic City, N. J., 25-30.
Williams & Vaessi (Davis) Pittsburgh; (River-side) New York 25-30.
Willie Bros. (Pantages) Ogden, Utah; (Pantages) Denver 25-30.
Wilson-Aubrey Trio (Palace) Clarendon; (Hipp.) Cleveland 25-30.
Wilson & Jerome (Bijou) Birmingham, Ala.
Wilson, Arthur & Lydia (Loew) Montreal.
Wilson, Jack (Franklin) New York 21-23.
Winton Sisters (Keith) Washington.
Winton Bros. (Pantages) Edmonton, Can.
Wright & Dietrich (Orpheum) Brooklyn; (River-side) New York 25-30.
Wyeth & Lattke (State) Cleveland.
- Yarmark (Hennepin) Minneapolis; (Palace) St. Paul 25-30.
York & King (Fifth Ave.) New York 21-23.
Yost & Clady (Globe) Kansas City 21-23.
Youth (Pantages) Vancouver, Can.; (Pantages) Bellingham, Wash., 25-30.
Yvette & Co. (Pantages) Regina, Can.; (Pantages) Edmonton 25-30.
- Zemater & Smith (Loew) Pallsades Park, N. J.
Ziegler, Lillian & Harry (125th St.) New York 21-23.
Ziska (Pantages) Spokane; (Pantages) Seattle 25-30.
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Hernandez, Thea; (Park) Louisville, Ky., 18-23.
Hersch, Aerial; (Elks' Circus) San Diego, Calif., 18-23; (Elks' Circus) Eureka, July 2-7.
Hessell, Tom; (Elks' Circus) Hannibal, Mo., 18-23; (Shrine Circus) Shreveport, La., 23-July 7.
Hoover, Prince; (Myers Lake Park) Canton, O., 18-23.
Oliver, Dare-Devil; (Carlin's Park) Baltimore, Md., 18-23; (Woodlawn Park) Trenton, N. J., 25-30.
Rawling's Happy Bear Family; (Elks' Expo.) San Diego, Calif., 18-23.
Robinson's, John G.; Elephants; (Luna Park) Coney Island, N. Y., indef.
Thurber & Thurber; (Luna Park, Circus) Coney Island, N. Y., indef.

BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

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Allen's, Jean, Band; Chillicothe, Mo., 18-23.
All-Star Entertainers, Jack Shepard, mgr.; (Merry Garden Academy) Memphis, Tenn., indef.
Alpetre's, S., Band; Coney Island, N. Y., indef.
Bachman's Million-Dollar Band; (Lafayette Sq.) Buffalo, N. Y., 18-23; Winona Lake, Ind., 25-30.
Barney's, Barney, Band; Wolf Lake, Mich., 22; Oshkosh, Wis., 25 July 8.
Bassie's Band; (Dreamland Park) Newark, N. J., indef.
Bear Cat Orch., C. A. Christian, mgr.; (Terrace Gardens) Appleton, Wis., indef.
Bonnett's, Joe, Orch.; (Alaska Roof Garden) Memphis, Tenn., until Oct. 1.
Berkquist, Whiley, & Orch., A. H. Linder, mgr.; (Cabin Ballroom) Aurora, Ill., May 30, indef.
Blue Melody Boys Orch., Eddie Elliott, mgr.; (Whittle Springs Hotel) Knoxville, Tenn., indef.
Bon Ton Orch.; (Arcadia) Owen Sound, Ont., Can., indef.
Bonty's, Bill, Orch., H. H. Rankin, mgr.; (Manhattan Beach) Cedar Rapids, Ia., indef.
Brobst's, O. H. Broadway Entertainers; (Sulphur Spring Danceland) Tampa, Fla., indef.
Buhr's, A. J., Orch.; (Highland Park) Quincy, Ill., indef.
Burk & Lein's Orch.; (Steamer St. Paul) St. Louis, indef.
Capitol Dance Orch., B. M. Westbrook, mgr.; (Auditorium Pavilion) Keensburg, N. J., indef.
Chicago Harmony Kings, Geo. B. Rearick, mgr.; (Ontario Lake Park) Oswego, N. Y., May 19, indef.
Clark's, May, Orch.; (Park Lake) Lansing, Mich., May 5-Sept. 10.
DeCola's Band; St. Louis, Mo., 18-23; Shellyville, Ill., 25-30.
Duke of Jazz; (Lassen Hotel) Wichita, Kan., indef.
Dusch, John F., & Band; E. Liverpool, O., 18-23; Bellaire, 25-30.
Emerson's, Wayne, Orch.; (Fort Stenberg Hotel) Steubenville, O., until Sept. 1.
Favell's, Clarence, Flyer Toreadors; (Hotel Witter), Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., indef.
Fingerhut's, John, Band; Warren, O., 18-23.
Link's Band; Centralia, Ill., 18-23.
Frisco Night Hawks, Bill Tracy, mgr.; (Sunset Plunge Park) Tulsa, Ok., indef.
Goff's Royal Garden Orch., No. 2, Leo F. Steele, dir.; Atlantic City, N. J., indef.
Goff's Royal Garden Orch., Mark H. Goff, dir.; Winston-Salem, N. C., '21; Badin 22; Charlotte 24.
Goff's Carolina Serenaders, Billy Cooper, dir.; (Lake Michigan Park) Muskegon, Mich., indef.
Harris Bros' Orch., Abe Harris, mgr.; (Crystal Palace Dance Hall) Galveston, Tex., indef.
Hartigan Bros' Orch., J. W. Hartigan, Jr., mgr.; Council Bluffs, Ia., 21; Atlantic 22; Avoca 21.
Herbert, Victor, & His Orch.; (Willow Grove Park) Philadelphia, 10-July 7.
Hill's, W. A., Players; (Jefferson Hotel) La Crosse, Wis., indef.
Jolly Six, Jack Sims, bus., mgr.; (Long Beach, Lake Manitou) Rochester, Ind., indef.
Kentucky Syncopators, Chas. Naldorff, dir.; (Alpine House) South Fallsburg, N. Y., June 25-Sept. 8.
Kirkham's, Don., Orch.; (Lagoon Resort) Salt Lake City, Utah, May 12-Sept. 3.
Langueuin's Entertainers; (Riverside Park) North Glenrock, Wyo., indef.
Langrum, Orch., Bobt G. Murphy, mgr.; Iron River, Mich., 23-26; Bessemer 27.
Lowe's, Ben, Syncopators; (Romey's Dancant) New York City, indef.
MacBrade's, John A., Orch.; (Green Park Hotel) Green Park, N. C., until Sept. 15.
McNally's, James, Orch.; (Ocean Echo) Salsbury Beach, Mass., indef.
McSpartron's Band; (Canton, Ill., 18-23.
Meridith's, Jack, Entertainers; (Belvedere Restaurant) Utica, N. Y., indef.
Mills, Peck, Orch.; Floyd Mills, mgr.; Hagerstown, Md., 20; Cumberland 21; Greensburg, Pa., 22; Johnstown 23; Cumberland, Md., 25-27; Piedmont, W. Va., 28; Clarkburg 29; Parkersburg 30.
Noel's, Carl, Band; Oxford, Md., 18-23.
Original Kentucky Sx., Jos. E. Huffman, mgr.; (Joyland Park) Lexington, Ky., May 26-Oct. 1.
Oxely's, Harold, Society Entertainers; (Duquesne Winter Garden) Pittsburgh, Pa., indef.
Pasadena Band, Jim Shields, mgr.; (Willows) Oakmont, Pa., indef.
Pennsy Serenaders, Jos. R. Melet, mgr.; Mt. Clemens, Mich., 18-23.
Riverview Orch., Claude M. Morris, mgr.; (Riverview Pavilion) Kilbourn, Wis., April 15-Oct. 15.
Royal Jacksonian Orch., James B. Jackson, mgr.; (Flashlight Summer Garden) Terre Haute, Ind., indef.
Sacco's Band; Hamilton, O., 18-23.
Soshole's Orch.; (Semimile Hotel) Jacksonville, Fla., indef.
Starke's, Lester, Orch.; (Strand Cafe) Readink, Pa., indef.
Sweet's, Al, Singing Band; (Zoo) Cincinnati, O., 11-23.
Thomas, Wit, & His Princetonians; (Garden) Flint, Mich., indef.
Tiemann's, Ted, Orch.; (Lakeside Park) Dayton, O., indef.
Tivoli Peace Orch.; (Tivoli Gardens) Racine, Wis., indef.

Twentieth Century Boys, Paul B. Gees, mgr.; (Danceland, Blue Grass Park) Lexington, Ky., indef.
Virginia Entertainers, R. Stephens, mgr.; (Chitwood Park) Knoxville, Tenn., indef.
Victor's, John, Band; (Queer) Abilene, Tex., indef.
Victor's, James F., Band; (Luna Park) Coney Island, N. Y., May 12, indef.
Willett's, Jack, Orch.; (Winter Garden, LeClaire Hotel) Moline, Ill., indef.
Worden's, Geraldine, Marigold, Orch.; (Hotel Sheraton) High Point, N. C., indef.
Yvette Syncopators; Edmonton, Alta., Can., 21-23.

CONCERT AND OPERA

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DeFee Grand Opera Co.; (Carlin's Park) Baltimore, Md., June 4-30.
Hopper, De Wolf, Opera Co.; (Fontaine Ferry Park) Louisville, Ky., until June 23.

Dew Drop Inn; (Astor) New York May 15, indef.; The; (Times Sq.) New York Oct. 23, indef.
Go and Take; (Central) New York Jan. 15, indef.
Go-Go; (Daly's) New York March 12, indef.
Helet of Troy; (Solwyn) New York June 19, indef.
Ice Bound; (Harris) New York Feb. 10, indef.
I'll Say She Is; (Walnut St.) Philadelphia June 4, indef.
Little Nellie Kelly; (Liberty) New York Nov. 13, indef.
Mary the Third; (89th St.) New York Feb. 5, indef.
Merton of the Morlea; (Cort) New York Nov. 13, indef.
Miller, Henry, Chas. Frohman, Inc., mgr.; (Columbia) San Francisco May 14, indef.
Music Box Revue; (Music Box) New York Oct. 23, indef.
Not So Fast; (Morosco) New York May 22, indef.
Passing Show of 1923; (Winter Garden) New York June 14, indef.

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Newton & Livingston's), Thos. Alton, bus., mgr.; Plainfield, N. J., 20; Bound Brook 22.
Up Town West; (Bijou) New York April 3, indef.
Up the Ladder; (Central) Chicago April 15, indef.
White's, George, Scandals; (Globe) New York June 18, indef.
Wildflower; (Casino) New York Feb. 7, indef.
You and I, with H. B. Warner; (Belmont) New York Feb. 19, indef.
Zander the Great, with Alice Brady; (Empire) New York April 9, indef.
Ziegfeld Follies; (New Amsterdam) New York June 5, indef.

STOCK & REPERTOIRE

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Albee Players; (Albee) Providence, R. I., indef.
Allen Players; (New Empire) Edmonton, Alta., Can., indef.
Rainbird Stock Co.; (Shubert) Minneapolis, Minn., indef.
Blancy Players; (Fifth Ave.) Brooklyn, N. Y., indef.
Bonstelle, Jeanie, Stock Co.; (Garrick) Detroit, Mich., indef.
Bonstelle Players; (Harlem O. H.) New York, indef.
Boston Stock Co.; (St. James) Boston Aug. 21-Indef.
Brown, Leon E., Players; (Priscilla) Lewiston, Me., May 28, indef.
Bryant, Marguerite, Players; (Oakland Park) Jennette, Pa., indef.
Campbell-Duncan Players; (Grand O. H.) Toronto, Can., May 21, indef.
Chicago Stock Co., Chas. H. Rossak, mgr.; Lewiston, Me., May 29, indef.
Colonial Players; (Colonial) Pittsfield, Mass., May 21, indef.
Courtney, Fay, Stock Co.; (Hanna) Cleveland, Oh., indef.
Dixon Players; (Majestic) Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 20, indef.
Evans, Brandon, Players; (Hartman) Columbus, O., indef.
Fawsett, Malcolm, Stock Co.; (Macaulay) Louisville, Ky., indef.
Forsyth Players; (Forsyth) Atlanta, Ga., indef.
Garrison Players; (Garrick) Washington, D. C., indef.
Garrick Players; (Garrick) Milwaukee, Wis., Ang. 2-Indef.
Glaser, Vaughan, Players; (Orchestra Hall) Detroit, Mich., indef.
Gordinier Players, Clyde Gordinier, mgr.; (Orpheum) Sioux Falls, S. D., indef.
Grand Players; (English) Indianapolis, Ind., indef.
Harrison Players; Alamosa, Col., 18-23.
Hawkins-Ball Stock Co.; (Faurot O. II) Lima, O., indef.
Hodges, Jimmie, Co.; (Palace) Jamestown, N. Y., indef.
Hugo Players, under canvas; Aurora, Neb., 18-23; York 25-30.
Keith Stock Co.; (Keith) Columbus, O., indef.
Kell Stock Co.; (Jefferson) Jefferson City, Mo., 18-23; Hermann 25-30.
Kelly, Sherman, Players; Superior, Wis., indef.
LaVern, Dorothy, Stock Co.; (Orpheum) Madison, Wis., indef.
Lewis, Gene-Olga Worth Co., Dave Hellman, bus., mgr.; (Cycle Park) Dallas, Tex., May 20-Sept. 4.
Luttringer, Al, Stock Co.; (Lowell, O. II) Lowell, Mass., indef.
Luttringer, Al, Stock Co.; (Empire) Salem, Mass., indef.
Lyric Stock Co.; Hamilton, Ont., Can., indef.
MacLean, Pauline, Players; (Colonial) Akron, O., indef.
Majestic Players; (Majestic) Utica, N. Y., April 2, indef.
Majestic Players; (Majestic) Houston, Tex., indef.
Marks, May Bell, Stock Co., R. W. Marks, mgr.; Christies Lake, Ont., Can., June 4, indef.
Marmanek Players, J. F. Marlow, mgr.; (Recent) Lansing, Mich., June 3, indef.
Marshall, George, Players; (New Lyceum) Baltimore, Md., indef.
Maylon Players, under canvas; San Jose, Calif., indef.
McLaughlin, Robert, Players; (Ohio) Cleveland, O., May 5, indef.
Mordant, Hal, Players; (Regent) Muskegon, Mich., indef.
Morgan, Richard, Players; (Whalom Park) Pittsburgh, Penn., indef.
Morone Stock Company; (Moroco) Los Angeles, Calif., indef.
Norwest Players; (American) Endl. Ok., indef.
North Bro' Stock Co.; Wichita, Kan., indef.
Olm-Goodwin Stock Co.; (Palace) Rockford, Ill., April 29, indef.
Orpheum Players; (Orpheum) Duluth, Minn., indef.
Park, May & Sam, Players, under canvas; Birmingham, Ala., indef.
Park, Edna, and Her Players, A. Wright, bus., mgr.; (Royal) San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24, indef.
Permanent Players; Winnipeg, Man., Can., indef.
Perini Stock Company; (Victory) Charleston, S. C., indef.
Pickett Stock Co., Clint Dodson, mgr.; Danville, Va., indef.
Players' Guild; (Davidson) Milwaukee, Wis., indef.
Playhouse Players, Inc.; (Playhouse) Wilmington, Dela., indef.
Poll Players; (Cort Sq.) Springfield, Mass., indef.
Poll Players; Hartford, Conn., indef.
Poll Players; (Grand) Worcester, Mass., indef.
Proctor Players; Troy, N. Y., indef.
Regeat Stock Co.; (Regent) Kalamazoo, Mich., indef.
Robinson, Ruth, Co.; (Nesbit) Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 28, indef.
Rochester Players; (Corinthian) Rochester, N. Y., indef.
Royal Players; (Royal Alexandra) Toronto, Ont., Can., June 4, indef.
Saenger Players; (St. Charles) New Orleans, La., indef.
Sherman Stock Co.; (Orpheum) Peoria, Ill., May 20, indef.
Toledo Stock Company; Toledo, O., indef.
Waddell Players; (Rockford) Rockford, Ill., Indef.

A FALSE STANDARD

THE other night we heard a speaker for the Theater Guild say publicly that the greater number of plays put on by the Guild would necessarily be foreign in origin, for the reason that America was too young for a literature, and had not yet developed a national consciousness. It is a little unfair, perhaps, to catch a falling word in midair and make a sermon on it; but, with all sympathy for the Guild's efforts, we feel that its "un-American" program should have been expressed in terms which had a little more relation to the realities of art and a little less, possibly, to the myth of nationalism. Now that we are beginning to have a few interesting playwrights and poets in America, we have again become infected with a vast amount of metaphysical speculation about "American" literature; and this speculation seems to us not merely foreign to the business in hand, but subversive, in the long run, of the processes of culture.

If the aim of literature and art is to make men not brothers in the spirit, but willing taxpayers, lusty soldiers and happy producers of cannon-fodder, the acceptance of a national trade-mark is all to the good; let us have not a word or a symbol or a story which does not rivet together the timbers and caulk the frame of the dear old Ship of State. The "movies" already perform a unique service to our national culture by allotting a regular part of almost every news-film to a display of our armed forces on sea and land, accompanied by considerable waving of the American flag; but this is, of course, a little crude, and a national drama—aye, a Great National Literature—would accomplish, with greater subtlety, all that the movies do, and win a heartier acceptance all around, especially on the part of the more educated classes. There is nothing like this automatic, hypnotic unity of the spirit to get a community over the first few nasty moments of a great war; and if our militarists knew their business they would be the first to cry up a vigorous national culture in the interests of "morale". If we must give our lives to the political State at the first drop of the gauntlet, why should we demur overmuch at throwing our minds in as part of the bargain, even tho a fanatical sect which once flourished around the Mediterranean might have characterized this practice as rendering unto Caesar the things that are God's?

To those who have molded their thoughts about literature and art in terms of nationalism, this description will doubtless seem far-fetched and perverse; for, after all, are there not American people and American experiences and American scenes; and is it not inevitable that we should look for an art which will plumb the depths of these things and disclose their spiritual dimensions? Just so; but what has the unity of the political State and the necessity for thinking in terms of "national action" and national propaganda to do with the American scene, considered as a field for culture? Why should a Californian feel any nearer to a New Yorker in spirit than to an Australian? One may say that it is because Americans have the same background; but when one examines this subterfuge closely the sameness is found to consist in the fact that the New Yorker and the Californian have been brought up on the same national myths. The "poet of the Sierras" means no more to a New Yorker who has spent his life within sight of the Woolworth Tower than would a poet of the Alps; for neither the Alps nor the Sierras are part of his background. Indeed, the superficial experiences of a New Yorker, the whole tissue of his daily life, the barren streets, the packed houses, the quick meetings, the furtive courtships, the mad relaxations, are common to the inhabitants of great cities thruout the world; and the writers who most intimately mirror or transfigure this experience are not necessarily those who delve into Winesburg, Ohio, or Friendship Village. The Moscow of "Anna Karenina", the London of "Tono-Bungay" or the Paris of "Jean-Christophe" is more truly the property of a New Yorker than it is of the rural population of the country in which it was written. In this connection nationalism means nothing.

—THE FREEMAN.

DRAMATIC & MUSICAL

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Able's Irish Rose; (Republic) New York May 22, indef.
Adeline; (Geo. M. Cohan) New York May 26, indef.
Aren't We All?, with Cyril Maude; (Gaely) New York May 21, indef.
Blossom Time; (Great Northern) Chicago March 11, indef.
Chains, with O. P. Heggie; (Playhouse) Chicago, May 20, indef.
Dancing Girl, The; (Colonial) Chicago June 10, indef.
Devil's Disciple, The; (Garrick) New York April 23, indef.
Tivoli Peace Orch.; (Tivoli Gardens) Racine, Wis., indef.

Polly Preferred; (Little) New York Jan. 9, indef.

Rain, with Jeanne Eagels; (Maxine Elliott) New York Nov. 7, indef.

Rolling Home, with Donald Brian; (Cort) Chicago May 20, indef.

Sanderson, Julia, in Tangerine; (Garrick) Chicago April 30, indef.

Seventh Heaven; (Booth) New York Oct. 30, indef.

Sherman's, Dan, Unit Show; (Onsino, Sherman Lake) Davenport Center, N. Y., indef.

Shuffle Along (Geo. Wintz'), Chas. T. Schuster, mgr.; Santa Barbara, Calif., 21; Santa Maria 22; San Luis Obispo 23; (Columbus) San Francisco 25-July 7.

So This Is London; (Hudson) New York Aug. 30, indef.

Split of 1922, Edward L. Bloom, mgr.; (Shubert-Detroit) Detroit, Mich., 18-23; (Davidson) Milwaukee, Wis., 24-30.

Steve, with Eugene O'Brien; (Princess) Chicago April 8, indef.

Sunup; (Provincetown) New York May 24, indef.

Sweet Nell of Old Drury, with Laurette Taylor; (48th St.) New York May 16, indef.

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Newton & Livingston's), Thos. Alton, bus., mgr.; Washington, N. J., May 20, indef.

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Walker, Stuart, Players: Indianapolis, Ind., indef.
Walker, Stuart, Players: (Cox) Cincinnati, O., March 19, indef.
Wilkes' Players: Los Angeles, Calif., indef.
Wilkes' Alcazar Stock Company, San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 26-indef.
Williams Stock Co., Ed Williams, mgr.: (Lantern's Orpheum) Springfield, Mo., Jan. 22, indef.
Wood Players: (Palace) White Plains, N. Y., indef.
Woodward Players: (Majestic) Detroit, Mich., indef.

TABLOIDS

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Brown's, Mary, Tropical Mails: (Strand) Salina, Kan., 17-31.
Clifford, George, Pep & Ginger Revue: (Starland) Montreal, Can., indef.
Davis, Don, Dancing Dollies: (Airdome) Miami, Fla., 18-30.
Delmar's, Clive, Stratford Revue: (Rotary Stock) Detroit, Mich.
Dreke & Walker's, Bonn Bay Girls: (Plaza) Brownsville, Pa., 18-23.
Earle, Jazz-Mania Revue, Billy Earle, mgr.: Jefferson Dallas, Tex., indef.
Ferns, Kubo & Associates: (Princess) Los Angeles, Calif., indef.
Follytown Mails, Arthur Higgins, mgr.: (Airdome) Smackover, Ark., until Aug. 31.
Friesslander & George Musical Comedy Co.: (Rotary Stock) Chicago, indef.
Gandy's, Sugarfoot, Minstrel Revue: (Olympia) Newport News, Va., 18-23; (Raleigh) Raleigh, N. C., 25-30.
Gerard's, Thelma, Whirl of Girls: (Orpheum) Portland, Ore., 18-23.
Harrison, Arthur, Lyric Revue: (Hippodrome) Peoria, Ill., indef.
Honey Bunch, E. B. Coleman, mgr.: (Idora Park) Youngstown, O., indef.
Humphrys', Bert, Dancing Buddies: (Majestic) Greenville, S. C., 18-23.
Harley's, Fashion Plate Revue, Frank Maley, mgr.: (Coney Island Park) Cincinnati, O., May 26, indef.
Harley's, Big Town Serenaders, Frank Smith, mgr.: (Luna Park) Cleveland, O., indef.
Hathaway, Ziz-Zaz Revue, Jack Hatcher, mgr.: (Wichita) Wichita, Kan., 18-23.
Hatcher, Jack, Show: (Strand) Salina, Kan., indef.
Jenk's Musical Mails, Fred J. Jenkins, mgr.: (Gaiety) Indianapolis, Ind., indef.
Lehr, Rayner, Musical Comedy Co.: (Broadway) Columbus, O., indef.
Lob's, Sam, Hip, Hip Hooray Girls: (Gem) Little Rock, Ark., indef.
Lord's, Jack, Musigiri Comedy Co.: (Castle Creek) Layton, Wyo., indef.
Mississippi Misses' Musical Revue, Fred J. Jenkins, user: (Rialto) Indianapolis, Ind., indef.
Moore's, Hop, Merry Mails: (Central) Danville, Ill., indef.
Moore's, Kentucky Belles, Homer Meachum, mgr.: (Broadway) Tulsa, Ok., June 18, indef.
Norman's, Fred, High Speed Co.: (Arcade) Paducah, Ky., May 7, indef.
Orth & Coleman's, Tip-Top Merrymakers: (Temple) Geneva, N. Y., June 4-23.
Palm Garden Beauties, Art Lewis, mgr.: (Alvado) Mansfield, O., 18-23; (Elks' Grand) Bellair, 25-30.
Ruten's Dream Doll Revue: Corydon, Ky., 18-23; Whiteside 25-30.
Sandy Baby, E. B. Coleman, mgr.: (Myers Lake Park) Canton, O., May 30, indef.
Snider's, Fisico Frolics, Perham, Minn., 21; Fergus Falls 22-23; Barnesville 24; Fargo, N. D., 25-27; Grand Forks 28-30.
Taylor's, Slade, Mikkel Boys & Girls: (Rialto) Superior, Wis., indef.
Walker's, Marshall, Whiz-Bang Revue: (Strand) Port Arthur, Tex., May 13, indef.
Webley's, Billy, Smiling Through 1923, Russ Fort, mgr.: (Orpheum) Waco, Tex., May 27, indef.
Webley's, Billy, Make It Snappy, Morris Hardin, mgr.: (Lyceum) Memphis, Tenn., May 27, indef.
Webley's, Billy, Big Revue Co., Billy Webley, mgr.: (Manhattan) El Dorado, Ark., May 27, indef.

MINSTRELS

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Campbell's, Wm.: Cumberland, Md., 21-22;
Kerry, W. Va., 25; Petersburg 26; Paw Paw 28; Hancock, Md., 29; Martinsburg, W. Va., 30.
Harvey's, C. Jay Smith, mgr.: (Bijou) Nashville, Tenn., 18-23; (Venus) Memphis 24-30.
Hill, Rufus, Leon Long, mgr.: Pinson, Ky., 21-23; Stone 25-27; McVeigh 28-30.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Adams, James, Floating Theater: Oxford, Md., 18-23.
Almond, Jethro, Show: Shelby, N. C., 18-23.
Ardon, Magician: Dundee, Mich., 18-23.
Bundt Motorized Show: New Lafferty, O., 21-24;
Capitol's, Doc, Wonder Show: Cleveland, O., 18-23.
Congo, Lew, Congo Entertainers: Canaan, Ind., 18-23.
Dunlap, B. A., Magician: Indianapolis, Ind., 18-27.
Elmore, Frederic, Magician: Berwind, Ok., 21; Florence, 22; Salida 23; Minturn 25; Gypsum 26.
Frasson, Wm. Irvine, Hypnotist: Spartanburg, S. C., 18-23.
Laney, Thos., Elmore: Berwind, Ok., 21; Florence, 22; Salida 23; Minturn 25; Gypsum 26.
Powers, Frank J., Hypnotist, H. A. Bailey, mgr.: Detroit, Mich., 18-30.
Reed, Mental Wizard Co., John J. Wilson, bur. mgr.: (Strand) Halifax, N. S., Can., 18-23.
Rippled Bros.' Show: Elmont, N. Y., 18-23.
Stuart, Neil & Co.: Elping, N. D., 23-30.
Tuttle, Wm. C., Magician: Waterloo, Ia., 23; Logan, Neb., 30.
Wong, Robert G., Baby Joe Show: Buffalo, N. Y., 18-23.

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CIRCUS & WILD WEST

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Barnes, Al. G.: Aubrey Park, N. J., 20; Elizabeth 21; Jersey City 22; Paterson 23.
Campbell Bros.: Penn Yan, N. Y., 20; Dundee 21; Lawrenceville, Pa., 22; Westfield 23; Connersport 23.
Gentry Bros.-Patterson Shows Combined: Coatesville, Pa., 20; Media 21; Pottstown 22; Elizabethtown 23; Lewistown 25.
Glenn's, W. E., Show: Victor, Ok., 21; Wister 22; Howe 23; Cameron 23; Williams 26.
Holden Bros.: Freedland, Pa., 20; Pottsville 21; Tremont 22; Steelton 23.
Flaggenbeck-Wallace: Danville, Ill., 21.
Kilian, Rose, Shows: Hobokenwald, Tenn., 23; Linden 25; Lobelia 26; Barerville 27; Huntington 28.
Main, Walter L.: Waukosh, Ill., 20; Waukesha, Wis., 21; Fond du Lac 22; Sheboygan 23.
Morton's, Bob, Circus Co.: (Grotto Circus) Pontiac, Mich., 18-23; (Grotto Circus) Ann Arbor 25-30.
Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Combined: Boston, Mass., 18-23; Worcester 23; New Bedford 26; Fall River 27; Providence, R. I., 28; New Haven, Conn., 29; Bridgeport 30.
Robinson, John: St. Johns, Que., Can., 20; Sherbrooke 21; Newport, Vt., 22; St. Johnsbury 23; Montpelier 27.
Sells-Floto: York, Pa., 20; Lancaster 21; Wilmington, Del., 22; Trenton, N. J., 23.
Sparks: New Britain, Conn., 20; Middletown 21; Willimantic 22; Norwich 23; New London 23.

CARNIVAL COMPANIES

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Anderson-Sader Shows: Hastings, Neb., 18-23; Grand Island 25-30.
Barkoot Shows, K. G.: Barkoot, mgr.: Battle Creek, Mich., 18-23; Kalamazoo 25-30.
Royd & Linderman Shows: Atlantic City, N. J., 18-23.
Brown & Dyer Shows: Lorain, O., 18-23; Alliance 25-30.
Brindage, S. W., Shows: Rock Falls, Ill., 18-23; LaSalle 25-30.
Burns Greater Shows: Gloucester, O., 18-23.
Coleman Bros. Shows, Thos. Coleman, mgr.: Seymour, Conn., 18-23; Bridgeport 25-30.
Copping Shows, Harry Copping, mgr.: Phillipsburg, Pa., 18-23.
Corey Shows, E. S. Corey, mgr.: Altoona, Pa., 18-23.
Cotton Belt Expo. Shows: Denton, Tex., 18-23.
Crouse United Shows: Amsterdam, N. Y., 18-23.
Dalton & Anderson Shows, Lee Dalton, mgr.: Buckner, Ill., 18-23.
DeKroko Bros.' Shows: St. Louis, Mo., 18-24; Havana, Ill., 25-30.
Dixieland Shows, J. W. Hildreth, mgr.: Chaffee, Mo., 18-23.
Dodson's World's Fair Shows, C. G. Dodson, mgr.: Hamilton, O., 18-23.
Dykman & Joyce Shows: Canton, Ill., 18-23.
Famous Wonderland Shows, J. Dehert, mgr.: Covington, Ky., 18-23.
Foley & Burk Shows: Red Bluff, Calif., 18-23.
Gooding's Certified Shows, F. B. Gooding, mgr.: East Liverpool, O., 18-23; Bellaire 25-30.
Gray Shows, Roy Gray, mgr.: Baton Rouge, La., 18-23.
Great Patterson Shows: Detroit, Mich., 18-23.
Great White Way Shows, C. M. Negro, mgr.: Cincinnati, Ind., 18-23.

KANSAS CITY

By IRENE SHELLEY,
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Kansas City, June 14.—On account of the downpour of rain last Saturday night the opening of this city's latest amusement park, Fairyland, was postponed, and, with good weather, the park will throw open its gates Saturday, June 16.

Rube Wadley, formerly with the Butler Shows, was in town June 11, and called at the office. He was on his way to Richmond, Mo., to join the C. R. Leggette Shows.

J. A. McNiece was a caller last week. He was in Kansas City on his way from New Orleans to St. Paul, where he said he expected to put on a water show on the Con T. Kennedy Shows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McClellan, of the J. T. McClellan Shows, were callers today. They were in town to do some shopping and to secure people for their minstrel show.

Oscar V. Howland postcards from Red Oak, Ia., that the Dorothy Reeve Company, with which organization he is this summer, recently played a two-week stand at Clarinda, Ia., to excellent returns.

Karl Simpson's Comedians are "breaking in" in new towns in Missouri and finding business very satisfactory. Their new tent outfit is causing much favorable comment.

Robert A. Clay was in town from June 9 to 11, and called Monday to say he was returning to the Lachman Exposition Shows, in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Clay was called here by the death of his mother.

On June 1 the ladies of the C. F. Zelger United Shows were entertained by Mrs. Zelger in honor of the birthday of her sister, Mrs. G. C. Loomis. The ladies played fan tan most of the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock the dining

Greater Sheesley Shows, John M. Sheesley, mgr.: Oshkosh, Wis., 18-23; Duluth, Minn., 25-30.

Isler Shows, Louis Isler, mgr.: Mitchell, S. D., 18-23; Sioux Falls 25-30.

Jones, Johnny J., Expo.: Rockford, Ill., 18-23.
Jones-Jenkins Carnival, S. H., Dudley, gen. mgr.: Baltimore, Md., 18-23; Sparrows Point 25-30.

Kennedy Shows, Con T. Kennedy, mgr.: St. Paul, Minn., 18-23.

Leggette Shows, C. R. Leggette, mgr.: Chillicothe, Mo., 18-23.

Levit-Brown-Huggins Shows: Anacortes, Wash., 18-23; Ballard 25-30.

Lippa Amusement Co., Leo Lippa, mgr.: Midland, Mich., 18-23; Ludington 25-30.

Marion, Francis, Shows: Moreland, Ky., 18-23.

Morris & Castle Shows: Port Huron, Mich., 18-23.

Mulholland Shows, A. J. Mulholland, mgr.: Mt. Clemens, Mich., 18-23.

Murphy, D. D., Shows: St. Louis, Mo., 18-23; Shelbyville, Ill., 25-30.

Rolis, Nat., Shows: Centralia, Ill., 18-23.

Riley Shows, Matthew J. Riley, mgr.: Mt. Carmel, Pa., 18-23.

Royal American Shows, C. J. Sedimayr, mgr.: Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., 18-23.

Rubin & Cherry Shows: Kalamazoo, Mich., 18-23.

Scott's Greater Shows: Lynch, Ky., 18-23; Harlan 25-30.

Sullivan-Cooper Shows, L. H. Schmidt, mgr.: Girard, O., 18-23.

Sunshine Expo. Shows: Mt. Vernon, Ind., 18-23.

Torrents, W. J., United Shows: Hoopeston, Ill., 18-23.

Wortham, John T., Shows: Okmulgee, Ok., 18-23.

Zeldman & Polle Shows: Warren, O., 18-23.

Zelger, C. F., United Shows: (Fair) Rugby, N. D., 19-22.

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ALLIE JOHNSON

Human Monk on the Slack Wire, Grotto Circus, Pontiac, Mich., June 19 to 23; Grotto Circus, Ann Arbor, 26 to 30.

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Kansas City, Kan., ending June 10. Mr. Maxwell strolled the Maxwell Trio went from here to Hannibal, Mo., for a performance, and then to their fair work for the summer.

Mrs. Sam Wallas, after leaving the hospital here the last of May and going to her home in Chapman, Kan., was taken down with pneumonia, but is now on the road to recovery. Mr. Wallas, of the Isler Greater Shows, spent a few days with Mrs. Wallas.

Marguerite Walsh is one of the beauties exhibiting nightly in the life pictures shown at the Electric Fountain in Electric Park. In addition to her work at Electric Park she poses in the Art School of this city.

Rance-Sorenson Show Company, popular thru Wisconsin for over twenty years, is playing one-night stands in its old territory and enjoying business, according to reports received here.

R. G. Holdorf, who has had several attractions en tour thru this territory, is contemplating launching a one-night dramatic show in conjunction with another well-known manager.

The Hila Morgan Stock Company, No. 2, headed by the Axell Sisters, is coming northward. They have been playing Arkansas.

Richard R. Doerling, who has been identified with many feature pictures that have been "roadshowed", is handling one of the "Metro prints of 'Trailing African Wild Animals'".

The Airdome at Fort Scott, Kan., opened early this month with a tab. company, featuring Dan Russell, and has been doing good business when favorable weather conditions prevail.

L. C. Zelleno, representing the Gordon-Howard Candy Company, manufacturer of "Snappy Snaps" and "Pollyanna Package", was a caller June 11 "between trains". Mr. Zelleno was accompanied by his wife, and reported that business was excellent on all the shows he had visited the week previous.

We had the pleasure of witnessing the high dive made by the Diving Ringena, at Electric Park last week, and believe that this is one of the best dressed and thrilling acts we have ever seen.

Doc. Bergman and wife are to be complimented on the wonderful showing made by their stores in Electric Park. They have eight or more concessions, and all of them are new, clean, well kept and attractive.

On account of her continued attack of throat trouble Mrs. David Lachman, wife of the owner of the Lachman Exposition Shows, is still in Kansas City.

WANTED

Assistant Electrician

Wire, stating all. Johnny J. Jones, Rockford, Illinois, week June 18th. Last stand before entering Canadian Fairs.

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John Robinson Show To Invade Virginia

Will Make About Twelve Stands Business for Show in Canada Reported Good

Lynchburg, Va., June 16.—The John Robinson Circus is to invade Virginia and will play some twelve or thirteen stands. Contracts have been made to play Norfolk on July 23, and on Monday, July 30, the circus will be here. The circus is to come to Lynchburg from Farmville and it will be the first time a circus has Sundayed in Lynchburg in several years. The show will use the Norfolk & Western out of here to Roanoke, and thence to Bluefield and Williamson, W. Va., and Ironon and Portsmouth, O.

Winchester, Va., June 16.—Frank J. O'Donnell, for many years a press agent with circuses, was here this week contracting for the appearance of the John Robinson Circus here the latter part of July. Mr. O'Donnell secured Handley Field for the circus grounds. This is Mr. O'Donnell's first year as a local contracting agent. William J. Lester, the second contracting agent for the circus, was making the eastern part of the State for the circus while Mr. O'Donnell was in this neighborhood.

Business throughout Canada has been good for the John Robinson Circus. In fact, the attendance record, while not as large as in the States, has been satisfactory wherever the weather permitted. The inclement weather has been the chief drawback, which was especially true at Toronto. At that city the rain began falling heavily the day before the show arrived in town, continued over Sunday, June 3, and on Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5, the show exhibited. And the rain was cold and much like the May weather just past. In spite, however, of the cold and moisture Toronto folks managed to attend. Between showers there would be a mad dash for the entrance. Then the rain would fall again and shut people away. When it cleared more people would appear. And thus it went. After one very severe shower there was some two inches of water about the grounds. Yet all in all the attendance was satisfactory.

Harry Levy, manager of the candy stands, was visited by his wife and baby at Toronto. Other guests were: Geo Ryan, Miss Elliot, "Butch" Fredericks, of the Sparks Show, sizing up the Ontario situation, and Fred Barker, manager of the No. 3 John Robinson Circus car, who stopped en route with his crew to visit the Tuesday evening performance.

At Kitchener, June 4, the weather broke and the show enjoyed an excellent day's business. London, the next day, again saw rain, but as the lot was grassy and the Londoners were circus hungry the moisture made little difference in the attendance. Chatham, on June 8, brought a number of visitors from the States, among them being Mrs. Castle, of the Morris & Castle Shows, and Mrs. Kellogg. Mrs. Cronin motored from Columbus for a visit and remained until Windsor, the next day, when she and Mrs. Kellogg began an overland jaunt to Indianapolis.

Chatham and Windsor were both big. Windsor was an excellent opportunity to lay in a supply of American "smokes" and nearly everyone availed themselves of the opportunity to pay a trip to Detroit. Ruby Chapman had as her guest her sister, Mrs. Pearl Waterman. Mr. Hosiek, of Chicago, visited the show, as did the son of Mr. Benson, of the Musical Bensons. Bert Carroll and Bruce Greenlaw also made the ferry trip to spend the day.

Ed Woekener has added three more instruments to his band, making now one of the strongest and largest bands carried by any "white-top" organization. Mr. Woekener, together with Peter Taylor, who by the way is a Canadian war veteran, and Julian Rogers, with her superb voice, are all proving most popular with the "Canucks".

GARTNER WILSON (for the Show)

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

CHARLES SIEGRIST RECOVERING RUNAWAY ELEPHANT

Will Not Rejoin Siegrist Troupe With R.-B. Show for Some Time

Canton, O., June 16.—Charles Siegrist, aerialist, daddy of the well-known Siegrist Troupe, for many seasons a feature with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Shows, will not attempt to rejoin the troupe for some time yet. It was learned by The Billboard representative here this week. Siegrist, whose home is here, has been recuperating from injuries received when he fell in Madison Square Garden, New York, during the opening of the Ringling-Barnum Show's 1923 season. George Reed, late of the Sells-Floto Circus, has been secured to substitute for Siegrist and will complete the season with the troupe. Siegrist attempted to work during the Cleveland engagement of the show recently, but was too weak, he said.

CORRALLED

Lancaster, Mo., June 16.—Billy Hall, circus owner, has finally corralled "Tex," his runaway elephant, who gave a thrill to the town folk of Pulaski and other Iowa and Missouri towns he was visited during his two weeks' vacation. "Tex" refused to board the train in Pulaski, loafed a few days there and then literally "pulled up stakes" and ambled on to join the troupe. He had traveled nearly 75 miles and altho farmers talked of his destructiveness he was amiable enough when the showmen took him in charge.

BOOKED FOR GREENFIELD, MASS.

Greenfield, Mass., June 15.—The Sells-Floto Circus has been granted a license to exhibit here July 3. The Sparks Circus played here May 25 to good business.

BARNES SHOW IN CLOUDBURST

Elyria, O., June 14.—Two thousand men, women and children were drenched last Wednesday afternoon when a cloudburst struck the tents of the Al G. Barnes Circus during the matinee performance. Tons of water falling on the canvas threatened to wreck the tents and show officials ordered the hysterical crowd out. A serious stampede was only averted by a detail of police on the grounds. The tent which sheltered the horses fell and circus employees were forced to devote their attention to rescuing the animals.

Utica, N. Y., June 15.—The parade of the Al G. Barnes Circus, which showed here Tuesday, was delayed for three hours on account of the late arrival of the train. The show was pre-eminently an animal show, featured by many well-directed acts displaying almost every known species.

Geneva, N. Y., June 16.—The Barnes Circus played here Monday to good business. Joseph Fenlon, a roustabout with the show, was discovered early Monday morning lying across a main track of the New York Central Railroad in the yards near the Evans street crossing. The discovery was made by the engineer of the yard engine as the headlight revealed the body only a few feet ahead. The man was unconscious and was suffering from a cut on the face. He was taken to the Geneva City Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. H. J. Knickerbocker. The cut is believed to have been received in a fall. He will join the show later.

Auburn, N. Y., June 13.—Dixie Engle, co-contracting agent for the Al G. Barnes Animal Circus, was in Auburn yesterday, arranging for a showing here on July 10.

WITH LUCKY BILL SHOWS

The Kansas City office of The Billboard has received a letter from George Wilson of the Lucky Bill Shows, dated June 4, from Freeborn, Minn., setting forth the routine of the shows as follows:

Clown song by George Wilson and Dime; riding dog and pony act, by Frank Kelso; comedy trapeze, Aerial Wilsons; four-pony act by Kelso; clown number, the Wilsons; pick-out pony, Cupid, by Kelso; swinging ladder, Lillian Wilson; military pony drill, Kelso; ventriloquist act by Prof. Charles Brown; six-dog act, Kelso; Iron-Jaw act, Lillian Wilson; old maid, Prof. Chas. Brown; high-school horses, Lillian Wilson; walkarounds by George Wilson and Dime; concert put on by Oklahoma Mac.; announcements and openings by Happy Hi Hibbard. Happy also has the banner ads and fills the position of equestrian director very nicely. Pee-Wee Stephens plays calliope and handles the Joe-Joe Show.

Jack Kline is boss canvasman and always has the tops ready in good time with the assistance of eight men. Texas Chief is boss hostler, with Red as assistant. Red also handles lights for Daniels, boss of props. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Askew handle the cookhouse and put up some good eats. Jack Riddle and William are ahead of the show and put up plenty of paper and get some very fine lots. A. B. Campbell, manager, handles the front of the big show, assisted by Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell and her two daughters arrived on the show a few days ago. They will stay with the show until school opens in the fall and go back to Ada, Ok., the home of Lucky Bill and Honest Bill shows.

The side-show is one of the best carried by an overland show. Prof. Chas. Brown is pleasing them with his Punch and Judy act. Mrs. Lillian Wilson is handling the mail and Billboards. Arthur Walsh and wife have the concessions with one assistant and are getting their share of the business. The Lucky Bill Shows are playing Minnesota, with nearly every town shown having a good lake and lots of fishing, etc., for the show folk.

ASKS FOR AID

Prof. B. F. Rose, Punch and Judy man for the past fifty years, recently lost a leg and wants an artificial one. He hasn't the necessary funds to purchase one and therefore appeals to the profession for aid. Rose has appeared at many museums and side-shows and was at one time with the old Van Amburgh Circus. Any one interested can address him at 145 Pleasant street, Fall River, Mass.

H.-W. CANCELS RED WING, MINN.

Red Wing, Minn., June 16.—Word has been received that the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, booked to appear here June 30, has canceled its local date. Local concerns with whom the circus had made contracts for materials were notified of the cancellation and also City Clerk S. T. Irvine. The explanation given was that the circus had made a change in its route which made it necessary to take Red Wing off the list. It was stated that it may appear here later in the season.

THIRD CIRCUS FOR READING, PA.

Reading, Pa., June 15.—The Gentry Bros. & Patterson Combined Shows will exhibit here June 16. This will be the third circus to appear here so far this summer and there are rumors that the Barnes Circus may include this town in its itinerary.

LEW CHRISTENSEN A VISITOR

Chicago, June 13.—Lew Christensen of the Aerial Christenses, was a Billboard caller today. He is driving thru to Columbus, O., where the act opens next week. The following week the Christenses will open in Chester Park, Cincinnati.

PITROT LEAVING FOR EUROPE

New York, June 16.—A welcome visitor at the Billboard office this week was Richard Pitrot, universally known as a globe trotter, who informs that he will leave New York on the steamer *Orduna* June 23 for an extended trip thru England, France, Russia, Italy, Spain, Hungary and Romania in an endeavor to contract with European novelties for their circuses and the vaudeville stage.

Pitrot is perhaps the best known contractor of foreign acts in the country and his ability has been recognized for many years by the Ringlings, Samuel Gumperz and other prominent showmen.

MONKEYS TO ATCHISON ZOO

Atchison, Kan., June 16.—The Hagenbeck-Wallace menagerie has contributed six monkeys to the municipal zoo in this city. They add materially to the collection at the zoo, which is being added to from time to time.

TENT SHOW LICENSE CUT

George L. Schwanz, the trouper's friend, of Tipton, Mo., has succeeded in having the city officials reduce the license from \$90 to \$20 a week for tent shows.

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MAIN HAPPENINGS

On the Walter L. Main Circus

Late arrival at Sharon, Pa., and long haul to the lot. Business good at both performances, but a bad storm just after the doors opened at night kept down the attendance. The visitors included Earl Sipes and wife, who are now located in Sharon and managing a picture house; Robert Gloth, and late in the afternoon Johnny Jones motored from Youngstown, O., with Isadore Firesides, Mike Cornelia and other members of his carnival.

There was another late arrival at Meadville, Pa., but the parade went out at noon and there was a mob at the matinee. The night business was also good.

Good time made in run to Conneaut. Walter L. Main came over from Geneva with his wife and Miss Snyder, and from Ashtabula came that old friend of circus troupers, J. R. Craemer, with J. W. McCabe and Al Hodge. Mrs. Gallagher, of Erie, a great friend of Mr. and Mrs. Downie, has been spending several days the guest of Mrs. Downie and Florence Forrester.

A. D. Moreland and wife motored from Geneva to Conneaut to see the show. For more than twenty-one years Moreland was in the employ of Walter L. Main, starting first as a waiter in the cookhouse and later was given charge of this department. Saving his money he placed it in a bank at Geneva and also purchased considerable Geneva real estate. When Main retired Moreland settled down in Geneva and engaged in the real estate business. He was also elected a director of the First National Bank. Last winter the president died and he was unanimously elected to the office of president. From cookhouse to bank president—quite a jump. Another visitor was Mrs. Joe Berlis, widow of the once well-known equestrian director.

At Meadville, Pa., had a pleasant chat with Harvey Monderean, the Billboard representative and a former showman. Long run to Norwalk, O., Sunday, June 10. Lot on the ball ground and new tents went up here. Rained Monday up to parade time and then cleared, and in consequence there was a big crowd of farmers at the matinee. Word was received here of the death at Memphis, Tenn., of Mrs. Tena Clark, wife of John Clark, head porter of the circus. She had been with the circus for several years. John was summoned home early in the week and the circus sent flowers for the funeral.

Walter L. Main has decided that local contracting and digging up towns is too strenuous work for an oldtimer and has returned to Geneva to look after his farm. W. E. Sommerville returned to the show as assistant on props. Bob Thatcher, who had charge of the candy stands, has closed and Ralph Sommerville has taken his place. St. Kitchie, who has just returned from South America, has joined to do his upside-down trapeze act.

Fremont, O., June 12, was all that could be desired. Fine lot and good business. Visitors at the afternoon performance were Fred Derrick, the Flannefords and two ladies, who were entertained by the Wirths. E. C. Kirkwood, who went across to Italy last winter with a load of horses and was left there, as the ship did not return, being held in the Italian port, showed up on the lot and went back with Claude Orton on stock. Bandmaster Fowler had pleasant visit from his sister and two friends at Norwalk.

FLETCHER SMITH (Press Agent).

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UNDER THE MARQUEE

By CIRCUS SALLY

Frank O'Donnell has been seen at several points in Virginia.

The John Robinson business in Canada fell down quite a bit, but has been better of late.

Gill Robinson is 82 years old and remarkably chipper and well preserved.

Pete Conklin is as lively as a cricket. He is still managing the incubator show at Coney Island.

O. J. Curtis is the new trainmaster of the Walter L. Main Circus and gets loaded and unloaded in good time.

Alpheus Barnes has secured Ben Austin. He will prove a real asset, for he is indeed a valuable man.

World Brothers' Circus is said to be carrying an unusually dirty couch show. The Sioux City papers panned it unmercifully.

It is reported that the Ringling Brothers' Barnum & Bailey Circus will jump from Binghamton, N. Y., to Pontiac, Mich.

Tuck Beesley, well-known trick rider and rope spinner, has joined the Tom Atkinson Dog, Pony and Monkey Circus.

Peter Ringold and wife, who have the lunch stand on the Mighty Haag Show, called at the Cincinnati office of The Billboard last Monday.

The Christy show played Clinton, Ill., June 4 and did a good business, reports E. E. Pollock, manager of the Clinton Post Service.

Dr. J. W. Hartigan, Jr., of Morgantown, W. Va., recently had a pleasant visit from Harry Potter, general agent of West's Bright Light (carnival) Shows.

If Fred Buchanan does not can that filthy couch show he is due for a wallop that will fair his buck teeth. The club is in pickle right now and soaking up weight.

They say that Victor Evans is not only undismayed by his recent untoward experience, but really more bent than ever on breaking into the game.

George Ryan is reported to be making many friends for the John Robinson circus on the route this year in his capacity of legal adjuster.

The John Robinson Circus makes a jump from Fulton, N. Y., to Williamsport, Pa. It is a Sunday run and the show train will move via Lyons, N. Y.

J. J. McConnell, billposter on Rice Bros.' Circus, joined the advance of Campbell's New Orleans Minstrel company at Buckhannon, W. Va., June 4.

Smith Bros.' Circus is enjoying good business in the West Virginia coal field section, according to Walter Lankford, handmaster. Capt Cooper's group of lions is a feature.

Word comes from Forrest Brown that Delphos, O., would like to have a circus. The town, which has a population of 6,000, has not had one in five years.

J. P. Hart, who has been at Lancaster, Mo., for some time, training high school and menage horses for show purposes, has returned to his home near Batesville, where he will train animals in that section.

At Kane, Pa., "Shorty" Worley, with the Walter L. Main Circus, met with a painful accident when he ran a rusty needle into the palm of his left hand. Blood poisoning set in and he was operated on at the city hospital.

The W. E. Morgan Show is en route thru the East Tennessee coal mining camps, with business only fair owing to rainy weather and bad roads. Two stands have been lost since the opening June 4.

Tom Atkinson recently purchased a new truck from DeVaux, of Los Angeles, Calif., for his dog and pony show. It is being used in transporting Mrs. Atkinson's ponies and her Arabian horse, Dixie.

L. G. Marshall, of Eagle Ranch, Cambridgeport, Vt., visited the Sparks Show at Bellows Falls, Vt., June 7, and speaks highly of it. The big game stock is of the best, he says, and the Wild West concert is put on fast by real hands.

Christy Bros.' Circus showed E. Moline, Ill., June 13. It came in on a week's notice, but despite this fact, Dan Hoffman, advance man, worked up fine publicity and the tents were filled for both the matinee and night. It was the first circus in that community this season.

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John G. Robinson was a caller at our New York offices June 11. He had been East with the Shriners and was en route home. While at Washington, he engaged Larry Boyd's shows for the Cincinnati Fall Festival. He also ran down to Atlantic City and visited with Uncle Gil.

The Sells-Floto Circus paid its first visit to Providence, R. I., June 6, and played to capacity business, in spite of rain, reports Frank H. Lee. The performance went with a bang and gave excellent satisfaction. Lee met Mr. Loftus and many others with the show and was well taken care of.

They have a "tame" tiger at Princeton, J. F. Howard of Boston bought it at a tiger farm in India and presented it to the university's Athletic Council for a mascot. Tiger cubs are tame occasionally—"but". And not this one is said to weigh 175 pounds, the days of its cubhood are about over and it would seem to be a case of "but soon".

The "blue tiger" has been seen by a white man at last. Heretofore only natives of India have caught rare and fleeting glimpses of the species. Rev. Harry R. Crandall and Ray Chapman Andrews got a good look at a specimen near Fukien in Southern China. This beast had almost come to be regarded as much of a myth as the unicorn.

E. H. Shenk, who was with Thurston last winter and who joined the No. 1 ear of the Ringling Brothers'-Barnum & Bailey Circus, is reported to have been advanced to the position of checker-up with the big circus, taking the place of Ralph Young, whose death occurred while the circus was at Madison Square Garden. Shenk's home is in Lancaster, Pa.

In the obituary columns of The Billboard some time ago it was mentioned that Don Wilson, circus trouper for many years, died in Kirksville, Mo., and was buried there. Minnie Louise Ferguson, a sister of the deceased, well known in the profession, informs that he is interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The following well-known circus folks were seen on Broadway on a recent Sunday: Billy Faust, Chas. Zemaster, Bert Smith, Buck Leahy, Art LaFleur, Pete Bluch, Shorty Hewitt, Phil E. Keeler, Eddie Leahy, Jack Nelson, Jake Cohen, Chas. Doighan, Summers Duo, Pederson Bros., Jerry Sullivan, Major Bugs, Pauline and Ray, Al Leaman and Tom Vacasy.

The Knight Family, recently with the Mighty Haag Shows, have put out their own show, known as Knight & Son's Big Vaudeville Show. On the program are M. Tokey, Japanese foot juggler and barrel kicker; Vernon, acrobat; Madam LaBelle, contortionist; Inez Page, flying ladder; Mildred Wagner, Iron-jaw and the Knight Family in a number of acts.

The death of Mrs. Rene M. Shattuck, briefly announced in our obituary columns last week, occasioned profound regret and sorrow throughout the circus world. She was widely admired and universally beloved.

In the "dressing-room" of shows scattered all over the world, the news will be received with a shock and mourning will follow.

The many friends of Joe Savage, veteran circus billposter, manager of the Dixie Advertising Company, carpenter at the Masonic Opera House, Rocky Mount, N. C., also manager of the Tarboro (N. C.) Opera House, will be pleased to learn that he has been greatly benefited by an operation which he underwent at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium, June 2. Mr. Savage will soon be sheeting 'em up again.

Following the matinee performance of the Walter L. Main Circus at Franklin, Pa., May Wirth was tendered a birthday spread by "Gov-

IN THE R.-B. CONCERT



Lineup of the Wind West (cont.) on the Ryding Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows. The genial John Agee is shown in front.

ernor" Downie in her private dining room. The table was decorated with American and British flags and there was a special menu card at each plate. The big show band led the procession to the dining room and speeches were made by Mr. Downie, May Wirth and Phil. There was a birthday cake with candles and everybody passed a pleasant hour.

Chas. (Bounding) Johnson, who has been filling dates in and around Philadelphia since last November, was confined to the Philadelphia hospital last month owing to illness. Johnson underwent an operation and informs that he is now gaining in weight. He visited the Sells-Floto Circus in the Quaker City, June 13, and reports having had a nice time and that the performance was a splendid one.

Harry Warner writes Solly from Wellston, O., June 11, viz: "Looked the Golden Bros. Circus over at Wellston May 23. A poor show, but a large crowd present. There was plenty of graft and dancing girl show. Wellston was sure circus-hungry. The Hagenbeck-Wallace, John Robinson, Walter L. Main, Al G. Barnes or the Sparks shows would do well here. Saw the Gentry-Patterson Circus at Jackson, June 1. It was a good, clean show, with no graft or girl shows."

In Cincinnati for a few days last week—Ed. Brannan and Wm. J. Lester, of Gentry Bros. Shows and Patterson's Trained Animal Circus Combined, and John Robinson Circus, respectively. Both called at The Billboard office Monday, when Ed. L. said he was on his way to Sedalia, Mo., to look after some matters in connection with his show's engagement at the fair there, while Wm. J. said he was "just passing thru." The following Wednesday morning they were seen together on a Cincinnati street. Ed. L. saying, because of a little "lot" trouble in a certain town he was not able to get away earlier in the week as he had planned. Wm. J. said he was still "just passing thru".

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THE CORRAL

By ROWDY WADDY

Let's have the winners, especially in the final, at the various contests, including the "Four" in their dates. Those winning will appreciate it and so will the readers.

Guy Weadick's Stampede at Calgary will pull many a tight-fan from Shelby. It is estimated that his drag will be all the way from 200 to 500.

Rowdy Waddy has received "nary a line" for publication from "Sober Sam" for a couple of months. Where are you, oldtimer? Where will you be the Fourth—looking over some contest—watch out for your whiskers!

"Red" Remington writes from Denver, Col., that the Frontier show to be staged at Brighton, Colo., July 3 and 4 is to include some important contest events. Red is with the Denver Horse and Mule Company.

John S. Hyatt, one of the last of the pony express riders of pioneer days, died recently at Midland, Texas. Hyatt was a Wells-Fargo rider, and one of the most daring in the West. He was an expert pistol shot.

The Rodeo at Washington was not a success. Mr. Evans projected it on big lines and brought to bear a world of ingenuity, knowledge and liberal monetary expenditure on the proposition, but it did not get over.

G. M. Sparkes, secretary of the Prescott Frontier Days' Committee, sent Rowdy some samples of the lithos and other advertising used for their coming contest. The display is great. And the Prescott folks are looking forward to some closely contested events.

Billy Ketrow and wife, whose vanderbilis is still one of the leading ones in its special line of entertainment, were recent visitors to the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus and met numerous friends and acquaintances of the old circus days, these including Albert Powell, Sr., Al and Lena Faulk and others.

When all is said and done, Will Rogers is easily the greatest of those that have come out of The West.

These cracks about Rogers' luck make me very tired. It has not been a case of luck. Will Rogers is talented and he has been willing to work hard.

Jim G.—The dates for the Frontier celebration at Cheyenne are July 21-27. Incidentally, all well-wishers for the future of associated contests surely join with you in regretting that the meeting in July did not get the support it should from the other annual events, and in giving praise to Dr. Ben Davis and the Cheyenne Committee for spending time and money in trying to put it over.

Canada has provided a sanctuary for the recently discovered big buffalo herd. After it had been thought for years that the American bison in its wild state was extinct on the continent and that the sole members of this mighty race in Canada were included in the 6,000 animals in Waterton Park, a Dominion Government survey party discovered last year about 1,500 buffalo ranging in the uncharted areas of Northern Alberta, between the Peace and Slave Rivers and the Great Slave Lake. Steps were immediately taken by the Dominion Government to preserve these animals, the results of which are now announced in the establishment of a new wood sanctuary.

The entire habitat of the wild bison has been included in the new sanctuary and in addition a part of the habitat of the woodland caribou which range the Caribou Mountains. The total area of the new park is approximately 10,500 miles square and within this area the wild bison have two distinct ranges, within each of which are the seasonal habitats frequented by each herd.

The northern range is bounded on the south, east and northeast by the Little Buffalo River, on the north by the Nyring River and extends west almost within fifteen miles of Buffalo Lake. The southern range is bounded on the east by the Slave River, on the south by the Peace River, on the west and northwest by the Jack Fish and Little Buffalo Rivers and on the north by Salt River. Arrangements for systematic patrols have been made and cabin constructed for wardens at points which will facilitate an efficient patrol service all the year round.

Several weeks ago a letter for publication was received from Tex Austin, the widely and well-known contest promoter, whose Rodeo has been scheduled for ten days at Yankee Stadium, New York City, starting August 13. Before its being published a Billboard man wrote Tex (now has headquarters in New York) relative to some points in the communication. The answer seemed to conform with what he had stated, so here it is: Dear Rowdy, I have been reading with quite a lot of interest the articles in your column

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regarding the proposed forming of a Contest Association.

The subsequent results of the calling of a meeting at Cheyenne of the managements of cowboy contests were all that could be expected, and exactly what I predicted would happen when the meeting was called. If we are ever going to have such an association, **SOMEBODY ELSE WILL HAVE TO START IT.**

"Several years ago when I wrote my first article on this subject, appearing in The Billboard, I pointed out the need of such an organization and asked for the opinions of all of the managements and the contestants, in order to feel out the situation and get a line on a definite plan of procedure for the founding of an association that would standardize and dignify our Western sports, their championship events and their titles."

"This article brought forth no replies whatsoever from the managements of the various annual contests, and finally simmered down to an article discussion by Weadick and myself, Weadick advocating, if I remember correctly, that the proposed association should be composed of the managements alone, and I maintained that on account of the lack of co-operation of the managements, an association could not be perfected that would do the game in general any unselfish good. And I still claim that no organization of this character will ever be worth anything unless participated in by both the managements and the contestants alike.

"Cockrane, of the Ft. Morgan show, endeavored to start such an association, and called a meeting at Kansas City with about the same results as far as attendance was concerned as the meeting called for Cheyenne. As I pointed out at the time, most of these annual contests are run by local committees whose members, having no other business of their own, serve in most instances on the celebration committee without compensation, and, having no interest in the game outside of their own particular local contest, will not neglect their own personal business, even to attend meetings for the interest of the contest game in general. The Cockrane bunch did start, however, and I believe made Joe Cahill, of Cheyenne, president and J. L. Miller, of Rocky Ford, secretary, and they got about as far as getting out some stationery, adopting a set of rules and making some resolutions, and then not having any definite plan of interesting others, or of obtaining funds to finance their work, so rocked along in a desultory sort of way for a while and we have heard nothing from them for several years.

"There are several important features which should certainly be remedied and there are undoubtedly some people who should be eliminated from the game for the benefit of all concerned. But owing to the apparent impossibility of interesting those who should be vitally interested it looks like an uphill job. Until such a time as something definite and business-like is accomplished I aim to run my contests the best I know how and continue doing the best I can to help put the game on a dignified, clean, sporting basis. Last year I succeeded in getting the contest game recognized in the East as a sport, and my 'World's Championship' contest here (New York) was covered on the sporting pages of all the New York

newspapers. I have always been fair with all the contest hands and have protected their interests (which I realize are also my interests) and shall continue to do so, and I believe that I have also been instrumental in causing some of the other outfits to put up more reasonable purses in their events.

"It would be a very desirable thing if a recognized set of rules could be adopted by all important contests, and these rules should be sufficiently hard to really test the skill of the contestants. The most important thing is having honest, capable judges, who really pay out the managements' money to the various winners and award such titles as may be awarded.

"As far as championship titles are concerned, Tom Gibbons is billed to fight Jack Dempsey for the championship of the world at Shelby, Mont., on July 4. That does not mean that Shelby has the exclusive on the world's championship fights for the whole year, nor does it prevent the winner from defending his title at any other place or date at any time, provided the purses offered are suitable to warrant such a world's championship event."

The Schulz Novelty Show opened a two weeks' engagement at Idora Park, Youngstown, O., June 3, as a free attraction. A number of additions have been made to the show, including big lion act. Owing to the increased number of acts and props, it was necessary for Manager Schulz to order another thirty-foot middle piece for the big top, now making it 80 by 180. The show carries a Delco and Almo light system. A new model Tapley calliope was received last week. The show will move June 17 on twelve big trucks to Niles, O., with Warren and other spots to follow. Three-day stands will be played thru Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Roster is as follows: C. W. Williams, in advance; Wm. Schutz, manager; Virginia Schulz, secretary and treasurer; Allee Turner, tickets; Bob Evans, calliope player; Clifford Fox, electrician; Pete Dener, mechanic; Bert Berch, boss canvasman; Red Carter, boss property man; Al Martin, boss hostler; Ray Turner, cook. Acts with the show are the Schulz Family of athletes, Babe Ruth and her Arabian wonder horse, Goldsberry Brothers, high-wire and clown tumbling acts; Madam Virginia's lion act, and eight other animal acts. A side-show is also carried.

C. W. WILLIAMS (for the Show).

BOOSES WORLD BROS. CIRCUS

The following night telegram from Lakefield, Minn., dated June 15, and signed by H. J. Leigh, Mayor, was received by The Billboard last Saturday: "Lakefield gave World Bros. Circus two big houses today. We are mighty proud of the business, indicating that Lakefield is a good show town for a clean show. World Bros. Show is as clean as a whistle and pleased here so much it will be welcomed back next season."

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

RINGLING-BARNUM CIRCUS

Planning To Close Season in Richmond, Va., Early in November

Richmond, Va., June 16.—According to information given out in railway circles here, the present plans of the Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus is to close the season of 1923 in Richmond. The circus closed here two years ago. Last year the closing stand was Greensboro, N. C. The exact date of closing has not been announced, but the information in this city is to the effect that it will be early in November.

Canton, O., June 14.—Arriving on time for the first time in a week and favored by ideal weather, the Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Shows Combined made this stand last Saturday after an absence of three years to what show officials say was phenomenal business. It is estimated that 35,000 persons witnessed the two performances, it being necessary to erect all emergency seats and stretch canvas about the hippodrome track at both performances. The performance, in the opinion of the local Billboard representative, was up to the standard of former years with a few exceptions. The side-show was, as usual, the best to visit this city. The Billboard representative renewed acquaintance with George Smith, in charge of the front door; Lew Graham, side-show manager and now assisting at the front door, and many others about the big top. Every courtesy was extended the writer by Messrs. Smith and Graham. Welcome visitors here were Pat Burke, formerly of the John Robinson Circus; George McIntyre, associated with Burke in promoting indoor circuses; Mr. and Mrs. Clint V. Meyer, formerly of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Show; Mrs. Edith Bauer, known professionally as Madame Clifford, for years featured with the Ringling-Barnum side-show, and her husband, Karl Bauer, who was also attached to the show. Charles Siegert, "daddy" of the Siegert troupe of acrobats, who has been recuperating at his home here, entertained a party of his friends at the afternoon performance. Practically all members of this troupe live in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shive, acrobats, also live here and came on from Akron last Friday night, remaining until Monday morning and rejoining at Youngstown.

Newspapers were liberal with their space in commenting on the show after it left town, and that Ed Norwood, press representative, is well thought of by the newspaper owners here is evidenced by the liberal space accorded the press stuff during the three weeks prior to the appearance of the show here.

At Akron, June 8, the show was late in arriving. However, a five-o'clock matinee was given to a fair-sized audience. Night house was capacity and the "reds" were put up, but it was necessary to close the ticket sale a half hour before the performance started. The haul was a long one and it was well into the afternoon before the last wagon was on the lot. Quick getaway and a forty-six-mile jump to Canton put the show again on schedule and made possible an early arrival here.

At Toledo, O., the Ringling-Barnum Circus had as visitors Mrs. Spriggs, Billy Voigt and Mrs. McCree. Mrs. McCree is looking fine. John Brice was busy with his friend McCay.

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CHAS. RINGLING'S REASONS

For Not Giving Parades

Cleveland, O., June 14.—The Circus has given the famous parade of the stars, and the famous procession so dear to the hearts of children and grownups, for many years, and during a time of the past summer to the great Bucking of the Barnum-Baum.

"There's no chance of the old circus parades," Mr. Ringling was asked when he showed up at his daily engagement in Cleveland recently without a pony.

"They have died out," he replied. "At least, as far as this show is concerned. There are two reasons. First, the time is too big to allow us the time for a parade. Second, the audience has virtually done away with the horse shows. Imagine if you can what would happen in Cleveland if all traffic on the downtown streets or on one of the principal streets were held up for hours—the time required for one of our parades to pass. You would have people missing trains and a general demoralization of traffic. The circus parade is a taxed creation."

"Has your attendance fallen off as a result?" he was asked.

"Not a bit," he answered. "It is better than ever."

Alto Mayor C. C. Curtis issued an edict recently that a circus must put out a parade before it will be given a license to show in Gaithersburg. The big show got in and got out without any controversy over the issue.

Gaggin expected a parade and there was much disappointment when announcement was made the day previous that this feature would be eliminated.

WITH SPARKS SHOWS
AT MT. VERNON, N. Y.

New York, June 16.—The writer had the pleasure of another visit to the Sparks Shows at Mt. Vernon last Thursday and was accorded usual Sparks hospitality. Arriving late for the matinee we exchanged greetings with many of the members and especially met Mrs. Charles Sparks for the first time who introduced us to Tom Givay Lambert formerly general agent Walter L. Main Shows, and Joe Vining who were visiting the Sparks.

Some trouble was experienced regarding the old show grounds and John Kelly located a new lot which will in the future be the real show grounds located on Fulton Avenue, south of Sixth Street. This will make an ideal place for traveling shows, the Thursday it was not as inviting as it might have been owing to the short time they had in preparing it.

Roland Butler press agent informed us that nearly \$200 had been spent to put it in as presentable shape as we found it. All schools closed to permit the workers and children to witness the parade and according to the local press this was the best time that such a closing had been permitted.

Mrs. Walter Gage had as her guests for the evening the Palmer sisters, Agnes and Gladys, vaudeville folks, whom we found to be very likable young ladies. Among the other visitors were Charles Marnard of the Elkhorn booking office; Alex Lowande and Carl Hathaway of the Ringling Shows. Roland Butler informed that George Meyers, former ballet master of the Selig-Pinto Shows, is now producing musical numbers for the "Brickley Girls" tabloid show.

Doc Walter, Eddie Jackson and all our friends saw that we had the best there was, and, we say again, we enjoyed the show.

F. G. WALKER.

Gleens Falls, N. Y., June 16.—The Sparks Circus here last Saturday had capacity in the afternoon and a well-filled top at night. The early morning was cold and rainy, but it cleared to 10 a.m. in time for the parade, which was witnessed by a big crowd. The show made a very favorable impression and the writer (Prof. W. B. Leonard), who has seen the show grow from a two-car outfit, commends it to be the best that Charles Sparks has ever put out. The performance is novel and de-

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livered and paid for in advance. It is the winter outfit of a firm from J. C. Ringling, agent, and Chas. Ringling, son of the great showman, Ringling Bros. Among the persons and places of interest from the vicinity were Frank S. Tamm, agent, Almed Butler, late of New Orleans' Mardi Gras, and Frank Hitchcock, at one time with the Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Gleens Falls, N. Y., June 17.—"Great Circus was warmly received by two weeks ago and was accorded splendid notices in the local papers on its showing here last Saturday. The show made a fine impression with its opening here last year and this year's initial meeting was to be expected."

TO LICENSE SHOWS

Paterson, N. J., June 14.—An application was recently submitted at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Paterson, praying for the licensing of an amateur show, circus, fair, etc., airplane exhibitions, aerial acrobatics or flying exhibitions or like amusements, etc. All licenses so granted shall expire on the first day of January next according to the grantor thereof, and shall state the purpose for which they have been granted, the number thereof and the name and address of the person, persons or corporation. A license fee of \$10.00 shall be charged each person, persons or corporation so licensed, which fee shall be paid to the treasurer of the township, on the issuance of the license, and as a part of the revenue of the township to Mt. Clemens to pay their home a visit.

An Indianapolis Tommy Moshak and "Buck" Reynolds were on the job bright and early. Charles Hummel visited his folks at Hamilton. O. Harry Nolan made a quick trip to Washington C. H. to see his aged mother. Al and Mr. Irwin enjoyed a nice visit with Al's mother during the Indianapolis engagement.

At Columbus Clarence Dawson, Mrs. Dawson, Lew Jenkins, Wm. Chambers ("Star Kid"), wife and son, Mrs. Patterson (John's mother), Mrs. Ellen Dawson, Hatley, Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. John Shatzen and Nan Hopwood were visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon entertained Charles Bell. Doc Nolan, Matthew McGowen, John Patterson, Bob Nagle, Al Irwin, Nan Hopwood and Stanley Dawson at their beautiful home on Ohio avenue after the night show. Columbus lived up to the usual tradition of capacity business and ran the largest crop of showmen and ex-showmen of any city in the world.

At Zanesville, O., we met Wm. Merrick (70 years old), one of the oldest circus bandmasters living, and his son Al. "Bill" has a farm near Zanesville. Jack Schrack, another old-timer, visited at the night show.

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RIALDO'S DOG AND PONY SHOW

Rialdo Dog and Pony Show (Wilson) is traveling thru the lead and road making districts of Kansas and Oklahoma doing good business, reports Miller Hart, with the show. The show has had a lot to do with quite a bit of bad weather. Rialdo is an expert dog and pony boy. Rialdo's program and manager Mrs. Rialdo's acts and steward Mr. Ferguson, both of whom are Miss Harrington, producer, clown, Harry (Whitey) LeRoy, acrobatic, acrobat, man and woman, Mrs. LeRoy, clown, and player. Walter pony boy, Roy cook and at first cook. The program includes Rialdo riding dog and Missy the wire-walking mink, both trained by Mr. Rialdo, comedy ladder act, Miss Harrington, aerial trapeze, Mr. LeRoy, January Act, Mr. LeRoy and Miss Harrington. Two wire-walking dogs are used as the first attraction. On June 16 one of the dogs gave birth to a colt, which now makes four. Spaniels, six head of baggage stock, three monkeys and six dogs.

RINGLING-BARNUM CIRCUS

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from the Toledo police department at Detroit. At Detroit Mr. Shields had his yearly guest, Mr. Hoskins, and party. Mr. and Mrs. George Westermans and Mr. Wilson were visitors at Ithaca. June 1, and Mrs. "Buster" Crook and Mrs. Kellogg visited at Detroit. June 2, Clifford Hammel and William Downing were busy entertaining friends and relatives, as they both hall from Detroit. The Nelson family took opportunity of the closeness of Detroit to Mt. Clemens to pay their home a visit.

An Indianapolis Tommy Moshak and "Buck" Reynolds were on the job bright and early. Charles Hummel visited his folks at Hamilton. O. Harry Nolan made a quick trip to Washington C. H. to see his aged mother. Al and Mr. Irwin enjoyed a nice visit with Al's mother during the Indianapolis engagement.

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Venice Pier, Ocean Park Pier, Santa Monica Pier

LOS ANGELES

WILL J. FARLEY,
Local State Bldg., Los Angeles.
Long Beach Pier, Redondo Beach, Seal Beach

Los Angeles, June 16.—Another important week just closed here and while it was not in Los Angeles proper it was close by. The Glendale Industrial Exposition and Art Show closed ten days of success and profit. The exhibits were mostly attractive and none, save a few, were well put on. The fair, however, attracted much attention and the exhibitors who made the exhibit possible were all well pleased with the event. Harry Lewis, who worked many months in the promotion of the exposition, was congratulated on all sides for the excellence of the exhibits and show in general. With George Dyson on the stage, selling end of the staff and Geo. Gandy watching for the treasury all moved with much precision and a consequent success. Gila's Lion Farm proved a great drawing card and the exhibition was unique. The steer attack since has not yet been announced but will run into good figures. The Illumination was attractive and with the huge crowds that swarmed in at night made the whole affair a happy event.

Willard Mack has entered the picture field and is writing a new play for Clyde Cook. It will be in two reels and will be produced by Joseph M. Schenck at the Buster Keaton studios.

Joseph M. Schenck has announced four new directors for his features. They are Francis Marion, Chester Franklin, Victor Heerman and Jack Blystone.

Bert Shaw announces that he has sold to Capt. Carly Wilson on the Brown & Dyer Shows a python, said to be the largest ever on the West Coast. It came from the Orient with the last shipment of animals brought over by Shaw.

Walter R. Heard, manager of the Music Opera House here, has moved down to Manhattan Beach for the summer or during the time that the Masons will rest from road attractions. Mr. Heard states that next season will find some of the largest companies playing Los Angeles and the Coast.

The Elks' Rendezvous last Sunday drew 30,000 people to Topanga Canyon, where the big barbecue was held in conjunction. The Wild West contingent from the studios were in their glory and the roundup was a huge success.

Frank E. Curran is furnishing the program for the Elks' Circus at San Diego at Balboa Park. The circus and pit show will be a feature of the big show. Curran will have his entire outfit on the grounds.

Lenore J. Coffee, well-known scenario writer and author, has been engaged by Universal studios to do adaptations for big special productions.

Lee Bud Harrison, the Los Angeles black-face comedian, last week returned to the cast of the "Hi Jinks" Company at the Burbank Theater. This was a signal for much joy not only with the patrons but with the management, and just to show Bud that he also was pleased Walter Van Horn put on the "Tut Rables" for the attraction.

Will Rogers got into Los Angeles this week from New York ahead of Bill Rice. He tried out to the Hal Roach studios at Culver City.

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where he is under contract to make several comedies.

Geo. H. Hines surprised his friends this week by visiting them along the Rialto. George has recovered from his recent illness, which was for a while of a serious nature.

A tremendous cherry crop succeeded in bringing immense crowds for three days this week to Beaumont, where the annual Cherry Festival was held.

The Edwards Novelty Company, manufacturer of the famous Edwina dolls, has occupied its new building at Sunset and Washington boulevards. The change was celebrated with a banquet to the employees in the new plant and all went off in great style. The capacity of the plant is quadrupled and facilities for handling the business greatly increased.

Grace Darmond has had her eyes insured for \$50,000. The policy is to be paid in case her sight is impaired by the glare of Klieg lights.

Mack Sennett announces the engagement of Madeline Hurlock. Her signature to a long-term contract will make her an important part of the Sennett forces. She will play opposite Ben Turpin.

Geo. T. Giffespie has purchased a Tanagra Theater for operation in Long Beach and Kaufman is here to install same. Being new it is getting lots of attention and plenty of patronage.

Harry Langdon has completed his vaudeville tour and returned to Los Angeles, having recently signed a contract to appear in two-reel comedies for the Principal Pictures Corporation.

Myrtle Stedman signed a contract last week for the leading role in "The Dust in the doorway", to be filmed by the United studios.

David Horsley studios, at 6050 Sunset boulevard, is undergoing remodeling and will be used by the Van Horn, Inc., costumers. The cost of alterations and the installation of machinery is \$65,000.

J. H. Shoemaker writes from Big Bear Lake that cold weather is still on tap at that resort. Mrs. Shoemaker states that as long as the delicatessen table is furnishing the fruits of the season she can wait for the warmth.

Mrs. Leslie Carter will come to Los Angeles to reside at the finish of her engagement in this city. Recently she purchased property here and the house is undergoing remodeling.

Possibly one of the oldest amusement devices is the Miniature Railway and yet it still retains its popularity not only with the children, but with the grownups. A recent report of the Miniature Railway in operation in Venice showed that on Sunday, June 2, over 1,500 people rode it. This amounts to about \$800.

Sam Slater took the honors last week on Billboard sales, having showed an increase of ten copies over his previous week. His stand at Third and Main is popular and The Billboard is one of his main magazines.

Alexander, the man who knows, was the feature attraction at Pantages for last week, and also for the week to come. His act is elaborately dressed and his popularity has increased the receipts of Pantages Theater.

Mabel Normand, star of the production, and the cast of principals in "The Extra Girl" have left for a short stay on location, the studio work being about finished. They will return in a week or so and finish the closing scenes at the studio.

Judge Karnes reports that business continues good with the Wortham Shows. Judge has many friends on the Coast.

The management of the Loew State Theater has announced that a chorus of 100 voices will be added to the theater's program during the summer and that they would be obtained in Los Angeles. S. J. Stellens, formerly of New York, will train and conduct the chorus.

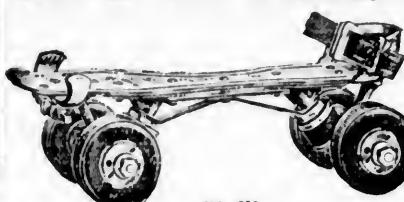
The set of a medieval palace for use in "The Prince of the King" has been insured for \$500,000.

Mark Hanna is to remain in Ocean Park for the summer. His offers have been many since returning from Honolulu, but owing to the ill health of Mrs. Hanna Mark will not take anything far away.

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tenor, who was recently injured in an automobile accident. He will receive the entire proceeds of the show.

The former Little Club out in Hollywood is being redecorated and will open under the management of Sophie Tucker as soon as her tour with "The Pepper Box" is thru.

Ruby Miller, English actress, has been signed

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EXHIBITIONAL AVIATION

BALLOON ASCENSIONS AND PARACHUTE DROPS

BIG SKY DERBY

May Feature Pony Express Celebration in St. Joe, Mo.—Prizes To Be Offered Contests

St. Joseph, Mo., June 18.—Preparations are being made here to conduct a big cross-country air race in connection with the Pony Express celebration in St. Joseph in August and the proposition is being enthusiastically received by the business men of the city and civic bodies, who declare that it will give St. Joseph the greatest advertising it has ever had and will prove a real event in aviation, as the cream of the country's drivers are to be brought thru the offer of attractive prizes.

Charles Waddles, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is one of the enthusiastic supporters of the plan. In discussing the proposed stunt he said: "It is a wonderful thing and would be the greatest stunt ever pulled off in this section of the country. Altho we have not had a meeting of our directors to discuss the proposition, I am sure the Chamber of Commerce will do everything in its power to make it a reality. From the expressions I have heard from individual members all of them favor it."

Secretary of War Weeks on his recent visit thru this section of the country stopped in St. Joseph and was interviewed by several prominent men of the city about the possibility of getting a number of army aviators to enter the race. He expressed the opinion that such a race would be possible and that the War Department would be represented.

It was suggested to Secretary Weeks that a fleet of army planes be brought to St. Joseph and have them race for points along both coasts with handicap allowed to make the race even for all. The points tentatively selected are Seattle, San Francisco and San Diego on the west coast, Boston, New York, Washington and Savannah on the east coast, and Galveston and New Orleans on the gulf coast.

The proposition follows the statement by General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army service, that it would be possible to mobilize an air fleet in the center of the United States and fly to either coastline in eleven hours. St. Joseph is well situated for such a trial, as it is centrally located.

St. Joseph is to make the Pony Express celebration one of the biggest affairs ever held in the United States and the air race is to be a star feature event of the celebration. Congressmen Charles L. Faust and A. E. Uebelthelm, the Missouri members of the Pony Express Committee, are among the enthusiastic workers for the air race and are giving much time and thought to bringing it about. Dr. W. P. Webb, president of the South St. Joseph Commerce Club, is another prominent civic leader who favors the project and has promised the support of his organization. He is of the opinion that it is a reasonable request to ask the War Department to have army aviators stage such a race.

George Wells, an automobile mechanic of St. Joseph, Mo., has established a passenger service at Rosecrans Municipal Air Field and will make flights each afternoon from one o'clock until dark. He owns the Curtiss plane formerly piloted by Vernon C. Boyd. Wells announced that he will take up passengers upon special request on the morning of week days and special trips will be made in emergencies to points within a radius of 300 miles of St. Joseph. The plane will be kept at the aviation field at all times and will be piloted by Charles Quinn, a Kansas City aviator.

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E. E. Garner and Amaza did some good work at the Glendale Exposition and as a consequence did very well financially.

Jim Sams, popular manager of the Rosemary Theater in Ocean Park, has installed an im-

AIR ROUTES TO NORTH POLE SOON IS BELIEF

That huge airships with ample passenger space and adequate supplies would be operating soon on regular schedule for tourists to the North Pole is the belief of Captain Donald B. McMillan, who will sail for Greenland on June 23 with his schooner, the Bowdoin. Captain McMillan is taking two years' provisions and supplies along with him, besides a wireless operator, a cook and other passengers. He questioned the value of present types of heavier-than-air machines for Arctic work, because good landing places are not available on the jagged ice in the Polar Sea. He pressed the fear that if Roald Amundsen carried out his plan to hop off from Alaska this month for a flight to the pole in his all-metal biplane he and his pilot would be going to almost certain death.

BONNIE ROWE CORRECTS

Bonnie G. Rowe, stunt aviator with the Dixie Flying Circus, writes The Billboard as follows: "There appeared in the May 19 issue of The Billboard my picture with Mabel Cody, which was taken in Atlanta, Ga. I wish to ask you to correct the sketch appearing underneath the reproduction, as I have received several letters from friends asking why my photo should appear with the name of Bugs McGowan under it. Mr. Price, commercial photographer in The Atlanta Constitution Building, was the photographer that made the picture just after we failed in the change from train to plane on the Atlanta & West Point Railroad a few months ago. Please make this correction, as I am well aware of the fact that The Billboard always corrects anything that goes into its columns that is false. I ask only that some other person will not derive the benefit of what I have worked so hard for—my name."

RUBY BINKS WITH PARK

"Ruby Binks is with me again," writes Prof. J. A. Park, one of America's most prominent and successful aeronauts, "this being her second season. She is attracting large crowds with her four parachute drops. We opened the season at Seawaren Beach, N. J., and are now playing the Firemen's Celebration in Kutztown, Pa., and next week go to Bedford, Pa., for the Moose Picnic. We have a date in Carnegie, Pa., to follow before starting the circuit of fairs in New York, Pennsylvania and North and South Carolina.

RINKS & SKATERS

SKATING MARATHON FOR KOKOMO

The first roller skating marathon held in Kokomo, Ind., on Memorial Day created so much interest that another endurance test is to be started July 3 at 4 p.m. in the rink of Exposition Park. Preparations are being made for thirty entries. Elwood Green won the Decoration Day event. He skated 21 hours and 37 minutes, two minutes longer than Fred Grant, his nearest competitor. Green and Grant are local skaters and will try to better their marks in the coming match.

Conditions under which the marathon will be held provide that no stops are to be made during the first ten hours. After that a rest of three minutes will be allowed every three hours. Refreshments are permitted, but the skater cannot stop to take them.

OSCAR B. STEEL LAID UP

Oscar B. Steel, of the team of Landis and Steel, skatorial song and dance artistes, is in the Brunswick Hospital, Amityville, L. I., N. Y., with a bad left leg. It is said that it is a very serious affection and that he may be a long time recovering.

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PLEASURE BEACH PARK OFFERS MORE ATTRACTIONS THAN EVER

Ride Repeat Business Is on Increase at New England's Playground—Many Big Picnics Booked

Bridgewater, Conn., June 14.—Except for some time and the days after Park Day, Pleasure Beach has been doing a record business since opening and the number of visitors has been greater than ever. The park, known as New England's playground, has more amusements than ever, but not any other season, and former employment is the way.

Chas. Edwards of Brooklyn, N.Y., chairman of the committee, reported last night that great favor. The Dresser Engineering Company is installing a new roller coaster.

Ed Miller was shown as being leader and recording artist has joined the Dance Palace, where he personally directs one of his musical units. Considerable changes have been made in the new pavilion and many dances are being conducted with great success.

The management of Pleasure Beach, which is located on an island, operating two steel boats, each with a carrying capacity of 2,000 persons, between the city wharf and the beach at frequent intervals. The boats also can accommodate many excursionists on each trip. Special attention is given to picnics, reunions, pageants and a new attraction on the N.Y. N.H. & H.R. Railroad from an engine in New Haven. Amusements will be offered as far west as The International Paper Co. of Meriden, Conn.; Sons of St. George of the State of Connecticut, Party Sunday School, State Trade and Craft Council, New England Convention; Representatives Paul Day, D. M. Read & Co., Chas. Tolson, and E. T. Co., and the American Chamber of Commerce of America.

Entertainment for July 4 is being offered. Carter's Circus, Horses will be featured June 24 to July 7, and an elaborate fireworks celebration will be staged the Fourth of July. A baby parade is set for July 6, when Carter's Band comes in engagement.

Fred W. Pearce is president and general manager of Pleasure Beach Park, Albert J. May Jr., vice-president; Wm. E. Norard, secretary; Wm. H. Cruz Jr., treasurer; Thos. J. Barry, auditor; W. W. Roberts, press advertiser; Capt. P. G. Far, superintendent of boats; Capt. R. H. Peterson, captain of "Pleasure Boat"; Capt. W. A. Lemond, captain of "Seaside Ferry"; M. Gleason, superintendent of boats; M. A. Menezes, nurse.

The whole surface, 150,000 square feet, and framework for houses are controlled by King Brothers of Brooklyn, N.Y. The carousels are operated by T. J. Murphy; caterpillar, Traver Engineering Co.; 1,000 Troubles, Chas.

ANNA NELSON INJURED

Canton, O., June 15.—Prune Nelson, well-known high-wire performer, has been released from his contract with the W. F. Murphy Shows and will play independent engagements this summer. He is still awaiting the recovery of his wife, who fell from a trapeze here recently, causing fractures to an arm and leg. Mrs. Anna Nelson is recuperating in a local hospital. Prune Nelson is offering his services this week at Monroe Lake Park as a free attraction. He plans to play several nearby parks. Mrs. Nelson will be confined to bed for several weeks more.

CEDAR POINT-ON-LAKE ERIE INAUGURATES SUMMER SEASON

1000 ft. O., June 15.—The summer season at Cedar Point-on-Lake Erie was inaugurated yesterday. There were no excursion trains, but boats from Cleveland and Detroit and trolleys entering Sandusky brought more than 10,000 passengers. Additional thousands came in automobiles.

George A. Becking, general manager of the great summer resort, entered his twenty-sixth consecutive season in this capacity. Railway and steamship line officials remembered him with flowers and congratulatory messages.

NEW OHIO RESORT

To Have Park Features and Hotels—Will Open Next Season

Bellfontaine, O., June 14.—Plans for development of an immense amusement park at Indian Lake between here and Lakewood announced this week. The park will be the largest in the country. It will be built on land owned by S. L. Wilson and his son, Frank Wilson.

Construction work on the new park is to begin as early as Friday, will be supervised by Sam Thompson I and II, brothers.

Plans for opening of the park in the first season. One of the features will be a large pavilion. A modern hotel is to be opened in the park in the fall. A large bandstand will be erected in the park and will be used for the band and orchestra.

A new amusement park has been planned in the city for picnics and short-distance performances. Indian Lake is about six miles from the city and has thousands of visitors from the city and other States. Up to the present amusements have been dancing, tennis and dancing have been extremely limited.

"MISS ROCKAWAY"



The "Summer Girl of the Rockaways" at Thompson Park, Rockaway Beach, Long Island.

PLAN \$225,000 IMPROVEMENT FOR PARK IN INDIANAPOLIS

Work on New Buildings at Riverside Will Begin After Labor Day

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—Plans for spending more than \$225,000 for new buildings and amusement devices and for beautification of grounds, following the close of the present season, were announced today by E. W. Colter for the Riverside Amusement Company, which operates the amusement park adjoining Riverside Park.

Buildings and devices are to be moved back of a line 100 feet north of Thirtieth street, Colter said, and the 100-foot strip, extending the width of the company's site, is to be beautified with trees, flowers and shrubbery.

The company will raise its skating rink in Thirtieth street and build a new one at a cost of \$50,000, rebuild the thriller and erect a new coaster which will be a mile long and cost between \$80,000 and \$70,000, and also a new refreshment and cafeteria building costing \$20,000, a "f-n" house costing \$10,000 and an open-air theater costing \$15,000.

The sum of \$5,000 will be spent in planting 500 trees and a similar sum for constructing an ornamental iron fence around the park. Work on the firs will start next week.

Work on the buildings and amusement devices is to start after Labor Day. Colter said, Lewis A. Tolman is president of the company, which recently established a zoological garden on its site in cooperation with the city. Tolman is to big business.

CIRINA-SPRINGER ORCHESTRAS SCORING HIT AT CONEY ISLAND

New York, June 15.—Michael Cirina's Broadway Melody Boys are making a big hit at Staudt's Pavilion, Coney Island. The members are: Michael Cirina, leader; Herbert Strauss, piano; Frank Marco, drums; Al Stammhoff, saxophone; Frank Sheet, cornet; Leo Lacaro, banjo and Joe Marocco, trombone.

Sidney Springer, whose Famous Serenaders play the concerts between dances, is surrounded by the following splendid musicians: Milton Mayer, piano; Ike Wessel, bass; Vincent Farina, sax. and clarinet; Charles Amodeo, saxophone; Sam Brenner, cornet; Joe Poluso, cornet; Jim Cuchara, trombone, and Sam Getzler, drums.

FREE ACTS IN EAST

New York, June 15.—The Worth-Blumenfeld Fair Booking Association announced the following acts booked thru their office this week:

Sea Breeze Park, Rochester, N.Y.: The Eratos, European novelty act; and Parish and Puru, versatile boys; Washington Park, Bayonne, N.J.: Dare-Devil Doherty, fire dive; Mid-City Park, Albany, N.Y.: The Aerial Hawks; Cardinals Park, Baltimore, Md.: Dare-Devil Oliver; Sylvan Dell Park, Williamsport, Pa.: Mulford's Band; Capitol Park, Hartford, Conn., Delmar's Lions.

Last week the Flying Indians, an act which recently closed on the Walter L. Main Circus, and Jessie Blair Sterling with her seven Scotch Lassies, played Sea Breeze Park, Rochester, N.Y., to big business.

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE EVIDENT AT CONEY ISLAND, CINCINNATI

Present Owner Lays Foundation for Big Improvement—Good Results So Far Despite Handicap

Coney Island, Cincinnati, may yet prove to have been doing a good business during May 27, Coney Island's last day in the winter and the second day of its summer session. The new name of the park is of Queen and Major Star. The summer East St. Louis road to the lake, now Orleans Navigation Company, had been all the rage, and the 10,000 passengers it has seen to date for the 12 days of the summer, and the big Decoration Day weekend. But, to date, the new name June 21, when a grand opening was to be held, has not been a success. The new name is not yet in use, and the old name is still in use.

Construction work on the new park is to be completed as early as Friday, will be supervised by Sam Thompson I and II, brothers. A new feature will be a large pavilion, the part of the park to be opened in the fall. A modern hotel is to be opened in the fall. A new bandstand will be erected in the park and will be used for the band and orchestra.

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**DREAMLAND'S ADDED FEATURES
BOOST EARLY SEASON BUSINESS**

Newark, N. J., June 15.—Dreamland Park, New Jersey's newest up-to-date amusement resort, inaugurated its second season May 26 to an enormous crowd.

The park underwent many improvements and the general appearance has been changed considerably. Many of the latest rides have been installed, including a roller coaster, called The Pippin. It is drawing the crowds and looks like a real winner.

The big free circus is the talk for miles around. O. Devany, general manager of the park, has arranged a twenty-act bill for each week. Some of the acts booked are: The Great Calvert, Marvelous Melville, Pant De Valy and His Riding and Dancing Horses, Martin and Gennett, and Dan O'Brien and his company of Hippodrome clowns. Major Criqui, the famous Illiputian, is also at the park. He made his headquarters at Coney Island, New York, for a number of years. Free concerts, given twice daily, are proving popular.

Dreamland's new dance auditorium, the largest in the State, is attracting great crowds. It is managed by Bill Harkins, who has been associated with Stanch's, Coney Island; Starlight Park, New York, and other large dance halls. Joe Basile's Dreamland Novelty Orchestra is furnishing the music. Basile's Concert Band is the concert attraction. In the large picnic grove hundreds of trees have been transplanted.

The feature this season will be the mammoth Dreamland swimming pool. It is in course of construction and will be ready about July 15. It will be surrounded by a boardwalk, where rolling chairs will lend an Atlantic City atmosphere.

American Legion posts for a radius of 100 miles will have their picnic here June 27. Up to this time approximately 15,000 tickets have been sold for Legion Day and more have been ordered.

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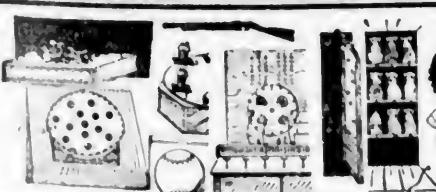
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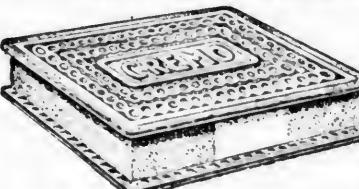
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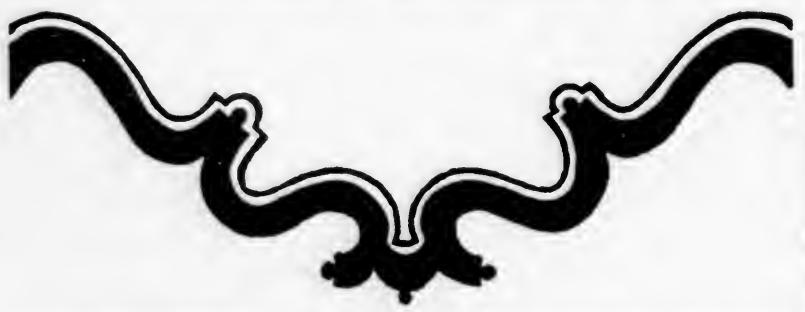


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The register of the Oceanic, the largest hotel at Wrightsville, shows that people are coming from all parts of Dixie this year. The bathing beach is more popular than ever and Lumina, the pleasure palace of the beach, is attracting young and old. Garber-Davis music making a great hit with the dance fans.

The concession space at Wrightsville is bigger than in former years and new features are being added constantly.

In the fall the management will stage an elaborate sea fete, which is expected to draw additional thousands of people. A society circus and various specialty shows by local civic clubs will be among the attractions for that week.

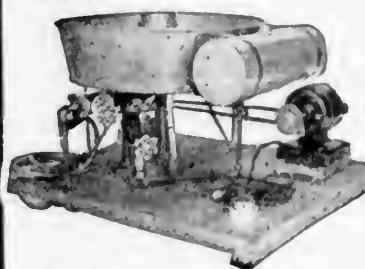
NEW PARK ENTERPRISE

Parkersburg, W. Va., June 16.—Secretary of State Young has issued a charter to the Terrapin Park Amusement Company. The company is incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The incorporators are J. H. Watson of Richwood, and William Cain, Wennie Haines, McKinley Haines, Edward Cain and Laura Watson, of Parkersburg.

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CONEY ISLAND CHATTER (Coney Island, New York)

Joe Clark, of the Evans & Gordon Show on Surf avenue, is handing out plenty of pens.

Myrtle Corbin is busy entertaining her daughters and grandchildren at the World Circus Side-Show.

Andy Mack, "Coney Island's Carson", is making Evans & Gordon talkers go some. Andy has the front of the Wonderland Side Show.

"Cy" Godwin and Jack Douglas have switched from Tanagra to the Dodgem on the Boardwalk.

Willie Thella, last season with the "London Gaiety Girls", is summering at the Island and meeting many friends.

Diamond Ed Ackerson, formerly of Luna Park, is now touring for a health lecture bureau.

Sam Richmond is a new arrival at the "Shuffle Inn" and doing fine.

Jolly Ethel of the Seaside Side-Show can be seen enjoying her daily dip each morning. Ethel is a proficient swimmer.

"Tex" Cooper is pitching soap at Ringo's and adding to his big bankroll.

Queen Pearl, midget "vampire" at Wagner & Newman's, is a Coney favorite and one of the late Frederick Thompson's finds.

Johnny Hughes gives credit to "Doc" Miller for placing him in his first position on the Island.

Rike's soft-drink stand on the Boardwalk is becoming a favorite stopping place for the bunch. Fine servers and service.

"Baby" Doll was a recent visitor to Pete Robinson at Ringo's.

A popular ticket seller is "Whitey" of the Wonderland Side-Show.

Ben Williams, of carnival fame, was an Island caller last week.

Johnny McDonald is putting in his thirteenth season at Cox's Baths.

"Doc" Miller says publicity costs money, but it pays in the end.

"Pop" Stevens, general manager for Jimmie Ringo, is on the jump these days.

"Blacky" Daly continues to pack 'em in Evans & Gordon's Southern Minstrel Show. In spare moments "Blacky" takes friends over to see Ed's radio bug.

Business on the World At Home Shows is reported to be very good.

The "hot-dog" stand at Feltman's reminds of a bargain counter in a department store. Folks shove each other to get at the capricious "canines".

"Doc" Harris has something up his sleeve. He promises big results when the new idea is unleashed.

Irving Potack picked a good man in Frank Haggerty as manager of the attractions left at the Island.

Van Wert is on the alert in the interest of Bill Evans and keeping the feed room filled.

"Brainless" Joe Dohish, of Chicago, motor-drome rider with the World At Home Shows, and Irene Dare, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., do some real thrillers on the straight wall. The pleasure is all theirs.

Rosen's Wonderland Side-Show on the Bowery continues to pack them in, regardless.

"Windy" Hughes is custodian of the exit gate for the Southern Minstrels.

More than 300 children from orphan asylums in Brooklyn were taken on their annual outing at Coney Island June 6 in autos and sightseeing cars donated by members of the Long Island Automobile Club. The kiddies were guests of all owners of amusement places.

PALISADES PARK PARAGRAPHS (Palisades, N. J.)

Jack Abrams and Bill Cook are making a success of their printing booth venture.

J. J. Canfield's fishpond is to be completely submerged when K. C. B. trots the orphans to the park for their big day.

The Patterson Rotary Club will hold its annual orphans' day early in July.

When it comes to entertaining Perry Charles, publicity director, wins the bananas. He knows how, and does.

Mrs. Noffka will give a dinner in the main casino July 21 to the National Editorial Association.

Henry Hoebel, assistant to Nicholas Schenck, was the busiest man on the grounds during the "Follies" Field Day.

Mrs. Kenny, Jack Abrams and Al Hewitt are champion fisherfolks of the park, it is claimed.

Ed McAndrews, of the ham and haeon store, and Adolphus Schwartz, "waffle king", are having their ding at Why Why Chin, but wait—Chin is a clever Chinaman.

Heyne Nearestette suffered a bruised finger last week while weighing "Shorty"—guessing within three pounds is bum business, says Heyne.

Mrs. Geroff's clam chowder stand needs enlarging to accommodate the army of relishers of her famous dish.

Tom Evans, manager of Evans & Gordon's Freak Animal Show, was a royal entertainer "Follies" Day.

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WILL FEATURE MUSIC

Spokane Interstate Fair Will Have 100-Piece All-Sax. Band —Hannam To Manage Fair

Spokane, Wash., June 15.—Wilfrid G. Hannam has been re-appointed manager of the Spokane Interstate Fair and Live Stock Show of 1923. Mr. Hannam managed the fair in 1917 and 1922, and in 1921 was superintendent of the live stock department. Offices of the fair association here were opened in the Terminal Building.

"An advance seat sale the end of this month has been suggested and will probably be carried out in order to finance the operating expenses until the fair opens on September 3," said Mr. Hannam.

Russell Badly, director of the saxophone band, a big feature for the 1923 fair, reports that fifty local saxophonists, including eight girls, are rehearsing once a week for the fair engagement. Unexpected harmony and effects have developed and with 65 players now signed up we expect to have a full 100-piece all-saxophone band before the fair opens.

The association is now concerned over the possibilities of building up the midway. The Leavitt-Linggins-Brown Shows will furnish the tent attractions but we are faced with the task of supplying something to replace the wheel and rack concessions which are barred from appearing in Spokane.

The experiment of holding a "Mutt Dog Show" one day of the fair, for every boy and girl to bring his or her pet canine, regardless of breed or pedigree, was so successful in 1922 that it will be staged on a large scale next fall. No pedigree dogs are allowed and the juvenile owner of each "mutt" is admitted free. Judging will again be before the grand stand on Labor Day."

Members of the Morgan County Live Stock Breeders' Association, Martinsville, Ind., have started a movement for a county fair association and have appointed representatives in each township to sell stock.

JOSEPH H. ANDREWS



Mr. Andrews is a veteran fair man, having been superintendent of grounds of the Minicola (N. Y.) Fair for thirty years, and superintendent of privileges for fifteen years. Mr. Andrews takes a keen interest in every branch of his work, and has done much to build up the big automobile show which is now one of the leading features of the fair.

MEMORIAL FOR FAIR MAN

Mexico, Mo., June 15.—The Chamber of Commerce of Mexico has announced that it will back the movement that has been started in Mexico to raise a fund for the erection of a fitting memorial for J. A. Glandon, who had been prominent in fair circles of Missouri for a number of years. Glandon was one of the men who formed the Audrain County Fair Association and helped make it a big success, and also was an officer of the Missouri State Fair Association for a number of years. In addition to that he was a prominent figure in the business and manufacturing life of Mexico.

PAGEANT AT WATERLOO FAIR

Auburn, N. Y., June 11.—An outdoor pageant in seven episodes, in which several hundred people will have part, will be presented on the last three evenings of the Seneca County Fair, August 23, 24 and 25, at Waterloo, a few miles west of Auburn.

COMANCHE TO HAVE FAIR

A permanent organization of the Comanche County Fair Association was perfected at Comanche, Tex., recently, and decision to hold a Comanche County Fair in the fall was reached. The following officers of the fair association were elected: George Montgomery, president; J. F. Smoot, vice-president, and C. E. Foster, secretary.

The fair will be a live stock and agricultural fair, with amusements included.

MAY DISCONTINUE FAIR

Wyoming, Ill., June 15. The Stark County Fair, which is held annually in this city, faces such financial difficulties that there is some talk of canceling the whole event. A committee is busy now to secure fifty pledges to underwrite the 1923 finances. The whole trouble, fair officials say, has been the indifference of the county and community to the importance and value of the event.

NIGHT SHOW NEW FEATURE OF FLEMINGTON (N. J.) FAIR

Big Pageant Spectacle Will Be Staged —Splendid Racing Program Assured

The Flemington (New Jersey) Fair will hold a night exhibition this year as a new feature. The John H. Rogers Producing Company of Postorino, O., will stage a mammoth pageant spectacle and historical panorama of Hunterdon County. Hundreds of its citizens will take part. This feature will be of particular interest as the county history is somewhat different from any other county in the State. The dates of the fair are August 21 to 25, inclusive. The pageant will be staged for the first four nights. Other drawing features will be held for the Saturday night exhibition. Great preparations are now under way and a voting contest for the most beautiful girl in the county, to be known as Miss Hunterdon County, is now being waged and will keep up interest from now until her selection is made. This will absolutely be the biggest project of its kind ever attempted here, fair officials state.

The day fair will be much bigger than ever before. Ten thousand dollars for harness and running races. The harness races are all stake events for \$1,000 purses each. There are 150 entries for the nine races. Three of these stakes will be raced each day. Several thousand dollars for motorcycle and automobile races will help draw the people from all over the State.

The reputation the Flemington Fair has made for the last ten years in conducting among the strongest racing features in the East is well known. The fair has the distinction of having New Jersey's fastest track. The track holds the State record for trotters, 2:08 1/2, and for pacers, 2:05, which indicates to the horse owners that the track is absolutely safe and kept in the best possible condition, and bringing the best horses together because the association offers up a valuable prize to the horse, either trotter or pacer, that reduces the record of the track.

The motorcycle and automobile racing will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25. The track also holds the State automobile racing record for half-mile dirt tracks of 31 2/5.

The cattle show is a strong feature, as are the poultry, agricultural and mechanical exhibits. The plans for the midway have not been entirely completed at this time, but many new and novel features will be introduced this year.

"We have always contended that a low price admission fee to the grounds has made our fair a success," says Edward B. Allen, president of the fair. "If the attendance is large the concessionaires are sure to receive a benefit. The management always aims to give high-class and clean entertainment. This is a well-known fact and our patrons continue to attend year after year. The fair grounds are owned by four business men of Flemington who are all active in the fair management and are able to do many things for their patrons that can not be accomplished where large and unwieldy boards of directors have to be consulted. We have found The Billboard the very best feature for reaching the people who are interested in fairs."

ALLEGATIONS DENIED IN GALESBURG FAIR CASE

Galesburg, Ill., June 14.—Demurrer has been filed in the Circuit Court to the bill for injunction restraining officers of the District Fair Association from disposing of the property of the association and demanding an accounting, denying at length all the allegations set up in the bill. It specifically denies the charge that the deed to the fair grounds granted by Henry Murphy, as trustee for the Galesburg Improvement Company, in February 1920, to F. P. Robson, J. H. Baird, David McMasters, L. W. Robertson and Robert Chappell, was a fraud on the stockholders of the association. The deed to the men, the demurrer alleges, was with a provision that the site would be subjected to the terms of the lease held by the fair association and it charges that the fair even defrauded in payment of its \$1,300 annual rental.

Answering the charge for accounting, financers are gone into in detail and the summary indicates that instead of being indebted to the association the trustees are creditors (as much as they had met yearly deficits as individuals and had taken up notes held against the association).

GOOD YEAR IN PROSPECT FOR ILLINOIS FAIRS

Joliet, Ill., June 13.—Will County residents will have two opportunities to view their county products this fall, the Monroe exposition dates having been set for September 26-28 and the Peotone fair September 11-14. The county fair season in this State begins July 24 with the Saline fair in Harrisburg, and by the first of August the season will be in full swing throughout the State.

This promises to be an excellent fair season and exhibitors are planning great entries. Attractions will likewise reflect the renewed public interest in these outdoor amusements and secretaries, it is reported, are demanding higher-priced acts with consequent unusual call for first-class attractions.

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED

Decatur, Ill., June 15.—Thirty guarantors, who have provided an immediate working fund of \$2,500, attended a meeting last week at which the formal organization was completed and plans made to incorporate the Marion County Fair Association at once. William Folk was elected president and the other officers are: D. T. Rose, vice-president; H. P. Ash, secretary; E. C. Wilson, treasurer.

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

RACE MEET FOR MARSHALL, MO.

Marshall, Mo., June 11.—Definite decision has been reached to hold a race meet in Marshall August 7, 8, 9 and 10, and horse owners of Fayette, Marshall, Higginsville and Sedalia will take part in the event. Permanent officers have been elected as follows, and they will be in charge of all the details leading up to the event: President, Henry Lewenstein; vice-president, Thomas Humans; secretary, F. W. Brown; treasurer, J. W. Swisher. A number of interesting entertainment events and contests will be held in addition to the racing program. About 50 of the business men of Marshall have signed a guarantee to share the losses if any occur.

NEWTON LANDS CONTRACT

Chicago, June 14.—George Newton, of the Newton Fireworks Co., announces that he has closed a contract with the Thomas P. Littlejohn Carnival Co. for a large fireworks display on the 4th of July at Troy, Ala. The entire surrounding country is being billed and this will be made a gay occasion.

Following this celebration Mr. Newton has a contract with Mr. Littlejohn for twelve weeks of fireworks in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Mr. Newton has also closed a contract to furnish displays during the week of July 9 at Atlanta for the Atlanta Lodge of Elks during the Grand Lodge reunion.

"HOME BEAUTIFUL"

Will Be Exemplified in Exposition
Now Being Held at Million-
Dollar Pier, Atlantic City

Art in home and personal adornment received a great impetus thru the work Ross Crane did at various State and district fairs thru the Middle West in 1920-21. Crane went with his predecessors one better by giving actual public demonstrations in home furnishing instead of mere plans and designs for home betterment, and with his five-day courses drew packed houses everywhere.

Since Crane's demonstrations there has been a marked and widespread increase of interest in home beautification, and this will be shown in a practical manner in the American Home and City Beautiful Exposition which opened on the Million-Dollar Pier, Atlantic City, N.J., June 16, to continue to and including September 8.

The management of the exposition announces that the twelve weeks' exhibition will have attractions of unusual interest to the great crowds visiting the resort.

The "Home Beautiful" or the "Home Complete" will be a center of attraction. Not only will everything pertaining to the construction and equipment of a model home be exhibited, but America's finest works of art and most skilled handicraft, entering into the refinement and beautification of the interior of the home, will be displayed.

One of the important departments of the exposition, the Art Exhibition, was formally opened on Wednesday, June 6, ten days prior to the opening of the other features of the exposition.

During the week of June 18 there will be special exhibits shown to the delegates of the annual convention of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers and during the week of June 25 the National Association of Master Plumbers will be guests of the exposition management.

FAIR APPROPRIATION PASSES

Springfield, Ill., June 12.—Attempts in the State Senate to cut the \$450,000 State fair buildings item from the omnibus appropriation bill failed by one vote, the Senate deciding 25 to 24 to table the suggestion of Senator Harry G. Wright, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, to eliminate the State fair item from the budget. The vote came after a two-hour fight led by Senator Earl B. Searey, Springfield.

Senator Wright argued that there was no need for such buildings at this time and that the program of economy adopted in the Senate would not permit such appropriation. Senator Searey declared that there is an emergency, for some of the buildings dependent upon the appropriation were destroyed by fire and that there was a virtual pledge to the people of Sangamon County to provide these buildings in return for the title to the simple delivered by the county a few months ago.

TENTATIVE DATES ANNOUNCED FOR COLUMBIA (MO.) FAIR

Columbia, Mo., June 14.—The promoters of the new county fair in Boone County, which is to be held in Columbia, have announced that the tentative dates are August 7, 8, 9 and 10, and these dates will be held unless it is found that they will conflict with some other event already booked in this section of the State. These dates come a week prior to the Fayette fair and two weeks before the Missouri State Fair, and by dating up so close to those other two fairs the local promoters expect to bring good horse entries, shows and other events here as a preliminary for the State fair. Not less than \$4,000 in prizes will be offered, the officers of the association have announced. Mules, horses, stock and fancy animals of all kinds will be exhibited. The fair will be held at the old fair grounds, but it will not be possible to erect an amphitheater for this season, so tents and bleacher seats will be used. The amphitheater will be erected if this year's fair proves that this annual fall event can be successfully revived.

ALLIGER GETS GOOD CONTRACTS FOR PAIN

Chicago, June 13.—A. D. Alliger, Chicago manager of Pain's Fireworks, told The Billboard today that business so far is \$50,000 ahead of what it was last year and that his company is this week firing the display for Reader Noble Post, Seattle, and for the Rose Carnival, Portland, Ore. Mr. Alliger said he as the contract for the July 4 celebration in Portage Park, Chicago; the contract for the celebration the same date in Tulsa, Okla., and numerous smaller contracts in this section. He said he also has the contracts for the fireworks displays at the Tri-State Fair, Burlington, Ia.; the State Fair, Lincoln, Neb.; the Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, and the Utah State Fair, Salt Lake City. Mr. Alliger said this is the best season in years with his firm.

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"Music hath charms," etc. It's wonderful what a peppy band can do to enthuse and enliven the crowds.

September's a long way off, but a well-known fair man who recently has been thru the Middle West says Don Moore is already whooping things up for the Interstate Fair at Sioux City, Ia.

Uncle Hiram and Aunt Lucinda (Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis) were well pleased with the cordial reception accorded them at the big M. P. convention in Chicago. They'll soon be making fair dates again and saying howdy to their host of friends.

Art Briese, who has had charge of many of the big fireworks displays of the Thearle-Dutfield Fireworks Company at many of the larger fairs, is this season acting as publicity director for the company.

Free Attractions—Drop a line as to your bookings, with dates and places. Quite often inquiries are received for this or that act, and it is to your benefit to keep us advised of your route for several weeks ahead.

Gilmer County Fair Association, Glenville, W. Va., has been incorporated for \$25,000 by Peter Lehan, E. Whiting, Harvey A. Hall and others.

The dates of the Sussex County Fair, Branchville, N. J., as published in an earlier issue, were incorrect, we are advised by Boyd S. Ely, secretary of the fair. The correct dates are September 19-22, inclusive.

Among the entertainment features engaged for the St. Francis County Free Fair, Forrest City, Ark., are the Boy Scout drum and bugle corps, an 18-piece band, and a number of first-class free acts.

The home-coming feature of the Norwalk, O., fair is being stressed this year. It is being backed by the Kiwanis Club of Norwalk and 5,000 invitations to attend have been sent to former residents of the county.

Not as many fairs as formerly are giving "sheet writers" a sort of "roving

commission" which permits them to work anywhere on the grounds. Too many of 'em worked the "just to pay the postage" racket. It's the rule at most fairs of the better class to confine subscription soliciting to booths in charge of duly accredited representatives of reputable publications.

Manager Harry C. Robert, of the Chattanooga Valley Fair, Columbus, has been stimulating interest in the event by conducting a contest in which a prize is offered for the best suggestion for a name for the midway.

A number of improvements are planned for the grounds of the Gibson County Fair Association, Trenton, Tenn., among them being a new grand stand and the arranging of a standard race track.

Colonel J. Barbour Russell, manager of the Kentucky Cardinal Band, was in Cincinnati recently and made arrangements for the appearance of his band at the Grand Opera House week of June 24. Needless to say he'll pack 'em in.

Is your fair properly listed in the monthly list? Are the dates correct? Is the secretary's name correctly given? If not, please notify us at once. For your benefit, and our own, we want to keep the list correct. You can help by calling our attention to errors.

With one motor car to every four persons in Iowa there is going to be an immense number of campers at the Iowa State Fair. Camping at the fair is becoming annually more popular, and it keeps Secretary Art Grey busy figuring on how to accommodate all of them.

"Roddie" Wilkerson is the live-wire secretary of the fair at Mt. Sterling, Ky., and he's busy doing out a program that is expected to attract record crowds. There will be five days and six nights of the fair, with something doing every minute.

Fort Dodge, Ia., will have a gala day July 4, with races, attractions, fireworks and various amusements for which an outlay of \$10,000 will be made. The celebration will take place at the Hawkeye fair grounds, and the race meet is advertised as the only meet to be held in Iowa on July 4.

"Why not a chautauqua on the fair grounds?" asks a correspondent. No reason why it shouldn't work out satisfactorily if the dates are not too close to fair time. Idle fair grounds constitute one of the big unnecessary wastes we are guilty of here in America.

Secretary Richard Griffin is conducting an active campaign among the farm clubs of his

section to arouse greater interest in the Hibbing, Minn., fair, and is meeting with gratifying success. He expects, with the operation of these clubs, to break all attendance records.

The fair grounds of the Olympic Peninsula Fair Association, Port Townsend, Wash., have been purchased by the county, and J. J. Bishop, county auditor, writes that owing to nonpayment of taxes by the big timber companies it is very doubtful whether Jefferson County finances will warrant holding a fair in 1923.

Maybe the reason some fairs don't make any progress is because their secretaries do not dream enough. Never a big exposition but was the product of dreams—and the faith to see them thru to complete realization.

The name of the Bell County Fair, Temple, Tex., has been changed to Central Texas Agriculture Fair. W. A. Spencer, secretary, writes that it is the intention of the association to cover more territory and to have a better fair in general. "General conditions are good," says Mr. Spencer, "and we are looking forward to the best county fair in the history of our organization."

A new secretary has been named for the Henry County Fair, Paris, Tenn. He is Dan E. Beasley, secretary of the County Council of Agriculture, and succeeds John Richardson, who resigned. Mr. Beasley is already actively engaged in arranging for the 1923 fair, which will be held October 10-13. The association has been placed in the Class A fairs of the State and will receive thru the Department of Agriculture \$50. C. F. Williams is president of the fair association. Mr. Richardson, who retires as secretary, had served for four years.

Some secretaries who would hold up their hands in holy horror if it was suggested that a merchandise wheel be allowed to work will let a fellow rob women and children with a gaff joint that gives 'em absolutely no chance.

President Gerler, Senator Frank D. Fuller and other officers of the Tri-State Fair, Memphis, Tenn., are making every effort to break all previous records for both attendance and exhibits. Every department of the fair is to be enlarged. Special prizes are to be offered for exhibits in the Women's Building and all of the biggest merchants in Memphis are making plans to introduce the latest in wearing apparel and other things in which women are particularly interested.

Prospects for a county fair at Taylorville, Ill., are brighter than they have been for several months. It was estimated that \$30,000 (Continued on page 87)

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STAGE IS SET FOR The Summer Special Billboard

The big news in the Summer Special Number of The Billboard is that it will have a double advertising service—a connecting link between the outdoor and indoor shows. The news and advertisements of Parks, Fairs, Pier, Carnivals, Shows, etc., will be the bulk of the Mid-Summer Special.

The 22nd of June offers an opportunity to place a message that ought to pull business where stores in Gardner, St. Louis, and elsewhere. In addition, the Agricultural Fairs will begin to announce their dates and hours. The indoor business shows a disposition to come in this number for early announcements of fall entertainments and other attractions and so on.

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SESQUI-CENTENNIAL BILL DEFEATED BY SINGLE VOTE

State Will Not Make \$5,000,000 Appropriation Asked—Charge That Exposition Is for Private Profit Refuted

Hartford, Conn., June 14.—The Daily will appropriate \$1,000,000 to the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial was defeated Monday by a vote of 100 to 99 in the Senate after being introduced by Senator S. W. Rice of Philadelphia and Senator Frank J. Blunt. The latter said he represented the views of the Philadelphia fair, which had already been rejected by the Senate, that the exposition was to be a national, international, and educational, and he wanted to prevent adoption of a measure which, in his opinion, would be a financial drain on the taxpayers. Senator Rice of Chester contended that as the state had adopted a resolution in 1914 favoring the exposition and had given encouragement to its promoters, it would be unfair to make the appropriations required for its expense now, "unless we want to do it."

Proponents of the bill, which included members of the executive committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Fair, said it was a sufficient guarantee that the exposition would be held in the state that the money was to be used only by a committee of the state to help in the expenses of the exposition.

In a speech before the Senate on the April 26, Senator Rice said: "It is true that the money in the state treasury is not available for the purpose, but the state has the right to appropriate it to the exposition."

The legislation was introduced by Mr. Tracy, who said: "The money in the state treasury is not available for the purpose, but the state has the right to appropriate it to the exposition."

"There are three cardinal principles of the exposition. To make the Philadelphia fair the greatest of fairs; to make the Philadelphia fair the greatest of carnivals; and to make the exposition the greatest of all the fairs of the United States." He said: "The exposition must be a great, and it would be without the right to make much of it."

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His speech was signed by Mr. J. F. Masten, head of the Stanley Company of Amer-

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DISTINGUISHED FAIR MEN VISIT NEW YORK

New York, June 18.—The following distinguished representatives of fairs were seen in this city last week as guests of the World's Promoted Fair Association:

Roy Stanton, Dallas Tex.; D. C. Ross, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Can.; Fred P. Park, manager of the New York State Fair, site of the Batavia, N. Y., Fair; James Paul, manager, and the M. Donnell boys, from Ottawa, Canada.

PLANS BIGGER FAIR

Albion, N. Y., June 18.—Ontario County Agricultural Society is starting plans for a bigger fair than ever this fall, with a clean balance of \$1000 in the treasury, it is announced by Treasurer Jason B. Gates.

Great fireworks, a large bear and a trained goat are among the novelties already planned for the 1923 fair.

GIBBS FAIR

Binghamton, N. Y., June 18.—The Gibbs fair this year promises to be the biggest affair that has been held in this section of the state for several years. A grand organization has been formed and the following officers have been elected: President, G. H. Fletcher, vice-president, Mrs. C. H. McElroy; treasurer, R. B. Martin, secretary, D. C. Gibbs.

EVERYTHING LOOKS LOVELY
For Evansville Fair—Record Crowds
Anticipated

Evansville, Ind., June 16.—Prospects for the big Interstate Fair, which is to be held near here at Dade Park Race Track, July 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, are very bright, both for number of exhibits and large attendance. The mark that Secretary Jacob Zimbro has set for attendance during the week of the fair, which is to operate both day and night, is 75,000. There being no counter attractions in Evansville or nearby territory record-breaking crowds should turn out. Five running races each day with mutual betting will be held. There will be a big live stock show. Five free acts including the Buttons, horse show and fireworks are to be featured. All railroads and interurban lines have announced special excursion rates for the entire week. Zimbro expects the fair association and concession people to be in the clear by the second day, which is July 4. Free gate will prevail at night, with grandstand charges. Three thousand sheets of pictorial lithographs have been put out by various publishers in Evansville, Henderson, Princeton, Boonville, Carmi, McLeansboro, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Untontown and in fact all country routes within a radius of 100 miles. Twenty seven contracts have been made with country newspapers to give the fair proper publicity. Popular price admission to the day fair has been adopted, with two free children's days.

ROCKPORT FAIR

The Rockport, Ind., Fair Association has held fairs for thirty-six consecutive years. The present directors have either held stock or been directors for the full time with one exception. T. C. Basye is president, Henry Hoch vice-president, C. M. Partridge secretary, Chas. Lieb general superintendent, T. E. Snyder chairman, C. D. Underhill treasurer, and they with Jas. A. Haines, Sr., are directors. During all these years the fair company has never failed to pay all purses and obligations in full. The amphitheater, stalls, pens, etc., are in excellent condition and are ample for all who come. T. E. Snyder, the present chairman, has been treasurer for the full thirty-six years (until this year) and has successfully carried the fair over several stormy financial pending crises. The grounds are situated on Main street and partly within the city limits. About one-third of the park is covered with natural forest trees, which, together with the other large shade trees, make it a beauty spot. It is an ideal place for fairs, celebrations, ball games, homecomings, picnics, stock shows, farmers' institutes, political gatherings, etc. The city water works have many hydrants up on the grounds, besides the two deep wells, which give the throngs of people plenty of clear, cool water, which, with the ample shade and shelter, make the grounds an ideal place to hold the county fair. The half-mile racetrack is in prime condition. It has no obstructions in the center field, which gives a clear view of the track. It is pronounced by horsemen who have been on the grounds one of the best half-mile tracks they have seen. Wm. Barnett, a well-known local trainer, has quite a line of horses in training on the grounds.

Edward Young's stables have five horses in training on the grounds. The Rockport fair grounds are now an active and lively place and every morning good racing can be seen. The fair company is featuring the races, free attractions, excellent music, a full midway with riding devices, shows, etc.; farm, dairy and housewives' products, art work and general homecoming for Spencer and adjoining counties. The prospects for a good and successful fair were never better.

M. A. CONNOLLY
A Tribute

McClellan Andrew Connolly, of Davenport, Iowa, was born at Colo, Story County, Iowa, October 16, 1890, and died in the Muehlebach Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, June 3, 1923. The interment took place at Colo from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, June 9, 1923. The altar of the church were banked on all sides with gorgeous floral tributes of his friends from all parts of the country.

Mr. Connolly was reared on the homestead of his father, John Connolly, Sr., who died in 1907. In his boyhood days he attended rural school, and at the age of sixteen entered Iowa State College at Ames, later attending Iowa University at Iowa City, and completed his A. B. course at Notre Dame University at South Bend. After finishing his college course he played professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates for two years and then went to the Des Moines club in the Tri-State League. His life as a showman started immediately thereafter, his first venture being the assistant manager of the Capitol City Theater, and the old Grand Opera House (now the Berthell Theater) at Des Moines, Ia., which his brother, Joe S. Connolly was managing. This was in the early '90s. Following this he, with his brother Joe, toured the United States with the "Head-on Collision" feature, showing in New York City and at practically all of the larger

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State fairs in the Union. Among the prominent features he was connected with at different times were: Thomas World Fair Orchestra, Bob Ingersoll, Doctor Nanian, Padrewski and Rev. DeWitt Talmage. He was contracting agent for several years with some of the larger circuses, and for about fifteen years before his death was associated with the Theatrical Fireworks Company of Chicago. "Big-Hearted Mac," as he was affectionately and familiarly known by hosts of friends, will be greatly missed in the show business. His peculiar style of comedy was especially fascinating, and his loyalty to his friends was his chief asset. It has been well said that "Mac" was never known to betray the confidence of a friend. Ever mindful of the welfare of his friends, and his love for the old home, he religiously practiced the doctrines as set out in the Golden Rule and taught to him at the knee of his mother. With the passing of "Mac" Connolly across the great divide one of God's noblemen has been removed from the struggling masses and will ever be a great loss to humanity generally.

FAIR FACTS AND FANCIES

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would be required to start the association and half this amount is already raised. Campaigns will be conducted in other townships of the county and the committee is confident of the success of the undertaking. An effort will be made to start off with a show this fall.

If you can't distinguish the crooked concessions, better get wised up!

"What's the good word?" we inquired of a horseman from Davenport, Ia., the other day. "Well," he replied, "it looks like this is going to be the banner year for racing in our section (the Middle West), and especially at Davenport. 'Pat' Bacon has arranged a splendid program for the Mississippi Valley Fair and has a list of entries that is the biggest in the fair's history—and the best. Visitors to this year's fair are going to see some of the classiest sulky racing they have ever seen."

NEW FAIR DATES

(Claimed Last Week)

The following dates will be incorporated in the next List Number, dated June 30

COLORADO

Hugo—Lincoln Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 20-22. G. Glendive—Eastern Montana Fair. Sept. 12-14. Jos. J. Ermatinger.

Saguache—Saguache Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 13-15. Wm. Fellers.

Trinidad—Las Animas Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 18-21. Chas. Bailey.

ILLINOIS

Griggsville—Pike Co. Fair & Racing Assn. July 24-26. C. D. Jones.

MINNESOTA

Breckenridge—Wilkin Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-22. L. S. Stallings.

Painbody—Yellow Medicine Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 23-25. U. E. Milard.

Carver—Carver Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 27-29. Geo. K. Dole.

Clinton Big Stone Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 19-22. A. M. Trichol.

Elk River—Sheehan Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 26-29. T. H. Daly.

Farmington—Martin Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 27-28. H. P. Nold.

Faribault—Faribault Agrl. & Fair Assn. Aug. 23-25. Geo. D. Reed.

Grand Marais—Cook Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 26-28. Wm. Clinch.

Grand Rapids—Itsa Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 11-12. G. A. Nissler.

Hopkins—Hennepin Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 13-15. H. L. Elliott.

Jackson—Jackson Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 27-29. Lester V. Lewis.

Lake Province—Todd Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 21-24. F. A. Metzgarney.

Leslie—Leslie Co. Agrl. Assn. Aug. 27-29. Paul S. Eastwood.

Luverne—Rock Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 10-12. F. R. Birney.

Madison—Linn Co. Parke Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 21-28. Clarence D. Patterson.

Mahonen—Mahonen Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 27-29. Victor Bryden.

Morris—Stevens Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 3-5. Geo. W. Rose.

Northome—Koochiching Co. Agrl. Assn. Sept. 15-19. P. R. Stribben.

Park Rapids—Shall Prairie Agrl. Assn. Aug. 14-17. L. I. Bremer.

Tyler—Lincoln Co. Agrl. Soc. & Fair Assn. Aug. 29-30. Phil J. Threl.

White Bear Lake—Ramsey Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 29-30. George H. Bell.

Willmar—Kandiyoh Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 19-20. Wm. O. Johnson.

Zumbrota—Goodhue Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-21. A. J. Knutson.

MONTANA

Glenlivie—Eastern Montana Fair. Sept. 12-14. Jos. J. Ermatinger.

Livingston—Dawson Co. Fair Assn. Aug. 28-31. E. C. Van Horn.

NEBRASKA

Bradford—Bradford & Newbury Fair Assn. Aug. 30-31. Dora N. Brasfield.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Altamont—Albany Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-21. H. L. Varlan.

Brockport—Monroe Co. Agrl. Soc. Aug. 14-17. J. Willson.

Caledonia—Caledonia Tri-County Fair Assn. Aug. 11-13. A. Miner Wellman.

Cape Vincent—Cape Vincent Agrl. Soc. Sept. 11-14. M. G. Fitzgerald.

Dunkirk—Thruway Co. Agrl. Corp. Sept. 10-12. Arthur B. Maytum, Fredonia, N. Y.

Malone—Franklin Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-21. S. M. Howard.

Morris—Morris Fair Assn. Oct. 2-5. D. F. Wightman.

Nassau—Nassau Fair. Sept. 11-14. James A. Kelly.

Watertown—Jefferson Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 4-7. E. S. Gillette.

NORTH CAROLINA

Greenville—Pitt Co. Fair Assn. Nov. 5-10. J. P. Lyles, mgr.

Rocky Mount—Twin County (Colored) Fair. Oct. 16-19. A. T. Speer. 713 W. Thomas st.

OKLAHOMA

Ada—Ada Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 12-15. J. H. Hill.

Ardmore—Carter Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 12-15. Geo. L. Dyer.

Eild—Garfield Co. Free Fair Assn. Oct. 23-26. H. A. Graham.

Frederick—Tillman Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 12-15. S. P. Johnson.

Guymon—Texas Co. & Panhandle Free Fair Assn. Oct. 16-19. W. W. Kennedy.

Kingsfisher—Kingfisher Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 19-22. G. M. Gentry.

Lawton—Comanche Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 12-15. Pete Fennema.

Oklahoma—Oklahoma Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 12-14. G. F. Durham.

Oklmulgee—Oklmulgee Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 10-15. Paul T. Stadt.

OREGON

Dallas—Polk Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 27-29. Mrs. H. M. Sachtler.

Pawnee—Pawnee Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 12-14. M. T. Maquin.

Selling—Dewey Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 6-8. Roy Gross.

Watonga—Blaine Co. Free Fair Assn. Sept. 13-15. J. M. Rapp.

Wewoka—Seminole Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 11-13. Ethel L. Howard.

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Dallas—Polk Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 27-29. Mrs. H. M. Sachtler.

TENNESSEE

Paris—Henry Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 10-13. Dan E. Bentley.

VIRGINIA

Ashland—Hanover Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 26-28. E. P. Reese, Atlet. Va.

TEXAS

Colorado—Mitchell Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 20-22. R. H. Ratcliff.

Ennis—Ellis Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 8-11. Jelks Castoraw, Care Chamber of Commerce.

Houston—Houston Fair & Expo. Assn. Nov. 2-12. C. J. Kirk.

Lubbock—Caldwell Co. Fair Assn. Oct. 9-12. H. W. Luther.

New Braunfels—Comal Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 15-17. Rot. Ring.

Pittsburg—Northeast Texas Fair Assn. Oct. 30-Nov. 3. F. W. Maddox, Box 396.

Tyngue—Fayette Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 12-14. W. J. Stringer.

Wellington—Coldspringworth Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 27-29. A. L. Nowlin.

WISCONSIN

Eloy—Eloy Fair Assn. Sept. 4-6. Wm. M. Kelley.

Hayward—Sawyer Co. Agrl. Fair Assn. Sept. 11-13. Henry L. Rohlf.

Janesville—Janeville Park Assn. Aug. 7-10. Harry O. Nowlin.

Menomonie—Dunn Co. Agrl. Soc. Sept. 18-21. J. D. Miller.

Mondovi—Buffalo Co. Agrl. Soc. Oct. 2-5. J. U. Mondsheier.

WYOMING

Rock Springs—Rock Springs Fair Assn. Sept. 1-4. W. C. Herring.

Rawlins—Rawlins Co. Fair Assn. Sept. 1-4. W. C. Herring.

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AND HIS MAJESTY, THE BEDOUIN WORLD AT HOME SHOWS IN TWO ORGANIZATIONS

One Company To Remain at Coney Island, N.Y.,
the Other To Play Summer Engagements
and Long List of Fair Dates

New York, June 14.—Irving J. Polack, manager and owner the World at Home Shows, which recently came to Coney Island, reports that he is severing the show and will send part of it on the road. Fifteen cars left for Trenton, N. J., last Monday. The balance will remain at Coney and Mr. Polack contemplates making this resort each year.

There will remain at the Island the Auto-drome, Lucille Anderson's Diving Girls, Ell wheel, Laughland, the miniature rides and several concessions, and a Dog and Pony Show, Minstrel Show, Penny Arcade and other attractions will be added in the near future.

The road show will include, among other offerings, the carousel, whip, Ferris wheel, seaplanes, Dixie Minstrels, Elliott's Illusion, Springtime, Stella platform show, Midget Theater and Penny Arcade, the whole of the pay attractions, totaling twelve shows and riding devices.

The following dates have been contracted and will positively be played, according to Mr. Polack: Pocahontas County Fair, Marlinton, W. Va., August 20-25; Greenbrier Valley Fair, Romeo-Verte, W. Va., August 27-31; Shenandoah Valley Fair, Staunton, Va., September 3-8; Alleghany County Fair, Covington, Va., September 11-15; Rockbridge County Fair,

Lexington, Va., September 18-21; Bedford County Fair, Bedford, Va., September 25-28; Danville Fair, Danville, Va., October 9-12; Henry County Fair, Martinsville, Va., October 16-19; Four-County Fair, Suffolk, Va., October 23-27.

These shows are booked solidly with fair dates with the exception of week October 1-6, and negotiations are said to be now underway to fill that date.

GREATER SHEESLEY SHOWS

Fond du Lac, Wis., June 13.—Following seven days in Milwaukee, the success of which was measured only by the weather, the Greater Sheesley Shows had a brilliant opening in this old Badger State city last night. Several rainy nights cut the receipts in Milwaukee, but on the whole they were highly satisfactory to both show and auspices. Monday night was missed here because of loading trouble and a slow run on Monday.

Capt. John M. Sheesley's enterprise is first in here this season and the populace seems hungry for midway recreation. Among numerous guests of Mr. Sheesley last night was R. L. Morse, newly appointed by President Harding as United States district attorney for Eastern Wisconsin. He sent his personal endorsement of the show to Mayor A. C. McHenry, of Oshkosh, next week's stand.

An "Over the Falls", purchased by Mr. Sheesley last week, will be on at Duluth, Floyd Connery, who had a fall in the "drome," is recuperating in Milwaukee and already anxious to get back to riding. Joe Oppire has reorganized the minstrels with some old per-

SPENCER "KICKS" IN

The following communication was received by The Billboard from Sam E. Spencer, of Sam E. Spencer's Shows, from Coalport, Pa.:

"Enclosed is a copy of original reference and recommendation presented to me yesterday, in reference to letters forwarded by the Showmen's Legislative Committee, claiming my organization is an outlaw because I feel the dues placed on managers are not in keeping with the size of the various amusement enterprises and have therefore held off from joining that organization. The Legislative Committee is taking advantage of our routing in The Billboard, blacklisting us before our presentation, and while it has done harm before opening night we have been favored with the praise of citizens, officials and press. These people are indignant over these letters when they discover the true facts and status of our shows and concessions and rides. Not forgetting the fact that I have always conducted as near a legitimate organization as ever will be conducted with a class of ladies and gentlemen that are both intelligent and refined."

"My question is, will The Billboard allow these letters of explanation or must the law be resorted to for the interest of those who find their expenses more and receipts far below average?"

"We have never had the pleasure of seeing either Mr. Johnson or one of his representatives on our grounds. Probably, should he have come or designated a party to talk and explain, we might have been able to come to terms for membership."

"Truly, The Billboard is just, as has always been its policy. We appeal to be fully enlightened as to the proceedings we must take." (Coalport, June 8.)

"To Whom It May Concern—The Sam E. Spencer Shows having played under the auspices of Coalport Fire Company, No. 1, June 4-9, 1923, we hereby express our appreciation of his shows, which are clean, moral and amusing, and the conduct of the personnel is beyond reproach."

"We cheerfully recommend the Sam E. Spencer Shows to any fire company or fraternal organization."

"We consider the action of the Showmen's Legislative Committee in trying to injure Sam E. Spencer's Shows as unjust and without reason."

"It is resolved by Coalport Fire Company, No. 1, to present Mr. Sam E. Spencer with a copy of this resolution and also mail a copy to the Showmen's Legislative Committee, 155 North Clark street, Chicago, Ill."

"By order of Coalport Fire Company, No. 1, (Signed) 'W. W. TEMPLETON, Secretary.'

"P. S.—We hope in the near future to have Sam E. Spencer's Shows play a return engagement in this community."

"I am also enclosing two newspaper clippings taken from The Coalport Standard, both before and during our engagement."

"Thanking you in advance for your advice or publication."

(Signed) "SAM E. SPENCER."

Relative to the two clippings enclosed with Mr. Spencer's letter, one was an advance announcement of the show's coming, the concluding paragraph of which read thus:

"Coalport Fire Company is to be commended upon securing such a high caliber of an amusement company as the Spencer Shows and local people, we believe, will be very well satisfied with the offering."

The other was headed, "Carnival Has Its Troubles", and was as follows:

"That carnival companies are not immune from their share of trouble has been recently proven in this city. On the day that Sam E. Spencer's Shows opened their engagement in Coalport word was received in this community that the shows had been placed upon the 'black list' and deserved being 'watched'. The information, we are told, came from an actors' association to which the Spencer Shows had ceased to become a part. Regardless of this information there is no question in the minds of local people that the Spencer Shows have proven to be one of the cleanest and most moral organizations that has ever visited this community. Sam E. Spencer will leave Coalport with the same high caliber outfit he has always maintained and the information that reached Coalport has no effect."

Out next week—the Summer Special Number of The Billboard.

THE "SUMMER SPECIAL" NUMBER OF The Billboard Issued June 26—Dated June 30

will be the largest and best special edition for this season of the year that has ever been gotten out. The cover will be printed in very handsome colors. The edition will be 91,000 copies. There will be a number of Special Articles from authorities in the Park, Fair, Carnival and other lines of business. Illustrations will be profuse. There will be numerous Lists in the most complete form possible, and an abundance of other useful information and data. All we can say further is

DON'T MISS IT!

Some of the Writers of Special Articles are:

JOHN R. DAVIES Manager Willow Grove Park, Willow Grove, Pa., and President N. A. A. P.	J. DAN ACKERMAN Sec'y New York State Fair, Syracuse
COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER A magazine writer of wide repute.	E. G. BYLANDER Sec'y Arkansas State Fair, Little Rock
H. E. (PUNCH) WHEELER One of the oldest of oldtimers.	G. K. JORGENSEN Manager Crystal Palace, Galveston, Tex
M. G. HEIM Proprietor Electric Park, Kansas City, Missouri.	JAMES F. DONALSON Formerly press representative of the Ringling Bros. Circus and other shows.
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J. H. THAMM Secretary Reading Fair, Reading, Pa.	REDFIELD CLARKE

WARNER GETTING NEW ACTS FOR A. F. CROUNSE SHOWS

New York, June 16.—F. R. Warner, who has the Circus Side-Show and Animal Exhibition with the A. F. Crouse United Shows, was a Billboard visitor this week. Warner, while spending a few days in the city, obtained several new attractions and purchased a fine specimen of black-maned lion for his intamitable act also a large python and giant baboon. Warner is negotiating with the Ringlings for the four lions left at Bridgeport and hopes to close the deal soon.

While here Warner visited friends in the city and jumped to Camden, N. J., in an endeavor to secure added attractions. Business on the Crouse United, according to Warner, has been extremely good.

formers who worked with him for many seasons on other shows, C. N. Fairley has added to his Circus Side-Show and is proud of a new front exploiting Iris, the wonder girl, his platform attraction. Mr. Cohan, while chauffeuring the truck conveying Tiny-Mite, the little horse, from Cudahy to Milwaukee, was sideswiped by an Interurban trolley and both driver and equine had a narrow escape, one side of the vehicle being demolished. H. B. Blackburn will join at Chillicothe with his musical comedy girls in the daunted top.

Charles Doerf has returned from a flying trip to New York and Newark, N. J., with new denizens for the Freak Animal Show including Lily, a pony with a white tail fifteen feet in length, George and Mr. Cheever, of the Midgets, are happy in the company of their

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HI TOM LONG VISITS
NUMEROUS SHOWFOLKS

Hi Tom Long, well-known agent-showman, has been doing some visiting among the caravans this spring while on his way eastward from Hot Springs, Ark. The "meat" of a recent letter from Tom follows:

"On May 6, at the invitation of 'Plain Dave' Morris, of the Morris & Castle Shows, I stepped aboard their special train at Little Rock, Ark., bound for Cairo, Ill. I visited with them until May 10, when I departed for St. Louis and visited the Con T. Kennedy Shows, also the D. D. Murphy Shows, and called at the Columbia Theatrical Exchange, where I met Bobby Hagan (Bobby and I were together in Montreal twelve years ago with our own tab show), and I also called at local office of The Billboard. I then went to Granite City, Ill., and visited with the folks of the Dykman & Joyce Shows (met, among others, Rusty Rhodes, with whom I worked on the Kennedy Shows some time back, also Simon Krause—we were together on the Krause Greater Shows). I next went to Terre Haute, Ind., and said 'howdy' to the T. A. Wolfe Shows, and had a chance to buy 'hello' to the Brown & Iyer Shows at Dayton, O., and spent three days with Dodson's World's Fair Shows at Zanesville. From there to Bellaire, O., where I visited the Sullivan-Cooper Shows, and then to Wheeling, where the Industrial Exposition was in full force under the direction of Samuel McCracken. Next to Mingo Junction, O., and saw Golden Bros. Circus, then the B. H. Nye Show at McMechan, W. Va.; the Gentry-Patterson Circus at St. Marys, O.; the Zeidman & Pollie Shows at Parkersburg, W. Va. Went with the latter show to Fairmont and am leaving Tuesday of the week for New York and may visit some of the other caravans while en route to the big city."

COLEMAN BROS.' SHOWS

Week of June 4 the Coleman Bros.' Shows played Terryville, Conn., and the fifth week of their season found them in Naugatuck, Conn.

The shows opened their season with a week's engagement at Middletown, Conn., to but fair business. From there they moved to Southington, then to Windsor Locks and to Terryville. Considering the amount of inclement weather encountered, business has been satisfactory.

There are at this writing three shows, two rides and twenty-five concessions, well framed and fully stocked, with the show. The attractions include Prof. Kidney's Illusion and Magic Show, Blake's Side Show and Museum, with John Blake as manager; Coleman Bros. Minstrels, with J. Mason as manager; Coleman Bros. airplane swings, auto criss and three abreast carousels. Among the concessionaires are Mike and Jack Calo, three; Max Robinson, three; Tucker and Hegelbeck, two; Tom Florence, two; "Spot" Minio, Eddie Yorkes, Arthur Randall, cookhouse; Mr. Hall, one; George Newton, P. Moulton, Tim Coleman, two, and Tom Johnson, three.

J. CHASE (for the Show)

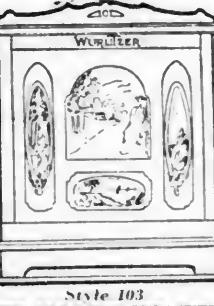
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Mr. Johnson's contributing members are beginning to waver.

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They count up their own numbers and then count up the number of those who are of little faith—who steadfastly decline to catch up.

And lo! the numbers of the unregenerate in sight is as the sands of the sea, while those of their own kidney, if not like unto the proverbial hen's teeth, are few indeed.

And so they murmur and are dissatisfied. They revile the many and cast obloquy upon them. But the many merely chortle gleefully and derisively get back at the few with "Gwan, you suckers", or "Dig, you suckers; dig!"

Whereat the few wax exceedingly wroth and call down the wrath of heaven on the many. But the many only make the more mock of the few, crying: "The overlord loveth a cheerful giver". Gwan you "cheerful givers". And—well, it is getting under the skins of the few.

failure it be—will come another attempt—perhaps this fall or winter.

The Wolfe Shows got some business at Terre Haute. It was, in fact, the first big business of the season.

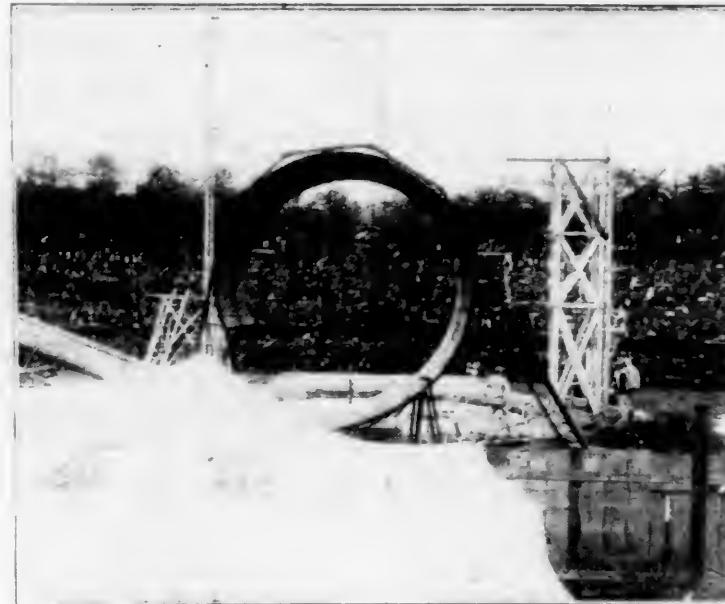
Many showfolks will regret to know that Henry B. Kaw died in Jefferson, Wis., June 9. The notice appears on the obituary page in this issue.

The story in a weekly paper (not The Billboard) last week about The Billboard was made up almost entirely of whole cloth. There was scarcely one fact in it.

All hears that the Golden Brothers' Shows are truly running wild. Our informants—and they are several—say they have got about as strong grit as can be carried, including the rawest kind of a dirty girl show.

Everything on the Francis Shows was blown down excepting the Ferris wheel and whip on Decoration day about 6 a.m., at Blackwell, Okla. It is said the damages to the show and the concessions of J. L. Rammie amounted to about three thousand dollars.

W. H. RICE WATER CIRCUS IN YOKOHAMA



W. H. Rice's Water Circus was a wonderful hit in Japan. The accompanying picture shows part of a crowd of 12,048 (paid admission) viewing the show at Kogatin-en Park, Yokohama, Japan, May 5. The total attendance on that day was more than 25,000. The photo was taken in a light rain.

And so the few are taking stock of the situation and casting about for solutions. And they behold none. So they murmur afresh and cry "Verily, when the overlord loveth he chasteneth. It's pretty soft for the wicked. How long is this going to last—this digging which yields naught but vexation of spirit?"

That about is the situation at this writing, as All gathers it. The few may stick and go thru. They have proved that they are not to be numbered among those of "little faith"—in fact, they have done nobly. Their big mistake was that six or eight met together and sought to commit all the rest without consulting them.

The few meant well enough, but they certainly were presumptuous. At least the many who had no say as to how the cleanup was to be planned, who was to conduct it, how much it was to cost and how the cost was to be apportioned, resented the way it was done. They took the position that if they were not good enough to be consulted they were not good enough to contribute. And they have steadfastly declined to contribute.

All is tolerably certain that they cannot be changed now. Aside from the fact that their opinion that a minority, a mere handful, usurped the powers of a majority has deepened into conviction, a widepread impression that the plans were not well laid and that Mr. Johnson is not the man—he has gone abroad, and this almost beyond a doubt marks the collapse and finish of the present movement. The faithful few cannot carry on even if they would. But the many have had a taste of better conditions and out of the failure—if

Frank J. Beyers advises that Harry L. Busching, circus and carnival agent, has opened an outdoor and indoor show booking office in Bridgeport, Conn., and is already getting along nicely with indoor bazaar dates for the winter.

Harry Swartz, of the Swartz United Shows, playing the past several weeks near Cincinnati, in various localities, has been quite ill the past two weeks, and he had decided early last week to enter a hospital for treatment.

Chick Adams tells us that Bob Heth, also with the Haecker Bros' Attractions, suffered a broken arm, but made it plain that a "little thing" like that would not stop him from getting the dinner on time.

W. B. Moffatt, an old trooper, is holding out at Parkersburg, W. Va. W. B. says he saw both the World's Fair Shows and the Zeidman & Pollie Shows at Parkersburg, and he was expecting to visit the J. F. Murphy Producing Co. next week, also at Parkersburg.

Rubin & Cherry's "Alarm Clock" is a very effective piece of advertising and bound to prove potent.

We all cherish the memory of the "Little Giant". We all know "Captain John", the "Aristocrat", "Johnny J." and numerous others, and now comes Sydney Landcroft of Snapp Bros' Shows, introducing Ivan and William Snapp as the "Italy Grands".

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Leo Lippa says his amusement company is in the field to expand and become one of the big ones, and that his bookings so far have been very encouraging. Stick to the "total absence of graft and 'polson' shows," Leo, and the road is wide open—for yourself and many others.

All received a beautiful scene (pictorial card) of the entrance to Cave of the Winds, Niagara Falls, from John W. Berry, general agent for the Bernardi Greater Shows. (Incidentally, John W., that personage sitting by one of the columns, it sort of favors "Deacon" DeMare—but he's over around Pittsburgh.)

Walter Coale, the "Million-Dollar Skeleton Dude", feature attraction in Japp's Pit Show with DeKreko Bros.' Shows, is reported as drawing large crowds every night and giving a very interesting lecture. The Dude, it is said, used to be a cowboy and a judge out in Wyoming a few years ago.

W. C. (Baldy) Carmichael, formerly with the Walter L. Main Circus and since the first of the year with the Tom Atkinson dog, pony and monkey circus, on the Pacific Coast, as chef, has resigned and returned to Los Angeles, where he will remain for the summer. Prediction has it that "Baldy" will return to the Main show next spring.

To consistently deal with and among show-folks, one must be specially schooled in this particular field of public entertainment. In fact, it almost requires actual experience on the lots. Book learning and thoughts of "I'm otherwise a successful business man" will not put it over. Many home-town "big business men" have been total failures in the show business.

One of the things that gets the public's "goat": A show with about fifteen or twenty attractions and three hundred people all told, advertising and "story writing" in daily newspapers that it carries "sixty high-class attractions and about 600 performers." In the customary use of the term who ever saw six hundred performers with any carnival?

Two distinguished visitors to the Johnny J. Jones Exposition on Tuesday night during its Elgin (Ill.) engagement were Edward P. Neumann and Thomas Rankine, president and secretary, respectively, of the Showmen's League of America. Mrs. Neumann accompanied her husband. This was Mr. Rankine's first visit to the Jones caravan and he expressed himself as somewhat astonished at its magnitude.

There is a fully organized baseball team on the John Francis Shows. Mr. Francis bought the boys a complete outfit, including regulation suits, bearing the name "John Francis Shows" across the breast of each suit. It is one of the expected duties of the advance to match a game for every Thursday with the local team of the town in which the show is exhibiting.

Walt Nealsnd saw the Sheesley Shows at Milwaukee and said "howdy" to various acquaintances. Last week he was to gladhand old friends on the Con T. Kennedy Shows at Dubuque, Ia., where the "King of Dubuque", Jake Rosenhal, the well-known water showman, hibernates and who, along with the widely known Cora, was with the Kennedy Shows last season.

Dick Collins, he is observed, is filling one of the biggest positions ever accorded an ex-circus and carnival press agent. Being at the head of a department of the World Amusement Service Association Dick has been sent from Chicago to Los Angeles to handle the press work for the Motion Picture Exposition scheduled for Los Angeles July 2 to August 4. From all reports this is to be a real big and pretentious event, and Collins is dealing out publicity admirably.

Jacob Yeremian, cousin of the DeKreko brothers, had not seen them in many years, so he visited with the boys without announcing he was coming. Coming on from Boston, where he is in the wholesale grocery business, he applied at the show's office for a "job", and after much dickering finally was recognized by Kay DeKreko. Later in the week the job part became a reality, as he was used to sell tickets on the whip, and also to assist in repairing some damage done to the Ferris wheel. He will spend a few weeks on the show before returning to the Bean City.

According to reports received last week another showman died, presumably, from the effects of purchasing and drinking what was considered "poison booze", a colored man being the alleged furnisher—go-between—for the delivery, in this instance, of the death-dealing "beverage". During the past couple of years several members of the show profession have met a like fate. It should be an impressive warning. In fact, a traveling showman is not only taking chances on getting himself en-

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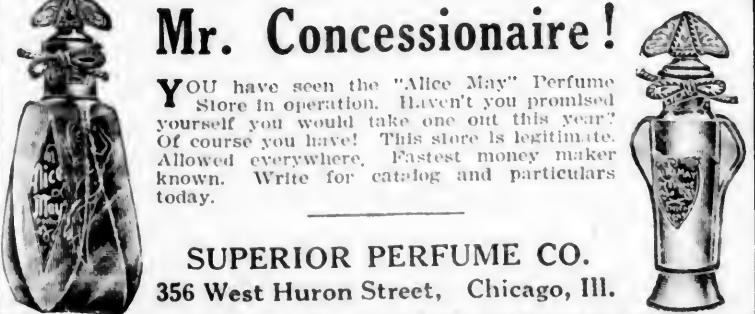
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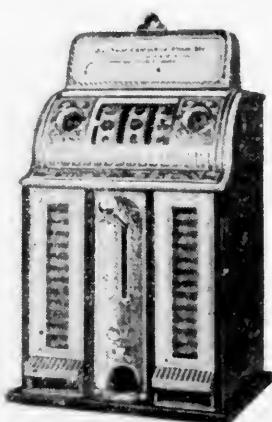
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tangled in legal proceedings ("shake-down" quite often the purpose), but is also flinging with death itself when patronizing bootleggers in or near the towns he visits.

Another thing that will get a careful reader and thinker's "goal" is for a "show representative" to write under the heading of the "So-and-So" SHOWS, and make practically all the news and mention on the concessions. Some of them have given over nearly all the first of their stories to the concessions, with but very, very little mention of the shows and rides. Dozens of them have necessarily been reconstructed in order to make them consistent with the titles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry, who have a borscht exhibition, were visitors to The Billboard, Cincinnati, early last week. They said that they had been expecting to join Cal Batchie's Inter-Ocean Greater Shows when they were scheduled to open at Lawrenceburg, Ind. (but didn't). They also stated a letter to them from Mrs. Batchie received a few days previous to their coming to Cincy informed that Mr. Batchie had died May 27. The Billboard has not yet been otherwise informed of the passing of Mr. Batchie.

A man well versed in the operations of various steal-ups and buy-back concessions was talking to the owner-manager of the caravan. "No, sir, I absolutely will not stand for any lony-bucks on this midway, and my concession men have been impressed with the fact," remarked the Sheik. The listener, on his way home afterward, was addressed as follows by his fifteen-year-old youngster: "Daddy, I spent a dime at one of those stands and won fifty cents—wasn't I lucky?" (The foregoing was an actual occurrence.)

The public has been watching the "clean-up" policies of carnivals closely. The public is also waiting to see if the fair men make good on their "clean-up" resolutions—since the fair men are almost directly responsible for the caliber of the shows and concessions on their grounds. Many fairs have concessions and shows booked independent of the carnivals contracted—"Mr. Public" should not hold the latter to blame for "stepping" and "poison shows" among the former amusement offerings (the carnivals were unfortunately the "fall-guys" several times last fall).

W. A. Atkins infoes that while visiting the Great Patterson Shows at East Chicago, Ill., Saturday evening, June 9, his attention was attracted to Manager Arthur T. Bralmer assisting with the burning up of waste paper and other refuse, also helping to put the midway in highly presentable condition. Atkins opines that if all other carnival managers would follow this policy of keeping the midways clean there would be less trouble in securing lots in desirable locations and much fewer complaints from lot owners.

One of the big features with the Great Patterson Shows this season is L. H. Ranft's Society Circus, managed by Mr. Ranft, assisted by his wife, son and two daughters. The charming young ladies are the chief performers, one doing an excellent tight-wire act, the other singing "to beat the band" while on horseback. A Billboard representative also informs that the educated horse work handled by Mr. Ranft presents some remarkable training and response, and the show as a whole a very meritorious and elegant performance.

General Representative R. A. Josselyn, of the Greater Goshen Shows, last week advised that his organization was all routed for the season of thirty-two weeks, the engagements including fifteen fairs and several celebrations.

By the way, "Whitney" postcarded the info. on a "party" pictorial affair (in colors) showing a section of Main street, Ishpeming, Mich. (It musta been "snapped" several years ago, judging by a conspicuous sign in front of one of the places of business. The card was truly a souvenir.)

A letter to Al from Theo. Forestall, dated June 12, stated that after a most pleasant engagement of four months as secretary for the K. G. Barkoot Shows he was leaving (Lansing, Mich.) that night for Western Canada to take over his last season's position as secretary for the J. W. Conklin, Jr., string of concessions at the Western Canada fairs. Conklin also stated that he contracted with Conklin at the close of last season and that F. Percy Morency, late of the World at Home Shows and well-known manager and office man, was taking over the position with the Barkoot Shows.

A "carnival" got an awful jolting at the hands of The Capitol Times, Madison, Wis., June 5. A part of it read: "If a resident of Madison violates an ordinance he is placed under arrest. Why should traveling organizations that will give thousands of dollars in return be permitted to come here and break the law?" Al's info. was that this particular carnival was, in fact, a local affair (not a traveling or-

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ganization) promoted by a town man named (but names don't matter in this reference) who knows practically nothing about the show business. Further report was the event was under local auspices, with all kinds of—but, anyway, why blame it on travelling carnival?

Here's an instance to marvel at: Denhart's Famous Wonderland Shows played Hartwell, Ga., week before last and many motorists to and from Cincinnati were among the midway visitors. Shortly after the shows' arrival at Dayton, Ky., where they exhibited last week, the management received the following (signed) letter, written on the stationery of one of Cincinnati's leading hotels: "Dear Sirs—I bought twenty-five cents' worth of eatables at the lunch counter and forgot to pay the bill. Enclosed find stamps for that amount in payment for the same." Both "Whitey" Denhart and C. W. Craycraft, the shows' secretary, prize the letter and contents highly; they are thinking of putting them in an ornamental frame. A most unusual occurrence, to say the least, don't you think?

Bennie Smith, who for about twenty-five years has been making territory in the Carolinas, Georgia, etc., opines that if "Mr. Bill Wood" keeps his hands off the tobacco and cotton among the best crops harvested in years will be the result in that section of the country, particularly tobacco in North Carolina. Bennie, after a few weeks' rest, was thinking of joining the Filippo & McLendon Shows at Clarksburg, W. Va., last week, intending to motor up from Goldsboro, N. C., with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hampton. He adds in his letter: "The days of graft and suggestive shows are over. If it had not been for The Billboard's activities against immoral shows and drift stores carnivals would have been barred by the Chambers of Commerce in almost every town in North and South Carolina and Georgia."

The following poem was submitted, entitled "MARK", by Charles E. ("O. K. OHIO") Scheer of the Morris & Castle Shows: The days of "grift" are fading fast, For shows of merit are born at last. Men of soul and righteous creed Have finally heard the public's plead. A warning voice commands their ears, With a warning finger on former years. Failure lurks in the wake of sin As no respecter of birth or kin. Fortunes made will shrink and fade Unless we choose the upward grade. Crime and thieft have had their fling, Now it's time to do the proper thing. Honest policy has stood the test, In the end I'm sure we'll profit best. Make Right a slogan, Honesty the goal, And the power of "Press" will help the whole. Clean exhibitions and games that are fair Will show the public we're on the square. Skeptical people will come and go, Offering their praises about our show. Words of comment will travel fast, Blotting out memory of a crooked past. So let's get together, in a spirit of kin, And prove to the public we're out to WIN. To get our "coconuts" from a legitimate crop. And put carnival business back on top.

John Francis almost felt the "noose tightening" around his neck, on Thursday, in Ponca City, when he narrowly escaped a "mob of citizens," led by the mayor, with a heavy rope about 20 feet long. He was tipped off, however, by some loyal employees and barely made his escape into the marshes between Ponca and Blackwell, where he wandered around in the mud and brush until after nightfall. He was finally coaxed out by friends who assured him all was well. The occasion was a Stulte ceremonial of which Mr. Francis recently took the obligation but not "the work." John says he would rather wade mud holes all day, any time, than be put thru all they had framed for him in Ponca City. J. L. Hammie opines that, of all the "fraidy-cats"

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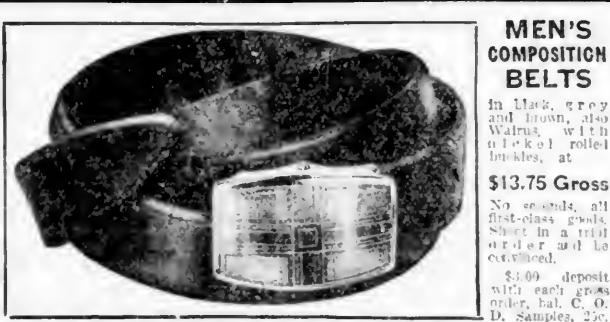
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If respectable men and women connected with a company that carries and sponsors this riffraff will but get together and declare themselves to their managements against such destroyers of the individual reputations of the worth-while men and women of the show world, they can force out this worthless junk from their caravans.

Real show people owe such a movement to themselves.

The men can put it over in respect to their wives and children and the women can prove to the masses (and the managements) that they are deserving of this due courtesy and favor.

Tis true that one need not be companionable with the "trash", but the majority of the local populace puts all with the show in the same rating—the local citizens, not understanding that there is a line of "decency" observed, as in their own communities, imagine that "all are the same", or they would not be together, with the same company. There is no denying it. Think it over for yourselves.

MI still claims that the outdoor show business needs no other agency to clean up shows, provided the showfolks themselves think enough of themselves to force it—themselves.

The managers can't operate with all "poison" shows and graft—it's utterly impossible

Harry Ramish, manager of the West Shows, says the real facts regarding the Grafton, W. Va., engagement are as follows, viz.:

"The Chas. Hahn Post, American Legion, is an offspring of the regular post at Grafton. The regular post is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, while the Chas. Hahn Post has little or no standing. Our agent, Harry Potter, did not realize this and contracted with the Chas. Hahn Post. On Monday, our opening night, we were informed by one of the City Commissioners (Mr. Taylor) that we could not use merchandise wheels. The Chief of Police was on the grounds and informed us that he and the Mayor were the only ones who had authority to close any concessions and as long as we operated the same as we were doing we were all right. We were selling souvenirs for ten cents and giving away free chances.

"As for the masked men parading that was Tuesday night and the Ku Klux paraded by the show grounds and burnt a cross on top of a hill about a half mile from the show grounds. They have held meetings there several times before and the parade had absolutely no connection with our show.

"On Decoration Day afternoon the father of one of the legion boys swore out warrants for all concessions. No particular concessions were specified. Ball-throwing games and a balloon racer were included. The constable who served the warrants told Justice of Peace Little that the way we were operating was not gambling and we were told to open up again. On the following day Mr. West and myself went to see the prosecuting attorney and he informed us that he did not recognize any concessions as games of skill and gave us our choice of giving bond of \$500 in each case (each concession) or pleading guilty of gambling and paying a fine of \$10 and costs on each of five cases; total, \$70. Realizing that it was a case of taking the easy way out we paid it and were told to go back and open our concessions, which we did and were not interfered with in any way.

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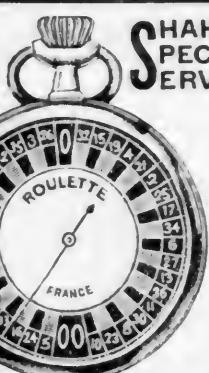
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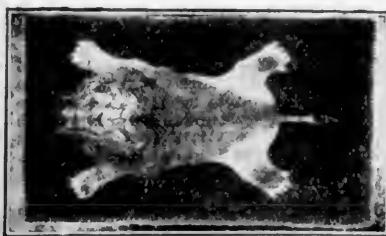


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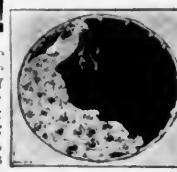
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The shows arrived in St. Louis late Sunday night and the wagons were hauled to the big lot on Sarah and Le Clede, where they show for two weeks, under the Quentel Roosevelt Post of the American Legion. The city has been heavily advertised, and Saturday an airplane was all over the city, it being the night. Louis Cutler and Joe Weinberg joined here with a string of twelve stores. Leo Grasser is being entertained by his brother, Theodore Grasser. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion has had a large dance floor erected on the midway, and each night ten chaperons take charge of the dance to see that strangers are properly introduced and that all have a good, wholesome time. The Legion Band is furnishing the music for the dance, also makes a trip thru the city each day on a truck advertising the shows. The shows did not open Monday on account of a heavy rain. Today it has cleared away, and at this writing the midway is getting crowded fast and everyone seems to have come out to see everything and enjoy themselves. Following the two weeks' stand here the shows move to Havana, Ill., under the Loyal Order Moose.

CHARLES W. WEDGE
(Press Representative).

GREATER SHEESLEY SHOWS

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eight-year-old son, Cecil, who will spend the summer vacation with them. Billy Kittle is expected daily from his home in Aurora, Ind., to resume charge of the Water Show, which has been capably handled during his illness by William Witt, brother of the redoubtable Charlie, the Milwaukee impresario. Phil O'Neill is having success with his new store, featuring the Tut Tut doll, with which he was stocked while in Milwaukee by the Bendix company.

General Representative R. A. Josselyn visited the show here and left for a several weeks' trip. Special Agents J. E. Walsh, J. H. Weaver, T. M. Brown and A. J. Link are all on contest work ahead. No amusements this week and Secretary Charles H. Pound has a brief breathing spell away from hisupside committee, which is welcome after the arduous labor which has fallen to him during the opening weeks. Oshkosh, next week, will be played still, on the Winnebago County fair grounds, to be followed by Duluth, Minn., under auspices of the Labor Temple.

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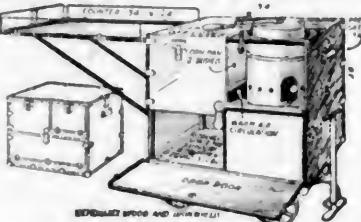
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Encounter Week of Rain at Alliance,
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The Rodeo and Frolic under the auspices of Alliance (Neb.) Post, No. 7, American Legion, during the Cattlemen's Convention, was featured by an all-week's rain, which drenched the spirit of the festivities somewhat. The shows opened on Monday night to a regular opening night crowd of sightseers and inspection by local officials, who gave their official sanction to everything the company had to offer and complimented it on the appearance, equipment, shows, rides, concessions—in fact, the entire caravan. It developed later that this inspection was brought about not only from an invitation of Snapp Brothers, but was also abetted by a veritable flock of letters sent out from a Showmen's Legislative Committee cautioning the local officials to carefully guard the natives from being imposed upon by any practices that had sometimes in the past been common among outdoor traveling organizations, also calling attention to the fact that this show was not a member of the Legislative Committee. After the inspection it was the unanimous verdict of the officials that everything was in compliance with all rules and regulations.

Tuesday there was a "young cloudburst". Wednesday more rain and Thursday the heavy wind blew the new show, "Road to Dublin", down. Friday was a gigantic reproduction of the foregoing days. Saturday it rained all day, but paused late in the afternoon. After the deluge a slippery, falling, but jolly and good-natured crowd of citizens, cattlemen, lumbermen, committee-men, lodge men and all came slushing thru the mud to a cider and hay-strewn midway to "take in" the shows.

On the show lot connecting with the highway Lot Superintendent Lutes directed the building of a bridge of ties, and this, with the aid of several tractors and some twenty-five teams, caused the heavy wagons to keep Trainmaster Miller in a good humor. General Agent Kelley came back on the show for a short stay and rode the train up from Denver. Trainmaster Bill Harvey, of Wortham's World's Best, was busy shaking hands with his many friends on this caravan when this show passed thru Denver and accepted an invitation and accompanied the show to Alliance, returning the next day to his show.

Sterling, Colo., week of June 11; then Deadwood, S. D., for the Firemen's Tournament SYDNEY LANDCRAFT (for the Show).

GREAT PATTERSON SHOWS

Laporte, Ind., June 12.—The Great Patterson Shows were on a very sandy lot in East Chicago, Ind., last week, and had a little trouble getting some of the heavy wagons off the lot, but in spite of this the show was all loaded at 6 a.m. Sunday morning. The Indiana Harbor Belt transferred the show train to the New York Central, which gave one of the neatest runs this show has had this year—to Laporte.

Mrs. Jack Layne is back on the show and again selling tickets at the Monkey Speedway. Mrs. Arthur T. Brainerd went into Chicago and had her tonsils removed last week, and while her throat is still sore she is getting along fine. Had a number of callers last week, among them General Counsel Thos. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman and sister, A. J. Ziv, Edw. Hock, General Agent Cherry, of the Rubin & Cherry Shows; Hansher Bros., of the Hansher Bros. Shows, showing at Indiana Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alexander, who were formerly with the Patterson Shows, now running a picture show in Hammond; Mrs. Annie Faust, of Chicago, who visited the Faust Brothers and wives; Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Turner, who used to be on this show, now running theater concessions in Chicago; Mr. Farley, general agent of the Dykman & Joyee Shows, and Lee Sullivan, both of whom were over to see Bill Davison, who, besides having the merry go-round and big Ell wheel on this show, also has a big Ell wheel on the Dykman & Joyee caravan, and Col. Owens and Tom Rankin, with their sunny smiles, dropped in for a visit. The writer suggests that all shows figuring on playing East Chicago investigate the town thoroughly. The Mayor seemed unduly hostile and even General Counsel Johnson could not do anything with him, altho he surely tried. Not even games of chance and skill can work and the lot is nothing but a sand pile. These showfolks carried most of the heavy stuff on and off the lot and had plenty of grief. Mr. Brainerd says that anyone that wants to play there is welcome to his part of it, as he expects to never again play any lots in the Chicago district.

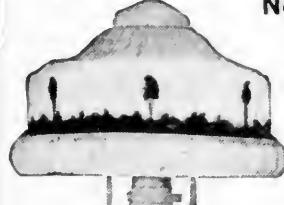
Jack Shanahan has ordered a new top and is going to put on a flashy grab joint next week. The show goes to Detroit, Mich., for two weeks, on two different lots—the first week under the auspices of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the second under the St. Cecilia Church. H. G. INGLISH (for the Show).

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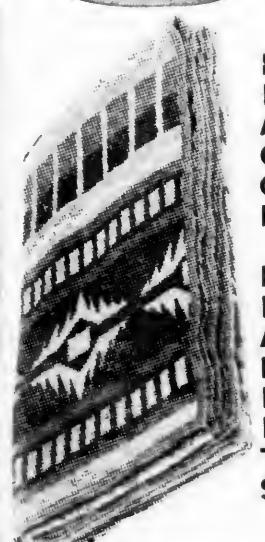
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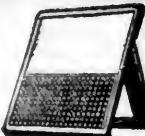
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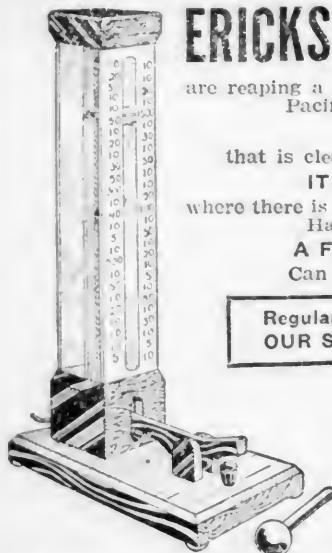
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HANDLING THE CONCESSIONAIRE

An Opinion by Allen Hyde Center

CLEAN-UP agencies, city and State legislative bodies in their wild diligence to divorce crookedness and the carnival have in this writer's opinion, thus far, done little to benefit the public, while they are ultimately endeavoring to protect, and have done much to muddle the entire job.

While there are many moral invasions on the normal carnival, the unfair or cheating game of the concessionaire is drawing the hottest fire.

Clean-up agencies or bureaus have been formed. While not endowed with legal authority they have formally disapproved of certain concessions and approved of others, hoping to do the job quietly from the inside before the tide of an omnipotent public opinion becomes hostile and rises so high that the carnival concession business will cease to be profitable.

Legislative bodies, city and State, have gone a step further and have made illegal the operating of certain games within their particular jurisdiction.

This would all seem a logical, sensible way to go about the task. Take the cheating game away from the concessionaire and there will be no more cheating.

But lawmakers have not always agreed on what is a cheating game. In one State type A game is legal and righteous. In the next State type A game is not only crooked, but illegal as well, and will be stopped by force whenever operated. Not only do States disagree, but counties, cities and villages. And as carnivals travel constantly there is confusion of ethics and practices and the ensuing damnation of the carnival and all that goes with it on one side and the love for it on the other.

As far as the legality is concerned it can be easily seen that only national laws can clarify this phase of the situation.

The agencies, of course, have a national scope and the only opportunity for friction is with each other and with the many local, State and national laws. The agencies thus far are politely and tactfully sidestepping each other and are not rubbing shoulders or even brushing one another.

ALL the endeavors in this direction have overlooked the BIGGEST factor behind the entire condition—the personal element; the man who runs the game.

I can readily understand why legality overlooked or did not choose to recognize this personal factor. Laws seldom take cognizance of the heart and the mind. They recognize human nature and human action and invariably impose improper mechanical contrivance.

But the clean-up agencies, those groups of individuals who are closest to the trouble, and in whose experience these conditions have brought grief for so many years, how could THEY overlook it? Do they intend to tactfully imply that the man behind the counter is in such mental bereavement that he cannot appreciate right from wrong; that he must be treated like a mere child and have certain of his toys that are harmful to others taken away from him? Surely the majority of concessionaires are not in this state. And for the ones who ARE wrongminded it is a common practice to tamper with games of skill as well as the games of chance after they have left the manufacturer so that they will perform to the precise liking of the operator. In fact, the practice of corrupting games is so prevalent that at least one factory well known to "the boys" has a special department for making honest games dishonest. New games can be sent and for surprisingly little money a clever gaff can be attached so that the operator can absolutely control the destinies of the player. With the appreciation of this factor the trouble lies not in the game itself but in the hand that runs the game and the ingenious mind in the gaff-applying factory.

Will legislative and bureaucratic efforts applied ONLY to games improve these conditions? No, of course not.

Concessionaires as a class have hearts and intellects and can be appealed to successfully thru either one or the other or both.

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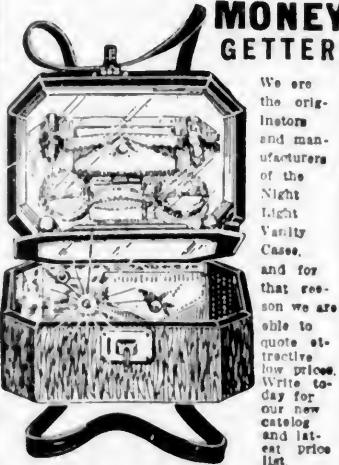
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Dubuque, Ia., June 12.—The principal event of the Freeport engagement, aside from a cordial reception of the Con T. Kennedy Shows at the hands of the press and public, was the visit of Thos. L. Johnson, counselor and guide of the Showman's Legislative Committee, who was a guest of the Kennedy Shows Friday, speaking in the afternoon to one of the most remarkable gatherings ever convened on the Kennedy midway.

For over an hour this virile leader spoke with force and vivid picturization of the evils that beset the path of the manager and of the steps that have been taken to rehabilitate the out-of-door show world in the eyes of the public. His remarks were listened to with closest attention, frequently being interrupted with applause as he scored unmercifully, giving places and names of shows which had been fit to ignore the precepts laid down in the pledge adopted by the leaders of the Legislative Committee. He warned his hearers that they were at the bar of public opinion, and the respite he had been able to gain for them was only temporary and that the legislative action in the various States was being held in abeyance to give the showman a chance to prove the sincerity of his promise to clean up from within. He closed his address with an appeal to showman and concessioner alike to stand by the leaders of the movement, and by word and deed give them their undivided support. If they did not, he promised them that within the next year or so the class of shows with which they were connected would be legislated out of existence.

Another attraction made its appearance on the grounds last week, bringing the total of pay attractions up to twenty, not counting the rides, and more equipment is the order of the day. If the initial performances of the Herald's troupe of Hindu illusionists as viewed by the writer is any criterion by which one may judge, they will be strong contenders for midway patronage.

This week finds the show in Dubuque with St. Paul to follow.

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A. B. C. ATTRACTIONS

Santa Ana, Calif., June 12.—Following remunerative engagements at Huntington Beach and Whittier, the A. B. C. Attractions moved to East San Diego, where they were the feature amusements at the "Prosperity Carnival" commemorating the completion of the street railway system in that city. Returning from San Diego, after a three weeks' sojourn, the show played for a second time within four weeks at East Long Beach. At present the show is enjoying a ten days' run in Santa Ana, under the auspices of the Building Trades Council of Orange County. Judging by the start of the engagement here the outlook is for excellent business. From here the company moves to Fullerton for a week's stand.

This season the management of the A. B. C. Attractions is in the hands of Thomas (Blackie) Nelson, "Big" Otto has five shows, his assistants being Silas Romer, Cyril Mand, Lester Lee, Walter Spellman, Thomas Welsh, William Wayne and Fred Smith. Big Eli wheel, M. L. Ray, assisted by Emil Malinen, Roy Howard, J. M. McPhee and Roy Hill. Herschedi-Spillman carousel, Valentine Ballenger, assisted by Frank Mirrider, George Snowden, William McGee and Charles Abbott. Capt. Charles Soderberg provides the feature free attraction with his high dive into a tank of water. Prof. Jose Quesada is handmaster with the following musicians: Alphonso Jaramillo, Heleodoro Enque, Rodolfo Collins, Pedro Esquer, Alberto Rivas, Augustin Gallardo, Antonio Samuels, Jose Izquierdo and Juan Rocha. James Joyce, assisted by Mrs. Joyce, has the cookhouse, other concessionaires being Harry Roder, J. Hickman, Wm. Vachon, George Chapman, Jack Lewis, Frank Donley, Roy McMellen, Wm. O'Shea, Harry Broadbeck, Richard Sherwood, Fred Hughes, Mrs. Cora Miller, W. de Pella, Chas. M. Miller, W. H. Mayhew, Jack Alexander, E. M. O'Kelley, W. J. McGill, Mrs. Gladys Zwiesler, Grover Zwiesler, Mrs. Hattie Cassidy, Al Bogart, G. W. Overacker, Mrs. G. W. Overacker, Elmer Wells, Mrs. Elmer Wells, James DeBots and Henry Snyder. The executive staff includes Thomas Nelson, general manager; W. de Pella, secretary; Raymond Booth, mechanic, and Elmer Wells, electrician.

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Toledo, O., June 12.—This week finds the Brown & Dyer Shows playing Toledo, under the Dokies, at Armory Park. The show remains over another week owing to last week providing all rain. Many of the shows did not open from Monday till Saturday.

Dave (Butch) Cohen and his concessions left for other shows. A few new concessions have joined, Frank Allen and F. S. Mathews coming from the Wade & May Shows. Frank Allen has bought a caterpillar ride and will have it delivered to the show week of June 25. This will make five rides on the show. General Agent H. (Ike) Freedman was a welcome visitor this week. He came in Sunday and left Monday. Ike never stays long enough to say "hello" to all the showfolks. "Whaley" Austin's Circus Side-Show seems to be the favorite this week. Mr. Austin has many friends in this city and his show is doing a good business. "Rube" Livingston and wife joined Tom Howard's Wild West Show this week. Rube was on the Johnny Jones show for four years, but says that he has been to Canada so much that he wanted a change. Hal Simms left for Chicago for a few weeks to see his folks. Many visitors were seen on the lot last week, including "Jew" Murphy, of the Morris & Castle Shows, who came from Detroit; Percy Morency, Barney Smuckler, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan. Mrs. Arch E. Clark returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where she went to visit her parents for a week. Capt. Curly Wilson received one of the largest snakes that the writer ever saw. It measures 38 feet in length. It came from Los Angeles, Calif.

Curly has given up the Animal Show and devotes all his time to the Big Snake Show and says the attraction will be a real one. Capt. Dan Riley and his Wild Animal Show is still the "talk of the town". Saller Harris and wife spent a few days at Detroit at the latter's home. The Welfare Committee, recently organized on this show, has done wonders since its functioning. The show goes to Lorain, O., next week. FRANK LA BARR (Press Agent for the Show).

DONALD McGREGOR SHOWS

The Donald McGregor Shows have had satisfactory business since leaving winter quarters at Hillsboro, Tex. Barnsdall, Ok., proved to be very profitable considering rainy weather. An addition to the side-show is Mr. and Mrs. McHugh in a mindreading act. Mrs. McHugh is better known as Princess Melba. This act makes a total of twelve banners and attractions. At Pawhuska all the showmen and concessionaires held a meeting in the side-show for the purpose of organizing a Social Club, and it was given a hearty endorsement by everyone.

The lineup of the McGregor Shows follows: Donald McGregor, owner and manager; Mrs. Donald McGregor, secretary and treasurer; Harry Radler, general agent; Harry Meyers, assistant manager; Shows—Tom Blanton, Cow Boy Giant; Crawford & Wooly, Snake Show; Vickie, the "Duck Face Boy"; Mrs. Delheart, Honeymoon Trail; Crawford & Wooly, Side-Show; Bill Pearcey Hawaiian Show; Dick Garrison Jazzland Minstrels, consisting of twelve people; Calapasha, Athlete Show; Tom Stanton's Midget Theater, merry go-round, managed by Mr. White; Ferris wheel, White Maves; Mrs. Knox, baby swing; "Papa" Gandy, six concessions; Reelan Smith, four; Baker & Young, three; Cha Ross, two; Rivers & Sons, three; "Spooney Brown", one; Harry Meyers, one; Lois Shields, one; Dave Powell, one; Harry Wheeler and Mrs. McDonald, one; "Stymie" Kintrell, two; Kit Wheatfield, one; Alie Moses, one; Blanch Moore, one; John Lipko, one. The show is traveling in four cars.

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JOHN FRANCIS SHOWS

Have Bad Blowdown in Blackwell, Ok.

The John Francis Shows, while meeting with lots of rainy weather, are enjoying business from fair to extra good, and have not played a spot this season without a balance on the right side of the ledger. Considerable damage was done to the shows and J. L. Rammie's concessions in Blackwell. A heavy wind hit the show about 6 a.m. After it passed there were only three tents left standing. These were Arthur Martin's soft-drink stands and one of Rammie's concessions that had no stock in it. Neither of the drink stands nor the concession left standing had a sign of a guy rope of any kind. Everything else was guyed out good, but ropes were snapped, poles and concession frames broken and everything laid flat to the ground. The seaplane and fairy swing were turned over, the top torn from the merry-go-round, and the Ferris wheel was slipped off its blocking and had to be taken down and erected again. Only the fast work of Merle Martin saved the latter from going over, as he fastened a heavy guy line to the hub and with the help of his men saved it from a wreck.

Mr. Francis has made several changes in his personnel since it was last given in The Billboard. G. Raymond Spencer is no longer general agent or connected with the show. Harry Sanford is doing the booking and Ray Calvin is now filling Mr. Sanford's place as assistant manager back on the show. Mrs. V. J. Yearout is secretary and has full charge of the office. Boatner and Clark joined with their Minstrel Show, having closed their theater engagement at Oklahoma City. The attraction carries fourteen people and presents an excellent performance. Dock Bushnell just received two new big snakes from New York, one twelve feet long and the other eighteen. He has also strengthened his show with three new acts and it now is a first-class pit show. Gertrude Vaughn is now working the electric act. Bill Heath's Scotch band has received some new headgear, direct from Scotland.

Mrs. Francis is in Decatur, Ill., visiting home-folks and to attend the graduation exercises, at which her son, Crawford Francis, and a niece, Miss Martin, graduate. She is expected to return to the show with her son and niece in a few days. This show plays Alva, Ok., under the Chamber of Commerce, week of July 4, the location being on the paved street around the city square.

V. J. YEAROUT (for the Show).

U. S. EXPOSITION SHOWS

Opening at Erlanger, Ky.

Erlanger, Ky., June 14.—The United States Exposition Shows, owned and managed by Earl C. Noyes, will open their new season at Erlanger Saturday. The paraphernalia has been in the process of overhauling and rebuilding, and plenty of paint is being used to brighten things up. On the lot now there is the merry-go-round, four shows, including a crazy house, and about ten concessions, with more coming in daily.

Mr. Noyes' Broadway Smart Set Minstrels will again be the feature show, most of the people who were with him last season having contracted for this year. Mrs. Walcott's Dog, Pony and Monkey Show will be at the opening spot. A six-piece colored band will furnish the music.

Having escaped the bad weather by delaying the opening, everything is now in readiness to jump right into the independent coal mining towns of Kentucky, over the same route that the show played last season. Realizing that "silence is sinful" the management has engaged the writer to handle the publicity and advertising, and it is assured that plenty of paper and stunt advertising will be used to let the populace know that the U. S. Exposition Shows are coming to their cities. A complete roster of the show will be forwarded to The Billboard later.

M. KAIRNS (for the Show).

R. & C. SHOWFOLKS CHICAGO VISITORS

Chicago, June 14.—"Diamond Lou" Walker, who has the monkey speedway on the Rubin & Cherry Shows, and Carl J. Launer, who has the side-show on the same organization, were Billboard callers Tuesday. It was the first visit of "Diamond Lou" to Chicago since the World's Fair. He started in the show business in Chicago forty years ago, writing cards in the old Kohl & Middleton Museum. W. J. Hilliar, publicity representative of the Rubin & Cherry Shows, was also a Billboard visitor during the week.

FORSTELL IN CHICAGO

Chicago, June 14.—Theo. Forstell, who has been secretary on the Barkoot Shows this season, was in Chicago today. He will again make the Western Canada fairs with J. W. Conklin, Jr.

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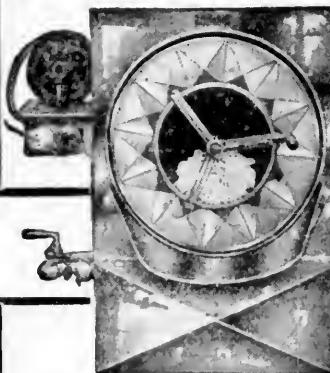
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Anderson, Ind., June 14.—The "homestretch" at Brazil, Ind., proved gratifying. Weather was ideal and Saturday night gave one of the largest crowds ever on a show grounds in the town. The Central Indiana Railroad brought the big show train into Anderson by noon Sunday. Adhering to the Wolfe policy unloading was not done until after all churches had held their services. Rain damped on arrival, and it remained cloudy and cool thruout Monday and the opening. Despite the rain handicap business was satisfactory. The show grounds is the park, right in the heart of the city, known as Athletic Field, and the rain had no effect on it, as it remained hard and unyielding. Anderson is establishing her right to be recorded a "red one". Letters from the "unjust opposition" came by mail to Anderson, signed by Thomas Johnson, stating that the T. A. Wolfe Shows are immoral; a gambling, short-changing bunch. The officials turned these letters over to Mr. Wolfe and gave letters stating the contrary and approving the Wolfe Shows as clean and all right. The writer had the honor of addressing the Rotarians, Kiwanis Club and the Lions, Gean Nadreau and the Hawaiians (Sam Kekaha, Sam Macey, Jimmie Trask and "Bill" Kinney) rendered a musical treat for the Rotarians. Salvail, exposing the tricks of gamblers; Singer, the Great, and Muriel, the White Mahatma, entertained the Kiwanis and Lions. The Episcopalian rector is a member of the Lions' Club. He says: "The modern clubs of the day would not entertain and approve scoundrels and immoral persons. The T. A. Wolfe Shows are clean. Their people are well behaved, and ladies and gentlemen." William Henry Casey, known as "Dad", has joined the forces of the "dining hall". Isadore Firesides was a visitor. W. N. Clay, artist, who paints and letters cars, wagons and signs, is preparing to visit his old home at Atlanta. John M. Baker, colored, circus blacksmith, has taken charge of the show's blacksmith department.

The court house here was the scene of a "Circus Wedding". Marion Garvey, of St. Louis, became the wife of "Bill" Kinney, the Hawaiian instrumentalist, vocalist and composer. Later they were introduced to the waiting multitude. Charles W. McKinnon, the "ice cream king", quit the pink Cotton Candy Plume brigade of Earl Chambers and headed for Detroit to take up work with county and State fairs. Sam Campbell, who had his right hand crushed in the Ferris wheel rigging at Augusta, Ga., is back with the show, good as ever. Dr. Roll, of the Roll Sanitarium at Augusta, performed marvelous surgery in the Campbell case. Jennie Dooley, who does the Interlocutor's part in the Georgia Minstrels, went to the Anderson St. John's Hospital and underwent two operations. She is coming along fine. Estelle Hendricks, of Nathalie, Va., is visiting Carrie Adams, of the Minstrels. "Red" Murray is no longer with the T. A. Wolfe Shows and is in the Masonic Hospital at Chicago in a serious condition. The show's next stand will, when announced, be acknowledged a "real surprise".

DOC WADDELL ("Just Broadcasting").

JOHN T. WORTHAM SHOWS

The ten-mile run from Healdton to Wilson, Ok., will undoubtedly prove the shortest of the season for the John T. Wortham Shows. Holdenville is the stand for week ending June 16.

Everything was up and ready for business early Monday afternoon at Wilson, but as every one is employed and busy in these oil towns there is a total absence of afternoon play. The night business, until Saturday, however, was very good, the average paid admissions to shows and rides running over 4,200 per night, an excellent average for a town of about 7,000 population. Rain on Saturday spoiled an afternoon and night play.

Decoration Day in Healdton did not prove anything out of the ordinary.

Lee Chase arrived at Wilson to take charge of the Athletic Show. The press at Wilson used the show extraordinarily well, as witness one of the (unsolicited) articles which appeared in The Semi-Weekly Gazette of June 8: "The John T. Wortham Shows whom we heralded last week as coming to Wilson, with a great array of high-class and clean attractions, have been showing to tremendous crowds all the week. Mr. Wortham and his entire aggregation of performers have lived up to his well-known reputation of having only the highest class of amusement that the show world affords. Mr. Wortham was among the early members of an organization, which was organized for the purpose of driving out of the carnival shows, the immoral and suggestive show, such as "men only", "40", faker and gambler."

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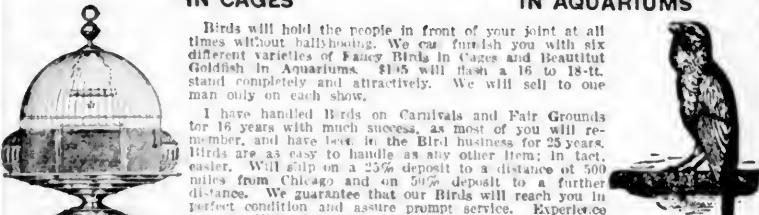
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MAKES BIG HIT AT ELGIN

Johnny J. Jones' Exposition Plays First Engagement at "Watch City" (ILL.)

Elgin, Ill., June 14.—To state that the Johnny J. Jones Exposition is making a hit here is but putting it mildly.

The various shows, rides and concessions are located on the Highland Avenue show grounds and a large lot adjoining the Husband Avenue location, which has accommodated other large carnivals. Owing to a delay to the second section of the show train, while being transferred in Chicago, en route Youngstown, O., to Elgin, it did not arrive here in time for all the exposition to open Monday night, only two of the shows being open that night. However, everything was in readiness Tuesday night and a vast throng of people parked the mammoth midway to see what Mr. Jones had to offer them in the way of amusement different from other exhibitions preceding his in Elgin.

Among the new shows added here are the Simian Circus, where the writer found monkeys seated at the wheels of miniature automobiles (under power of gasoline) and actually steering the little cars in an autodrome.

The Igorrote Village, presenting natives of the Isle of Luzon, is proving a very interesting and popular attraction. The entertainers therein climb trees, are expert weavers (with their crude working tools), they make pottery, wonderful draperies, etc.

Among other attractions not before seen in Elgin is Captain William Sigsbee's offering, presenting his wonderful trained equine, The Captain. One of the features is wherein that masterly trained horse appears in an act along with twelve beautiful Shetland ponies.

The Johnny J. Jones All-City, inhabited by six tiny beautiful people—Baron Raymond, Prince Dennis, Lady Little, Baroness Simone, Princess Marguerite and Duchess Leonie—is wonderful.

Speedy Bauer, the dare-devil rider, assisted by lady riders and others, gives the racing fans a plenty of thrills at the Motordrome.

Maybelle Mack also has an attraction that attracts special attention and patronage. Her troupe of trained mules seem almost human in their maneuverings.

Billy Wecker's Water Spectacle, with a bevy of girls in daring and spectacular water performances and illustrated lessons in swimming and diving, is drawing heavy patronage. One of the "daughters of Neptune" does an eighty-foot high dive into the tank.

The circus side-show has a remarkable collection of entertaining features and is also attracting much attention.

There are many other shows and exhibits of interest, including Toyland, Dixie Minstrels, the Magical Views, new mechanical fun houses, etc., and all are receiving their due share of patronage.

Relative to the riding devices, they need to be classed in two departments, the "Senior" and the "Junior", as the juvenile visitors to the "joy zone" are provided with almost exact duplicates of the rides enjoyed by the grown-ups. There is the tiny Ferris wheel, the small-sized merry-go-round, the Johnny J. Jones, Jr., whip and other riding devices for the little fellows. The big rides include the Tumble Bug, at which cars carrying people go tumbling about at high speed; the "Caterpillar", which is both amusing and thrilling; the "Butterfly", one of the most beautiful of rides; the "Seaplanes", the "Whip", the Big Eli wheel and a most beautiful and commodious carousel.

W. E. Ewing is the leader and instructor of the Johnny J. Jones All-American Band, one of the best carried by any outdoor amusement organization.

The crowd on the midway Wednesday night was much larger than Tuesday. Autos were parked in every available location near the grounds. Many of the visitors were from nearby towns and farmers' automobiles were there in abundance.

The Jones Exposition is playing here under the auspices of the Althea Social Club of the Odd Fellows, which organization has advertised the engagement in almost every manner possible, and in all directions, within twenty-five miles of the city. From all present indications Mr. Jones will be fully satisfied with the financial results of his first visit to Elgin.

Visitors from the Rubin & Cherry Shows, playing at Hammond, and the S. W. Brundage Shows, playing DeKalb, have been much in evidence during afternoons.

Press Agent Salter escorted the newsboys of The Elgin Daily Courier thru the various attractions and on the rides Tuesday night, and likewise the "newsies" of The Elgin Daily News Wednesday night, and the inmates of the Larkins' Children's Home Thursday night. The local representative of The Billboard received a hearty welcome from Mr. Jones, Col. Ed Salter and all the other members of the staff with whom he came in contact, and he expects to personally meet all the attractions before the engagement ends.

Elgin people have, figuratively speaking, fallen in love with the Jones show, and it is a hope that Johnny J. Jones will include this city in his season routing in the future.

The writer is informed that when the Jones Exposition train leaves here Sunday for Rockford, Ill., at which city the show will also

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THOMAS J. JOHNSON BACK IN CHICAGO

Legislative Committee Head Is-
sues Statement on Inspec-
tion of Several Carnivals

Chicago, June 16.—Thomas J. Johnson, general counsel and commissioner of the Showmen's Legislative Committee, returned Thursday from an inspection of several carnivals and told of his experience to a Billboard representative.

"I visited Billieck's Gold Medal Shows, at Belvidere, Ill., said Mr. Johnson. "After looking things over I closed two shows and two concessions as being against the principles of the Showmen's Legislative Committee. The Mayor of the city ordered the Chief of Police to allow no more carnivals to show in Belvidere unless such shows were approved by our committee. I next visited the Con T. Kennedy Shows, at Freeport, Ill., some complaints having been filed with the committee against that organization. First, however, I sent two investigators on the show two days ahead of my arrival. I found but two minor violations, one where a concessionaire allowed children to play his games and the other concerned a girl on one of the shows.

"Mr. Kennedy did not know of these violations and made a personal investigation when the matter was called to his attention. He ordered both matters corrected at once and said the greatest care would be taken to see that there was no recurrence. With these two minor exceptions I found the Kennedy Shows to be clean and fine throughout. I enjoyed my visit on the show very much."

Mr. Johnson's swing brought him next to Hammond, Ind., where the Rubin & Cherry Shows are playing this week.

"When I reached the Rubin & Cherry Shows on Wednesday I found one of the cleanest organizations imaginable," he said. "Every attache of the show was neat and everybody was polite and businesslike. Incidentally, two-thirds of the people on this show are married. They are like one big family and it is a splendid organization.

"By the way, I have received a number of inquiries about the corn game. Many showmen appear to think this game is banned by the Showmen's Legislative Committee. It is not banned by the committee if played for merchandise.

"A lot of the shows are not routed in The Billboard. This is a mistake on their part. Some of them are probably trying to escape bombardment by the committee by trying to hide out and not send in their routes. Every show should have its route published regularly.

"Complaints have been filed with the committee against the following shows: Felice Bernardi, J. L. Cronin, Cole Bros.' Circus, Cooper Bros.' Shows, Christy Circus, Dufour Shows, Empire Greater Shows, Epstein Shows, Noble C. Fairly Shows, H. T. Freed Exposition, Golden Bros.' Circus, Hanscher Bros.' Shows, J. F. Murphy Shows, Macy's Olympic Shows, Donald McGregor Shows, L. R. McBride Shows, Macari Shows, Narder's Majestic Shows, Rice Bros.' Shows, Royal American Shows, Reede Bros.' Shows, Scott Bros.' Shows, Wonderland Shows and World Bros.' Circus."

Col. Fred J. Owens, deputy commissioner of the Legislative Committee, is in the Northwest, where he went primarily at the request of the management of World Bros.' Circus. Col. Owens will make a general tour of the different shows playing in the northwest territory.

MYERS AND HOUSTON VISITORS

Chicago, June 12.—Myer Myers, manager of the San Antonio Siamese Twins, and J. Sam Houston, both of the Wortham Shows, were Billboard callers today. Mr. Myers was on his way to New York and Mr. Houston will spend a few days in Chicago on business.

"RED" MURRAY ILL

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REFORMING LONG BEACH

New York, June 16.—According to advice received at The Billboard office, the reform wave has broken over Long Beach.

Several deputies descended upon the boardwalk and a carnival being held there this week and closed some of the booths. The carnival, it is reported, was not molested, particularly owing to the fact that it was conclusively proven that no upstart games were permitted on the grounds.

It is said that thru the reform wave local merchants fear a loss of patronage.

LOS ANGELES

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mense and novel electric flashing sign that can be seen for a mile or more.

Madeline Hurlock has been signed to a long-term contract by Mack Sennett and will play the leading roles in some of his new features now in filming.

Redondo Beach is to add a huge dance hall and boxing arena to its already mile front of amusements. Louis Lee, a showman of years back, is the promoter and will be the manager of same. The lease covers a period of ten years and will permit of a handsome structure. One of the best orchestras in Southern California will be engaged and the boxing arena will be the best on the Coast. On the outside of this pavilion and on Horse-shoe Pier concessions will be let and the architecture will be such as to add much beauty to this already brilliant frontage.

Hannah Doyle, of this city, won the \$100 offered by the management of the new play, "Morphine", now playing at the Egan Theatre. The title chosen is "The Danger Road" and the play will henceforth be called by this title. It is booked for a New York engagement.

Fred P. Sargent is to take a trip back East next week, making his first stop of importance at Kansas City. Fred has some rare animals that he proposes to exhibit either in special attractions or with some of the larger carnival companies.

Two new rides made their bow to the public here last week. The Giant Dipper, manufactured by Church & Prior, opened at Ocean Park and proved to be a real thriller. Not only is the ride a succession of dips, but they slant at 45-degree angles. The rush for rides began at 10 a.m. and lasted well into the night.

Windows that will allow circulation of cool air, but will automatically shut out danger of fire, have been installed in the big vaults in which the Goldwyn studios store 11,000,000 feet of motion picture negatives.

Col. Fred Cummins, of Wild West fame, has become the California agent for the Tanagra Theater. This is the same show that the colonel brought over from Paris several years ago.

"Stub" Campbell, garbed as Lucifer, is making nightly dives from the Giant Dipper into the ocean. He has a ninety-day contract and slides a distance of 500 feet into the ocean amid a spectacular display of fireworks. The stunt is drawing splendid crowds to the Pickering Pier.

The Pacific Coast Showmen's Association is now collecting the second year's dues from all members who have been with it since its inception. With membership of 300 it is speeding on to a big boy. New quarters will be leased for the coming winter and in every way the headquarters will be more inviting. The following members have joined since last issue of The Billboard: G. L. Garvey, Joe J. Barell, Walter R. Duley, Harry W. Rotheras, Jenaro Pinn, Dr. Samuels, Chas. H. Hlimphrey, Lon W. Johnson, R. M. Morris, W. L. Lesser, Harry H. Chilling, Willbur O. Dales, T-Bone Riley, James Allen, Thomas Jefferson Cannon and Harry A. Broadbeck.

Announcement was made this week that July 17 had been set aside by the Motion Picture Exposition to be known as Chicago Day. Twenty-five thousand Chicago people now residents of Los Angeles made this request. Extra features will mark the day.

Owing to the cool and unseasonable weather the pavilion on Sunset Pier in Venice has been closed, remaining open only on Sunday evenings. It will be reopened later as the season weather warms up.

The following callers were on The Billboard office list during the past week: Hernlee Strather, Jack Kaufman, of the Dodgem Company; Monte Gordon, of Boston; A. Sanderson, Sanderville; P. G. Willis, Strachan McMillan, writer; Mat Gay, high diver; Louis Lee, of Redondo; Joe Murphy, Goldwyn's; Chas. W. Cohn, Western Novelty Company; Fred P. Sargent, Dick Collins, Motion Picture Exposition; H. C. Rawlings, Happy Bear Family; F. M. Stocum, magician, and Fred Cummins.

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With the elaborate and colossal structures at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, Calif., virtually completed, the Motion Picture Exposition and Historical Review, to be held July 2 to August 4, sponsored and adequately financed by the leaders of the motion picture industry and allied interests, will be the greatest exhibition and spectacle of its kind ever presented.

Recounting the highlights of American history, and depicting in detail the remarkable strides made in the development and use of motion pictures in virtually every commercial and amusement activity, the exposition will be a remarkable educational and entertaining feature of the display.

Foremost authorities in art, science, history and cinematographic enterprises have contributed in the preparations for the affair, and the management declares that their fondest hopes and expectations will be greatly surpassed in the pretentious presentations scheduled in an astonishingly brilliant program of daily events.

Virtually every motion picture star and impersonator will participate. In the mammoth Coliseum will be the largest stage ever constructed, and such colossal vehicles as Thearby-Dunfield's "The Last Days of the Aztecs," "Montezuma," the tremendous pyrotechnic presentation depicting the fall of a great regime; hippodrome offerings summoned here from the four corners of the earth and provided by World Amusement Service Association and similar spectacles will be shown in settings probably heretofore never equaled.

In the Spanish city, outside the great walls of the Coliseum, will be found 1,000 attractions in which the leading motion picture stars will be featured in personal receptions to the guests.

So entrancing will be the daily programs, it is expected, that thousands will be constant patrons during the brief period of the exposition.

RODGERS & HARRIS' CIRCUS

The management of Rodgers & Harris' Circus reports that it is showing exclusively for Masonic organizations throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, and that they have been doing a very good business, altho they have had almost continuous rain since their opening at Muskogee, the first of April.

The opening date was for Bedouin Shrine at Muskogee, the first week in April, where they had to turn away crowds every night. At Okmulgee, for the Nite Grotto, the following week, they encountered six days and nights of solid rain, yet wonderful business was reported. At McAlester, Ok., for the Elks' unusually good business was encountered. At Pittsburg, Kan., for Mirza Temple Shrine, four days and nights' rain, and the hardest of the season, greeted the opening, but one of the biggest successes of the season was turned in. At Kansas City, Kan., turn-away crowds again greeted the show and a success was achieved by Oman Grotto, according to further advice. H. S. Tyler, from the Barnes Show, paid the company a visit while in Kansas City, Kan.

HISTORY PAGEANT AT ANAMOSA

Anamosa, Ia., June 10.—The Thurston management, Chicago, is in the midst of preparations for a historical pageant at the fair grounds here July 3 and 4. A cast of 350 people will participate in the five historic episodes to be portrayed. A tableau will show the first I. O. O. F. lodge meeting in this county in the uniform of 1852. There will be a series of classic dances and during the two days there will be a monster old-time celebration. The episodic series will show an Indian village, with the ceremony of "Moon of the Golden Corn"; cabin of Hugh Bowlin, first white settler in Jones County; T. Stivers, first teacher and blacksmith; first flag, first court, succession agitation, recruiting to Union and the final episode of the world-war period, culminating in the crowning of the queen of the pageant.

RICHWOOD TO CELEBRATE

Richwood, W. Va., June 14.—Preparations for the Fourth of July Celebration to be staged here under the direction of Walter B. Fox, one of the best known of outdoor celebration and other event promoters in this section of the country, are well in hand, and a very successful affair is assured. Five thousand tickets have been placed on sale in support of the event, and being under the combined auspices of the local American Legion Post and Volunteer Fire Department these features add to the assurance of success and a good time enjoyed by all in attendance. The celebration will be staged on a baseball grounds, in the heart of the city, and the streets will be gaily decorated. An automobile contest, with some fifty young ladies selling tickets, is under way. One of the show features will be a big W.O. West Show, according to present arrangements.

QUIGLEY AGENCY GETS TWO GOOD DATES

Boston, Mass., June 14.—The John Quigley Agency, Boston, has several contracts to promote outdoor fêtes for some of the best organizations in the New England States this summer. The Cambridge Day Nursery of Cambridge, Mass., is one of the early ones. This affair is the first big fête to be held in that city this year, and Mayor Edward Quinn, one of the trustees of the Nursery, has a working committee of over 500. This affair is to be held week of July 2, which dates include the national holiday, July 4.

The committee of the World War Disabled Veterans of Massachusetts has arranged to have the John Quigley Agency take full charge of its coming Mardi Gras, which is to be held on the big circus grounds in Boston from July 9 to July 21. This is the first time that city authorities have given permission to any organization to hold such an event in Boston. The committee is making a big drive to get funds to enable it to purchase a permanent home for the disabled veterans, and it looks as if it will succeed, as many of the most prominent people of the State are lending their aid, and with the assistance it is getting from Quigley and the large working committee there is but little if any doubt that the affair will be a huge success. The location for this affair is the best obtainable, as it is on the main thoroughfare and is easily reached by all car lines in Boston and suburban towns. Many open-air attractions have already been booked and in conjunction a big fireworks display will be given each evening.

NOTES FROM NORTHWEST

Spokane, Wash., June 11.—Success of two outdoor shows in this territory last week, the "Winning of the West" superpageant at Walla Walla, and the "Dayton Days" show at Dayton, Wash., signify that outdoor-staged celebrations will run high in attendance this season, and indoor shows, theaters and park business have all done unusually well since early spring.

The Walla Walla pageant, with more than 1,000 taking part, drew crowds from a territory bounded by Portland, Seattle and Spokane, with special writers devoting space equally praising and lengthy as the old Pendleton Roundup in its early years. It is yet to be decided if this will be an annual Western show.

A rodeo at Okanogan, Wash., is now being planned. Coeur d'Alene, Id., home for ten years of the July 4 Regatta, will not stage a water show in 1923, but plans an outdoor celebration for later in the season.

BANQUET TENDERED COMPANY

A supper was recently given to all of the company of the Southern Exhibition Association by Managers Nat D. Rodgers and E. L. Harris at Pittsburgh, Kan. The table was beautifully decorated, "fire spots" being used as favors. Speeches were made by E. L. Harris and Nat D. Rodgers, the managers, and Russell F. Anschell, of the Universal Theaters Concession Co., of Chicago. A good time was had by all.

The weather was not kind toward the Pittsburgh engagement, as it rained all week. Nevertheless, the business was satisfactory.

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WEEK OF FESTIVITIES

Being Prepared at St. Joseph, Mo., in Connection With Start of "Pony Express Run"

St. Joseph, Mo., June 14.—The Pony Express celebration that is to be held in this city for one week in August under the direction of the Fall Festival Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be one of the biggest Western events that has been held in this section of the country in several decades, officials of the club declare. It is the purpose of the St. Joseph organization to push back the pages of time for a week and live in the days of the bears, prairie schooners, gold, Indians and "homespun".

The celebration will be in the form of a homecoming celebration for St. Joseph's trade territory. In addition to the Pony Express pageant, in which more than 2,500 will take part, and the start of the Pony Express run to the Western coast, the week's program includes fireworks display, two days of automobile racing, horse racing, barbecues, coronation ball and queen contest, circus acts and a reproduction of the old-time St. Joseph. The major portion of this event will be given at Lake Contrary Driving Park.

REALISTIC REPRODUCTION OF BATTLEFRONT

New Orleans, June 14.—A realistic reproduction of the preparations for and during the progress of a battle on the American front in France during the world war will be staged in fireworks at the American Legion's Fourth of July Festival to be held at the fair grounds July 4. A setting is to be reproduced showing No Man's Land, the barbed wire entanglements and an American front line trench during the preparation for a battle. Illuminating signals used by the army at the front during the preparations for and during a battle, star shells exploding high in the air and signals with regulation army fireworks will be used. After the armistice was signed unused fireworks in France were shipped back to New Orleans, and the Government has turned them over to the legion posts to be used in demonstrating how a real night battle was directed.

REPORTS SUCCESSFUL EVENT

W. R. (Scotty) Castle informs The Billboard that the Society Circus and Home-Trade Show he promoted and managed, under the auspices of the local American Legion post, at Winchester, Va., was a gratifying success, artistically and financially. The attendance, according to data furnished, was highly satisfactory, and the contest promotions went over admirably. Five free acts were engaged as free attractions. Mr. Castle was immediately leaving Winchester to hurry forward preparations for a Fourth of July celebration, to be under his direction, at some point in the eastern section of the country.

PICNIC DATE SET

Rockford, Ill., June 15.—The Winnebago County Pionoma Grange has set July 4 as the date for its annual picnic this year, and it will be held in Latham Park. Boone County grange members have been invited to attend and it is expected that at least 3,000 from this county alone will be present. It will be an all-day affair, with speeches, athletics and a varied program of amusements.

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Greenville, Ill., June 14.—The Bond County Home-Coming Association, of which Alex Long is president, is preparing a "Home-Coming" celebration to be held in this city August 24-26. The bond association is to be held in this city August 24-26.

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Summer is here. How many of the boys are still "waiting"—to get busy?

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Some fellows imagine themselves real good pitchmen and are justified in the impressions—in a hay field with a fork.

D. Shanks' "Henry" has taken on a coat of "orange-yellow" and has the title of "King Pep" conspicuously stamped on it.

Paul Sascha, the "Hair Gladiator", is among the veteran road men—showfolk and pitchmen—established at Coney Island, N. Y., for the summer season. Sascha is one of the featurea at Dreamland.

Don't know what particular significance it had, but one of the lads tried to inform Bill recently that Max Allen is a "pope", altho it didn't seem to apply to any particular creed or religion. Whataay, Max?

Mike Murphy, Mark Phelps, Leonard Phelps and Doc Kohler, of the subscriptionists, were a couple of weeks ago touring thru Iowa. 'Tis said that one of the Phelps boyo is getting to be a regular "Barney Oldfield" at the wheel.

Doc George F. Hughes—How's the med. "opy" making it over Pennsylvania way? The writer understands that you intend operating a small company and at the same time build yourself up additions to your many friends in those diggings.

There is a small city in Ohio named Hicksville and another over in Indiana titled Greensburg. But "wise guys" shouldn't form in their imaginations (to their sorrow) the wrong significance to either of them by their "handles".

A grouchy road man with a big hank account (and a "vinegar"—sour-face) needn't put himself on the back as being an actual success. He may be as to being a good money fiend, but he lacks a helluva lot o' proving a good human being after all.

Traveling among strangers demands one to be pleasant, thus gaining friendships, favors and business. The ability to save a part of whatever money earned, be it ever so small, and keep unpretentiously smiling—a "good fellow" and satisfied in the eyes of the public—is an asset of major importance.

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Have you tried out any of the new articles placed on the market this spring? Several items not yet in general-store trade have made their appearance in the advertising. Quite often a discouraged roadman has become encouraged and very successful by trying something different. It's worth a trial at least.

F. L. Martin pipes: "Here's a short one to the pipes. Am still working pens, Oklahoma is holding its own well, considering conditions. Jimmy (J. J.) Whiston, veteran of the subscriptionists, has grabbed off the big dance hall at the park here at Ardmore for the season and says he would like pipes from all the oldtimers."

Recently seen in Chicago the paper lads, Van Meter, the "promoter"; Nick Mercurio, the "arranger"; White Grimshaw, the "Duke"; DeBay, from Minneapolis; Lew Kohan, Lou Kohler, Richardson, with his music box; Frank Anderson, from Reed City, and Dick Hull. Bates says it seems these boys like Chicago and he wonders "why".

While it would hardly be fair to name the place and give the signature, the following letter, signed _____, Night Police, to DeWitt Shanks, was forwarded to Bill by the letter last week—and it was written on the official stationery of the Indiana city. It was sent from (it goes to show that when one is known at a town and to work clean—it pays): "Dear Sir—I saw the chief and he said it

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The latest is that Harry Reilly, formerly of razor fame, has changed to medicine and is making a big success—and with no jam sales—in Florida. Here's a veteran of the road who has studied and made use of the psychology of salesmanship, and he should more than make good in his new line. (Wonder if Harry still sports the red keister?)

Billy and Anna Wren and Leland Whitaker had a narrow escape from serious injury, according to a letter from them last week. They were en route to Acton, Ind., in an automobile, when another car ran into the one in which they were riding. Mrs. Wren had both arms and head bruised a little and Billy's leg was somewhat bruised. The car was slightly damaged.

Ray Fox was seen at Ypsilanti, Mich., selling a tissue mender, making house-to-house sales, and doing nicely. Ray still moves about on his sticks, but has ordered himself a new artificial limb. Warren Lewis, the international auctioneer, who piped the foregoing, opines that when a fellow with one leg and on crutches is sufficiently energetic to get out and get busy, pitching and at house-to-house selling, he deserves credit.

Hear there was quite a gathering of the paper frat. at the recent Farmers' Picnic held near Garrison, Mont. Among the fellows were: Joe Sweetman, Peter, Snappy and Herman Nansen, Perry Walton, James Fiscomer, Paul Jamison, Fat Jerome, Fat Waidon, Joe Barrell, Elmer Jennings, John Dolan, Joe Keyes, George Fitzgerald, Harry Tenney, "Raspberry" Clark, Bishop Fnlmen and "Two-Car" Jack Foss.

Francis E. Elmore wrote from Staunton, Va., that his Elmore's Medicine Show was drawing heavy attendance and enjoying good sales nightly. He advises that his company includes ten colored performers, with a seven-piece band, and that the show had opened several supposed to be closed towns this season. According to Elmore's letter it is possible that he will spring a No. 2 show in the near future.

The report came from Winchester, Pa., that the American Legion Society Circus, promoted and managed there, week ending June 9, by W. S. (Scotty) Castle, was a gratifying success. And Scotty was heading his activities toward a very promising Fourth of July celebration. Further advice was that "Scotty" didn't once during the week ask any of the natives to "write 'em up" either.

Boys, are you aware that there is far less fraternizing among the knights of the triples and keister than several years ago? This should be overcome. While there is as yet no association, still there should be a feeling of "brotherly love", each to the other. The mere fact of being road folks suggests and makes one feel it. Jolly up with each other—it makes life seem so much "worth living". and the advantages thus gained are well worth the effort. Be sociable!

S. C. (Gumby) Hayes, he who hails from Jacksonville, Fla., was a visitor to the writer's desk one day last week, having just breezed into Cincinnati after making several of the larger cities on his trip north. Hayes is chock full of good humor and had many interesting pipes up his sleeve regarding incidents during his some twenty-five or thirty years on the road. He was headed toward territory in Northeastern Ohio. As usual, at the close of the summer season he will migrate back to Jacksonville via the tobacco and cotton belt States of the Atlantic Coast.

While Rleton didn't "convict" himself as to whether he added to the decorations—anyway, here's what he postcarded: "Asked the manager of the opera house at Waverly, Ky., who 'painted' the inside of the place so pretty and in so many colors. He said the traveling shows 'paint' it for him and in all the different hues. I managed to make out the following names: Burke and Gordon here one week to good business"; Dalton Brothers, Tom and Pat—good town, etc."

From "Red" Wilson, from Missoula, Mont.: "Ran into Jack Early while in Spokane, Wash., working paper at the miners' meet. He was looking good and doing fine. Said that Jack Voss and P. M. Nessen were at Butte, that Nessen is off of subs and is running the Grand Hotel at Spokane—and wants the boys to visit him when in town. Early said he is going to make the 'big fight' at Shelly, Mont., and then go to the Stampede at Calgary, Can. Let's hear from 'Dutch' Clark."

J. H. Reno, formerly of various lines of the game, now with an automatic card printing machine, and now and then subscriptions, was in Cincinnati June 11 and called on the writer for a few minutes' confab. Reno, who hails

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PIPS

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from Chicago, left the Windy City a couple of months ago and headed south. Made several large places en route, including Evansville, Ind.; Louisville, Ky., then into other Kentucky cities, likewise Tennessee, and when in Cincinnati had his weather eye aimed at Detroit.

The news arrived from Texas, Monday of last week (too late for PIPES for that issue), that Harry Oscar Shank and the former Mrs. Frank Dunlap were united in marriage May 19. Both are excellent entertainers, novelty acts, etc., and are with the McRae show, out of San Antonio, which was reported as playing to very good business at Brady, Tex., week ending June 9. Many friends of Mrs. Shank will remember that her late husband (Frank Dunlap) was killed at Oglesworth, Okla., about eight years ago, during a show.

G. E. (Pens) Hancock piped from Bartlesville, Okla.: "It is hot, also very wet (rain), down in this part of the country. I guess it was so understood when Oklahoma was christened that it should be plentifully wet forever. I am shooting fountain pens and doing fairly well—license \$5 a day. They tell me that bamboo self-filters are selling in Chi. for twenty-five cents each. I have lost several good sales for this reason. Will someone please let me know, for sure, thru 'Pipes'? Met Doc George Holt some time ago—just as jolly as ever, altho still slightly hard of hearing, and taking life easy."

A great many of the boys would like to send in pipes now and then, but don't want to "tip off" where they are working—for fear of too many rushing in on them. That's not a good excuse for not doing your bit for the ol' "column", fellows! You can tell a joke (on yourself or somebody else), let it be known what you are handling and how you are getting along with it, say you met certain fellows, spring a lot of "foolishness" (always appreciated when read by the other boys) and a world of other things and without saying one word about in what particular locality you are working. If in a certain State or the United States—that's fair enough, if you wish it.

From Jack Mansfield—"somewhere in Vermont": "Have been playing thru Vermont since May 3 with Sterling's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' Company. Yep, I've laid aside the good old receipt book and pencil to pick up the wigs and grease-paint for the season. Mrs. Mansfield is playing adjacent territory with her crew of subscriptionists and is doing fine. It's beautiful country up here and besides enjoying the scenery we are putting away Jack in the ol' 'grouch bag'. We played Peachum, Vt., some time ago and while there learned that some med. man received a 'shake-down'—but did not learn his name. I would like pipes from Jack Smart, Heber Becker and Jack White."

Marie Franklin writes about as follows from Scranton, Pa.: "I want to make this statement to the medicine man showing lots in Elmira, N. Y.: That his pipe in a recent issue (June 2), stating that his No. 2 show is known as the 'Marie Franklin Stock Company', was noticed by me and gives me the impression that he is using my name too personally in advertising his so-called 'No. 2' show. I would like to know who gave him authority to use my name in connection with his colored-performer show and I object to his using my name in any way, or connecting my work in any way, with his colored performers. I want to inform all my friends, as performers, that I still have with me my good principles and work on an all-white show."

From Dewitt Shanks, from Fort Wayne, Ind.: "Am still delivering lectures on buttons, pens, knives, razors, combs, watches and a sort of general line of goods. Made South Bend recently and found it 'burned up'—seems that some of the boys 'homesteaded' there for a couple of months, and wore out their own welcome and everybody else's. Bill Danker and partner were there, but only for a short time. Doc Eller also worked there for a short stay, now being in Milwaukee. I have worked every night, in various towns, and have found quite a few of them open that were closed, heretofore, for some time. I will soon join Eller in Milwaukee. If Peterson would but wear the pipes, in the early spring, a little closer, he would find that Griswold, Danker and myself had all hit the North at about the same time as himself and crew. Peterson Brothers, Danker and I had some lively parties in New Orleans last winter."

Notes From Cleveland—This is a busy week in Cleveland. "Grotto Week" and Prophets of the Mystic Order are here in thousands for a three-day convention and festival. There are many badge and novelty knights selling their wares, and Mayor Koller opened the town and gave the boys three-day permits. Dr. Andrew Rankin has a strong show this season, the roster including the well-known team, Schremmer and Schremmer; Victor Lozen, sing-



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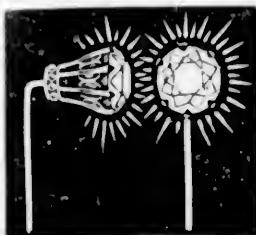
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ing and dancing comedian, with one of the greatest pad dogs in the country, Tiger, and John Ward, one of the best all-round medicine show entertainers. Dr. Chas. Hammond is still playing Lorain, O., and said to be doing nicely. Dr. Harry Chapman and others of the local oldtimers say that if George Gossie doesn't soon shoot in a pipe they will "chastise him harshly". Jetty Meyer, with needle threaders, arrived in Cleveland some time ago and is doing well in a prominent doorway—getting twenty-five cents—either at the doorway or at the shop. Dr. George Howard is doing well with his home remedies.

Once upon a time
A big-city "hick"
(Big cities are full of "hicks")
Wanted to "travel".
He longed to "be a pitchman"
And go "care-free" about
And "cover the country".
During his "meanderings".

Yes, he wanted "the road".
(To use the slang expression.)
But he had given
Too much "fact" credit
To the sayings of
"Clown" writers and
"Propaganda" shooters
In newspapers and magazines.

He drew the impression
(Natural to shallow readers)
That in order to be
A real pitchman
One must be a
Real crook, skin-flint and grifter.
So he arranged to
Govern himself accordingly.

He made a small burg
(Suburb of his big town)
And tried a few "stunts".
Unknown to real pitchdom.
Got "mixed up" in a "getaway".
And really got "the road"—
Sent "up the river".
For a "bit" of "seven".

Moral: Many a would-be "wise guy" has met his Waterloo by thinking ill of others and attempting to make good at something he knew absolutely nothing about. Several slanderers of on-the-level pitchmen have "made good" on drawing their salary, but have fallen far short on to-be-credited facts and due recognition of merit.

PHILADELPHIA

By FRED ULLRICH
908 W. Sterner St. Phone Tioga 3525.
Office Hours Until 1 p.m.

Philadelphia, June 15.—"Scandal" closes its two weeks' run here at the Lyric Theater. Good business.

"I'll Say She Is" is now in its second week at the Walnut street house to excellent business. Quite a number of additions have been made and the entire show improved.

Victor Herbert and his celebrated orchestra opened last Sunday at Willow Grove Park to a fine attendance. His reception was quite an ovation.

The Rhoda Royal Show comes to the circus grounds, Nineteenth and Hunting Park avenue, for two weeks beginning June 25, and will be directed by William F. Naylor, formerly of the Sells-Floto Circus. The affair will be under the auspices of the Pen and Pencil Club of Philadelphia.

The Sells-Floto Circus opened here Monday with a dandy street parade and a fine circus performance to excellent business. We enjoyed the hospitality of the show from an invitation from Frank Braden and John Sheldon. The show has been so well reviewed that nothing we might say could add any more praise. Everything was immense. Fred Biggs in his female impersonation and flirtation act before the show's daily openings was a screaming laughing hit. The side-show also is excellent.

Word comes that the Shriners' Rodeo and Wild West Show now playing Washington and that was to have opened here week of June 18 has been postponed, to what date has not been announced.

The fire that destroyed the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania R. R. at a loss estimated over a million also imperiled the new Fox Theater at Sixteenth and Market streets, and had everybody guessing for a while.

The only vaudeville houses now open in town are Keith, Chestnut Street, Globe and Nixon's Fifty-second street house. The picture houses are all running full blast.

Al G. Barnes' advance railroad car was sidetracked at the Broad street station during the fire and luckily escaped being destroyed

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No.	BALLOONS.	Gross.	No.	FLAGS AND DECORATIONS.	Gross.
673-70	C. M. 2-Col. Amer. Flag Gas Bal.	\$3.75	1749	Medium Flag Bow	\$1.00
3357-70	C. M. 2-Col. Uncle Sam Gas Bal.	1.75	1795	Large Flag Bow	1.25
1157-70	C. M. 2-Col. Heavy Weight Gas Bal.	3.25	1800	R. W. B. Moss Paper Fest'n. Doz. Rls.	1.20
555-60	C. M. Asst. Color Heavy Gas Bal.	2.50	4990	R. W. B. Silk Ribbon Streamer, on Jap.	6.00
1445-70	C. M. Trans. Colors Heavy Gas Bal.	3.25	Canes. Per 100		
871-60	C. M. Ass't. Col. Good Grade Air Bal.	3.50	2982	R. W. B. Crepe Ribbon Paper, 25 ft. to	.70
5299-70	C. M. Trans. Bas Balloon, with Pic.	3.50	Roll. Per Dozen Rolls .....	.70	
639-70	C. M. Pat. Imprint 2-Col. Gas Bal.	3.50	20 In. Wide, Per Dozen Rolls.....	.75	
5990-70	C. M. Gold Finish Heavy Gas Bal.	3.50			
1148-24	In. Trans. Heavy Smooth Rattan Balloon				

No.	BALLOON STICKS.	Gross.	No.	TOY WHIPS.	Gross.
5089	Med. Wt. Rattan Bal. Sticks, 22 in. long.	\$0.15	X-900	33-in. Braided Toy Whip, with	\$3.50
595	Hvy. Wt. Rattan Bal. Sticks, 22 in. long.	.30	845	30-in. Braided Toy Whip, with	4.00
5090	Heavy Weight Rattan Balloon Sticks, 22 in. long. Assorted colors .....	.35	902	36-in. Braided Toy Whip, with	6.00
602	Extra Heavy Smooth Rattan Balloon Sticks, 24 inches long.....	.40	912	30-in. Varied Toy Whip, with	.60

No.	BALLOON SQUAKERS.	Gross.	No.	CONFETTI.	Gross.
953	Medium Asst. Color Round Squakers	\$2.25	538	50-lb. Box Bulk Conf. Brdg. Cel. Bag	\$3.00
1063	Large Asst. Color Round Squakers	2.50	507	Rainbow Conf. in Tissue Tubes, 100.	1.50
663	Large Asst. Color Long Squakers	2.50	516	Snowball Conf. Tissue Balls, 100.	1.50
3425	Mammoth Asst. Color Long Squakers	4.50	608	Serpentine Confetti, Per 100, 30c; M. 2.50	
665	Dying Pig Balloon Squaker	5.95	650	Japanese Canes, Mahogany Finish,	
664	Bagpipe Balloon	70c Doz.	550	Per C. \$1.20; per M. 11.75	
5359	Kewpie Doll Bal. Squakers 75c Doz.	9.00	651	Feather Dusters, Asst. Brut Colors, 100.	1.25

No.	PARASOLS.	Gross.	No.	MISCELLANEOUS NOVELTIES.	Gross.
621	24-in. R. W. B. Cloth Parasols	\$3.35	626	Large Size Shaker Dots, 1/2 Gross to	
1367	24-in. Fancy Design Cloth Parasol	3.35	627	Box. Per 1/2 Gross, \$6.00; Gross, \$11.75	
1693	24-in. R. W. B. Jap Paper Parasol	2.25	628	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
4895	30-in. R. W. B. Jap Paper Parasol	2.90	629	Jap Paper Fans, Ass't. designs .....	.30
628	30-in. Fancy Design Jap Paper Parasol	2.90	630	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80

No.	NOISE-MAKERS.	Gross.	No.	AMERICAN LEGION SPECIALS.	Gross.
512	Shaker Horn, 30 in. R. W. B.	\$0.30	631	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
513	Shaker Horn, 30 in. R. W. B.	1.00	632	Jap Paper Fans, Ass't. designs .....	.30
5448	Noisy Donkey Blowout .....	.30	633	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
3572	Mammy Blowout .....	.25	634	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
780	Shy Dandy Horn, R. W. B. C. D. bld.	.35	635	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
4705	Long Dandy Horn, 14½ in. ....	.75	636	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
551	8-in. R. W. B. Paper Horn	1.00	637	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
510	14-in. R. W. B. Paper Horn	2.50	638	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5053	Bouquet Blowout, Beau. Colors .....	.40	639	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
3590	Miniature Fry Pan Rattle .....	.35	640	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
3591	Magie Tube Noise-Mkr. A new one .....	.75	641	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
4904	French Drum, New and different .....	.40	642	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
523	Old Reliable Wooden Cricket .....	.43	643	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
522	Old Reliable Ball Rattle .....	.30	644	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5960	Nickel Plated Trumpet, 3½ in. long	4.75	645	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5976	Nickel Plated Trumpet, 6 in. long	10.00	646	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
1785	Devilino Horn, A different sound .....	.35	647	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
4882	Polished Aluminum Trumpet .....	.40	648	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
4523	Safety Cracker, Sounds like fire's .....	.80	649	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5477	Tom Tom Horn, R. W. B. ....	.35	650	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80

No.	NOVELTY BADGES.	Gross.	No.	AMERICAN LEGION SPECIALS.	Gross.
5225	"Hello, Al!" Pennants, 12x30	\$1.80	651	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5226	"Hello, Al!" Celluloid Buttons	1.25	652	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5227	"Hello, Al!" Hat Bands	2.50	653	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5228	"Hello, Al!" Badges, Min. Helmet .....	.80	654	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
3362	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	655	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5229	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	656	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5230	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	657	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5231	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	658	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5232	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	659	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5233	Swagger Sticks, Always a seller. 1.10	12.00	660	Propeller Pin Wheel, Three Cel. Lubid Propellers	\$0.80
5234	Swagger Sticks, Always				

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Pittsburg, Pa., June 13.—Business for the Zeidman & Pollie Exposition Shows at Fairmont, W. Va., last week, improved to such an extent that the show had a pretty fair week—but it all came the latter part of the week. This week's engagement in Pittsburg, at 36th and Liberty streets, is proving a real one for all shows, rides and concessions, the latter doing a wonderful business. Concessionaire and Mrs. Wm. Price, Mrs. Wm. Zeidman and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Singer have been busy greeting their many friends here. This is the "old home town" for these folks. Many visitors from the George L. Dobyns and Moore Bros. Circus, who are playing an engagement this week on the North Side, have been on the Z. & P. lot. Included on visiting showfolk list have been George L. Dobyns, J. W. Stephenson, press representative Dobyns Shows; Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, Dobyns Shows; Homer Moore, Moore Bros. Circus; E. K. Johnson, agent for Narder Shows; Mr. Smith, agent for Sullivan-Cooper Shows; Mr. McGarry, agent for Smith's Greater Shows; Mr. Sterling, superintendent Dobyns Shows; Lucille Dawson Rex, former Billboard representative in Pittsburg, and her husband, John Rex, formerly with the Al G. Field Minstrels, and Manager Pollie was agreeably surprised to have as visitors his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Miller. Mr. Miller, concessionaire with the Z. & P. caravan for almost ten years, is now in business with his father, in a general contracting business, and is making good.

Manager Pollie has been receiving many compliments from his visitors on the beauty of his wagon fronts, and the shows and, rides in general as being one of the prettiest shows in America. A big spectacular show is being framed now and will doubtless be one of the biggest sensations in the entire show world when completed. Mr. Pollie will spare no expense—even to the most minute detail—to make the biggest thing on any show in the United States. A description of this new show will be announced in next week's Billboard. The writer has been royally entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. Rex. Mrs. Rex was one of the first press representatives for the Zeidman & Pollie Shows and never fails to pay the big show a visit when near her home, Warren, O., next week, under the auspices of the Army and Navy Club.

BEN H. VOORHEIS
(General Press Representative).

REQUIRES CREDENTIALS

Plainfield, N. J., June 13.—A new ruling governing carnivals playing this city requires the submitting of credentials from the town previously played before a permit will be granted to open the attractions. As a result of this, when the Matthew J. Riley Shows arrived here last week, they were asked for their credentials from Bethlehem, Pa., the last stand, and not having any immediately wired with the following result:

"Plainfield, N. J.

"Matthew J. Riley Shows:

"I am pleased to advise you that there were no complaints received by the city authorities regarding the character or conduct of your shows which exhibited here last week, and the police bureau gives you a clean bill of health."

"(Signed) THOMAS GANEY,
"City Clerk."

BABE NELSON

Your mother, Mrs. Helen Murphy Bradshaw, wants to hear from you. She asks that you address her in care of Chicago office of The Billboard.

PHILADELPHIA

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That no lives were lost is almost a miracle. However, a lot of theatrical folks lost their baggage or were delayed, necessitating their going on for the first few shows in street clothes. The Wilton Sisters lost all their wardrobe in the fire and appeared in street clothes, but registered a big hit nevertheless at the Keith house.

Samps and Leonhard, a nifty dancing act, substituted at Keith's Theater for the La Plata Trio, who could not get their baggage from the Broad Street station fire. They had \$5,000 worth of Spanish shawls in their trunks and at this writing have not learned whether all are lost.

The old Continental Hotel is now razed to the cellar floor and soon the work will begin for the immense new hotel to be erected on the site.

The new Elsie is fast rounding into appearance of a theater at Eleventh and Market streets. The cornerstone laying will take place June 30.

That the Summer Special of The Billboard, June 30, will be hummer is attested the way ads are coming thick and fast.

The Summer Special Number of The Billboard out next week.

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Additional Outdoor News

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. Anonymous letters will not be tolerated, but signatures will be withheld if requested. Be brief and to the point.

Johnson's Aim Puzzles Barkoot

Lansing, Mich., June 12, 1923.
Editor The Billboard, 1408 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir—I cannot understand why Mr. Johnson has taken advantage of writing such a nasty letter ahead of my show, and I do not know what he is aiming to do. Of course, he has threatened to put me out of business. I am sorry that he is taking this advantage of me and my show. However, I will have to defend myself and my rights for the good of the show business, as we have as clean a show and as clean a set of people as anybody. I am willing to give you the names of all officials and our committees where we have shown for the last good many years and you can make an investigation personally yourself regarding my show and its record.

You understand there is a certain element in the show business that would rather knock than eat, and this element is perhaps the one that is doing the knocking to Johnson and The Billboard. But Mr. Johnson seems to overlook a good many other members of his organization whom I do not care to mention because they were sending him remittances every week, and the weeks that they don't send it in on time he raps them.

I have had severely had business thru the South, the worst I have ever experienced, and I was very embarrassed financially, and was a little late in sending in my dues. Previous to receiving my check he sent very nasty letters to the officials of Pontiac, rapping me and my show. Therefore, when he did receive the check, which he evidently did not expect, there was nothing he could do but send it back. It looks to me as if he is trying to destroy certain showmen who have struggled thru practically all their life fighting for the existence of clean shows, which you have known me to be doing for the past twenty-one years.

Mr. Johnson claims to favor ten-cent stock wheels, yet he is continually bringing up the matter of my arrest at Piqua for "gambling", which was not a thing but stock wheels and ten-cent grind wheels, as described fully in The Billboard, issue of May 12.

He investigated our show in Macon, Ga., and upon receiving a favorable reply from the city officials there he accused them of being "in" on my show.

When Col. Owens asked me to join Johnson's organization, which I did, I told him then that as far as Hamtramck (which is a separate corporation from Detroit) was concerned I could not control same, as the contract to show there was made way previous to my joining the Showmen's Legislative Committee, and the Hamtramck Indians' Committee had the right to put on concessions of their own, which they did run with signs displayed on each booth stating they were operated by and for the Hamtramck Indians. In the face of all the opposition created, our regular concessions were forced to buy back to get any business whatever, and then they got very little.

A lot of local Detroit grafters bothered me all week to put on line-up stores, even offering me as high as two thousand dollars to let them work. I positively refused them, and one more wanted to work anyhow, but the committee and myself stopped them immediately. These people threatened to write to Johnson, and that is no doubt where some of the raps came from. The trouble with Mr. Johnson is that he does not understand the relation between local conditions in such spots as Hamtramck and the show business, and he does not seem to realize that a man with the experience and the money invested such as I have would naturally at all times seek to conduct his business in strict conformity with the law and in harmony with local conditions, which vary greatly from place to place. He is too prone to take the word of a lot of sordid concessionaires who have very little interest, or worse still, some of his so-called "investigators" who don't know a joint when they see one. We positively had no golf joints at Hamtramck, either our own or local.

The result of the letters he has sent in advance to ministers and officials, to Pontiac and other towns, including here, has been to cause lots of trouble and inconvenience, as well as financial loss on account of advance reports that have a tendency to keep the crowds away from our show grounds. Of course, after we are in each town, and the officials and committee and ministers have investigated thoroughly, they realize that we are being done a

great injustice, and they voluntarily write letters to Johnson direct telling him of these unjust accusations against me and my show in advance.

When I joined his organization I thought that he was going to be fair and square with me as well as with others, but under the methods he is using against me I do not care to belong to his organization or be connected with it in any way, shape or form. I am capable of running my own show, clean and respectable, for the benefit of show people in general, and I do not need his assistance in any manner. Mr. Johnson cannot clean up the shows—it is up to the show people themselves.

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters and answers for your own information so that you can decide my case for yourself, and I am willing to do anything within my power to keep up the high standard of the show business, like I always have done. Any time that The Billboard gets any reports in regard to my show, I will be glad to hear from them, and I will answer any questions that I may be asked. The trouble with Johnson is that he convicts a man without a trial, for if he had asked me for information as to the reports made to him, I would gladly have told him my side of the stories. However, I am glad that The Billboard has been very just in its handling of this matter. When I read his advertisement I will then answer same.

Thanking you for all past favors, and with best regards, I am,

(Signed)

K. G. BARKOOT.

NOTE—Mr. Barkoot's letter was accompanied by many letters and affidavits testifying to the cleanliness of his shows. They were from chiefs of police, ministers of the gospel, sheriffs, city auditors and committeemen. Taken all in all they were very impressive and make out a strong case for Mr. Barkoot.—Editors of The Billboard.

Alleges Movie Interests Are Behind Tent Show Law in Texas

Snyder, Tex., June 8, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—Knowing that The Billboard is a friend of the outdoor showman and always impartial in its views of the amusement field I take this liberty to acquaint you with some facts regarding the proposed tax on theatrical, dramatic and musical comedy shows and amusements in Texas.

The bill has passed the House of Representatives and has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee. By passage of the latter body and with the Governor's signature the measure will become effective at once.

In Texas there are three occupational taxes—State, county and city. The city and county tax are equivalent to the State tax. By the

new law the tax on a traveling tent theater will be exceptionally heavy. And if the price of admission, including reserved seats, is in excess of 50 cents the proposed tax will be still higher. In towns of 2,500 to 4,000 population a tent dramatic show license will be \$10 for each performance. That means an extra license for matinee and concert.

I hope managers of tent shows will realize the necessity of organizing so we may have representation in the different States where such bills, fostered by the motion picture interests, are endangering our business.

The following is a copy of a telegram which is self-explanatory:

"Austin, Tex., June 1, 1923.
"Motion Picture Theater Owners of Texas,
"1704½ Elm St., Dallas, Tex."

"Unable to send copy for bulletin to exhibitors this week, as am very busy here trying to kill tax bills and other legislation unfavorable to our industry, and also trying to put thru anti-carnival and tent show bills. Secretary-Treasurer Byar here with me appearing before committees, etc. Hope to be able next week to report something done instead of something done." H. A. COLE, President."

The telegram was sent to each member of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Texas, which practically means every theater in the State. Such action should make tent showmen realize the necessity for immediate organization in their own behalf. I personally have spent more than \$500 this year in an effort to defeat the Texas bill. George Robertson and Charlie Manville, tent show owners, are the only others known to me who have contributed one penny in an effort to combat the proposed tax, which I regard as unjust and believe will make tent shows prohibitive in Texas.

Mr. Cole's telegram shows that the film people are making a strenuous fight against us.

In fairness to the owners and managers of tent shows and the actors, musicians and other people they employ I ask that you please publish this letter.

(Signed) HARLEY SADLER,
Owner and Mgr. Harley Sadler's Tent Theater

Cullen's Views on Cleanup Campaign

Brazil, Ind., June 14, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—For some time I have been reading this, that and the other thing in regard to the clean-up campaign. I have studied it from every angle and am sure more in the dark now than in the beginning as to what it's all about. Figuring there were enough to take sides for and against without any voice from me and trusting that it would soon be settled and that all carnivals would see the handwriting on the wall and become clean, I have said nothing one way or the other or would I attempt to ask for a voice in the matter at this time if it were not due to the fact that I figure I have been done a personal injustice by the methods used against



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the T. A. Wolfe Shows by Mr. Johnson from the Chicago headquarters. I have spent the past twenty years in the carnival business and have from the start been an advocate of the clean show and honest concession, and many times have I fought the managers of different shows with which I have been connected when I saw a show or concession in operation that looked the least bit shady. I severed connections with one show because the manager refused to pay attention to my objections. Which ought to be sufficient proof that I am, and always have been, for the clean, honest show. I do not care to criticize The Billboard, I have both friends and acquaintances on its staff, have always been a reader of it from the first issue and will continue to be regardless of how this letter is treated. However, I am forced to say that, in my opinion, The Billboard has never handled this clean-up proposition in exactly the right manner, and is not doing so at present. Since the birth of the carnival in this country, or shortly after, I believe the power to force the carnival to be clean and remain that way has been held firmly in the hand of The Billboard and remains as firmly there today as it ever did, and from my point of view The Billboard has never gone about it in an open and above-board manner and exposed in bold, black type with the flashlight on in full force, the guilty from the innocent, with names, facts and full particulars. On the other hand it appears to me that, no doubt for reasons best known to themselves, they have handled the matter in an altogether too mild way, which has caused many an honest, straight showman to feel somewhat as I do myself about the matter. In a recent issue I read that complaints had been filed against the Smith Greater Shows, T. A. Wolfe's Shows and one or two others. Being in a position to cover a great many of the different shows during the winter and knowing E. K. Smith as I do, and from the talk I had with him last winter in regard to how he was going to run and conduct his show this year, I cannot or will not believe there is any ground for a complaint against that show unless the facts and particulars are made public, and I will have to ask, who outside of The Billboard is in a position to give us the facts? In regard to the Wolfe Shows I have this to say: Being

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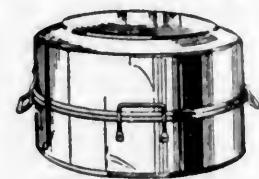
a member of Mr. Wolfe's organization and, as mentioned before, being an advocate of the clean show and concession, I would like to know from whom the complaint against the T. A. Wolfe Shows came, its nature, character and other particulars surrounding it. I will not enter into the past, but will say that if The Billboard, Mr. Johnson or anyone else have received complaints against the T. A. Wolfe Shows this year, I cannot understand why they have not received complaints against every show in America today, both large and small, for as far as the T. A. Wolfe Shows are concerned they are, and have been, as clean as a hound's tooth the entire season. If they were otherwise I believe I would be one of the first to notice it and would not for a minute even consider the writing of this letter, provided there was the slightest cause for a just complaint. I will further state that if any complaints have been filed against the T. A. Wolfe Shows, I am quite positive they have not come from the Mayor, sheriff, chief of police or any other official of any city in which the Wolfe shows have appeared this year, and if they have they are not bona fide or can they be proven as such. Regardless of what Mr. Johnson might inform the show world I will say here and now that the T. A. Wolfe Shows as they stand today are without any question of doubt the cleanest shows that I have ever been connected with in my twenty years in the carnival business. I am not against Mr. Johnson or his efforts to clean up the entire carnival world and if at any time I can be of any assistance to him in so doing I stand ready and willing to lead that helping hand in the right and proper way, but would never consider wronging any man, provided he had a clean show, simply because he did not belong to an association. I have not talked with Mr. Wolfe to any great extent in regard to his standing with Mr. Johnson, but as I understand the situation, on the list of undesirable attractions is the Hawaiian Show or Theater, and because Mr. Wolfe would not eliminate his Hawaiian entertainment he could not become a member, or at least did not become a member, and for that reason it is heralded far and wide by Mr. Johnson that his show is unclean and unfit to appear in this, that or the other city. Do you call that fair, honest and just? Last week while talking with a friend of mine who knows just how this show is conducted and who had just returned from the Pittsburg district where he visited for a night with a certain carnival, whose manager he was personally acquainted with, he informed me that he found all the strong joints in the world in operation, as well as a cooch and '49 show, and that he asked the manager how he got away with it, as well as mentioning the fact that he knew they were after the T. A. Wolfe Shows and that the Wolfe Shows were as clean as they could be made. The answer was that the manager laughed, pulled out and showed his proof that he belonged to the association and remarked that's how he got by with it. Now if that is the truth—and I cannot understand why my friend would want to tell me anything like that unless it was the truth—I will ask what do you think of it? I realize that in the past a great many crooked and other immoral shows have operated under the cloak of Hawaiian Theater or Village, and no doubt many are doing so at present, but because a certain class of managers will resort to such methods in order to get by with a dirty girl show and fool the public and officials who do not know the difference, must all decent Hawaiians who appear in a clean bill be made to suffer (and there are many such Hawaiians whom I am personally acquainted with)? Or is it because Mr. Johnson is prejudiced against Hawaiians or Hawaiian entertainments, good, bad or indifferent? That I do not or cannot believe, but I would like to know what his reasons are. In regard to the Hawaiian entertainment carried by Mr. Wolfe it is presented by genuine native Hawaiians, who possess talent and ability to entertain in the right manner and do not have to, or do they resort to, smut or objectionable dances of any kind, and their entertainment is attended week in and week out by more refined ladies and children than any other show on his entire midway, which is, or ought to be, proof enough that it does not belong in the undesirable class. So I will ask Mr. Johnson why should Mr. Wolfe elim-

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the same lines many times before) that if The Billboard, Mr. Johnson and all clean, honest showmen will try and get together in some manner and direct their campaign first on the officials of the different cities in which carnivals are to appear and, above all, on the officials of a large percentage of the State and county fairs, they will find that they will not have to devote so much of their time to the shows, and the fact will soon prove that a good many of the shows, their managers and followers are not quite as black as they are painted.
(Signed) J. B. CULLEN,
Manager Cullen's Minstrels.

Claim Dance on Barkoot Shows Was Oriental and Not Hootch

Detroit, Mich., June 13, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—We read in the current issue of The Billboard an affidavit from the office of the Showmen's Legislative Committee of America concerning the K. G. Barkoot Shows. In this deposition which, incidentally, is correct in the largest part, there is complaint of the girl show (?) on the K. G. Barkoot Shows. It states that the girls wore ballet costumes. Has the investigator ever visited a burlesque, musical comedy or tabloid show where the chorus girls appeared in street dress, "Superba" is the name of the show in question on the Barkoot Shows. It is also stated that the girls were shimmying and doing a hootch dance. This statement is stretched. We admit that the leading lady did an Oriental dance in full costume, but there is a difference between an Oriental and a hootch dance.

The investigator failed to state that there were two comedians with the show. These comics are well known in theatricals and would hardly hurt their reputations by appearing on a hootch show. As a matter of fact we are under contract for the coming season with a leading burlesque wheel, therefore would work only on a legitimate show; in fact, we could not afford to do otherwise.

We do not want you to misconstrue the meaning of this letter, as we heartily favor the clean-up campaign, but like to see justice done where justice is due. Therefore we would like to have you publish this letter in its entirety.

Since the inspection we have left the Barkoot Shows to accept a better paying job.

Kindly withhold our names from print, but we have no objection to making them known to interested parties.

Praises Railroad Agent for Service

Buffalo, N. Y., June 8, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—I would like to advise thru old reliable "Billyboy" about my dealings with H. M. Morgan, general agent of the passenger department of the Grand Trunk R. R. System at Buffalo.

I arrived here two days ago to contract for our movement from Watertown to Massena, N. Y., and noticed that the Grand Trunk had opened an office in Ellicott Square. While inquiring as to rates, etc., to Montreal I asked if it was possible to take up the movement from Massena Springs, N. Y., to Montreal via the Grand Trunk without me having to go to Montreal to do so. I had been to Montreal about this contract, but Mr. Moffatt was not in. H. M. Morgan, G. P. A. at Buffalo, sure gave me the fastest service of any railroad official I have met in my twenty years' experience.

I hope the boys will call and pay Mr. Morgan a visit any time they are in Buffalo.

(Signed) JOHN W. BERRY.

Gen. Agent Bernardi Greater Shows.

Questions Attack on Wolfe Shows

Anderson, Ind., June 14, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—Several times in different towns where T. A. Wolfe's Superior Shows have been playing I was told that letters were sent to the Mayor, chief of police and other influential parties by certain sources which condemned the Wolfe Shows. I never paid any attention to such talk as I did not believe it. While I am with the Wolfe Show I would not shield them if things were not conducted in the right way, neither would I remain with them. But I wish to state that

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inate, or even be asked to eliminate, such an attraction from his lineup in order to have the good grace of Mr. Johnson, the association or anyone else? Mr. Wolfe's Hawaiian entertainment is, and always has been during the time I have been associated with him, open for the inspection of all police officials, mayors, ministers and councilmen of every city in which he appears. In the beginning I mentioned the fact that I would not even consider the writing of this letter if I did not think that I was being done a personal injury by the methods used and the misleading propaganda sent out from Mr. Johnson's office in Chicago to officials of the different cities in which we are to appear in trying to make them believe that the T. A. Wolfe Shows are unfit to be allowed to appear in their city. So far he has failed in a miserable way, as right is bound to prevail, and Mr. Johnson is as far from right in the methods he is using as I am from being President of the United States. As mentioned before I have spent the past twenty years of my life in the carnival business, I think I know both the inside and outside workings of the game, and believe I am in a position to judge the good from the bad. As to the actual experience Mr. Johnson has had in the business I know not, and care less, but feel that I am quite safe in saying that he has never been a member of a carnival organization in his life. So in what position is he to judge of what he knows not, or rather misjudge, as he has done with the

T. A. Wolfe Shows? I dare say he has never seen either the T. A. Wolfe or the Smith Greater shows in his life and is simply working on reports he has received from his investigators who are sent out to make reports on shows that do not belong to the organization and of which, in my opinion, he does not care to receive a favorable report. Up to the present time there has been no representative from Mr. Johnson's office to call upon this show, walk upon the lot, make himself and his mission known and talk the proposition over in a straight, honest, forward manner, with a single member of this entire organization, like they should do.

I do not say this for idle talk and it is up to The Billboard or Mr. Johnson to call my hand, but if either or both will send a representative to me I will place \$500 in that gentleman's hand, which I will donate to any institution that The Billboard might name, if I cannot go in person with him to two shows that I know belong to the organization and show him more gambling and more questionable shows to the square inch than he can or will find on the T. A. Wolfe Show if he were to remain on it the balance of the season.

Now I am going to ask, what is The Billboard going to do or say in regard to the unfair methods I have mentioned—and I can prove them to be unfair? Surely The Billboard wants to be fair and just, and I believe will be. In conclusion I will suggest (something which has been suggested or referred to along

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A REJOINDER TO JOHNSON'S CHARGES

K. G. BarRoot and Others Sub-
mit Their Versions of the
Hamtramck Issue

Lansing, Mich., June 14, 1923.

Editor The Billboard—Relative to the page advertisement in The Billboard, issue of June 16, of Thomas J. Johnson, general counsel and commissioner of the Showmen's Legislative Committee, attacking K. G. Barkoot, the K. G. Barkoot Shows, and the entire personnel of this company, it would not be just or fair to allow this uncalled-for attack to go unanswered. Therefore, I, K. G. Barkoot, as well as every showman and concessionaire with the Barkoot Shows, do hereby go on record, and emphatically deny most all of the allegations set forth in the unsigned affidavit, as copied in the advertisement of Thos. J. Johnson, and claim that they are untrue. Further, that the copy of the letter dated May 31 to Mr. K. G. Barkoot, is not a correct copy of the original letter sent and signed by Thos. J. Johnson, in which were threats and other abusive terms.

The following sworn to statements are positive denial of Mr. Johnson's accusations:

June 15, 1923.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ING-

HAM, ss:

We, George Cole and Edward Jessop, being duly sworn on oath depose and say that we were at all times on the show lot of the K. G. Barkoot Shows at Hamtramck, Mich., which is a city by itself and not part of the city of Detroit.

Affiants state that they are competent judges of concessions and are perfectly familiar with each and every kind of concession. And that there were no roll-downs or roulette wheel in operation on the Barkoot Shows, either at Hamtramck or are there any carried with the show. Further that there were no concessions of any kind operated that were regulated by so-called game or squeezes.

Affiants further state that all concessions operated where no merchandise was displayed were not operated by members of the Barkoot Shows, but were operated by the Hamtramck Indians and for their benefit only, and signs were posted in each booth to that effect.

Affiants further state that the Cole & Jessop Co. operate only strictly merchandise dispensing wheels, two corn games and an add-a-ball game.

Affiants further state that K. G. Barkoot could in no way possible control the local situation that prevails at Hamtramck at all times.

GEO. COLE,
EDWARD JESSOP.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of June, 1923.
[Seal]

ARTHUR N. AVERY,
Notary Public.

Commission expires November 26, 1923.

Hamtramck, Mich., June 15, 1923.
Editor The Billboard—We have read the sworn statement of the Showmen's Legislative Committee of America on page 115 of your issue of June 16, 1923, making various charges against the K. G. Barkoot Shows, claiming he had one roll-down, one roulette wheel, one Monster Deep-Sea Show, two gypsy camps, an auto wheel, one Hooch Show with suggestive gestures. All of this is positively untrue. Neither was there any egg wheel or squeeze or store of any kind or nature, as the Hamtramck Indians or the K. G. Barkoot Shows

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would not tolerate any kind of the above-mentioned doings on the grounds. We have seen hundreds of people going out of the grounds carrying various kinds of merchandise and all the concessions with this show were fair and square. We visited the K. G. Barkoot Shows in Toledo, O., also in Pontiac, Mich., both before and after playing here week of May 21, and found them to be the cleanest and best carnival that ever played in this city, and the Barkoot Shows are among many playing in this city since the year 1916. The K. G. Barkoot Shows have played here six times since that year and are always welcome back any time and we can highly recommend this show to any organization for its honest and upright dealings and high-class entertainment.

This statement is made by this committee of our own free will, unsolicited, as we feel, after reading your issue, that Mr. Barkoot has been unjustly accused.

HAMTRAMCK INDIANS COMMITTEE,
A. TEMPLETON, Chairman,
JULIUS NEWTON.

Swear to before me this 15th day of June, 1923.
EDWARD J. SAWTILL,
[Seal] Notary Public.

Wayne County, Mich.
My commission expires January 21, 1927.

Further, we are enclosing you original letters from police departments, city officials, clergy, committees, etc., as well as newspaper clippings, in various cities we have shown this season, which alone are proof that Mr. Johnson's allegations are untrue, as most of these letters have been given us after those signing them had received letters from Thos. J. Johnson attacking our show and its personnel, and his continued attacking us weekly thru the mail, to officials, ministerial associations and the press in each city where we show only tends to prove that either he or his associates are striving to put as clean and respectable a show as there is on the road out of business. The K. G. Barkoot Shows do not carry any "kootch" show nor any other suggestive show, the line-up of attractions being as follows: Ringling circus, colored minstrel show, motor-drome, battlefield of France, creation (English London Ghost Show), side-show, over-the-falls,

athletic arena and Superba, which is a straight musical comedy show with male comedians and a chorus of singing and dancing girls. This show has no Oriental dancers nor "kootch" dancers. The rides are the caterpillar, air-planes, Ferris wheel and merry-go-round.

Now, if Mr. Johnson claims this to be the show that he advertises it to be, then he and his investigators had better visit some of the other shows which are staunch members of his organization, and he will find practically the same line-up of shows.

As to the concessions carried with the Barkoot Shows, they are as follows: Cock, silverware, umbrella, candy, overnight bags, bama and roasters, blankets and other merchandise dispensing wheels; a palmistry parlor operated by R. D. Surrey, one of the best-known palmists on the road, and not a gypsy camp; string game and pitch-till-you-win where prizes are given every time; shooting gallery, cookhouse and refreshment stands, two corn games.

Now, then, if Mr. Johnson, or his investigators, claim that these concessions are gambling and are operated in violation of the rules and regulations of the Legislative Committee, and that they tend to corrupt the morals of the public, as he states weekly in his letters to the sheriffs, chiefs of police and ministerial associations in each city we visit, then why doesn't he send similar letters ahead of every show in the United States, especially those who stand back of his so-called Legislative Committee, for each and every one of them carries the same line of merchandise dispensing concessions as enumerated above?

No doubt complaints have come into his office as well as to The Billboard, but in most cases if the facts were thoroughly investigated they would be found to be sent in by some concessionaire who violated rules of the show and had been let go, or else by some one holding a grudge against the show for some personal grievance; but has Mr. Johnson ever gone deeply in his investigation to find out how true the information was? Has he ever gone into details to find out what may be the local conditions prevailing? No.

In a letter to the sheriff of Lansing, Mich., he brands the Barkoot Shows of giving immoral and indecent shows and conducting unfair

games. He cites Hamtramck, Mich., stating that he tried to have Mr. Barkoot arrested there, but found the police department was in "cahoots" with the show. Mr. Johnson's platform at his meetings in organizing his Legislative Committee was to the effect that his committee would protect shows where they came in contact with local conditions that were detrimental to the show business, and where the show owner could not control the situation, that his committee would take upon itself methods to force the obeying of the law, thru the press and by other means, even going so far as to publish the names of those responsible and have warrants issued, no matter what their local position might be. Mr. Johnson evidently has forgotten those promises that he made, both in the meetings held at The Billboard office in New York and at Chicago; for Hamtramck was a good place for him to start his campaign. Hamtramck is not a part of Detroit, but a corporation by itself, and the mayor and council conduct their city to suit themselves and will not allow any one to interfere with what they care to do and how they do. Every show that has ever played Hamtramck has had to contend with the same conditions that prevailed there during the Barkoot Shows' engagement during the week of May 7, when Col. Owens, one of the investigators of the Legislative Committee, called on me and inspected my shows, passing favorably on them at Fostoria, O., and asked me to join his organization, which I did at that time. I advised Col. Owens of the situation that would prevail at Hamtramck, but as the contracts had already been closed, the date had to be played. But, regardless of these facts, Mr. Johnson's investigator, instead of making a thorough investigation at Hamtramck and finding out the true facts, and then consulting with the owner of the show, who at that time was a member of the Legislative Committee, and giving him the support of the committee he represented, did the opposite, swore to an affidavit, part of which is grossly exaggerated and untrue, and condemned the K. G. Barkoot Shows as being the cause and guilty of violating the regulations of the Legislative Committee.

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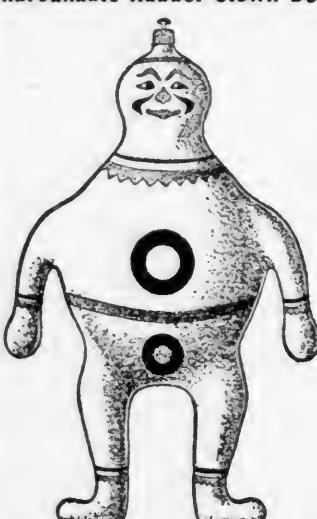
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president of the greater part of detail work, giving as her reason that if this were done the president could devote more of her time to the consideration of plans for the work and the interests of the organization and to the problems and the difficulties which occur from time to time. Next came the report from the historian, Mrs. Russell Dorr, of Greenwich, Conn. Here again we should have more space in order to give more information as to the history of the organization. Mrs. Dorr stated the federation was permanently organized in Chicago January, 1898, and four years later there were nearly 42 clubs in the federation. Mrs. Dorr called attention to the fact that in 1897, at a conference of Music Clubs in New York City at the Grand Central Palace, recognition was taken for the first time at any musical conference of compositions by women. Another important point brought out by Mrs. Dorr was that the federation was the first organization to form circuits for the purpose of making artists available for clubs throughout the country.

The proceedings of the morning were here interrupted in order to hear a group of songs by Maurice Matteson, baritone, of Columbia, S. C., and also during the morning session the delegates heard a most interesting and informative address by Caroline Behee, founder of the New York Chamber Music Society, chairman of the Chamber Music Committee, on the subject of "Chamber Music as the Foundation of Musical Intelligence". At the afternoon session the convention considered the revision of by-laws. All of the revisions suggested were accepted except two, and of these two the principal one pertained to increasing the dues of the clubs to the federation. As each revision was read much discussion resulted. Following the business of the afternoon an address was made by Ella May Powell, of Washington, D. C., who talked interestingly on "The Psychology and Technique Speech of Song". Immediately following Peter C. Lathkin, dean of music, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., addressed the convention on the subject of "The Responsibility of the Music Club to Its Community". He urged that clubs organize committees to further the cause of music and to improve music in schools, in the church, in the home, in the concert rooms and in the community. Following this address the convention adjourned for the day.

The business sessions thruout Tuesday were given over to the reports of the work of the Extension Department, of which Mrs. Cecil Frankel, of Los Angeles, was chairman. So many reports were made that our space will permit commenting only on the important features. Mrs. Frankel stressed the importance of quality in club membership and urged the federation to strive towards a high standard for clubs rather than to be interested in obtaining a large number of memberships. State presidents made their reports, as did also district presidents, and among various good works of the clubs one learned that it is the practice of some clubs to subscribe for student tickets for symphony concerts and present them to students; other clubs have established loan funds for the purpose of providing aid to students who otherwise could not proceed with their musical education; many clubs reported that American artists were featured on their programs; Minnesota had an interesting report of which we will give more information in a later issue, some hold a State composers' day, some are sponsoring a State-wide observance of music week, some are organizing county music clubs, some are featuring special effort in public school music, some are fostering community singing. Owing to press of time it was not possible to carry out all the program arranged for Tuesday. In the evening occurred the orchestra concert given under the direction of Henry Hadley with Marie Tiffany of the Metropolitan Opera Company and Mrs. Robert Carroll as soloists. The orchestral numbers were most disappointing and much dissatisfaction was expressed. Miss Tiffany delighted with the two groups of songs which she gave and Mrs. Carroll also was well liked.

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he agrees also to sell the books at a special price to members of the N. F. M. C. The convention was enthusiastic in its endorsement of this proposed study course and many subscriptions for copies of the book were placed with Mr. Fisher. Another suggestion made by Mrs. Seiberling was that the N. F. M. C. adopt a plan whereby clubs would be rated and this too was adopted with the understanding that a special committee would work out the details. The resolutions committee then reported and after passing a resolution thanking the residents of Asheville, its civic organization, etc., the convention went on record as agreeing to engage artists for concerts on a fifty-fifty basis; that is, as many American artists shall be engaged as foreign artists for concert courses; also it was decided to appoint a special committee to systematize the work of engaging artists, thereby reducing expenses and making more artists available, also to appoint a committee to further interest in industrial music. It was also resolved to set aside at the fourteenth biennial convention one day for the discussion of club problems and difficulties. Another important resolution was that the N. F. M. C. shall redouble its efforts toward legislation to obtain a national conservatory of music. Another resolution was that the organization publish a complete report of the biennial convention, and, too, the N. F. M. C. resolved to endorse the United States Opera Company. Andreas Dippe, manager, inasmuch as he guaranteed that fifty percent of the operas presented shall be in English and that American artists shall predominate in the personnel of the company. A touching tribute was paid to the memory of Henry E. Krehbiel, dean of music critics and who had done so much in the past for the federation, when upon the reading of a resolution by Mrs. Russell Dorr, charter member of the organization, the entire convention membership unanimously adopted the resolution and then stood in silence for several minutes. During the session L. C. Behymer, of Los Angeles, was unanimously made an honorary member of the N. F. M. C. in recognition of his co-operation. A special vote of thanks was given Jack Harkrider for his splendid work in the pageant, and when the convention body learned his services, together with the use of many costumes, curtains, etc., had been gratis the delegates applauded long and loud.

Saturday morning was given over to a concert, but during intermission the results of the election were read and the following will be the officers for the next two years: Mrs. John F. Lyons, Texas, president; Mrs. Cecil Frankel, first vice-president; Mrs. Frances Elliott Clark, second vice-president; Nan Stephens, of Georgia, third vice-president; Mrs. Jardine, North Dakota, recording secretary; Mrs. Blankenship, Texas, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Herbert Stapleton, Wisconsin, treasurer. The announcement of the re-election of Mrs. Lyons was received amid the wildest enthusiasm, for in the past two years in which she has guided the organization the progress has been most marked. Furthermore her ability, her justice and earnestness of purpose have endeared her to all the clubs. The convention was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", and there were many regrets that the thirteenth biennial convention was now history.

The convention has brought inspiration to each and every one in attendance at its meetings. We believe everyone will return to the home club with a renewed enthusiasm, a much broader vision, a determination to have the home club take up its share in the big work of the N. F. M. C. and put its shoulder to the wheel to help the organization thru its many departments to further the cause of music in this big land of ours and thus in truth make America musical. We urge all those who are interested in the advancement of music to begin now to make "On to Portland" your slogan, for unless you attend one of these biennial conventions you cannot appreciate the vastness of the work to be done or realize in the faintest degree the enormous effort which is being put forth by the members of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Give them your support and thus help to make possible the furtherance of the study and presentation of good music in America.

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DEATHS

In the Profession

AFFLECK—T. M., secretary of the Brisbane (Australia) Royal Association, in which capacity he was well known to all fair and carnival workers of North Australia, died at Brisbane May 12.

BAILEY—Mrs. Selina, 53, wife of Jim Bailey, English variety artiste, died at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, May 27.

BISHOP—late, at one time lead at the Gaely, London, and mother of the popular British manageress, Mary Lohr, died in London, June 12, at the age of 76.

BUNZ—Frederick, veteran Australian musician, died in New Zealand recently. His success as a leader was attributed to a most pleasing personality and the fact that he was a master of almost every instrument ever made. Several talented children, who survive, have all appeared on the platform or in leading orchestras.

BURT—Mrs. Fidelia E., formerly a singing teacher, died June 13 at her home in Brooklyn. Two daughters survive.

CHEVALLIER—Julie, teacher of singing, died in Paris recently.

CLARK—Mrs. Tena, wife of John Clark, head porter of the Walter L. Main Circus, is reported to have died at Memphis, Tenn., a short time ago. Mrs. Clark was about fifty-five years old and had been with the Main Circus for several years.

COLBURN—Moses A., 85, for many years a member of the Bangor (Me.) Band, died May 28. During the Civil War he served as tuba player in the First Heavy Artillery Band.

CONKLIN—Mrs. Peter, 76, wife of Peter Conklin, who works at the Baby Incubators concession in Luna Park, Coney Island, N. Y., died June 11 at her home in Coney Island. The couple had been married for fifty-five years. Mr. Conklin is 81 years old and the sole survivor of the original personnel of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. The couple had recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Philadelphia, where they re-enacted the ceremony which took place in Independence Hall. In addition to Mr. Conklin a son and daughter survive.

CRANE—Julia E., noted music teacher, who founded the Crane Normal Institute of Music at Potsdam, N. Y., died at Potsdam June 11. Miss Crane originated a system of musical instruction which is now in general use in public schools and had written several books of music.

DANIELSON—Walter R., 71, who formerly owned the amusement park at the Golden Spur, died recently at his home in Groton Heights, Conn. He had also been on the lecture platform at one time, giving talks on different places he had visited in his travels abroad.

DAVIS—Ralph, 31, of Newark, O., who assists in the operation of Brownie's Comedians, a repertoire company, in the summer, and who is identified with the Interstate Producing Company of Newark during the winter months, died at Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, June 13, following an operation for intestinal trouble. During the World War Mr. Davis served in the medical corps in France for three years. Funeral services were held in Newark late last week and interment was in a Newark cemetery.

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DEVINE—George, who with his brother, James, of Bath, Me., were prominent on the vaudeville stage as trick bicyclists, died at Wiscasset, Me., June 7, following a protracted illness. Mr. Devine was 38 years old and is survived by his widow, mother, two brothers, James and John, and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted from his home in Bath, followed by interment in a cemetery in that place.

DEVRIES—Marcel, tenor, for several years a member of the Paris Opera, died at his home near Paris May 29. He was a brother of Herman Devries, teacher of singing and music critic, of Chicago.

DIXON—H. H., 52, theatrical man, well known to showfolks in the East, died June 12 in Los Angeles. He belonged to the St. Cecile Lodge of Masons and was a Shriner.

DONER—Mrs. Nellie, 48, formerly ballet mistress of the New York Hippodrome, and mother of Katty, Rose and Ted Doner, died June 9 at her home in Larchmont, N. Y. Mrs. Doner was herself a prominent actress in earlier years.

FINNEGAN—Frank, 45, carnival employee, died at Dublin, Va., several weeks ago from the effects of drinking denatured alcohol. The deceased was said to have been with the car-

nival company, the name of which could not be learned, for only a short time and little was known of him. His remains were interred in a section of the Dublin Cemetery, funds for which were supplied from the county treasury.

FULLER—John, died in New Zealand recently, according to a cable from that country to The Billboard office in Sydney, Australia. Mr. Fuller had been head of the Fullers' Vaudeville and Theaters, Ltd., till his retirement some seven years ago. A Londoner by birth, the deceased was at one time a member of the Mohawk Minstrels in the English capital city. He went to New Zealand over thirty years ago and established a wax work studio in which he was assisted by his family, including his eldest son, Benjamin, now Sir Benjamin Fuller, present head of the Fuller Circuit. Mr. Fuller retained a remarkable sweetness of voice till just before his death. By his will a number of Donations of charities will be made.

GOLDIN—Mrs. Sidney, wife of the well-known moving picture director, died recently at her home in New York City. Mr. Goldin was in Vienna, Austria, at the time of her death.

GREEN—Frank D., theatrical manager, died June 11 at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was born in Georgia and went to Brooklyn about twenty-five years ago. His widow, a son and a daughter survive.

GUERIN—Rene, pianist, died in Paris recently, at the age of 23. She had made a successful tour of France and Belgium and won prizes for her excellent work.

HENDERSON—Lyman B., 56, died in the American Hospital, Chicago, June 11, of a severe asthma and heart trouble. The funeral was held from Boydston's undertaking rooms, 101½ Second street and Cottage Grove avenue, June 13. Mr. Henderson, who had been ill two weeks, was manager of the Superba Show on the Rubin & Cherry Carnival. He was a veteran outdoor showman and had managed the same show on the World at Home, Wortham and Johnny J. Jones shows. Mr. Henderson was the husband of Etta Louise Blake, owner and producer of the Superba attraction. His widow, a daughter and a sister survive. The deceased was an experienced privilege car manager and formerly handled the privilege cars on the Young Buffalo and Hagenbeck-Wallace circuses. A number of outdoor show people attended the funeral and a large quantity of flowers were sent to the undertaking chapel. The most of the flowers, however, were sent direct to Davenport, Ia., where the body was sent for burial. Mr. Henderson was born in Lexington, Ky. His wife's two brothers, Homer and William Jones, were killed in the railroad wreck of the Wortham show seven months ago. Rev. N. B. Clinch, of St. Paul's Church, read the Episcopal service for the dead at the Henderson funeral.

JANSEN—Peter, 71, who was a commissioner to the Paris World's Fair in 1900, died at his home in Beatrice, Neb., June 6, following a stroke of paralysis. Jansen was born in Russia and settled in Jefferson County, Neb., fifty years ago. His wife died fifteen years ago. Three daughters survive.

JEWETT—Henry Clay, 82, breeder and trainer of blooded horses, died June 12 at his home in East Aurora, N. Y. Until two years ago he owned what was said to be the only covered mile track in the world, built by him in 1885.

KASCHAI—Emil, 23, treasurer of the Gayety Theater, Pittsburgh, Pa., the past season, died June 3 at his home in that city.

KAW—Henry B., 32, died June 9 in a hospital in Jefferson, Wis., of complications. Mr. Kaw was once the owner and manager of the Badger United Shows, and later was assistant manager of the J. C. Field Shows. At different times he was connected with L. J. Heth, Clifton Kelly, Nat Weiss and other well-known managers. His widow, three children and two brothers survive. One brother, Irvin, has been an agent with different carnivals. The other, Bert, is a vaudeville actor. Bert was born in Sheboygan, Wis., birthplace of the deceased, June 12.

KIERNAN—James A., old-time legitimate and vaudeville actor, died June 4 at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y. In the early eighties Kiernan was with the original Dixie Tatters at the Bijou, New York. He also played Tweedle-Dum in the initial production of "The Tatters" at the Casino, New York, in 1901, and was in vaudeville with the team of Kiernan, Walters and Kiernan.

LAND—Fred, English actor, died May 31, at Eastbourne, England.

LEARY—Thomas, old-time comedian, died in Roosevelt Hospital, New York, June 13, at the age of 66. Mr. Leary started in the profession as a member of the Irish comedy team of Harrison and Leary, in 1879. Four years later he married Lizzie Hill, one of the Hill Sisters, who were favorites of the audience at Tony Pastor's. In his extended

career Mr. Leary performed in and managed sister, Josie Sadler, one-time musical comedy comedienne.

ROYA—Jack, 23, English variety artiste and partner of Sid Christo, died at Guy's Hospital, London, May 25.

SCHREIBER—Hugo, managing director of "Das Operau", a German amusement put on for the past ten years, and who had been connected with the managing side of the business in Germany for about twelve years, died recently in Berlin. Burial services were conducted from the Universal Funeral Parlors, Fifty-second and Lexington avenue, New York, June 16.

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YOUR VERA.

LOFGREN—Axeline de Berg, singing teacher, died June 2 in Boston. She was a native of Sweden and in her youth was a member of the Stockholm Opera. Among her prominent pupils is Marie Sundelin, of the Metropolitan.

LYNCH—Edward J., 47, said to have been the champion bicycle rider of his State in 1895, died June 12 in Catskill, N. Y.

MAYON—John R., familiarly known to many actors and actresses and to thousands of the teenagers and baseball fans as "Jack", died at his home, 310 Madison road, Oakley, Cincinnati, June 12, from an ailment that had lasted since November, 1922. From 1891 until illness caused his retirement Mr. Mayon had been head doorman at the Grand Opera House, Cincinnati, and during that time had served under many managers of the historic Vine street theater. He had been a policeman at Evansville, Ind., previous to becoming identified with the Grand. Jack was a type of stage doorman rarely seen in the present day. He was no up-to-mi, was dignified, courteous and faithful to his employers. During the summer months he was a gatekeeper at the Cincinnati baseball park. He was 61 years old and is survived by his widow, mother and a sister, Mrs. Mayon. The funeral was held from his late residence June 15.

MCMAHON—Anita T., first superintendent of mosaics appointed in Watervliet, N. Y., and a choir leader of recognized ability, died June 12 after an illness which began last February. Miss McMahon took up the task of establishing a musical course in the Watervliet schools and later directed the work for twenty-five years.

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MULCAHY—Michael J., 28, of Troy, N. Y., while preparing to take part in an amateur performance at Snyder's Lake, a summer resort a short distance from Troy, was killed almost instantly as the result of a fall into the lake. The deceased was standing at the back of the stage leaning against a railing. He lost his balance and fell thirty feet, struck a bathhouse and was thrown into the water. His skull was fractured.

MUNDORF—The sister of Harry Mundorf, who is connected with the New York offices of the Keith Circuit, died June 11.

NELSON—Selma, 84, for several years head of the music department of the Piedmont Female Institute, Charlottesville, Va., died May 14 at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

NELSON—Evelyn Nelson, film actress, 23 years old, died suddenly at Los Angeles, Calif., June 16.

NELSON—Mrs. William Warville, known professionally as Dorothy Rubenoff, for a number of years organist in theaters in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., died in a St. Paul hospital June 7. Her husband is musical director of a Minneapolis theater.

PERCY—Charles Alexander, 65, who successfully negotiated the treacherous whirlpool rapids below Niagara Falls three times in a row, boat of his own design and construction, died at Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 13.

POWELL—Ben, one of the best-known circus men in the country, died last week in Stratford, Conn. Mr. Powell had been an invalid for about a year, altho he managed to make one trip to New York to see Bobby Clarke and Paul McCullough, of "The Music Box Revue", who are old white top associates. He was a New Yorker and started in the business at the old Keith's Union Square Theater. He joined the Barnum & Bailey Circus more than a quarter of a century ago and was with that outfit when it toured Europe. In the winter he had managed houses in the West, and on the tour of the Russian Ballet traveled with Wells Hawks as his assistant. He was unmarried. Ben Powell had a host of friends the world over to whom he had always been known as "Blondy" Powell. He was a member of the Pines.

RAUSCHER—Edward, 62, doorman at the Fulton Theater, New York, died of heart disease June 9 at his home, 2053 Seventh avenue, New York. Mr. Rauschner was formerly for twenty-eight years physical director of the New York Athletic Club. His first position in the theater as a doorman was at Daly's, New York, under the management of the Shuberts. Then James K. Hackett took him to the Criterion. During the war Rauschner served as aide to Hackett in the Knights of Columbus service in France. When William Munster was appointed manager of the Fulton he took Rauschner with him. He was a widower and is survived by three sons, a daughter and a

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SIMPSON—Mrs. Irene, 22, a member of the "Tartlight Minstrels" of Hamilton, Ont., Canada, died June 11 in St. Joseph's Hospital, that city, following a brief illness. Interment June 13 in a Hamilton cemetery.

STANLEY—Beatrice, 16, who was with the M. L. Mathews Exposition Show, died at Hamers, Ind., June 13. Miss Stanley was known to many outdoor showfolk and was well liked by them. During the funeral services, which were conducted on the lot by Rev. Koontz, of Shelburne, Ind., the shovels were closed to the public. The remains were sent to Terre Haute, Ind., and placed in a vault awaiting the arrival of her brother and sister, whose whereabouts at the time Miss Stanley's death was reported was unknown.

STATHOPOULOS—Mary, 48, mother of Alexander Jones, of the business staff of the "How Come" Show, died at her home, 68 W. Thirty-ninth street, New York, June 13. Funeral services were conducted from the Greek Orthodox Church in New York June 16. Two daughters and four sons survive.

STRONG—Porter, 44, screen character actor who had played under D. W. Griffith's direction in "Way Down East", "Dream Street", "Orphans of the Storm", "One Exciting Night" and "The White Rose", died suddenly last week in the Hotel America, New York. He was a native of Missouri and is survived by his wife, who is in vaudeville.

TAYLOR—Mrs. Herbert, head of the millinery and dressmaking establishment of Louis & Co., Fifth avenue, New York, was drowned at sea June 9 while on her way abroad. The firm of Louise & Co. is one of the most fashionable and best known in the country and has made gowns and millinery for many Broadway productions.

TRIMCH—Herbert, 38, poet, dramatist and one-time director of the Haymarket Theater, London, died in that city June 11.

TRICE—Charles, colored, formerly with the J. P. O'Brien Minstrels and for several years connected with Frank Young's New York Minstrels as stage manager, died at Hoboken, N. J., May 26. He had also been with the "Cheeky Little Town" company. Two brothers and his mother survive.

TUCBY—William, 80, who made a fortune selling Indian curios in his store at Goat Island, N. Y., died June 13, at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

URMY—Clarence, piano and singing teacher, and for fifteen years musical and dramatic critic of The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury-Herald, died June 1. He had also been an organist and a member of the faculty of the State Teachers College and the Conservatory of the College of the Pacific.

WILLEY—Ira ("Shorty"), a member of the Dixieland Shows, a carnival company, is reported to have been instantly killed by a live electric wire at New Madrid, Mo., a short time ago. Mr. Willey, upon seeing the wire, stood guard over it until authorities could be notified and it is believed that he accidentally came in contact with it. At the time of his death he had been with the Dixieland Shows but three weeks, previously having been with the T. O. Moss Shows for more than a year. Members of the Dixieland Shows contributed sufficient funds to defray funeral expenses.

Funeral services and interment were in New Madrid.

ZIMMERMAN—Julius Heinrich, 72, founder of the Berlin music publishing house bearing his name, died in that city a few weeks ago.

MARRIAGES

In the Profession

BARCLAY-CLAUDE—Arthur Barclay and Phyllis Claude, of "The Skin Game" Company, touring England, were married May 22.

BARIAUX-JOINT—Mose Bariaux, of Richmond, Va., and Myrtle Douglas Joint, of Charleston, W. Va., were married at the bride's home June 7. Mrs. Bariaux is a sister of C. I. Joint, former outdoor showman, and Polly McCoyant, aquatic marvel with the James M. Nelson Shows.

BRADLEY-ALTER—Harry Bradley, who plays the role of Father Whalen in "Alie's Irish Rose", at the Republic Theater, New York, was married June 10 to All Saints' Episcopal Church, Bayside, L. I., to Lorraine Namar and Dr. Ferdinand Heene. Attended the couple, and among the guests at the reception which followed the ceremony were Anne Nichols, author of "Alie's Irish Rose"; Evelyn Nichols, Hazel Dawn, Eleanor Dawn, George Caine, Bessie Barriscale, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Cushing, Robert Lewis, and Andrew Mack.

BRIDGMAN-HAIGHT—Bertrand Haight, who has been playing a leading part in "Boudoir", with Harold Bridgeman, captain of the

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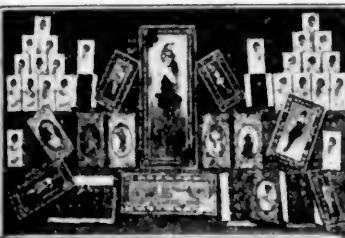
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NOTICE!

TO ALL CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES, SHOW OWNERS AND MEMBERS OF THE OUTDOOR SHOW WORLD.

THE HEART OF AMERICA SHOWMAN'S CLUB, an organization devoted to the interests and welfare of all shows and showmen, make this PUBLIC STATEMENT of their stand upon the "CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN."

This organization unreservedly stands for a REAL HONEST CLEANUP, but we do not approve of the methods being used by the "Legislative Committee," headed by Johnson.

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THIS CLUB, as an organization, did not donate any money to the "Fund," as it did not approve of the statement of Mr. Johnson's representative, Col. Owens, that the money collected was to be used in connection with adverse legislation in Minnesota.

This organization felt that it did not want to be a party to this, regardless of what results they might obtain.

This organization at no time gave their official approval to the Legislative Committee, and the use of its name on the stationery of the Legislative Committee is absolutely without permission of this club.

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D. C. Ross, superintendent of attractions Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Canada. In New York on business and, incidentally, looking over things at Coney Island.

Julius Zancig. In from Asbury Park, N. J. Reported business very good.

F. Percy Morency, late of the I. J. Polack shows. Leaving for Detroit.

A. R. Bryan, manager National Productions Company, of Altoona, Pa. In the city buying fireworks.

Frank J. Broder. Announcing his connection with the Bestyet Fair and Carnival Supply Co., of Newark, N. J.

Frank Haggerty, of the World at Home Shows, a part of which is now playing Coney Island.

J. Jay Oxford, concessionaire, late of the Bernardi Greater Shows. On his way to join Johnny J. Jones' Exposition. Ten fine stores.

Felix Blei, general agent Matthew J. Riley Shows. In making railroad contracts. Mr. Blei announces that the Riley Shows will play the Firemen's Celebration and Convention at Milton, Pa., during the week of July 2 and that they will be the first carnival to play that city in three years.

Jim Dyson, of the Chester-Pollard Amusement Co. Advertising with us.

Harry Germann, sales representative Tourelle Company, New York, chocolate manufacturers. In on business.

M. F. Canossa, general manager Habana Park Corporation, Havana, Cuba.

E. Wilson, of H. M. Goodhue, Inc., amusement contractors.

Capt. Perry, of the Joyland Amusement Company. Advertising a big Three-in-One Celebration at Garfield, N. J., week of July 2.

Perry Charles, publicity director, Palisades Park, Palisades, N. J.

Callers at J. A. Jackson's Desk:—Wilbur sweatnam, to tell of the new equipment for his big act. Lawrence Gale, magician, en route from Boston to Washington. Billy Cumby, to say he had signed for next year with the Jack Reid Show on the Columbia wheel. Maharajah, from Starlight Park, with J. S. Thompson, a Harlem jeweler. Together they have bought a dog act. Claude Austin and Jose Colon, musicians. Just in from Erie, Pa. Theodore Pankey. He may have a surprise for the colored theaters next season. He is a financial interest in aeronautics and has Gato, the sluger with the Joe Sheftell act;

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with a big producing house. Salem Whitney bought a plane for use by two Negro daredevils. Leigh Whipper and his associate, Mr. which has closed a season in New England. Price, of the Whipper Films. Mahel Rowland, Peter Jones, film laboratory owner. He has author of the Bert Williams book. Minto

also Edna Morton, who has joined the same act. Claire Campbell, of the "How Come" show. Billy Pierce, the old-time press agent, now with The Chicago Defender, New York office.

TORRENS' UNITED SHOWS

Westville, Ill., June 12.—After five weeks of bad weather—snow, rain and sleet—the W. J. Torrens United Shows came to a real "good one". Universal, Ind., which was without a doubt the best spot the writer has seen in his eighteen years of show business—a town of 2,000 population, with two mines working every day. The show arrived at Universal by truck from the outskirts of Terre Haute, and was to set up on the streets, but during Sunday night crossed wires started a fire in the largest local merchandise store, which destroyed five stores and one home, so the location was changed to a lot a block away. Could not open on Monday night, as the management could only get a small motor truck in the town to move with. But by carrying and trucking the show opened on Tuesday night to a good crowd—with the first Ferris wheel to ever play there. The populace certainly did take to the wheel and merry-go-round, and all the concessions and shows did big business. The engagement closed at Universal Sunday night and the show then moved to Westville by truck—a forty-mile jump. Opened in Westville Tuesday night to another good business. The show moves from here to Hooperston, Ill., Thursday night. The roster follows: W. J. Torrens, owner and manager; Thomas Gentner, secretary and treasurer, assisted by Adam Spick, Merry-go-round, W. H. Dillinger, with three assistants, Ferris wheel, Adam Spick and George Beale, Athletic Show, Everett Miller, George Manchester and Prof. Ray, Educational Snake Show, Cyrus Knight, Musical comedy, Dave Ealy and a company of five Field of Flanders, a walk-thru show. Tom Sutter and Tom Leoris have cookhouse and juice. Boob McNutt, juice; Norman Haskell, three concessions; Ed Brink, one; Geo. Green, one; Sam Broadway, one; William Hayes, one; William Little and wife, one; Clarence Hisong, one; Chas. McNary, one; Fern Clancy and Lona Dunsworth, one; "Red" Woodrum, one; Winfield and Haskell, one; Kit Carson and Cecil Brown, one; Willam Galloway and wife, one; Adam Spick, one; Nate Bell, one; Sam Butta, one, and Mrs. Sam Broadway, one.

THOMAS GETNER (for the Show).

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In San Francisco, June 11.—All objectionable parts of the film, "The Shock", which was shown at the Granada Theater last week, are being eliminated, according to a telegram received today by J. A. Partington, manager of the theater from Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal Film Company. Exception to this was taken by the Down-Town Association and other booster organizations, alleging they misrepresented the extent of travel to the city and would tend to bring living in the East and abroad a bad impression of San Francisco. The resolutions about pre-film days in this city are still in force.

Berry Bencke, formerly with the Grand Circus, Indianapolis, was a Billboard visitor yesterday. He has been in the carnival and amusement business for many years and is now touring the country looking over fields.

The vaudeville team of Felix Adler and Sam Ross, who made quite an impression here at both the Orpheum and Golden Gate theaters, in their act "A Potpourri of Everything You Like", is about to dissolve for a time. Miss Ross going into pictures and Adler seeking new honors on the grand opera stage. They both say they will reunite at the end of their coming contracts and go into vaudeville again, making it a summer habit for the next few years.

Orrville Harrold, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, began his second week in the Westfield Theater Saturday. He is filling his engagement in a motion picture theater and is delighting large audiences with his beautiful voice.

The Supervisors of Redding, Calif., have agreed to appropriate \$4,500 for the benefit of the two county fairs to be held in September—\$3,000 for the Farm Bureau Fair in Anderson and \$1,500 for the Intermountain Fair to be held in McArthur on the east side of the Sierra.

Paul Noble, of the Majestic Theater, Portland, Ore., was a visitor in San Francisco last Tuesday.

J. Leo Meehan, Los Angeles motion picture director, and his bride, who was Jeannette Porter, daughter of Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, well-known novelist, are en route East after a week's honeymoon in San Francisco.

Jas. R. Grainger, general manager of sales for Goldwyn-Cosmopolitan, accompanied by Eddie Burns, manager of exploitation, on a country-wide tour of the company's branch exchanges, arrived in San Francisco today.

The work of two new song collaborators will shortly appear as a result of the recent visit of George Lipschitz, conductor of the Loew's Warfield Theater orchestra, to the Los Angeles Metro studios. Victor Schertzinger, who is engaged in directing Jackie Coogan's first Metro production, "Long Live the King", is the author of the lyrics. Lipschitz has written the music.

Norman E. Jewell, who has been on location work with C. B. DeMille's "Ten Commandments" at Guadalupe, Calif., was a visitor at the Billboard office last week. He is taking a rest from the movies and is seriously contemplating re-entering the journalistic field in this city.

"Enemies of Women" is on the fifth week of run at the Imperial Theater. This spectacular and sensational drama has found great favor with the film audiences. Added numbers of music are included in the program.

Charles M. Pineus, who resigned from the Berth L. Rothchild entertainments to manage the Century Theater, which will reopen in July as a big-class picture house, will leave for the East shortly to make a survey of theater conditions in the principal cities beyond the Rockies.

Wallie Maynard, chairman of the committee in charge of the sale of boxes for the season of grand opera to be given at the Apollo Auditorium, September 26 to October 11, under the direction of Gaetano Melba, reports that the boxes are being taken with a briskness which assures a brilliant "box-show" for each performance.

P. N. Hawkins, president of the California Stock Show, announced on Friday that there would not be a live-stock show held in San Francisco this year. He explained that lack of suitable quarters preclude a show such as has been made during the past two years under canvas. The stockmen of San Francisco, according to Hawkins, are now setting on foot a move to establish a permanent pavilion for their yearly show,

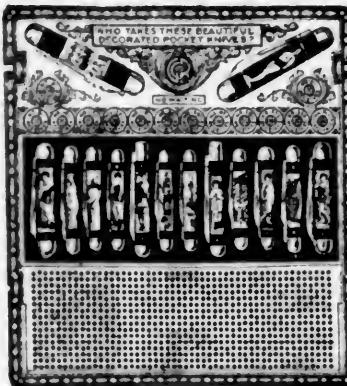
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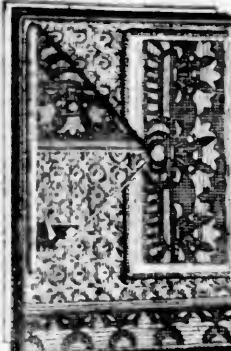
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Winthrop Sargent, who directed the orchestra of forty musicians playing the score of Margaret Anglin's production of "Hippolytus" at the Greek Theater in Berkeley last week, is a San Francisco boy, just 19 years old. The musicians were drawn from the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Sargent plays second violin in the symphony orchestra.

Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, arrived at the Palace Hotel, Saturday, to be present in San Francisco at the first showing of Mrs. Wallace Reid's picture, "Human Wreckage", which was produced in the Ince studios.

Jack Holt, motion picture actor, stopped in San Francisco yesterday at the St. Francis Hotel while on his way north for a vacation from his task of movie producing.

Porline Keefer, winner of first prize for contralto voice in the young artists' contest held here last March, departed Sunday morning for Asheville, N. C., where she will attend the biennial convention of the National

Jean Hersholt, screen actor-director and principal of the cast of Eric von Stroheim's production of "Greed", was the guest of honor at a recent dinner given by the Norden Society of this city. Hersholt is a native of Denmark and came to the United States as a member of the Danish commission to the San Francisco Exposition in 1915. He is playing Marcus Scheuler in the Goldwyn adaptation of Frank Norris' "McTeague", which von Stroheim is making in its entirety in San Francisco.

Immediately after her triumphant achievement in "Hippolytus", Margaret Anglin left for a flying visit with her mother, who lies ill at the family home at Ottawa, Can. She will return to open a season at the Curran Theater, commencing Monday, June 25.

"Shuffle Along" will make its first local appearance at the Columbia Theater Sunday evening, June 24, when it starts an engagement of two weeks.

When "The Demi-Virgin" Show closed its two weeks' run at the Century Theater last

Friday night members of the company were directed to be at the theater Saturday afternoon for pay. When they assembled they found, instead of pay checks, a note from Nancy Fair, leading lady, announcing inability to meet the obligations. All members of the cast except Nancy Fair herself were "picture people" who had been in legitimate before entering the studios. They were recruited from the Hollywood studios. Mrs. Ada Fair, the manager, said last night that "every one will be paid every cent that is due them."

Leon Errol, star in "Sally", will open at the Orpheum next Sunday in some of his most famous comedy hits. Errol is a native of San Francisco and made his first stage appearance here, but has not been in the West since attaining stardom.

Ethel Walker, Australian musical comedy actress, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Maunganui. She will remain in the United States for six months.

"Youth Triumphant", the initial Fisher production produced by a group of San Francisco men at the Hollywood studios, is now ready for distribution and will be shown here soon. Arrangements are now under way to stage this production in San Francisco, which various members of the cast will attend. "Youth Triumphant" was supervised and financed by several San Francisco men and marks a definite entrance in the movie world of Bay City business men. The headquarters of the company are located in San Francisco.

Alex Salomon, prominent clothier of Lodi, Calif., announced Wednesday that he will build a \$175,000 theater in that city.

Al Crooks, late principal producing clown with the Al G. Barnes Circus, was a recent Billboard visitor. He will remain in California this season, having secured extensive bookings for indoor celebrations with his clever table act.

"The Untame", new story by Frank Dazey, scenario editor for Warner Bros., was purchased by Thomas Wilkes last week and is expected to have its first showing at the Alcazar Theater within the coming month.

Everything is about ready for the Solano County Circus and Industrial Exposition to be held in Vallejo under the direction of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce, from June 30 to July 7. Under a "big top" that will cover an entire city block a fine agricultural and horticultural exhibit will be housed. The federal government has promised to help out with the Mare Island Navy Yard forces and at least a portion of the Pacific fleet. Wilkins & Donnelly will stage the affair.

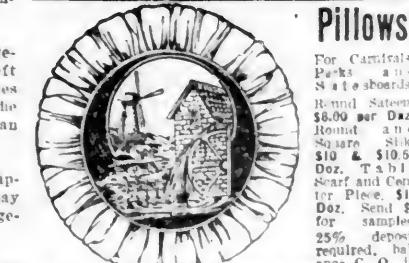
Charles Geofrion, Detroit theatrical man, arrived here yesterday.

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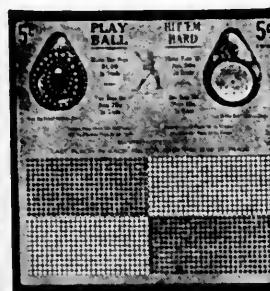
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