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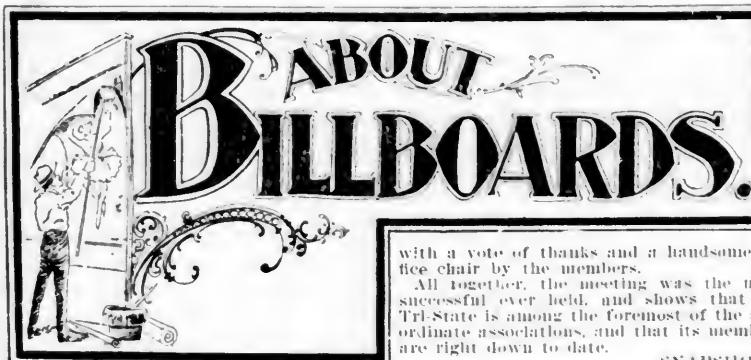
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The Hustling, Courteous and Gentlemanly Business Manager of W. B. Watson's Enterprises.

THE BILLBOARD



"SKY SIGNS" MUST GO.

New York's Building Inspector Hath So Ordained, and So It Must Be.

Only a few weeks ago, "The Billboard," in a brief account of the conditions existing in various cities regarding bill posters and bill posting regulations, called attention to the fact that the commercial paradise of the knights of the brush was New York City. At the time of the publication such was the case. The bill poster there was as big and free as a policeman, and could do just as he pleased. But a change has come. And just because Supt. Stewart, of the Department of Buildings, has presented a communication to the Board of Aldermen, asking them to pass an ordinance to regulate, if not prohibit, the erection of "sky signs," or advertising boards, on the tops of buildings.

At the present time these signs are very much in evidence in the metropolis, especially in the vicinity of the Battery and at the end of the big bridge. Nearly every house has a sign on top, and every dead wall has felt the sign painter's brush. As a means of advertising, these boards have been considered the best by many merchants, and they will, it is said, join the resistance the posters propose to make to the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. Stewart's reason for his move is that in windy weather the "sky signs" are a menace to life, and, besides, destroy the landscape.

TRI-STATE CONVENTION.

Big Meeting of Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas Posters, at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The annual convention of the Tri-State Bill Posters Association, of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, was called to order at the Centropolis Hotel, in Kansas City, Mo., by President Hager, at 10 o'clock, Jan. 28.

The following members answered roll-call, showing a big increase in attendance over last year:

Missouri—Chas. Hager, St. Louis; C. U. Philey, St. Joseph; Lou Hudson, Kansas City; Sampson Bros., Independence; Lee Holladay, Fayette; J. H. Patterson, Stanberry; Riggs Bros., Higginsville; Hughes & Hughes, Kirksville; Z. B. Meyers, Chillicothe; Meyers & Co., Brookfield.

Kansas—L. M. Crawford, Topeka; J. H. Brooks, Leavenworth; Herman Dilkier, Junction City; H. M. Ernst, Atchison; L. D. Dickey, Newton; Fred R. Corbett, Emporia; T. T. Anderson, Iola.

Nebraska—H. E. Mulvihill & Co., Omaha; Frank Zehnman, Lincoln; R. E. Allen, Nebraska City.

A large number of applications for membership were presented, and with but a few exceptions were favorably reported upon.

In the matter of Mr. Brigham vs. H. M. Ernst, the member at Atchison, who charged Mr. Brigham with adding in the operation of an opposition plant in that city, the entire matter was deferred until the afternoon session. Mr. Brigham then withdrew his application for the franchises in Webb City, Carterville and Parthage, Mo.

The usual amount of yearly business was handled and discussed.

Mr. Meyers, of Chillicothe, Mo., and Mr. Dickey, of Newton, Kan., were elected delegates to the next annual convention at Milwaukee.

It was decided to give the delinquent members thirty days in which to pay up dues in arrears, and if not paid then, they will be suspended.

An advertising proposition was brought before the meeting and referred to Mr. Hager, with full power to act.

The entire roster of officers were re-elected, viz.: Chas. Hager, St. Louis, president; Lou Hudson, Kansas City, vice president; C. U. Philey, St. Joseph, secretary; Frank Zehnman, Lincoln, treasurer.

Kansas City was selected as the meeting place of the Tri-State again for next year, after which the convention was adjourned. Mrs. Hager accompanied her husband to Kansas City. The convention, which was almost a love feast, was only marred by the hasty and abrupt decision of Mr. Brigham, but all are in hopes this matter will adjust itself properly in time. Mr. Meyers was on deck with his "Well, now, hold on; I want to see this," J. H. Brooks, of Leavenworth, the oldest bill poster in service, was present.

The membership shows a growth of over 100 per cent in the last year. The charges against Mr. Craig, of Hastings, were referred to a committee. As a token of appreciation of the services of Mr. C. N. Philey, the secretary, he was presented

with a vote of thanks and a handsome office chair by the members.

All together, the meeting was the most successful ever held, and shows that the Tri-State is among the foremost of the subordinate associations, and that its members are right down to date.

SNAPSHOT.

BILL POSTERS ORGANIZE.

State Association is Formed for the Protection of Advertisers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 23.—A State organization of bill posters, sign painters and bill distributors has been formed for the protection of outdoor advertisers. It is called the Northwestern Protective Advertising Association. The meeting was held at 19 Washington avenue N. E. H. Gibbs was elected president; O. W. Miller, vice president; S. D. Fogg, secretary, and C. H. Cole, treasurer.

The object of the association is to gain the confidence of the manufacturer and jobber. Each member is required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$500, signed by merchants of his town, guaranteeing faithful and honest service. It is expected that by June 1 every county in the State will be represented in the association.

DID NOT SEE BRYAN.

Phil. Morton Knows Nothing of the Object of His Cincinnati Trip.

Col. Phil. Morton, whose differences with the Bill Posters' Association have caused much comment, returned to Cincinnati from New York, Jan. 26. When seen by "The Billboard," Mr. Morton stated that he report that Alex. Clark, president of the New York Bill Posting Company, had sold his plant to the Association, was erroneous. "Mr. Clark has not sold out," said Mr. Morton, "and has no intention of doing so. His business is prosperous, and he has no desire to give it up."

"My case in the Police Court has been set for trial Feb. 6. I propose to fight the ordinance requiring permits for the erection of boards to the bitter end, and will prove the right of my contention that it is illegal and palpably unjust. Theatrical managers in Cincinnati who are enjoying the benefits of well located boards, and who have been warned to either remove them or get a permit, should join me in this fight, the result of which is of mutual interest. However, I am past the kilted age, and can walk alone."

I understand that President Al. Bryan, of the Bill Posters' Association, was in town last week, and that he wanted to see me. I didn't know he was here until Monday, and what he wanted with me I do not know. He was to talk compromise of the Federal Court litigation, I knew nothing of it. I am in that fight to stay, and I will win.

About the Chapman suit? Yes, they've sued me. They claim I damaged a lot belonging to them. Well, if they win, I propose to do a little suing on the same tack, as I can name several places of mine that they have damaged. I removed the board ten days after being notified.

Things in the East are booming, but no more than here. All branches of my business are prospering. I have changed my quarters in Baltimore, moving from Liberty and Lombard streets to No. 42 Lombard street, into the recently remodeled Masonic Lodge Building. Out on Gilbert avenue, in Cincinnati, I am erecting a 300-stall stable, 75 x 110 feet, which I will lease to the Fair and McAlpin people. No, sir; the report that I am "broke" is only a dream. I am spreading out, and have time between law suits to think of improvements."

DAUBS.

Bill boards are being used by Wilshire's Magazine.

Business has already begun to pick up in the South.

W. U. Terrill & Co. sent out a list of the forty bill boards controlled by them at Fortoria, O.

The Bill Posters' and Billers' Union No. 9,517, A. F. of L., gave a ball at Denver, Col., Feb. 7.

A handsome double-deck bill board has been erected by E. A. Parks, bill poster at Louisville, Mo.

Connellsburg, Pa., is to have a big bill posting plant, owned by Manager Robbins, of the theater in that city.

Twelve hundred new bill boards have been erected by the Cuba Paint and Advertising Company, at Havana.

The South Mississippi Bill Posting Company has been re-established at McComb City, Miss. A. J. Buckett is manager.

It is said by some of the knowing ones that the office of assistant secretary of the Associated will be abolished at the next annual meeting.

It is said that at an early date many railroads will dispense with bill board ad-

vertising. Private boards belonging to roads will be torn down.

The Bushy Bill Posting Company, of Clinton, Ia., have built 1,200 additional feet of boards. The company also has plants at Lyons, Fama and DeWitt, Ia.

Fifty thousand dollars for libel! Wheew! We wonder what they take the official organ for. Do they think it is a Klondike or merely a connection of the Standard Oil Company?

John Moore, the American cockney, still has to send to America for his shirts. A consignment of the very loud and explosive colored styles went forward last week. John's shirts are as gay as his posters.

A Dublin bill poster, who was arrested for obstructing the streets with his vans, was dismissed on the plea that the authorities refused to give him information concerning the laws governing the bill posters and their rights.

Mr. C. K. Hayes, manager of the St. Louis Bill Posting Company, is in attendace upon the Tri-State Convention of the Associated Bill Posters at Kansas City. Matters of importance are to be discussed.

The Bryan Company, of Toledo, O., has been incorporated, with capital of \$100,000, to carry on a general advertising and printing business, construct and display signs and manufacture lithographs. The incorporators are Thomas H. Charles E. and James B. Bryan, Charles H. Heshaw and Charles P. Carter.

The bill board is going to stand. We are truly convinced that all of the efforts now being put forth with a view to its abolition will prove futile, and we furthermore believe that poster artists and sign dealers and painting establishments will do much to strengthen the cause of the bill boards, if they will endeavor to conform more to the artistic, and to eliminate the undesirable feature of "freakiness" from the advertisements that are now unfortunately scattered over the length and breadth of the United States. Ad Sense.

The Cincinnati Enquirer of January 28 said: "The negotiations for the combination of the bill posting plants of Chapman and Phil. Morton, in this city, are at a standstill. Mr. Morton arrived home from New York on Saturday night. When asked in regard to the prospects of an agreement, he said: 'I found when in New York that the Bill Posters' Association of the United States had misrepresented matters to me. I am standing pat and think that I have definitely the best of it. I don't want any further fighting, but am prepared for it and can give the trust a run for its money."



THE POOR DISTRIBUTOR

Comes in for a "Roast" from a London Editor, Who Wants it All.

A London newspaper has inaugurated a fight against distributors and advertisers who use any other medium than newspapers. The enlightened journal in question recently suggested some "reforms" that, were they put into execution, would forever and eternally do away with the posting and distribution of matter.

The preface of the article calls attention of advertisers to the worth of newspapers generally (and that paper, particularly), as advertising medium. If they proceed to attack the bill board as an eyesore, The distributor, however, comes in for the brunt of the "roast." In these words:

"It seems strange that a person in business, possessing sufficient sense to advertise, will intrust matter to that class of rogues known as distributors. Unless the advertiser has the time to go about with these men who are paid to circulate his advertisement from house to house, he may as well know that the money he spends for the matter and the money he pays the distributor is just that much thrown to the winds."

We know nothing of British distributors, but since reading the opinion of the London editor, are rather inclined to think they must be a pretty decent class. Observation has led to the knowledge that distributors in the United States are a hard-working class and ever on the alert for the good of the man they are working for. Certainly, there are rogues in all trades and professions, even among editors. But it is an injustice to condemn a calling with no other than a purely selfish motive.

This same editor, in a grand finale to his "knock," declares that legislation should be enacted, requiring the payment of one shilling on every sign tacked, and a proportionate amount for every circular or sample distributed. The liberal policy of this journalist of "Merry old England" is admirable. When competition gets so strong that he advocates crushing it out by extortions and unreasonable tax, it is time for him to retire from fields journalistic and go to shoveling coal, unless his journal controls the law-making bodies, which is not at all probable.

Mean, the Los Angeles druggist, is putting out booklets.

L. A. Distributing Company, Los Angeles, are sending out neat cards enclosed in matter they distribute.

NOTES.

L. H. Mathes & Co., the hustling Toledo (O.) distributor, report a big lot of work done last week.

E. A. Wimberly, distributor at Bainbridge, Ga., is sending out a convincing circular, telling of his work.

The distributors in the L. A. of D. are beginning to wonder where they are at. It will dawn on them bye and bye that they have been jobbed.

Distributor C. D. G. Johnson, of Dallas, Tex., has sent out an elaborate advertising folder, decked with gay ribbons. It is a pretty piece of work.

They say that the automobile as an advertising medium is passing out of use. Busribbons, however, rapid and once are more kinds this year and heavier armaments.

PARKS.

A new pavilion and concert hall is to be erected at Schmetzen Park, Toledo, O.

A new park will be built on the Youngstown & Sharon Railroad, near Hubbard, Pa. Woodward's Garden and Pavilion, at San Francisco, has been leased by W. B. Peet & Co.

Manager James J. Calloway, of the new pleasure park at Atlantic City, N. J., wants to book good attractions.

A bathing bungalow, operated at Atlantic City, minus the salt water, will be opened at the Dayton (Ky.) sand bar this summer. The Chicago Coneyland, seating 10,000 people, is to be converted into an indoor sun-met garden. A charter has been applied for.

Isle Royale, an island in Lake Superior, thirty miles from Marquette, Mich., will be made a summer resort by the Isle Royale Land Company, of Liverpool, Eng.

Olympian Park, on the Edinburg, Me. Keesport & Connellsburg Railway, will be managed by J. A. Courtade during the coming season. His offices will be in McKeesport. Letters to Box 32, that city.

Turner Garden, St. Louis, will be managed in 1902 by J. C. Janopomo, but he is no longer president of the company, as Turner T. Lewis was chosen to succeed him by the directors. Many directors desire to present vaudeville acts instead of light opera.

The owners of Electric Park, at Rich mond, Va., have been cautioned by officials of that city against spending money for improvements, as the city may condemn the land next year on which the park is located, to enlarge the reservoir. However, the improvements are going merrily on.

FREAKS TO ORDER.

A cow on Dan Murphy's farm, Murphy, Ia., gave birth to four calves recently, and will live.

A mammoth tooth was unearthed Jan. 28, near Zanesville, O. It was about forty feet under ground.

Edmund Empire, a Frenchman, now at Great Falls, Mont., is 21 years old and is over 102 inches in height, and weighs 360 pounds.

Mrs. J. H. Dunn, of Cliftonville, Pa., gave birth, last week, to an infant with four legs. The child, so the physicians say, will live.

William Thurston, a Cincinnatian, is troubled with optical troubles that render him sightless during the day and strengthens his vision at night.

A cow five and one-half feet in height at the shoulders, nine and one-half feet long, eight and one-half feet around the basket, and with a face two feet long, is owned by Lewis Spee, of Martel, O.

A cow belonging to Thos. Eagland, Brownstown, Ind., gave birth, Jan. 28, to a calf with two heads, one in natural position, the other where the tail should be. The tail head has a single eye in the center of the forehead. It is still alive.

As Peaton, of Moreland, Ky., has a hen with four feet and legs, all perfectly developed. She walks on two of her legs until they grow tired, when she folds these and begins the use of the others. It will therefore be seen that this chicken can walk almost perpetually without becoming tired in the lower extremities.

WHITEHEAD'S MACHINE.

Connecticut Inventor Tells of His Wonderful Aeroplane Flyer.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 3.—Mr. Gustave Whitehead, of this city, is jubilant concerning the success of his airship. The machine will compete at St. Louis next year. Whitehead says of it:

"This machine is built of wood and bamboo, and covered with silk. The body is 16 feet long, 5 feet wide and 3 feet deep, something in the shape of a fish or bird. On each side are great wings or aeroplanes, stretched tightly on a bamboo framework. Four wheels support the machine while standing on the ground. A 10 horse power engine is connected with the wheels, in order to get the running start in the way a bird starts to fly. In front of the wings and across the body is a double compound high pressure engine (about 20 horse power), revolving a pair of propellers in opposite directions, about 700 revolutions per minute. These propellers are 6 feet in diameter, and while running at full speed will thrust 65 pounds. The entire weight of the machine is 230 pounds, complete. This machine, on June 3, 1901, with an operator on board, flew one and one-half miles. It has done so several times since with safety. This is the first machine of its kind that has ever risen in the air with a human being on board in an upward course."

**ALLEGED SHARPER ARRESTED.**

Atlanta Police Corral a Man with "Get Rich Quick" Ideas.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 26.—Edmund J. Sarpy is either a first-class rogue, or a badly treated man. The local police arrested the man yesterday on the serious charge of securing money under false pretenses.

Sarpy came to Atlanta some days ago, and being of splendid appearance and refined manner, and possessing an eloquent tongue, had little trouble in getting many business men interested in a commercial guide, and obtaining their advertisements for it. It seems that after securing orders, Sarpy would change the advertisements and raise the amount mentioned in the contract. Upon calling to collect, several merchants at first demurred, claiming the price demanded was in excess of that agreed upon, but the eloquent Sarpy soon convinced them that such was not the case, and was paid. His success made him bold, and he went the rounds of all his victims and was approaching the last one when he was apprehended at the instigation of several advertisers who, it seems, had been comparing notes. Sarpy indignantly denies his guilt, but the police claim it is a clear case. The amount obtained by him, it is said, amounts to \$1,000.

STREET CAR ADVERTISING**An Efficacious Method if Properly Executed in Design.**

A few years ago there seemed to be a doubt in some minds as to the efficacy of car advertising. But there's no doubt now. The street and elevated car placards are read and remembered—if they are not too long to read or too commonplace to remember.

This is an advertising case where "snap" and the brevity which is wit's soul are almost imperative.

The value of color in advertising is now widely recognized, and the street car ad. gives a splendid chance for striking color schemes. And yet in a car where the most of the placards are in colors, a plain talk of a very few words, set in plain type and printed in plain black, is often tremendously effective. One thing in advertising that should be constantly kept in mind is the value of an ad.'s individuality.

Many street car placards are spoiled by having portions printed in a delicate tint, which can not be studied well, especially when the shadows of the lamps fall on the cards. That same delicate tint might be excellent on a folder or booklet. But what is wanted in a street car is something that can be easily read, at day and night.

A street car sign has a large number of readers. The street cars carry a good many passengers in the run of a day, and a striking advertisement in front is likely to attract their attention at some period of their journey. We have known persons who read books and papers on every trolley ride they take, and who yet appear to be perfectly familiar with street car jingles in verse or prose.

There must be something about the rhythm of a moving car which is an aid to memory.—Electrical Age.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK**For Increased Advertising this Year—****Large Contracts Made.**

The first month of 1902 has followed the twelve of the years before into history. The initial four weeks of a new year are invariably periods of commercial inactivity, the result of holiday expenditures, and few in the business world regret to see them go. January of 1902, as compared with the same month of last year, showed big increases in nearly every line of trade. This conclusion is not arrived at by statistics, but merely from the fact that there has been bigger advertising, a never failing criterion of business conditions.

To look forward, the prospects for 1902 are brighter than they have ever been before for advertising agencies. The prosperity in this direction is not confined to any particular section, but is general throughout the country. Advertising agencies from the North, South, East and West report that the amount of contracts entered into for long time advertising was never before equaled. Billboards are especially active in spreading publicity by various methods. There is some talk to the effect that some of the roads contemplate abandoning the bill board method, but it is safe to say that the experiment will prove their worth as advertising mediums, and

that they will again be resorted to. There are few plants in the country that do not display the paper of one or more railroads, and have been doing so for such a long time that the discontinuance will make itself felt.

Magazine advertising will boom in 1902, as will, in fact, every other class. It demonstrates that merchants, professional men, corporations and all others in the business world are aware that, in this age of competition, advertising is essential to the life of trade.

TO SPEND FORTUNES**Big Advertisers Meet in New York—May be a National Organization.**

New York, Jan. 29.—Two hundred American advertisers, whose combined expenditures for publicity reaches \$50,000,000 annually, wined and dined at Belmonte's to-day, as they discussed the past, present and future of the advertising world. This meeting marked the first gathering of the kind in the country, and a national organization of advertisers will likely result therefrom.

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., president of the Association of American Advertisers, acted as chairman of the convention, which, it was explained, had been called to enlist the co-operation of non-members of the organization.

At the morning session E. W. Schummehorn read a paper on the relation of publishers' agreements to advertising.

In the afternoon addresses were made by George A. Priest and Dr. V. Mott Pierce concerning the status of the advertising agent, who was characterized as an unnecessary evil. A paper by Bert M. Moses on the same subject was read. Mr. Priest's declaration that the advertisers should get together and form a trust in self protection brought H. L. Kramer, of Indiana, to his feet.

"We've had enough of these hard luck stories," Mr. Kramer said. "I attribute my success in business to advertising agents. These men have created a place for themselves, and are entitled to better treatment than they have received here to day. They stand in the same relation to newspapers and periodicals that your salesmen and distributors bear to you. If you eliminated these middlemen stagnation would result."

Chairman Post spoke in the same strain.

W. Atlee Burpee read a paper advocating simpler methods in the distribution of third and fourth class mail matter. Representative Hull, of Iowa, has introduced a bill embodying Mr. Burpee's ideas and he requested his associates to endorse the measure and agitate for the adoption by the government of a parcels post system.

Artemus Ward presided at the banquet. Edward P. Call, Robert J. Collier, Walter H. Page and Charles T. Root responded to the toast, "The American Press," and Robert C. Ogden, Dr. Lucien C. Warner and others told of the troubles of the advertisers.

Among those who took part in the proceedings were E. J. Baker, of Scott & Bowne; James W. Bugbee, of Walter Baker & Co., Boston; William Batt, of the Jayne Company, Philadelphia; Thomas Doliber and C. W. Cheney, of the Mellins Food Company, Boston; W. H. Gove, president of the L. E. Pinkham Company, Lynn, Mass.; W. H. Hall, of Hall & Ruckel, New York; R. McKean Jones, of Wyckoff, Seaman & Benedict; A. C. Morrison, of the American Baking Powder Company, and George Herdt, general manager of the Chocolat-Meuler Company.

ADVERTISING TIPS.

Wishire's Magazine is using space in magazines.

Many buyers are now advertising. Evidently the old "unprofessional" fog needs a tombstone.

The Cuban Paint and Advertising Company, of Havana, has been incorporated with a large capital.

Santa Barbara (Cal.) merchants have signed an agreement to confine their advertising to daily newspapers.

The Pere Marquette Railroad has issued a platinum print photograph advertising Michigan summer resorts.

A. E. Shaw, late with the Banner Advertising Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., has started an agency of his own.

The Chamber of Commerce of Detroit has issued a large folder containing handsome half-tones and articles setting forth the advantages of that city.

A Saginaw undertaker says in his ad: "I can furnish caskets that will supply the dead with luxurious surroundings they never knew in life." As an advertisement it's bad; as a joke, it's worse.

The Hinner Engraving Company, Chicago, have just finished some very fine adverti-

gents for the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company. The plates are to be used in the firm's advertising for 1902.

Sylvester Bros., of Seattle, are advertising 3-Minute Breakfast Mosh in the Times. The advertising is styled after the Macbeth Chimney ads, and is being written by Geo. F. Rowe, advertising writer for Stone, Fisher & Lane.

Publishers whose matter was denied transmission through the mails at second-class rates by Assistant Postmaster General Madden, have appealed to the United States Supreme Court for reinstatement under that classification.

The Charles Austin Bates Company is handling advertising for Malta Vita, Chase Bros., Rochester, N. Y.; J. W. Cole & Co., Black River Falls, Wis.; Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.; Ashland Cerrol Co., Ashland, O.; Mather Food Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and others.

Long ago the tendency to split up a business into specialties was apparent in advertising. The man who writes copy and suggests designs may be a graduate of the editorial department of a newspaper. Men of this class know little of business, and are almost proud of their ignorance. The plausible and persistent solicitor, in too many cases, does not consider writing advertisements to be in his line. He leaves that to "literary fellers." There is nothing occult about the composition of an advertisement. You need a little knowledge of the subject, a little creative power, a little skill in the marshalling of words. Of course, the more skill you have, the better. A solicitor of good education and reasonable self-reliance should be able, after a fair amount of practice, to write very respectable advertisements. The advantage of this accomplishment is plain. Too much should not be demanded of the advertiser's imagination. Concrete things appeal to him more than persuasions and promises do. A good looking advertisement is therefore a powerful ally in a campaign to secure business. Exchange.

WEEKLY LIST OF BILL POSTERS.

Advertisements under this heading will be published weekly at the uniform rate of ten cents per line per issue, or \$4.00 per year.

ALABAMA.

Troy—Josh Copeland.

ARKANSAS.

Conway—J. F. Clark, Box 92.

GEORGIA.

Cedartown—J. C. Kught.

IDAHO.

Pocatello—Geo. Dash, Box 272.

ILLINOIS.

Bloomington—City B. P. Co., Colliseum Bldg
Peoria—Auditorium Bill Posting Co.

INDIANA.

Michigan City—J. L. Weber & Co.

MINNESOTA.

Winona—E. O. Burroughs.

MISSOURI.

Des Moines—W. W. Moore (licensed Dist.)

Ottumwa—Reliance Distrikt Agency.

KANSAS.

Atchison—City Bill Posting Co.

LOUISIANA.

Alexandria—Roberts & McGinniss.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis—Gildons Bill Posting Co.

MISSISSIPPI.

Vicksburg—H. C. Hendek.

MONTANA.

Billings—A. L. Babcock.

NEBRASKA.

Hastings—M. M. Irwin.

NEW YORK.

New York City—New York Bill Posting Co.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Statesville—Rowland Advertising Co.

OHIO.

Middletown—Anthony H. Walburg.

St. Mary's—F. F. Achabacher.

Zanesville—Wm. D. Schultz.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Johnstown—A. Adair.

New Castle—The J. G. Loving C. B. P. Co.

TEXAS.

Carthage—A. Burton.

Gainesville—Pani Gallia, C. P. B. and Dist.

Yeakum—C. C. Tribble.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City—Grand Bill Posting Co.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Bluetield—H. L. Shott.

WISCONSIN.

Prairie du Chien—F. A. Campbell.

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CALIFORNIA.

Eureka—W. H. Mathews, 636 2d st.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago—John A. Clough, 42 River st.

East St. Louis—H. H. Deemar.

Galesville—H. Hulen B. P. & Dist. Co.

Peoria—Auditorium Bill Posting Co.

INDIANA.

Huntington—Benjamin Miles, 8 Everett st.
Indianapolis—Vansickle Adv. Co., 114 Ill.
Marion—John L. Wood, 920 S. Branson st.
Michigan City—J. L. Weber Co.
Terre Haute—O. M. Bartlett.

IDAHO.

Bolse—R. G. Spaulding.
IOWA.

Des Moines—Des Moines Adv. Co.
Fort Madison—Sylvester Johnson.
Ottumwa—Reliance Dist. Agency.
Sioux City—A. B. Beall.

KANSAS.

Atchison—City Bill Posting Co.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston—Cunningham & Gourley.
Brockton—John V. Carter, 288 Belmont st.

MICHIGAN.

Peoria—Auditorium Bill Posting Co.

MINNESOTA.

Morris—Geo. R. Lawrence, B. P. & D.
MISSOURI.

St. Louis—S. A. Hyde, 2136 Eugenia st.

NEBRASKA.

Hastings—M. M. Irwin.

NEW YORK.

New York—New York B. P. Co.

Ogdensburg—E. M. Tracy.

Oswego—F. E. Monroe.

Schenectady—Chas. H. Benedict, 121 Jay st

NORTH CAROLINA.

Statesville—Rowland Advertising Co.

OHIO.

Columbus—S. A. Hyde, 2136 Eugenia st.

Fostoria—W. C. Tirrell & Co., 116 W. Tif-
fin st.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Carlisle—Wm. M. Meloy, Box 49.

East York—Richard R. Staley.

**Johnstown—Geo. E. Updegrave & Co.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia—J. C. Bingley (ad. Charleston).

WISCONSIN.

West Superior—C. A. Marshall, W. Superior
Hotel.

CANADA.

A. F. Morris, manager, Hastings st., Van-
couver, B. C.

Montreal—C. J. T. Thomas, Box 1129.

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Home Show—Printing Co., Atchison, Kan.

Morrison Show Print. Co., Detroit, Mich.

Pioneer Print. Co., 214 Jefferson, Seattle,
Wash.

Planet Show Print. Co., Chatham, Ontario,
Canada.

Russell & Morgan Show Print. Co., Cincin-
nati, O.

Clarence E. Runney, 127 E. St. st., Cincin-
nati, O.

INKLINGS.

The Walker Show Printing Company, of Erie, are slashing prices.

Col. John P. Church arrived in Cincinnati Jan. 31, and left for New York Feb. 1.

F. W. Lapp, a well-known lithographer of New York, was in Cincinnati Jan. 30.

Sam Hoke is sending out reprints of his clever rhyme ad., "His Opinion, by Old Bill Jones."

The Greve Lithographing Company, of Milwaukee, have just issued a very hand

some catalogue. The Greve plant is working to its full capacity, and the reorganized firm is more active than ever.

Alfred H. Peyer is now president, and the following are the new officials: Henry L. Schmitz vice president; James C. Bird, secretary, and Rnd. Pfeltz, treasurer. This firm is now in position to handle any kind of lithographic work, from a half sheet to any size circus poster.

The annual meeting of both the directors and stockholders of the Donaldson Litho. Co. was held at The Stag, Cincinnati, Jan. 30.

The statement of the year's business for 1901 was read, and disclosed the bumptious business in the history of the house.

Everybody was jubilant, and celebrated the occasion by discussing an elaborate lunch.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. M. Donaldson, president;



MORE TALK

Of a White Rats Vaudeville Theater—
This Time in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The White Rats seemingly have taken a new lease of life, and now the atmosphere is filled with theater building talk, and the talk seems to be in earnest. In conversation with Treasurer Mark Murphy while he was here, he said the White Rats had theater building bee in their bonnets, and with a knowing wink, further remarked: "I am the treasurer, and ought to know whether we have got the price or not." Mr. Murphy further stated that New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis were the cities, besides Chicago, where White Rats theaters would be erected. "The idea is," continued Mr. Murphy, as follows: One hundred White Rats have subscribed \$1,000 each to a fund which is to be capital used in the theater building scheme. With this \$100,000 as a nucleus, it is proposed to interest in each of the cities named, one hundred men who will also subscribe \$1,000 each. This would make a fund of \$600,000, and it is thought to be ample to carry out the plan with. General Manager James H. Powers, of the White Rats, who recently came on from New York to assume control of affairs in Chicago, with quarters in the Grand Opera House, and is a man thoroughly posted on all matters in which the 900 members of the organization are interested, says: "Mark Murphy, as treasurer of the society, would not make such an assertion as ascribed to him without the very best foundation for the same. The most prominent vaudeville players (headliners) are White Rats. The officers of the order are: George Fuller Golden, president; David C. Montgomery, vice president; Mark Murphy, treasurer; Edward M. Favar, grand ruler; Henry Linton, neator rat; Tom Lewis, jestor rat; Charles L. Aldrich, chaplain; Nat M. Wills, scrat rat. Looks as though White Rats had reviled in real earnest.

HARRY EARL.

STOLEN DIAMONDS.

Lands Vera Irving, a Well Known Ac-
tress, in Jail at St. Louis on
a Serious Charge.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Miss Vera Irving, who appeared at the Imperial last week in "A Stranger in a Strange Land" company, playing the principal female role, was arrested Saturday, at 12:30 noon, by local officers, on a charge of shoplifting, the information being sworn to by two leading business houses of this city. On investigation, it was found Miss Irving had taken a diamond ring at each place. The combined efforts of her relatives in the city and the theatrical company's representatives failed to have her released, and at the last moment (2 p. m.) a substitute was compelled to play the part, which was creditably done by Miss Davis, and the play was presented to the satisfaction of all. The company left Saturday night without Miss Irving, and in an interview, she said she could give no explanation of the deed.

PLAY HOUSES.

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According to Mark Murphy, the White Rats will erect a theater at St. Louis.

The story of a new vaudeville house at Columbus, O., seems to be without foundation.

An alarm of fire caused a panic in a theater at Marion, Ind., Jan. 25. No one was hurt badly.

S. T. Hardison, a prominent Lexington (Ky.) horseman, was at the head of a movement to erect a coliseum in that city.

H. H. Jennings, a Hartford (Conn.) theatrical manager, is endeavoring to secure a lease on the Auditorium at Springfield, Mass.

A fight among theatrical managers is on at Richmond, Va. The Wells interests will improve the Bijou, and may erect another theater.

Princeton (Ind.) Elks and K. of P.'s are negotiating for a piece of property on which they propose to erect a theater and lodge rooms.

The new opera house at McComb City, Miss., has a seating capacity of 850. A. J. Hackett is its manager, and W. R. May stage manager.

Fire Commissioner Sturgis, of New York,

FARCE AND COMEDY.

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"A Run for Her Money" is the name of a new farce, under the management of Will T. Spieh.

Joseph Scott Welch is now playing the leading male part in Anna Held's "Little Duchess" Company.

The Illinois Theater, Chicago, was dark Jan. 27, owing to the illness of Gus Rogers, of the Rogers Brothers, playing there.

The initial production of a four-act comedy, "Lady Margaret," was given by Anna Blingham in New York, Jan. 27. The piece is adapted from the French.

Cincinnatus and Gore have booked some splendid time for their new show, "A Warm Match," for next season. It will be a novelty in comedy and new features.

Jake Rosenthal, manager of "The Telephone Girl," which played last week at the Walnut, Cincinnati, was at one time engaged in newspaper work in that city, where he is well known and popular.

It will be G. A. R. week at the Tech Theater, Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24 to 23. Nineteen posts of the army will receive benefit, and "A Night Off" has been booked.

Lillie May White, the twenty-two-year-old girl, who assumes the character of forty-year-old Mrs. Peck, in "Peck's Bad Boy," will join the army of stars next season, in a new play, "A Woman's Sacrifice," written by Frank J. Martin, a newspaper man.

STOCKS AND REPERTOIRE.

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The Courled Stock Company, New York, last week, presented "The Girl From Maxin."

"The Christian" will be presented in the near future by the Pike Stock Company, Cincinnati.

Neil Florence has resigned from the Pike Stock Company, Cincinnati, to go with "Arizona."

"Cleopatra" is soon to be given an elaborate production by the Pike Stock Company of Cincinnati.

J. Hurtig, of Hurtig & Seaman, said at Toledo, O., last week, that the stock company there will continue at the Empire.

John B. McCatty, property man of the Grace Hayward Company, is one of ten heirs to a fortune of \$85,000, left by his mother.

Earle Browne, who was with the Ada Rehan Company, has been engaged to play juvenile roles with the Pike Stock Company, Cincinnati.

Manager Hunt, of the Pike Stock Company, Cincinnati, has just returned from a trip to New York in search of new plays for the Pike Company.

Little Conney and Corinne, of the Ewing Taylor Company, are making big hits everywhere. Little Conney's singing and buck dancing specialties are featured.

Baroness von Ningptch, known on the stage as Madeline Bouton, will, after an absence of three years, return to the stage next season in "The Telephone Girl." She is endeavoring to secure Wilton Lackaye as her leading man.

Jesse Millward, former leading lady of the Empire Stock Company, has secured the English rights to "In the Palace of the King," which she will present in London, assuming Viola Allen's role.

An ardent woman adulterer of Selma Herrmann sent that actress a note in Chicago, last week, admonishing her to confine her affections to the men in the play, and that she would kill any woman whom she kissed. The writer is a member of a well-known family, and is in love with Miss Herrmann.

C. W. Watson, a member of the Imperial Stock Company, which played last week at Princeton, Ind., will probably lose his sight, as the result of a revolver shot, during the rendition of "My Uncle." The gun was in the hands of Bold, Hyman, who held it too close to Watson's face.

MUSIC AND OPERA.

Performers are cordially invited to contribute items of news concerning themselves and friends to this column, which is always open to friends of the Billboard.

The original "Floradora" company will play Cincinnati.

A son of Jefferson De Angels died, Jan. 30, at New York.

Arrangements for the Louisville May Festival are completed.

Dorothy Morton will sing Dolores, in "Floradora," in New York.

Jos. Welsh will play the part of Ralph Edgerton, in "The Little Duchess."

The trouble between Dan Daley and George W. Leiderer has been settled. Pauline Chase, the Pajama Girl in "The Liberty Belles," is to wed Alexander Dow, Miss Lillian Blanecht is back from the old country. She will probably tour America.

During his voyage to America, Paderevsky's piano slipped and phonked him in his berth.

Mme. Schenman-Helink will give a return song recital at the Cincinnati Music Hall, Feb. 14.

The Louisville Liederkranz gave an elaborate production of "Belshazzar's Feast," Jan. 25.

Marguerite Sylva has "caught on" in New Orleans in the title role of "Miss Bob White."

Dan Daley may star next season in a new musical comedy of Edward Rostand's, "The Fantasticks."

Marie Murphy, of "The Liberty Belles," is to wed John Erhardt Muhlfeld, a rail road man.

Frank Daniels will continue "Miss Simplicity" next season, playing the Pacific coast principally.

Eddie Cook has accepted a position with Henry W. Savage, head of the Castle Square Opera enterprises.

Business Manager Cook, of "King Hodo," is to book George Ade's new musical comedy, "The Sultan of Sulu."

Paul Woodworth Hyde, next season, will have out a new musical comedy, to be known as "Mann's Plague."

Sybil Sanderson gives as her reason for breaking her engagement with Count Fitz James, the fact that he is a divorcee.

Mme. Nordica sang in San Francisco, Feb. 4. She has recovered from injuries received several weeks ago in Georgia.

The first anniversary of the death of the composer, Giuseppe Verdi, was observed Jan. 28 in Italy and in the United States.

Paderewski arrived in New York Jan. 30, and will supervise the rehearsals of his opera, "Mayru," before starting on his tour.

Miss Marian Thomas, daughter of Theodore Thomas, was quietly wedded in Chicago, Jan. 27, to Gale H. Carter, of New York.

Edna Wallace Hopper will once more be under Charles Frohman's managerial wing. She may star in a big musical production next season.

Mrs. Norma Knupfel, representative for Frohman in the tour of Jan Kubelik, is an applicant for the post of director of music at the St. Louis Fair.

Violinist Jan Kubelik was greeted by a large audience at Cincinnati Music Hall, Jan. 29. Kubelik was over an hour late in arriving, due to an accident to his train.

Thomas Hitchcock, a stockholder in the Metropolitan Opera House, where Prince Henry will be entertained, Feb. 25, refuses to relinquish his box, which is in the row of boxes needed for the royal party.

Mme. Leon Reuss, the soprano with Marie Grau, whose lost voice has been restored, attributes the cure to science. A foreign growth in her throat was removed by electrolysis and a chemical preparation.

Baumaster Innes' suit for divorce promises to go against him. A Boston woman, Katherine Wentzel, claims that Innes has been friendly with her and faithful to his wife, who filed a cross-petition. Innes named James J. Corbett as co-respondent in his petition.

Max Besel, who acted as music teacher for Allee Nelson, is to institute a suit for several thousand dollars against her, alleged to be due for professional services. Miss Nelson, as a defense, claims she was minor when the bill was contracted, and is therefore not liable.

Charles Klein and Harry B. Smith, the comic opera writers, seem about ready to clash. Klein's announcement that he was going to make a stage version of "The Plekwick Papers," has brought out a statement from Smith to the effect that he had been at work upon the same theme. Smith intended his version for Jerome Sykes; Klein's for DeWolf Hopper.

Last October, while at Quincy's Six Bay Street Fair, the Jeffries Band created something of a sensation by its splendid playing. People sat around the park in the rain at Quincy in order to hear this band finish up a concert one afternoon, and were back after supper, with umbrellas up, ready to hear Johnson play his solos. Now, a band that can bring people out in stormy weather to hear them play, is the kind worth employing.

August Burmester, a German trumpeter in the Castle Square Company's production of "Ledergrin" at the Studebaker, Chicago, made an unexpected and sudden exit at the matinee Jan. 30, which came near wrecking the performance. In the second act, during the wedding festivities, Burmester stepped on one end of a board in a balcony, the other end went up in the air and the trumpeter dropped nearly ten feet to the level of the stage. The scene was more ludicrous by the fact that three other trumpeters dropped on their knees in an effort to find out where their companion had landed.

MINSTRELS.

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Al. G. Field is now making his annual dash for the coast.

Doe Waddell is doing some great work for Dan Quinn's Minstrels.

The news of his mother's death caused Jimmy Wall to suffer a relapse.

Chandris and Corbin, the banjo players, have been re-engaged for Primrose & Dockey's Minstrels.

Leslie Teal, aged 26 years, a brother of Raymond Teal, the minstrel, died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 31.

Mr. Henry C. Schneek has joined the Great Barlow Minstrels as leading tenor soloist and also a member of their quartette.

VAUDEVILLE.

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Johnstone Bennett is to wed Tony Williams, making wife No. 5.

Johnny Nolan, the trick violinist, opens at Tony Pastor's, New York, Feb. 4.

Hyde's Comedians will play a return date next week at the Columbia, Cincinnati.

Marie Dressier will star next season in a new play, under the management of Jos. Immerman.

Wm. Burress will take the place of Geo. Fuller, Golden with Eugene O'Rourke and John W. Ransome, in their sketch.

Willie Hale and Franelles will be seen at the Columbia Theater, Cincinnati, shortly, in a novelty globe and hoop rolling act.

Oscar Etane, late leading man in "Are You a Mason," will enter vaudeville in New York, giving imitations of stage celebrities.

A vaudeville performance, composed of local talent, will be given late in February by the press representatives of Toledo theaters.

Darmody and Careno, the well known jugglers, have received a flattering offer to make a tour of Australia, and will no doubt accept.

Ida Muellie has quit comic opera for vaudeville, and is presenting the monologue, "Cinderella at the Phone," once used by Minnie Dupre.

Manager Max Anderson, of Cincinnati, has returned from New Orleans, where he attended the meeting of the Western Vaudeville Managers' Combine.

Selmers and Peters, German dialect comedians, are reported as having signed with Richard's Vaudevilles, which open early the coming fall. They will be featured.

James E. Roine and his versatile little wife, Marguerite Ferguson, who are making a hit at the Columbia Theater, Cincinnati, this week, were "Billboard" callers, Jan. 31.

Katie Scott and Glenn Howard, vaudeville performers of Cincinnati, have sued Manager Miller, of Miller's Variety Theater, Anderson, Ind., for \$160, for alleged breach of contract.

Young Doekham, son of a well known North Tonawanda (N. Y.) jeweler, is shortly to make his debut in vaudeville as a juggler. Ed. Van Wyck, of Cincinnati, has just completed his outfit for him.

Charles Hawtrey, Beatrice Herford and Arthur Playfair participated in the benefit given in New York, Feb. 4, for the benefit of the Actor's Fund. A large sum was realized.

Barney Ferguson and John Mack, a son of his old partner, Dick Mack, are in vaudeville around New York, and are making good in a part of Ferguson and Mack's old farce, entitled "The Sister's Dimple."

Madge Ellis is to return to America, opening Feb. 9 in New York, at the American Theater. Madge Ellis is the wife of "Doc" McDonough, and is the only surviving one of the three Lane sisters—Lucy and Francis having both died of consumption.

The Gottolds are catching the Emprire Theater audiences in Denver nightly. In their sketch, "Government Bonds," increasing patronage to this mat vaudeville house demands the best, and they shall have it, so says John Harley, the business manager.

James Gibson writes that the house at Lead, S. D., has been closed for five weeks. The manager has been receiving letters from performers for engagements, and he wants it to be known that house does not exist. Himself and wife (Gibson and Nash) closed a four weeks' engagement at Denver, Col., at the Aleazar Theater, Jan. 26, and went to Spokane, Wash., at the Theater Comique, for six weeks' engagement, to open Feb. 3.

The Eddy Family is now playing dates at vaudeville houses. They were at Rochester, N. Y., last week. The following is from the Herald, of that city, Jan. 21: "The Eddy Family, three men and three women, give a great acrobatic act. They perform in full dress as to the men, and the women wear long black satin skirts, reaching to their shoes. The feats they perform are of a kind to make the audience sit up straight and pay attention. For example, two of the girls stand on the shoulders of two of the men, some distance apart. Presto! the girls have changed places, one by a backward somersault, the other by a forward leap over the somersault, the movements being performed simultaneously. The people who usually leave the theater during the last act change their minds after the Eddys get to work."

Harry Yost writes "The Billboard" from Melbourne, Australia, under date of Jan. 3, as follows: "We arrived in Sydney last Sat morning, after a rather pleasant journey. Came to Melbourne on Monday, and we opened Saturday night at Richard's Opera House. The theater was packed to the doors, notwithstanding the hot weather. Four American acts opened here, and I can safely say every one of them were hits. Colby and Way, George Alexander, the Lundgreens and Weston and Yost. Our reception was most gratifying, as I met a lot of American performers here, and they made things pleasant. Weston and I received several baskets of flowers, and all in all we are perfectly satisfied with Australia. The World's Entertainers are here. The troupe is composed of American artists, and the hit of the show is 'Josie,' Gassman and her pickaninnies. With best wishes to 'The Billboard' and all friends in America."

BURLESQUE.

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Fay Templeton will leave Weber & Fields to star in a play, under Lederer's management.

Ed. Davidson has again been engaged by Bill Sheridan as agent of the City Sports Company.

De Amur's dogs were a special feature with the Balmy Duchess Burlesquers, at Hartford, Conn., last week.

"Holy Toity" will be on the road next season, backed by Mrs. Cora Shea, of the Garden Theater, Buffalo, N. Y. The German parts will be handled by Korb and Hill. "Fiddle-Dee-Doo" has a solid booking for next season, after the same management.

ACROSS THE WATER.

Performers are cordially invited to contribute items of news concerning themselves and friends to this column, which is always open to friends of the Billboard.

Londoners are delighted with Gertrude Elliott's clever work in "Men and Mice."

Mrs. James Brown Potter sailed from Southampton for New York, Feb. 8, where she will rest.

At the Odéon Theater, Paris, Jan. 31, "Les Noées Corinthiennes," in its initial production, scored a hit.

John Hare, at a recent banquet in London, complimented the American actors and actresses who have invaded England.

Another theater, to be devoted to Royal opera, may be built at Berlin, the present structure being inadequate to accommodate the crowds.

"Pilkerton's Peerage" was given its initial production at the Garrick, London, Jan. 28. The comedy is good, but there are many weak points.

The eightieth birthday of Marquise del Trillo (Adelade Ristori) was elaborately celebrated at Rome, Jan. 28. King Victor Emmanuel visited the actress on the occasion.

King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles, of Denmark, attended the Lyric Theater, Jan. 30, and witnessed the production of "Men and Mice."

The Duke of Manchester has asked for a new trial on the judgment of \$250 obtained against him by playwright Eden Erskine Greyle. The latter claims that "HIs Ducklets" failed to return the manuscript of a play "The Pasha."

ODDS AND ENDS.

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James R. Smith, a veteran actor, was found dead in New York, Jan. 28.

Robt. Cummings, a theatrical manager, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York.

Mrs. Nellie Hardy, known on the stage as Nellie Trojan, died at Leadville, Col., Jan. 30, of pneumonia.

Harry Phillips, the theatrical manager, and husband of Kate Castleton, has been granted a pension.

Charles L. Willis, the theatrical manager, and backer of "Tiny Coney Island," died in New York, Jan. 29.

Baltimore theater ticket scalpers, who were prosecuted for obstructing the streets, have been acquitted.

It is said that Mrs. Patrick Campbell, at a game of whist in a fashionable New York hotel, "earned" \$2,000.

The funeral of H. Stanley Davies was held at Chicago, Jan. 29. He was well known as a dramatic instructor.

A Chicago priest, Rev. Maurice J. Dorsey, advises the young women of his parish who possess talent to go on the stage.

W. J. Shultz, of New York, and Anna Pearl Cogswell, of Whitestown, Ind., both performers, were married Jan. 29, at Hamilton, O.

Rev. W. E. Bentley, an Episcopal clergyman, of Baltimore, Md., in a recent sermon, declared that the pulpit and stage should work in harmony.

Rev. Isadore Lewenthal, of Nashville, Tenn., says the best sermon is a good play. As a result of this truth he has resigned as trustee of the Nashville Tabernacle.

Actor Thomas E. Shear gave a performance at Canton, O., Jan. 28, turning over the proceeds to the McKinley Memorial Fund. He personally contributed \$25.

Henry Ziegler, manager of the Columbia and Walnut theaters, ignored a summons from the court at Lebanon, O., and was ruled up for contempt. Ziegler "squared" himself finally.

A woman giving the name of Jennie David, and claiming to have been a member of the "Lovers' Lane" company, was arrested for safe keeping in Cincinnati, Jan. 30. She is evidently demented.

Frank Hew, an actor, living in Cincinnati, was admitted to the hospital there Jan. 29, suffering with rheumatism. This makes Hew's twenty-seventh admission to the hospital in the last year.

B. F. Brown, the manager of an opera house at Newcastle, Ind., who was arrested at Indianapolis, on a charge of the theft of \$100 from Milton Taber, treasurer of the Deacon Show, has been acquitted.

Ada Gray, an actress, had her common law husband, Jewel Farrell, arrested in New York, for the alleged theft of some diamonds. Farrell was dismissed, the court holding that a husband can not steal from his wife.

A Park (Ky.) paper offered to present a box at a performance of "King Dodo" to the most popular young lady in Bourbon County. When the vote was counted there were several scenes between some of the contestants. Mamie Roche won the contest.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell entertained the following at tea on the stage of the Victoria Theater, New York, Jan. 29: James Henry Smith, Mrs. J. L. Mott, Bourke Cochran, Lady MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gould, Prince and Princess Troubetzkoy.

The appearance in Cincinnati last week of Frank Daniels, in "Miss Simplicity," at Robinson's, and "Peck's Bad Boy," at the Lyceum, furnishes a coincidence. Eighteen years ago last week Daniels played the role of the bad boy at Robinson's.

Mr. E. O. McCormack, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific road, has just issued a neat folder, giving names of opera houses on the Southern Pacific, the seating capacity, names of managers, bill posters, baggagemasters and information of value to agents.

ROUTES AHEAD.

The Billboard forwards mail to all professionals free of charge. Members of the profession are invited while on the road to have their mail addressed in care The Billboard and it will be promptly forwarded.

TRAGEDY AND DRAMA.

A ROYAL Rival—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

A CAVALIER of France, (Shipton Bros., Mgrs.)—Bay City, Mich., Feb. 6; St. Johns, Feb. 7; Flint, Feb. 8; Jackson, Feb. 10; Coldwater, Feb. 11; Bronson, Feb. 12.

ACROSS the Pacific, (Harry Clay Blaney, Ed. W. Fuller, Mgr.)—Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3 to 9; Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 10 to 16.

A HOME SPUN Heart, (Walter W. Loyd, Mgr.)—Louisville, Ky., Feb. 2 to 8; Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

A RAGGED Hero—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8; Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9 to 15.

ARIZONA, (M. G. Gross, Mgr.)—Charleston, Ga., Feb. 4 and 5; Savannah, Feb. 6; Macon, Feb. 7; Columbus, Feb. 8; Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 10; Selma, Feb. 11; Montgomery, Feb. 12; Mobile, Feb. 13; Meridian, Miss., Feb. 14; Jackson, Feb. 15.

ABIZONA, (Kirk LaShelle & Fred, R. Hamlin, Prop.)—St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8; Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 11.

AT Valley Forge, (D. E. Lester & Co., Mgrs.)—Jackson, O., Feb. 6; Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 8.

AT the Old Cross Roads—Ashland, Wis., Feb. 3.

ACROSS the Desert—Lynn, Mass., Feb. 6; Fall River, Feb. 8.

A GENTLEMAN of France, (Kyrie Liebler & Co., Mgrs.)—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

ALLEN, Violin—San Francisco, Feb. 3 to 15.

A LION'S Heart—St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8.

ADAMS, Mandolin—Boston, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8.

AT Cripple Creek, (Whitaker & Lawrence, Mgrs.)—Boston, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8; Meriden, Conn., Feb. 10; Watertown, Feb. 11 and 12; Canfield, N. J., Feb. 13 to 15; Worcester, Mass., Feb. 17 to 22.

BEN Hur—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

BATES, Blanche—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3, indefinitely.

BARBARA Fritchle—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

CAMPBELL, Mrs. Patrick, (Liebler & Co., Mgr.)—Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

CARTER, Mrs. Leslie, (David Belasco, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

CROSMAN, Henrietta, (Manree Campbell, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3, indefinitely.

CONVICT'S Daughter, (Eastern; Geo. Samuels, Mgr.)—Utica, N. Y., Feb. 7 and 8.

CONVICT'S Daughter, (Western; Roland G. Pray, Mgr.)—Centralia, Ill., Feb. 7; Alton, Feb. 8; East St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9.

COLORADO, (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Trenton, N. J., Feb. 6; Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 8; Boston, Mass., Feb. 10, indefinitely.

CHRISTIAN, (E. S. Morgan; Liebler & Co., Mgrs.)—Boston, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8.

COOTILAN, Rose—Mt. Smith, Ark., February 12.

CUDDY Hollow—Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 7.

CUP OF Fortune—Boston, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8.

DOWN Mobile, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Kauai City, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8; Joplin, Feb. 9; Galena, Feb. 10; Webb City, Feb. 11; Pittsburg, Feb. 12; Nevada, Feb. 13; Sedalia, Feb. 14; Jefferson City, Feb. 15.

DANGERS of Paris—Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

DE WOLFE, Elsie, ("The Way of the World")—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3, indefinitely.

DAIRY Farm, (Eastern; W. H. Stoddard, Mgr.)—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 27 to Feb. 8.

EAST Lynn, (H. B. Morgan, Mgr.)—Aurora, Mo., Feb. 6; Ashgrove, Feb. 7; Lemar, Feb. 8.

EAST Lynn, (Lee Moses, Mgr.)—Atlanta, Mo., Feb. 4.

EAST Lynn, (Frank Burt, Mgr.)—Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 6 to 8.

ELEVENTH Hour, (Western; Lincoln J. Carter's)—Rawlings, Wyo., Feb. 6; Rock Springs, Feb. 7; Park City, Feb. 8; Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 10 to 12; Ogden, Feb. 13; Brigham, Feb. 14; Logan, Feb. 15.

ELEVENTH Hour, (Eastern; L. J. Carter's)—Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 6 to 8; Worcester, Feb. 10 to 15.

FAST Mail, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Lehighton, N. J., Feb. 6; Manch Chunk, Feb. 7; Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 8; Freeland, Feb. 10; Pottston, Feb. 11; Nicholson, Feb. 12; Olyphant, Feb. 13; Rarbondale, Feb. 14; Susquehanna, Feb. 15.

FATAL Wedding—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

FLAMING Arrow, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Troy, N. Y., Feb. 6; Athol, Feb. 7; Franklin, Feb. 8; Providence, R. I., Feb. 10 to 15.

FAUST, (Porter J. White, Mgr.)—Akron, O., Feb. 1.

FDR Her Sake, (E. J. Carpenter, Mgr.)—Portland, Ore., Feb. 2 to 8.

FISKE, Mrs.—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8.

FAVERSHAM, Wm., (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

FOGG's Ferry—Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.

FAUST, (Morrison's)—Evansville, Ind., Feb. 9; Centralia, Ill., Feb. 14.

GOLDEN, Richard, ("Old Jed Prouty")—Deming, Ariz., Feb. 6; El Paso, Tex., Feb. 7 and 8.

GOLDEN Rule Shows, (Gardiner Bros., Mgrs.)—Alto, Neb., Feb. 3 to 8; Springfield, Feb. 10 to 15.

GAMBLER'S Daughter—Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 to 8.

GYPSY Cross—Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

HOLLOWLAND, Mildred—Ridgeway, Pa., Feb. 6; Johnsonburg, Feb. 7; Kane, Feb. 8; Warren, O., Feb. 10; Oil City, Feb. 11; Franklin, Feb. 12; Warren, Feb. 13; Can-

ton, Feb. 14; Canal Dover, Feb. 15.

HEART of Chicago, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 6; Lansing, Feb. 7; Charlotte, Feb. 8; Marshall, Feb. 10; Hillsdale, Feb. 11; Bowling Green, O., Feb. 12; Toledo, Feb. 13 to 15.

HEART of Maryland, (David Belasco, Mgr.)—St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 2 to 8.

HIM'MAN Hearts, (Allen G. Hampton, Mgr.)—New Whitorn, Wash., Feb. 6; Mt. Vernon, Feb. 7; Everett, Feb. 8; Seattle, Feb. 9 to 15; Portland, Feb. 16 to 22.

HACKETT, Jas. K.—Providence, R. I., Feb. 3 to 5; New Haven, Conn., Feb. 8.

HARNEY, (Virginia) Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 to 8.

HAMILTON, Mr. and Mrs. C. G., ("Shadows of Sin")—Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 6; Kanakake, Ill., Feb. 7; Gillian, Feb. 8.

IRVING, Henry, and Ellen Terry—Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 5.

IN a Woman's Power—Montreal, Can., Feb. 3 to 8.

IN LOVE, (Eleanor Merron; Jas. H. Waller, Mgr.)—Batavia, N. Y., Feb. 5.

IN THE Rockies—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2 to 23.

IF I Were King, (V. E. Kennedy, Mgr.)—Toledo, O., Feb. 4 and 5; Dayton, Feb. 6; Columbus, Feb. 7 and 8; Cleveland, Feb. 10 to 15.

IN the Rockies, (H. W. Schiff, Mgr.)—Morgan, I. T., Feb. 3; McGregor, Tex., Feb. 7; Belton, Feb. 8; Cameron, Feb. 9.

IN a Woman's Power—Montreal, Can., Feb. 3 to 8.

IVY Leaf—Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 6 to 8.

IN OLD Kentucky Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

KING of the Ophium Ring—Toronto, Can., Feb. 3 to 8.

KARROL Dot, (J. C. Welsh, Mgr.)—Steinbach, Manitoba, Feb. 3 to 5.

THE BILLBOARD

ROXANA'S Claim—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

ROMANCE of Coon Hollow (C. C. Callahan, Mgr.)—Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 7 and 8.

RUPERT of Huntzau—Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9 to 12.

ROAD to Ruh—Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 6 to 8.

REMEMBER the Maine, (Lincoln J. Carter's) Sturgis, Neb., Feb. 6; Terry, Feb. 7; Deadwood, Feb. 8; Centralia, Feb. 10; Dad, Feb. 11; Springfield, Feb. 12; Hill City, Feb. 13; Custer, Feb. 14; Edgmont, Feb. 15.

RYAN, Daniel E.—Bangor, Me., Feb. 3 to 8; Portland, Feb. 10 to 15; Lynn, Feb. 17 to 22.

RICHARD Carvel, (Andrew Robson, Mgr.)—St. Catherine's, Can., Feb. 7; Hamilton, Feb. 8.

SIGN of the Cross—Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 3 to 8.

SAF Harbor—Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 8; SKINNER, Otis, (Jos. Buckley, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

STODDART, J. H. ("Bonne Brer Bush")—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

SKY Farm, (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Hartford, Conn., Feb. 8.

SECRET Dispatch—Worcester, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8.

SHORE Acres, (Wm. B. Gross, Mgr.)—Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8.

SIDETRACKED, (Jule Walters')—Eenanaba, Wis., Feb. 6; Rhineander, Feb. 7; Wausau, Feb. 8.

THE Great White Diamond, (Walter Eisner, Mgr.)—Warren, Pa., Feb. 6; Greenville, Feb. 7; OH City, Feb. 8; Boston, Mass., Feb. 10 to 16; Cleveland, O., Feb. 17 to 22.

TWO Little Wafers, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2 to 8; Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9 to 15.

THE Christian, (Western)—Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 10; Fargo, Feb. 11.

THE Village Parson—Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 2 to 8.

THE Life—Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

TEN Nights in a Bar-room, (F. L. Marsha, Mgr.)—Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 3 and 4.

THOROUGHBRED Tramp—Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 6; Jackson, Feb. 7.

TENNESSEE'S Pardner—Webster City, Wis., Feb. 6; Le Mars, Ia., Feb. 7; Sioux City, Feb. 8; Fremont, Neb., Feb. 10; Fairbury, Feb. 10.

TEN Nights in a Bar-room, (Busby Bros., Mgrs.)—Minneapolis, Feb. 7 and 8.

UNCLE Tom's Cabin, (Al. W. Martin's; Chas. L. Walters, Mgr.)—Paterson, N. J., Feb. 3 to 5.

UNCLE Tom's Cabin, (W. C. Cunningham, Mgr.)—St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8; Spring Valley, Ill., Feb. 12.

UNCLE Tom's Cabin, (W. P. Creston, Mgr.)—Erie, Pa., Feb. 6.

UNCLE Tom's Cabin, (Leon Washburn, Mgr.)—Newburyport, Mass., Feb. 6; Salem, Feb. 7 and 8.

UNDER Two Flags, (Blanche Bates)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3, indefinitely.

UNDER Two Flags—Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 5; Nebraska City, Feb. 8.

UNKNOWN, (John A. Stevens, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

UNCLE Tom's Cabin, (Stetson's)—Lynn, Mass., Feb. 7 and 8.

UNKNOWN—New York, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

VILLAGE Postmaster, (J. Westley Rosequest, Mgr.)—New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 8.

VOLUNTEER Organist—Providence, R. I., Feb. 3 to 8.

WILLARD, E. S.—Newark, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8.

WHEN London Sleeps, (W. McGowan, Mgr.)—Upton, Pa., Feb. 6.

WHITE Slave, (Robt. Campbell, Mgr.)—Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 6 to 8; Omaha, Neb., Feb. 9 to 16.

WAIFS of New York, (Frank Raymond, Mgr.)—Utica, N. Y., Feb. 5 and 6; Lowville, Feb. 7; Watertown, Feb. 8.

WILLARD, E. S.—Newark, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8; Cincinnati, O., Feb. 10 to 15.

WAY Down East, (W. A. Brady, Mgr.)—Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3 to 8.

Way Down East, (Eastern; W. A. Brady, Mgr.)—Lowell, Mass., Feb. 3 and 4.

YORK State Folks, (Fred E. Wright, Mgr.)—St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8.

FARCE AND COMEDY.

ANNIE Russell—New York City, indefinitely.

A WISE Member, (Chas. B. Marvin, Mgr.)—Lawrenceburg, Ind., Feb. 7; Liberty, Feb. 10; Cambridge City, Feb. 11.

ARE You a Mason?—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3 to 8; Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 15; Paterson, Feb. 17.

AUNT Jernusha—Wellington, Kan., Feb. 7; Caldwell, Feb. 8.

ALL a Mistake, (Arthur J. Woods, Mgr.)—Savanna, Ill., Feb. 4; Fulton, Feb. 5; Polo, Feb. 6.

A TRIP to the Circus—Butte, Mont., Feb. 2 to 8.

ALVIN Joslin—Tayloryville, Ill., Feb. 7.

A BREEZY Time, (Southern)—Arlington, Ala., Feb. 25.

AMERICAN Girl—Weston, W. Va., Feb. 24.

ARE You a Buffalo? (Fred J. Huber, Mgr.)—Newark, O., Feb. 6 to 8; Columbus, Feb. 10 to 12; Toledo, Feb. 13 to 15; Dayton, Feb. 17 to 22.

BINGHAM, Amelia, (H. B. Harris, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

BRYAN'S Comedians—Ashland, Ky., Feb. 3 to 8.

BACKMAN Comedy Co., (Fred Seward, Mgr.)—Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 3 to 8.

BOTTO'S Comedians—Clinton, Ill., Feb. 6; Pana, Feb. 7 and 8.

BURGESS, Nell, ("County Fair;" W. A. Brown, Mgr.)—Rockford, Ill., Feb. 6; Freeport, Feb. 7; Clinton, Feb. 8; Kewanee, Feb. 10; Centralia, Feb. 15.

BROWN'S In Town, (Frank Hennessy, Mgr.)—Manchester, N. H., Feb. 6 to 8.

BREEZY Time, (Western; Merle H. Norton, Prop.)—Lehigh, I. T., Feb. 6; Atoka, Feb. 7; Durant, Feb. 8.

BREEZY Time, (Eastern; S. E. Lester, Mgr.)—Gallipolis, O., Feb. 6; Athens, Feb. 7; Wellston, Feb. 8.

COHANS, Four, (L. E. Behman, Mgr.)—Norfolk, Va., Feb. 6; Columbia, S. C., Feb. 10.

COWBOY and the Lady—Topeka, Kan., Feb. 8; Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9 to 15.

CREED'S Comedians—Toronto, O., Feb. 3 to 8.

CURTISS Comedy Co., (S. M. Curtiss, Mgr.)—San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 2, indefinitely.

COLUMBIA Comedy Co.—Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 3 to 8.

CRANE, Wm. H., (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Boston, Mass., Jan. 27 to Feb. 8.

CONROY, Mack & Edwards, (Chas. F. Edwards, Mgr.)—Belle Vernon, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

COLLIER, Willie—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 27 to Feb. 8; New York, N. Y., Feb. 10, indefinitely.

COLLIER, Willie—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 27 to Feb. 8; New York, N. Y., Feb. 10, indefinitely.

COONVILLE 400, (Cas. L. Goodall, Mgr.)—Girardville, N. J., Feb. 7; Ashland, February 8.

CORBETT—YOUNG, (John L. Burke, Mgr.)—Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8; Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9 to 14.

COLLIER, Willie—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

DAVID Harum—Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 6; Des Moines, Feb. 10.

DIXON On the Farm—Dover, Del., February 10.

DEVIL'S Auction—Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 10.

DON'T Tell My Wife, (Harry Yeager, Mgr.)—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

DAY and Night—Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 6.

DOWN and Up, (Hickman Bros., Mgrs.)—Shelby, O., Feb. 7; Lorain, Feb. 8.

DOWN on the Farm, (H. B. Nichols, Mgr.)—Middletown, Del., Feb. 8.

ELDON'S Comedians, (G. Harris Eldon, Mgr.)—Pekin, Ill., Feb. 2 to 9.

EVIL Eye, (Chas. H. Yale; Sidney R. Elks, Mgr.)—New Orleans, La., Feb. 2 to 8.

EIGHT Bells—Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 8.

FERRIS' Comedians, (Harry Bubb, Mgr.)—Springfield, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8.

FROCKS and Frills, (Daniel Frohman, Mgr.)—New York City, Jan. 27, indefinitely.

FLIDDLE De Tee, (Tony P. Mason, Mgr.)—Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3 to 8.

FINNEGAN'S Ball, (Eastern; Ollie Mack, Mgr.)—Franklin, Ind., Feb. 7; Sheboyne, Feb. 8.

FINNEGAN'S Ball, (Western; Ollie Mack, Mgr.)—Lake City, Fla., Feb. 7; Gainesville, Feb. 8.

FLIP Mr. Flop, (Chas. L. Itowns, Mgr.)—Cadiz, W. Va., Feb. 7; Janesville, Feb. 8; New Martinsville, Feb. 10.

GOLDEN Rule, (Gardiner Bros., Mgrs.)—Springfield, Feb. 10 to 16.

GOODYWIN, Nat. C., and Maxine Elliott—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8; Reading, Feb. 10; Lancaster, Feb. 11; Wilmington, Del., Feb. 12; Newport News, Va., Feb. 13; Norfolk, Feb. 14; Richmond, Feb. 15.

HUNTING for Hawks, (Wm. Gray Mgr.)—Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 8; Shreveport, La., Feb. 9.

HANS Hansen, (Jas. T. McAlpin, Mgr.)—Bloomfield, Ill., Feb. 7; Centerville, Feb. 8.

HAPPY Hooligan, (Al L. Dolson, Mgr.)—Altoona, Pa., Feb. 8; Philadelphia, Feb. 10 to 15; Boston, Mass., Feb. 17 to 22.

HOLDEN Comedy Co.—Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 3 to 8.

HOTTEST Coon in Dixie, (Phil R. Miller, Mgr.)—Winchester, Ky., Feb. 7; Lexington, Feb. 8.

IADOURIUM Stock Co.—New York, N. Y., Feb. 10 to 15.

AIRLINE Stock Co.—San Francisco, Cal., April 7, indefinitely.

AMERICAN Stock Co.—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

ALLAN Vailair Co.—New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 10 to 15.

AKERSTROM, Ullie—Dayton, O., Feb. 3 to 5; St. Marys, Feb. 6 to 8.

BEN WARREN Co.—Parsons, Kan., Feb. 10 to 15.

BILLY'S Stock Co.—Nashville, Tenn., indefinitely.

BLANCAZ Stock Co.—San Francisco, Cal., April 7, indefinitely.

AMERICAN Stock Co.—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

BAKER Stock Co.—St. John, Neb., indefinitely.

BOYLE'S Stock Co.—Nashville, Tenn., indefinitely.

BELLows Stock Co., (Walter Clark Bellows, Mgr.)—Washington, D. C., indefinitely.

BOWDIN Square Stock Co.—Boston, Mass., indefinitely.

BLANKEY'S Stock Co.—Brooklyn, N. Y., indefinitely.

PILOT Theater Stock Co.—New Orleans, La., indefinitely.

BALDWIN-MELVILLE — New Orleans, La., indefinitely.

BENNETT & Moulton, ("B"; W. C. Connor, Mgr.)—Benton, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8; Red Bank, Feb. 17 to 22.

BENNETT & Moulton, ("S"; Geo. E. Robinson, Mgr.)—Kingston, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8; Pittsford, Mass., Feb. 10 to 15.

BENNETT & Moulton, ("R"; Earl Burgess, Mgr.)—York, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

BENNETT & Moulton, ("O"; E. K. Morton, Mgr.)—Middletown, Conn., Feb. 3 to 8; New Britain, Feb. 10 to 15.

COURT Street Stock Co.—Buffalo, N. Y., indefinitely.

CHESTER, Alma, (John T. Shannon, Mgr.)—Norwich, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8; Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 10 to 15.

CHOC-CHURCH Stock Co.—Troy, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8; Oneonta, Feb. 10 to 15.

CHASE—LISTER, (Northern; Glen F. Chase, Mgr.)—Fl. Dodge, Ia., Feb. 3 to 8.

CARNER Stock Co., (Harry L. Webb, Mgr.)—Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8; Wilkes-Barre, N. Y., Feb. 10 to 15.

CASTLE Square Stock Co.—Boston, Mass., indefinitely.

COLUMBIA Stock Co.—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

DEARHTORN Stock Co.—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

MASON and Mason, (Broadhurst & Currie, Mgrs.)—Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 3 to 8.

MURRAY and Mackey, (John J. Murray, Mgr.)—Little Falls, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 8.

MAMELLIE 'Awkins, (Geo. R. White, Mgr.)—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

MERRY-CHASE, (Lyman Bros., Mgrs.)—Oscobie, Ill., Feb. 8.

MCLEAN & Tyler—Anniston, Ala., Feb. 8; Athens, Ga., Feb. 10; Atlanta, Feb. 11 and 12; Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 13; Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 14 and 15.

MALONEY'S Wedding Day—Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 10; Hot Springs, Feb. 11; Texarkana, Feb. 12; Jefferson, Feb. 13; Marshall, Feb. 14; Monroe, La., Feb. 15.

DE LONEY Comedy Co.—Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 3 to 5.

DE VOSS, Flora—Cedar Fall, Ia., Feb. 3 to 8; Hampton, Feb. 17 to 22.

DILGER, Cornell—Minersville, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

MCCARTHY'S Mishaps—Weston, W. Va., Feb. 27.

MINISTER'S Son—Helena, Ark., Feb. 10; Pine Bluff, Feb. 12.

NAUGHTY Anthony—Iowa Falls, Ia., Feb. 15.

ROGERS Stock Co.—San Antonio, Tex., indefinitely.

STUTZ New York Theater Stock Co.—Manistique, Mich., Feb. 3 to 8; Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 10 to 15.

SPONGER Stock Co., (Will McAllister, Mgr.)—Brooklyn, N. Y., indefinitely.

STEIN'S Stock Co.—Oakland, Calif., indefinitely.

SHILLER Stock Co., (E. A. Schiller, Mgr.)—Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 3 to 8; East Liverpool, O., Feb. 10 to 15.

SHANNON, Ha w.—Hannibal, Mo., Feb. 3 to 8; Booneville, Ia., Feb. 10 to 16.

SHEA, Thos. F.—Tungstow, O., Feb. 3 to 8; Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 10 to 15.

THANHOU'S Co., (Edw. Than-

NEXT Hoar, (Jos. H. Arthur, Mgr.)—Muscatine, Ia., Feb. 7; Ieno City, Feb. 8.

OUR New Minister—Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 7.

OTHER People's Money—Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 6; Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 22.

OLCOTT, Chamney, (Eugene Schmitz, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27 to Feb. 15.

THE BILLBOARD

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house, Mgr.)—Milwaukee, Wis., indefinitely.

TRAVERSE-VALE Players—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

VENDOME Stock Co.—Anniston, Ala., Feb. 10 and 11.

VALENTINE Stock Co.—Detroit, Mich., indefinitely.

VALLAMONT Stock Co., J. A. Brosius & Co., Mgrs.—Corning, N. Y., Feb. 2 to 8.

WILLIAMS Stock Co.—Cleveland, O., indefinitely.

WOODWARD Stock Co.—Kansas City, Mo., indefinitely.

WARNER Comedy Co.—Independence, Kan., Feb. 3 to 8.

RUTHER, Kathryn—Boston, Mass., Feb. 3 to 8.

WURSTERS' Stock Co.—Philadelphia, Pa., indefinitely.

VAUDEVILLE.

LADIES

AURIE Dogwell—New York, (Proctor's), Feb. 10 to 15.

AZARA, Mile—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

ELSEETA—Chicago, (Chicago Opera House), Feb. 3 to 8.

FOX, Madge—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

GIRL With the Auburn Hair—Detroit, (Wonderland), Feb. 3 to 8.

JOSEPHINE Saber—San Francisco, (Orpheum), Feb. 3 to 15.

LUCILLE Saunders—Cincinnati, (Columbus), Feb. 2 to 8.

LILLIAN Burkhardt—New York, (Proctor's), Feb. 3 to 8.

MILLS, Kitty—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

MORRIS, Mrs. Felix—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

MARY Norman—San Francisco, (Orpheum), Feb. 9 to 22.

MOZELLE, May—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

SCOTT, Margaret—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

SANDERS, Lucille—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

WAIRWRIGHT, Marle—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

GENTLEMEN.

BUSH, Frank—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

BROWNE, Tom—Memphis, (Hopkins), Feb. 3 to 8.

COUSINS, Joe—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

CLIFFORD, Billy Single—Omaha, Neb., Feb. 2 to 8; New Orleans, La., Feb. 9 to 15; San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23 to March 15.

CHAS. L. Fletcher—Omaha, (Orpheum), Feb. 3 to 8.

CARROLL Johnson—Washington, D. C., (Chase), Feb. 3 to 8.

DAVIS, Geo. C.—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

DOLAN, Jas. F., and Ida Lenhart—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

DE MUTHS—Worcester, Mass., (Park), Feb. 3 to 8.

J. H. DILLYN—Indianapolis, (Grand), Feb. 3 to 8.

EZRA KENDALL—Detroit, (Avenue), Feb. 3 to 8.

FRED Nible—Boston, (Keith's), Feb. 3 to 8.

HAL Stephenus—Brooklyn, (Galety), Feb. 3 to 8.

HOWARD Thurston—Boston, (Keith's), Feb. 10 to 15.

HELENA Mora—Buffalo, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

JOHN F. Webber—Norfolk, Va., (Granby), Feb. 3 to 8.

JOHN Kernel—Washington, D. C., (Hilbert), Feb. 3 to 8.

KENNA, Chas.—Utica, N. Y., Feb. 3 to 9.

MARSHALL P. Wilder—Boston, (Music Hall), Feb. 3 to 8.

ONRI—Toronto, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

PASCATEL—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

PAUL Cinquevalli—Pittsburg, (Duquesne), Feb. 3 to 8.

PRESS Eldridge—Buffalo, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

SIDNEY Grant—Chicago, (Chicago Opera House), Feb. 3 to 8.

WILFRED Clark—Brooklyn, (Orpheum), Feb. 3 to 8.

WM. Prueett—Cleveland, O., (Empire), Feb. 3 to 8.

TEAMS.

ARNIM and Wagner—Brooklyn, (Orpheum), Feb. 3 to 8.

AIPEARL and Patrek—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

BARRY, Jim and Mrs.—New York, (Proctor's), Feb. 3 to 8.

BEAU'X and Belle's Octette—Louisville, (Temple), Feb. 3 to 8.

BRANNAN and Martini—Buffalo, (Shen's), Feb. 3 to 8.

BURTON and Brooks—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3 to 9; New York, N. Y., Feb. 10 to 16.

BOHMAN and Adele—Worcester, Mass., (Park), Feb. 3 to 8.

CAITAS' Cats and Dogs—Washington, D. C., (Bijou), Feb. 3 to 8.

COTTY Family—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

EDLIBI Midgets—Buffalo, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

FRESSY and Dane—St. Louis, (Columbia), Feb. 3 to 8.

HEMPSEY and Mnek—San Francisco, (Orpheum), Feb. 9 to 22.

HULLON Bros.—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

EDWARD and Mrs. Rayle—Albany, N. Y., (Proctor's), Feb. 3 to 8.

EMMETT, Gracie & Co.—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

FISHER and Perkins—New Orleans, (Orpheum), Feb. 3 to 8.

FLIRTATION Quintette—New Orleans, (Orpheum), Feb. 2 to 8.

FILSON & Errol—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

FLORENZ Troupe—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

FOUR Colbys—Pittsburg, (Duquesne), Feb. 3 to 8.

GIBSON and Nash—Spokane, Wash., (Olympic), Feb. 3 to March 8.

GARDNER and Vincent—Detroit, (Wonderland), Feb. 3 to 8.

GOLIEN, Horace & Co.—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

GAYLOR and Graft—Providence, R. I., (Keith's), Feb. 3 to 8.

GENERO and Hally—Detroit, (Wonderland), Feb. 3 to 8.

GARDNER and Maddern—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

HALON and Slinger—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

HAYES and Healy—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

HELDIX and Prescott—Chicago, (Olympic), Feb. 3 to 8.

HAWAIIAN Glee Club—Kansas City, (Orpheum), Feb. 2 to 8.

JOHNSON and Wells—New Bedford, Mass., (Sheedy's), Feb. 3 to 8.

KATTFMAN Troupe—Itasca, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

LA MAR and Gabrel—Indianapolis, (Grand), Feb. 3 to 8.

MIDDE and Morton—New York, (Pastor's), Feb. 3 to 8.

MR. and Mrs. Litchfield—New Bedford, Mass., (Sheedy's), Feb. 3 to 8.

MARSH and Sartella—Toronto, (Shea's), Feb. 3 to 8.

MATZETTIS, The Famous—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 9 to 15.

MR. and Mrs. Swickard—Chicago, (Hopkins), Feb. 3 to 8.

MERRY MAIDS—Chicago, Feb. 3 to 8.

MCMAHON, Mr. and Mrs.—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

NELSON Family—Chicago, (Haymarket), Feb. 3 to 8.

PEBBY, Odell and Dee—Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 3 to 8.

PIROHYN Sisters—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

POWER and George—Cleveland, O., Feb. 3 to 8.

ROME and Ferguson—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

ROHNS, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.—Cincinnati, O., Feb. 2 to 8.

ROTHSTEIN—Chicago Marine Orchestra—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

BLACK Patt's Troubadours—Park City, Utah, Feb. 2 to 8; Provo, Feb. 7; Leadville, Colo., Feb. 9; Salida, Feb. 10; Cripple Creek, Feb. 11; Carson City, Feb. 12; Florence, Feb. 13; Pueblo, Feb. 14; Colorado Springs, Feb. 15.

BOSTONIANS, Ol. C. Barnabee and W. H. McDonald, Mgrs.—New York, N. Y., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

BUBGOMASTER (Western): E. D. Sellman, Mgr.—Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2 to 8.

CASTLE Square Opera Co., (Henry W. Savage, Mgr.)—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

COLUMBIA Comic Opera Co., (Chris N. Holmes, Mgr.)—Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 3 to 8.

DE ANGELES, Jeff—Dayton, O., Feb. 12.

ENGLISH Opera Co.—Philadelphia, Pa., indefinitely.

EXPLORERS—Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 6; Springfield, Mass., Feb. 7.

FLURODOBA, (Fisher & Riley, Mgrs.)—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

FLOBOBOBA (Eastern)—Montreal, Can., Feb. 3 to 8.

FLOBOBOBA (Southern)—Mobile, Ala., Feb. 8.

FLINTS, Hypnotists, (Herbert L. Flint, Mgr.)—Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 3 to 8.

GYPSY Camp, (Nat Burgess, Mgr.)—Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

GALPINS, Hypnotists, (D. T. Hart, Mgr.)—Burlington, Kan., Feb. 3 to 5.

HART, Hypnotist, (D. T. Hart, Mgr.)—New Haven, La., Feb. 3 to 5.

HERMANN, Leon—Newark, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8.

HUMPTY Dumpty—Columbus, Ind., Feb. 3 to 8.

HERMANN, Adelade—Newark, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8.

BERGERON—Buffalo, Feb. 9.

HERRMANN—Newark, N. J., Feb. 3 to 8.

KELLAR, (Dudley McAdoo, Mgr.)—Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 7; Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8; St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9 to 15.

LICKY BH—Stockton, Minn., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

ANGLEY'S Electric Theater—Vienna, Ga., Feb. 3 and 4; Sparta, Feb. 5 and 6; Warrenton, Feb. 7 and 8; Athens, Feb. 12 and 13.

MORRIS Statue Turning to Life Show—Mobile, Ala., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

MEEWEN, Hypnotist—Guelph, Can., Feb. 3 to 8.

PAULINE, Hypnotist—Sparta, Feb. 3 to 5.

PERRY, Frank L.—Ladd, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8.

BINGHAM, Ralph—Chippawa, Falls, Wis., Feb. 8 and 9; Mondovi, Feb. 10; Augusta, Feb. 11; Cadott, Feb. 13; Baldwin, Feb. 14; Bloomer, Feb. 15 and 16.

RAYMONDS, Hypnotists, (F. J. Powers, Mgr.)—Lamoni, Ia., Feb. 3 to 5.

ROVING Frank's Gypsy Camp, (Frank H. Hubin, Mgr.)—Atlantic City, indefinitely.

RENO Novelty Co.—Darlington, Ill., Feb. 1.

REVNARD, Ed. F., Ventriloquist—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8; Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10; Omaha, Neb., Feb. 24.

SVINGALI, The Original, (Walter C. Mack, Mgr.)—Lebanon, Ky., Feb. 10; Owensboro, Feb. 17.

SVINGALI, (Geo. Dreisbach, Mgr.)—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10 to 22.

SUPERBA, (Hanlon's)—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 to 8.

THE Lees, Knife Throwers—Premont, O., until May 1.

VAN VRANKEN'S Show—Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 5 to 11.

WILSON, Francis, (Nixon & Zimmerman, Mgrs.)—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

WILBUR Opera Co.—Paducah, Ky., Feb. 3 to 15.

MINSTRELS.

BARLOW Minstrels, The Great, (Will J. Donnelly, Mgr.)—St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 4 and 5; Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 6; Rocky Ford, Col., Feb. 8; Denver, Feb. 9 to 17.

CLEVELAND, W. S.—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

CAGEL'S—Weston, W. Va., Feb. 6.

DU MONT'S—Philadelphia, Pa., indefinitely.

ETELIUS AL. G., Great Minstrels—Marion, Ind., Feb. 6; La Fayette, Feb. 7; Danville, Ill., Feb. 8.

DAVERLVS—Anniston, Ala., Feb. 18.

LE BOYS—Perry, N. Y., Feb. 6.

PRIMROSE & DOCKSTADER—New York, N. Y., Feb. 10 to March 8.

PRALL'S Shining Stars—Colfax, Ind., Feb. 6 and 7; Sheridan, Feb. 8; Darlington, Feb. 11; Edinburgh, Feb. 12; Ironia, O., Feb. 13; Columbus, Feb. 14 and 15; Piqua, Feb. 17.

WHO, WHEN & WHAT (Geo. Who, Mgr.)—Marion, Ill., Feb. 6; Cairo, Feb. 8.

WEST'S—Steubenville, O., Feb. 5; Canton, Feb. 7.

WARD'S—Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb. 6.

WHITNEY'S—Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 15.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HOSTOCK'S Animal Show—Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

BURMESE Midgets—Portland, Ind., Feb. 3 to 8; Winchester, Feb. 10 to 15.

COYLE'S Museum, (E. R. Coyle, Mgr.)—Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 3 to 8.

CRYSTAL PLEX, (M. W. Walsh, Mgr.)—Burlington, Vt., Feb. 3 to 8.

ELECTRIC Comedy and Novelty Co., (Geo. Stuttlefield, Mgr.)—Eldorado, Ia., Feb. 3 to 8.

FLINTS, Hypnotists, (Herbert L. Flint, Mgr.)—Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 3 to 8.

GYPSY Camp, (Nat Burgess, Mgr.)—Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, indefinitely.

GALPINS, Hypnotists, (D. T. Hart, Mgr.)—Burlington, Kan., Feb. 3 to 5.

HART, Hypnotist, (D

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THE CIGARETTE AGAIN.

The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, in an otherwise well-timed editorial on the popularity of the cigarette as a smokers' article, attempts to show that the cigarette is losing ground in popularity, though for what reason "The Billboard's" neighbor does not attempt to account. "The Billboard" is able to supply the lack of information possessed by the Commercial Tribune. The decline of the popularity of the cigarette as a smokers' article is due entirely and alone to the fact that since the American Tobacco Company, or trust, absorbed the majority of American-made cigarette factories, competition of course has been lessened, and advertising the cigarette has been abandoned almost entirely. The Commercial Tribune unconsciously solves its own problem when it says: "Since 1897 the consumption of cigarettes has fallen off 36 per cent, or about 1,375,000,000 in the United States of America. The New York factories complain of the heaviest loss, the Durham (N. C.) manufacturers come in second with their wall, while New Orleans, with her creoles of flashing eyes and cherry lips, reports the consumption of the cigarette to be slightly on the increase in her bailiwick. TURKISH AND EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES ARE REPORTED AS HOLDING THEIR OWN, but, in the light of the figures, it is manifest that the cigarette is on the down grade."

That is the story of the decline of the popularity of the cigarette in a nutshell. It was in the year 1897 that the American Tobacco Company absorbed all the American cigarette factories, thus killing competition and shutting off the advertising. That Turkish and Egyptian cigarettes are holding their own or better, is due to the fact that they have been and are being extensively advertised, and in consequence their popularity is rapidly increasing over the American cigarette, of which the cigarette lover has heard nothing in years. An instance is at hand right here in Cincinnati. It has been years since anyone saw bill board or any other kind of advertising for the American Tobacco Company's cigarettes, but certain brands of Turkish and Egyptian cigarettes have been kept before the public right along. Several weeks ago a heretofore unheard of Turkish cigarette was advertised extensively on bill boards and in the daily papers of Cincinnati. The advertising was liberal, judicious and catchy. In an incredibly short time every cigar store in Cincinnati had a window full of the new cigarette, and it was not a difficult matter for dealers to push their sale. The writer knows of a number of personal friends who, since the introduction of the new Turkish cigarette, have taken to it in preference to the American Tobacco Company's product, and the Turkish article is growing in favor every day, not because of its superiority as a short smoke, but because it is being constantly forced on them.

The effect of the introduction of the new Turkish smoke is apparent from the fact that last week, for the first time in years, Cincinnati bill boards were posted with ad-

vertisements of the most popular cigarette made by the Tobacco Trust. Now watch the boom in the sale of this article.

FRANK BURNS.

**An All Around, Capable, Courteous
and Hustling Agent, who is a
Prize.**

(See First Page.)

Few men in the circus or hall show business are better or more favorably known than Frank Burns, whose handsome, frank countenance is a real ornament to the first page of the current issue of "The Billboard." If there be anything in either the hall or tent show business that Frank Burns does not know, it is something that is not worth remembering.

It requires a genius to direct the business interests of two burlesque companies, such as Mr. Burns is doing for W. B. Watson's American and Oriental Burlesques, this season, and that he is doing it well is evidenced from the business statements received by Mr. Watson every week. Courteous, accommodating, considerate, gentle manly, frank, honest, and without a hustler, Frank Burns is a prize, such as any manager might wish to secure, and of whom Mr. Watson has every reason to be proud.

There are few men in the business who have as many friends and as few enemies as Frank Burns.

IT'S ALL OVER NOW.

**The Empire Circuit Won its Fight,
Hands Down, and the Wheel
Scheme is It.**

The result of the conference of the directors of the Empire Circuit of vaudeville houses with the committee of managers representing the Eastern Circuit of burlesque houses and the Traveling Managers' Association, resulted exactly as "The Billboard" predicted—in an utter rout of the Eastern forces, and an overwhelming victory of the Empire Circuit. The house managers of the Eastern Circuit not only came over to the Empire Circuit, bag and baggage, but added to the strength of the latter organization by accepting the wheel scheme of booking, agreeing to use now but Empire Circuit contracts, and finally giving over to the Empire Circuit the burlesque houses, not only on the Eastern Circuit, but those in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, which the Empire Circuit never had before. The result of the meeting in nutshell is that where the Empire Circuit had nine houses before, it has thirty-six houses now, and all possible chance of opposition in the thirty-four cities is shut off, for the very good reason that attractions for houses outside the circuit can not be had.

Mr. Krause, of New York, who came to Cincinnati prepared to show the Empire Circuit directors their business, received a call in the meeting that took his breath away, and before he knew what he was doing he was holding onto the olive branch. At only one stage of the game was there a chance for the Eastern managers to demand consideration from the Empire Circuit directors, but lack of organization on the part of the former rendered their case hopeless. With a fight in their own ranks in New York and Philadelphia, and the Empire Circuit a solid unit, there could be but one result, and that was accomplished. The East came over to the West, and gave the latter all it asked, and more, too. Even before the directors of the warring circuits had met, the traveling managers held a meeting and pledged themselves to stand by the Empire Circuit, under penalty of a forfeiture of \$2,000 each.

Such was the organization of the Empire Circuit before the meeting was called. The traveling managers also resolved that no one manager should control more than one show under the new system, but reference to the following schedule of routes and openings will show that Fred Irwin is booked, as are his Imperials and Majesties, Gus Hill's New York Stars and Cracker-Jacks, and several other cases of like instances. It will also be seen that Reilly & Woods, Zatella Flynn and May Howard are not booked. Frank D. Bryan, of the Reilly & Woods show, it is understood, refused to submit to the cancellation of his Christmas week in Cincinnati and his New Year week in St. Louis, and so was not booked. May Howard and Zatella Flynn failed to apply for time, and were not considered.

W. B. Watson, it is understood, will be compelled to drop one of his two shows next season, but otherwise there are no changes in the shows which have played both circuits, except that under the new system each show will be seen only once in each of the thirty-six houses on the combined circuit. Under the new scheme all shows will organize in New York and open the same week, according to the number of the route drawn. For instance, Harry Bryant, who drew No. 1, will open in Baltimore; the Merry Maidens, who drew No. 2, will open in Philadelphia, at the Lyceum, while Krause's Deweys, which drew No. 3, will open the same week at the Kensington, while Harry Martell, who drew No. 15, will open at the Trocadero, in Philadelphia. In like manner Gus Hill's New York Stars, which drew No. 9, will open at the Olympic, New York; Harry Morris, who drew No. 14, will open at the Bowery, New York; Bentz-Stanley, No. 18, will open at Miner's Eighth Avenue, New York, while the Bon Ton, which drew No. 19, will open at the Dewey, New York. This will at once stop the fight between Krause and Miner, in New York, and the Trocadero, Kensington and Lyceum in Philadelphia for first chance of attractions.

According to an agreement made by the traveling managers, the transportation incidental to the opening of each show in the combination will be shared pro rata by all the managers involved. For instance, Fred Irwin, who opens in St. Louis, will have his transportation to that point paid by the other managers. On the other hand, he will pay his assessment for the transportation of Harry Watson's Company to Cincinnati, the World Beaters to Louisville, Gus Hill to Chicago, etc. In this way the shows which open in the West have a shade the best of it, for while their transportation from New York to the opening stand will be heavy, and will have to be shared by all the companies involved, those who open in Jersey City, New York, Paterson, Newark, etc., will have very little transportation to pay, and the assessment will accordingly be very light.

The result of the meeting was obtained in remarkably short time. The traveling managers met Thursday morning over Andy Gilligan's cafe, while the directors of the Empire Circuit were in session in Colonel Fennessy's office, at the People's Theatre. Meanwhile, the Eastern house managers were in session in Colonel Fennessy's living apartments, in the People's. The traveling managers evidently saw the handwriting on the wall, for they agreed to stand by the Empire Circuit under penalty of a forfeit of \$2,000 each. Thursday afternoon, after the report of the committee selected by the Empire Circuit to route the shows for 1902-3 had been approved unanimously, Messrs. Krause and Dinkins, and their conferees, were invited in. They were told what had been done by the Empire Circuit, and were practically told that they might do as they pleased about it. They hesitated and were lost, for the Empire Circuit directors stood pat, while the Eastern managers retired for another conference, and half an hour later they returned and handed the Empire Circuit the whole pie on a silver platter.

As it is, everybody is satisfied, save possibly Frank Bryan and Pat Reilly, who made only four burlesque houses on the circuit anyhow, so they are not out much. It is presumed that in the future the Reilly & Woods show will play Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and St. Louis in the Hopkins-Beck-Anderson houses in these cities. There has been considerable "tommy rot" written about cleaning up burlesque shows under the new system, but "The Billboard" is in position to state that no action on this matter was taken by either of the three parties involved. The local house managers will continue to exercise their judgment as to what shall and what shall not go in their respective houses.

The routes and places of opening, as drawn from the wheel and allotted to the various attractions which are booked under the new system, are as follows:

1-Bryant, Baltimore. 2-Merry Maidens, Lyceum, Philadelphia. 3-Deweys, Kensington, Philadelphia. 4-Morning Glories, London, New York. 5-Cracker Jacks, Unique, Brooklyn. 6-Ramblers, Bon Ton, Jersey City. 7-Devere, Patterson, S. Jersey, Newark. 9-New York Stars, Olympic, New York. 10-Rose Sydell, Providence. 11-Imperials, Boston. 12-Majesties, Springfield. 13-Woodhill, Albany, Troy. 14-Morris, Bowery, New York. 15-Martell, Trocadero, Philadelphia. 16-Pastorian Widows, Gayety, Brooklyn. 17-Belle & Barton, Star, Brooklyn. 18-Rentz-Stanley, Eighth Avenue, New York. 19-Bon Ton, Dewey, New York. 20-Bohemians, Boston. 21-Trocadero, Rochester. 22-City Sports, Toronto. 23-Knickerbockers, Buffalo. 24-Royals, Cleveland. 25-Broadways, Detroit. 26-Trans-Atlantics, Chicago. 27-City Club, St. Paul. 28-Topsy Turvey, Minneapolis. 29-Frank Carr, Milwaukee. 30-Rose Hill, Chicago. 31-Fred Irwin, St. Louis. 32-Dinkins, Indianapolis. 33-World Beaters, Louisville. 34-Watson, Cincinnati. 35-Grass Widows, Pittsburgh. 36-Tiger Lillies, Washington.

Those in attendance at the tri-cornered meeting were: Mr. George J. Krause, Mr. T. W. Dinkins, Mr. James G. Jerome, Messrs. Ed. and Tom Miner, Mr. Chas. Waldron, Mr. Jas. Curtis, Mr. Henry C. Jacobs, Mr. T. W. Dinkins, Floyd Lehman, Mr. H. R. Jacobs and Mr. Jule Hurtig, representing the Eastern Circuit; Mr. Jas. E. Fennessy, Mr. Harry Williams, Mr. Jas. Butler, Mr. J. H. Whallen, Messrs. Drew and Campbell, Mr. George Reiff and Mr. A. L. Kerman, representing the Empire Circuit, and Gus Hill, Robert Fulton, O. F. Miller, Abe Levitt, F. D. Bryan, Harry Morris, Robert Manchester, Fred Irwin, Aaron Woodhill, Harry Martell, Phil Sheridan, Sam Serbiner, Ed. Rush, Tom Miner, Morris Jacobs, Charles Barton, Geo. W. Rice, Peter Clark, Frank Carr, Barney Meyers and W. B. Clark, representing the traveling managers.

ANALYZING THE FREAKS.

The Learned Scientists of France Help the Barnum & Bailey Publicity Promoters.

The press agents of the Barnum & Bailey Show have again demonstrated their cleverness in securing an extraordinary amount of valuable, gratuitous advertising matter in the news columns of the European papers. This time the learned savants of La Belle France have served as mediums between the energetic dispensers of startling circus intelligence and the men who wield the dreaded blue pencil. During the past fortnight the Paris press has devoted column after column to Barnum Circus news. The freaks in the show were recently examined, analyzed and discussed by the scientists of the French capital, while on exhibition there. They decided that the Mottled Woman owes her peculiarity to unequal distribution of pigment in the skin, and to an army of moles. They

found that the man who can break lime stone with his head is enabled to do so by an oedematous state of skin, by the thickness of his hair and by the water lying between skin and skull. "Progressive muscular atrophy" was the cause they assigned for the "specialty" of the Man Mummy. The India Rubber Man, the Albino, who can throw his spine out of joint at will, and the Human Leech also came in for grave medical consideration.

These learned dissertations, exploited freely in the daily press, have undoubtedly proved of great interest to the French reading public, and have certainly served their purpose (judging from the reports of enormous gate receipts) in creating a desire to see the subjects worthy of such weighty and distinguished deliberations.

To the observant showman this bringing together of wise men demonstrates a rich originality on the part of the press agent.

It will be remembered that when the big show first opened in England it looked for a time as though free reading notices would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. This granting of gratuitous matter to an amusement enterprise was an innovation to which the managers of "dear old Lunnon" papers did not take kindly; in fact, one that did not appeal to them at all. But the Yankee press agent solved the vexing problem by interesting the scientific fraternity of the English metropolis in the curio department of the show to such an extent that a solemn conclave was held, and, as in Paris, the freaks were discussed. The calling together of that assemblage, and the reports of its doings (which necessarily had to be considered as real news by the newspaper men), answered the question of how to secure free reading notices. From that time on circus news was always in evidence in the London dailies.

This recent meeting of French scientists can not be said, therefore, to be the result of an absolutely new idea, but it is the carrying out of one that originated in the brain of a circus press agent, and that made thousands of dollars for the Barnum Show in England. It has aroused the attention and loosed the purse-strings of the folks across the channel, and has opened the eyes of Parisian editors to the possibilities of American methods.

WARREN W. PATRICK.

Peterson & Dunbar's Tally-ho Show, now touring Southern California, has been out for forty seven weeks, and is booked solid for the coming season on the Pacific coast.



GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Adams, W.	King, C. C.
Ash, Joe.	Kuhn, Robt. R.
Atkins, C. D.	Kane, J. M. J.
Automobile.	Kilpatrick, Chas.
Bowman, Ben.	Lowry Students.
Boston Loop the Loop Co.	Lamont & Zel.
Bouhonne Family	Leclair, Mons.
10 and 20 Cent Show	Leary, Jerry.
Brockford, Warren F.	Lingle, Geo.
Bridger, Edw. B.	Luckle, Lawrence.
Brooks, F. W., Mgr.	Liles, Chas.
Boatenghouse, Kirby.	Moore, James C.
Burne, A. H.	Marella Shows.
Cullen, Jack.	Merry Go Round.
Carroll, Mike.	Meridiths, The.
Clark Bros.	Miner, G., Mgr.
Collins, Capt. B.	Massie, Buck.
Chatter, James P.	Muscat, W. R.
Darling's Dog and Pony Show.	McNichols, John.
Dawson, Sam M.	Moseley, W. B.
Date, Harry P.	Moore, T. J.
Deal, Neuman.	Moriarty, David.
Douglas, Prof. John L.	Murry, John J.
Everton, Dr. M. I.	Noss, Ferg.
Eberlein, Ernest.	Oriental Carnival Co.
Exemplar Sign Works	Phillips & Belmont.
Emmerson, Harry.	Pinkston, F. C.
Fowler, A. W.	Proper, T. L.
care D. N. Fowler.	Rice, M. E.
Foley, Ed.	Rice, Dan. Jr.
Farmer, H. P., mgr.	Ragab, Lloyd.
Fisk, Ed.	Reizels, The.
Gordon, J. Saunders.	Ronke, John.
Gay, Matt.	Royer, Archie.
Great South, Circus.	Ritchie, Edward.
Grimes, Joe.	Siegfried, Impersonator.
Guy, Cliff.	Sherry Working World.
Gleason, O. R.	Shepp, W. Campbell.
Gardner, Frank A.	Scott, Tom and Lillie.
Gillette Shows.	Steely, White & Young.
Greene, James F.	Sherman, Lee.
Gautier, the Great.	Snyder, Prof. Hank.
Harry and Orville.	Sonsen Bros.
Hill, Arthur L.	Sharrock, Harry.
Herkst, Milton.	Taylor, Parson.
Harris, Richard.	Trone Bros.
Harris, Ed.	Touhey, Frank & St. Clair.
Hare, Jas. E.	Williams, E.
Hess, Chas.	Waldo and Elott.
Handley, W. W.	Waller, Phil. G.
Jones Bros.	Waits, Geo. A.
Johnson, Walter.	Weaver, E. W., Mgr.
Jabon, Goo.	Wheeler, H. E.
Jones, Jap.	Wins, Edw. H.
Jabon Midway Show.	Yak! Boose.
John & Co., A.	Zimmerman, Chris.
Jones, John J.	
Jones, Dr. E. G.	

LADIES' LIST.

Carlisen, Lilly.	Prospectta, Mlle.
Cole, Margarett.	Stanley, Mrs. Geo.
Jones, Daisy.	Stickney, Mrs. R.
McKay, L. E.	Zardna, Madame.



CIRCUS PEOPLE WIN

Savannah Merchants Fail to Have Prohibitory License Made.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 1. A long and bitter fight, that will enter as a factor in the next municipal election in this city, came to an end last night when the city council, by an easy majority, refused to raise the license on circuses to a prohibitory figure. For some time merchants here have been circulating a petition, setting forth that every circus that visited Savannah was a detriment to local trade, because of the money taken from the town. The petition closed with a request that they be barred out by means of a high license. When the petition was presented to the board, one of the members stated that if Savannah could have a circus every day it would revert to the financial good of every merchant in the town. He declared that while they took money away, they spent money with these same merchants.

Considerable feeling has been wrought up over the matter, and the next circus that comes to Savannah will find that it has been well advertised.

MRS. CRONE'S WILL

Directs that her Property be Given to her Father.

The will of Katie Robinson Crone was probated at Cincinnati, Jan. 27. The will was made before her marriage, a year ago, and the entire estate is bequeathed to her father, John F. Robinson, the veteran showman, and names him as executor. Under the law, John Crone, husband of the deceased, is entitled to one-third of the estate. It is understood than an arrangement has been made between Mr. Robinson and Mr. Crone concerning the matter. The amount left is not known, but is said to be considerable. Mr. Crone will continue to act as Mr. Robinson's confidential man.

CIRCUS GOSSIP.

The Richards Shows are in Mississippi. Frank A. Robbins is very busy at Homer, N. Y. J. P. Fagan was a visitor to Cincinnati Jan. 27.

The Great Wallace Shows open April 26 at Peru, Ind.

Kennedy Bros.' Wagon Shows are playing Louisville.

Joe Berri has signed with the Sells & Downs Shows.

The Shaws, Wall and Rose, are with the Teets Bros. Show.

The Cooper Show is in the hands of a receiver at Tampa, Fla.

Every circus of any magnitude will feature a wire net next year.

The Welsh Bros. Railroad Shows open at Lancaster, Pa., April 12.

The Hoorns, riders, will be with Campbell Bros.' Show in 1902.

Tom Bailey will be with the Ringling Bros. again next season.

Ringling Bros. will feature Capt. Webb's Trained Seals next season.

The Flying Jordans' aggregation has gone to pieces in Eastern Siberia.

"Doe" B. F. Allen has the privileges with the Great American Show.

The Harris Nickel Plate Show will open at Birmingham, Ala., March 22.

J. P. Fagin, of the Wallace Circus, was in Cincinnati for a few hours Jan. 27.

Tom Howard, railroad contractor, has signed with the Sells & Towns Shows.

Bob Abrams has been engaged as boss hostler with the Sells & Towns Circus.

Geo. W. Sipe spent Jan. 30 in Cincinnati. He is having some miniature cages built.

It is said that the Ringling Brothers' first stand out of Chicago will be Indianapolis.

The Ellet Trio will be seen in an aerial act with the John Sparks Show this season.

Ike Slipley will manage the side shows of the Great American Shows this season.

Mr. Al Arner has been engaged as equine director of the Harris Nickel Plate Show.

Capt. Stewart's No. 2 Show, now en route in Northern Indiana, will go under canvas May 1.

J. M. J. Kane is negotiating for the advertising privileges of the Sells & Towns Shows.

C. T. Crippen, of Athens, O., has joined the staff of 50 posters with the Wallace Shows.

H. B. Gentry, the showman, was initiated by the Phil Gams at Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 28.

King E. Ziemer's Royal American Railroad Shows will open the season about April 23.

Thomas M. Patterson, the new Senator from Colorado, was, in early life, a circus manager.

Mark Monroe, the animal man, though staying in Geneva, is frequently seen in Cleveland, O.

Claude Banok, the elephant trainer, has been with the Harris Nickel Plate Shows for 18 years.

Wm. Rolland, the jockey rider, has signed with the Wm. Sells & M. J. Towns consolidated shows.

C. M. Connors will be a member of the advertising forces of the Wallace Show the coming season.

W. E. Franklin was in Cleveland, O., last week, looking over some feature acts for the Wallace Show.

Twin lion cubs and a baby zebra have been born at the Wallace Show winter quarters, Fern, Ind.

Miss Eva is a seven year old girl who trained a troupe of dogs for the Harris Nickel Plate Show.

W. R. Muscat has been reengaged with the Wallace Show for the coming season. He will manage Car No. 1.

Elmer Clark, notice of whose death appeared in last week's "Billboard," was widely known as Salina Bill.

Jake Foss is having his eyes treated at Bristol, Tenn. He says the show is on the road, and doing a fine business.

Shelk M. Bark Barash's troupe of Arabian riders and acrobats has been engaged for Pawnee Bill's Show.

Welsh Bros. say that John L. Fehr, who is organizing a circus at Connellsville, Pa., was never connected with their show.

It will require twenty cars to transport the Sells Downs Consolidated Shows this season. New wagons are being made.

George and Andy Chodlin, those Canton boys, will be with the Wallace Show in the advertising department the coming season.

Al Osborne, for three years past with the Leinen Bros., has signed with the Great Wallace Shows. He will manage the No. 2 car.

Floyd Bernard, who is now filling an engagement at the Wigwam, Kansas City, has signed for 1902 with the Great Eastern Shows.

Fred T. Cummings, who managed the Indian show at the Pan American Exposition, is organizing a Wild West show, to tour Europe.

The Great American Shows will be under the management of Mr. F. E. Davis this season. The shows open Feb. 12, at Tampa, Fla.

L. H. Heckman ran down to Cincinnati last week from Ashland, and signed with Oliver Scott, to take the No. 1 car of the Robinson Shows.

A fire in a cold storage plant adjoining the Busby Bros.' winter quarters at Pana, Ill., Jan. 30, destroyed a lot of feed belonging to that aggregation.

Doc Allen writes from Tampa that the American Shows, now fitting out at that point, will be a beautiful little trick. His prospects are excellent.

Mr. Jimmy Powers, formerly in the advertising department of Mr. Garens' St. Louis houses, joins Buffalo Bill's Shows, being as signed to the opposition car.

G. H. Adkins will be one of the special agents of the Wallace Show the coming season. This will be Mr. Adkins' second year with this very popular show.

Fred A. Morgan, formerly of the advertising forces of the Wallace Show, has opened a booking office in New York in the interest of the Barton & Carpenter attractions.

A clue has been found that will likely lead to the arrest of the culprit who robbed the Clark Show of \$9,000 at Welsh, La., several weeks ago. An employee is suspected.

Bob Abrams, the boss hostler, passed through Cincinnati last week, en route to his home in Philadelphia. Abrams will probably have the stock with the Sells & Towns Shows.

Miskel and May, who were featured with Lewis & Austin's Minstrels this season, have signed with the George Sipe Great Eastern Shows, and join them in Kokomo, Ind., April 15.

Mr. Chas. Kear will do the press work for the Harris Nickel Plate Show this season, and J. C. Burba has been engaged as band leader. Matthew Tobin is bassoonist, and James Bagby, assistant.

Col. Wm. Sells and Treasurer L. H. Heckman, of the Sells Downs Show, arrived in Cincinnati Jan. 26. They spent the day at the winter quarters at Carthage, O. Messrs. Sells and Heckman will remain here until spring.

R. M. Harvey, press agent of the Great Wallace Show, will build the coming summer a handsome home at Perry, Ia., to cost \$5,000. Cross & Son, of Des Moines, are architects. Kling & Fletcher, of Perry, have the contract for building.

Mr. Sam McCracken, who at present is looking after the interest of Mr. Jacob Litt's "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" company, will assume the contracting agency of Ringling Bros.' Circus, which will be seen in St. Louis in April.

Recent engagements for the Welsh Bros. Shows are: King Cole, ventriloquist and mimic; Harry Rose, singing clown and concert performer; W. C. Lane, sideshow operator; Prof. J. D. Erleson and son, double aeronauts; and John K. Trowitz, musical artist.

V. O. Woodward, manager of Advertising Car No. 1; Chas. O'Bryan, superintendent of canvas, and Clinton Newton, director of amusements, of the Welsh Bros. Railroad Shows, are now at the winter quarters, Lancaster, and will be on duty there until the opening date.

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The following will be seen with the Harris Nickel Plate Show this season: the Three Ambers, the Three Millettes, the Miles Orton Troupe of Seven, Emma La Lou, Albert Urton, Geo. Jeannine, Otto Weaver, Gus Rose, Tom Powers, Claude Orton and the Great Norman Myron Michael troupe of six, marvelous acrobats and aerialists.

The advance roster of the Welsh Brothers' Show is as follows: John T. Welsh, general contracting agent, Car No. 1; V. O. Woodward, manager; E. E. Meredith, press agent; Chas. Moore, boss bill poster; H. E. Hall, George Corby, Sam Bearcey, Frank McDonald, Jack Porter, Ed Ruth and Sam Gibbons, bill posters; M. Harry Starr and Frank Kane, lithographers; George Wilson, banners, and H. Inter, programmer, Car No. 2; Jack Scott, manager; Ed Wilson, boss bill poster; Frank Call, George Johnson, Ed Whitney, Ed Long and George Colby, bill posters; Dick Fordney, lithographer; Harry Clay, banners; Pete Martin, programmer; Nick Nary, twenty-four hour man.

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VERY SWELL

Will be the New Minstrel Organization to be Headed by Dan Quinn and Jimmy Wall.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The coming season of 1902-03 will find a new minstrel organization—not in the rear, but in the front rank. At the head of this gigantic twentieth century enterprise is Dan Quinlan, known the world over as "The Chesterfield of Modern Minstrelsy." As manager, originator and intellectuator he has no equals, no superiors. He has associated with him Jimmy Wall, whose reputation girdles the earth. As a black face comedian, Jimmy Wall is in a premier class by himself. The new company will be known as "The Dan Quinlan and Wall Imperial Minstrels." Their headline for bills, newspapers, letter heads, etc., is: "A Glimpse into the Future of Minstrelsy." No better booking ever came to any show company, and from present indications Mr. Quinlan will tour the country from coast to coast. Special palace cars will transport "The Imperials." A challenge band will be carried, and the daily parade and open-air concerts will be the sweetest feature of the kind ever offered. On parade the members will be attired in the full-dress uniform of the admiral of the U. S. Navy. The first part will be Dan Quinlan's masterpiece conception. It will be entitled "A Reception to the Diplomatic Legion." The scene will be laid at Washington, D. C. President Roosevelt and his Cabinet have been informed of the great idea, and they heartily approve it. The costumes worn in this first part will be exact copies of the court costumes of all the world's governments. Over two thousand incandescent lights will be required in its production, and under these myriad of rays will appear in glorious

splendor the sheen of silver, the glitter of gems, the shimmer of silks and satins, the iridescence of jewels, the gleam and glow of tableaux of gold, music and melodies, from orchestra and minstrels. It will be a pan-universal first part, highly historic, entertaining and instructive. The余将 comprise the greatest acts that can be secured. Mr. Quintan is now enjoying some surprises. The paper will be of special design, the finest ever used to herald a masterpiece show, and it is to be furnished by the Donaldson Lithographing Company. There will be two agents ahead, each with an assistant. Dan Quinlan will be in entire charge of the management and direction of "The Twentieth Century Colossus." He has engaged as his business manager the famous press agent, Doc Waddell.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—The two novelties of the current week at Chicago theaters are the initial presentations of Mrs. Burton Harrison's play, "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch," and "A King and a Few Dukes." The former serves America's representative actress, Mrs. Fiske, splendidly at the Grand Opera House, where she always appears, for syndicate reasons. The latter is taken from a novel by Robert W. Chambers, and is a romantic affair that fits the versatile Dearborn Stock Company almost as well as "The Starbuck's" did, and promises to be another Dearborn Theater success. Julia Marlowe and her play, "When Knighthood Was in Flower," continue to draw immense at Powers'. Something over eight years ago, Miss Marlowe did Parthenia in "Ingomar" at the Grand, and the box office statement showed gross receipts of \$78. One day last week (so the story goes) she was offered a check for \$1,000 for a matinee performance of Parthenia. And she declined, as the brother, etc., in bringing on the scenery was too great. If this be the case, it's a fine and dandy offer. And if the press agent has been a bit thoughtful, he is all right, too. "Il Trovatore" is the operatic attraction at the Studebaker, in which the Castle Square Company are seen to advantage. "Lovers' Lane" is back with us again at McVicker's, while the Hanlon show, "Superba," is also among the entertaining things, which is being presented with a brand-new dressing at the Great Northern Theater—seemingly the only remnant of the former production is the title. There is plenty of lively burlesque at Sam T. Jack's, Trocadero and the Orpheum, and an excellent array of straight vaudeville idlers at the Kohl & Castle houses, which include the Chicago Opera House, Haymarket and Olympic Theaters. Business is big at George Middleton's and Captain John White's Museums.

WELCOME MRS. FISKE.

Grand Opera House, (Harry L. Hamlin, Mgr.; Frederick Hamlin, Business Mgr.)—The welcome Mrs. Fiske in "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" is at the Grand Opera House. Mrs. Fiske and her company came direct from a long and successful season at the Manhattan Theater, New York. "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" was written by the rather distinguished novelist, Mrs. Burton Harrison, of New York. This play, called by its author "an every-day drama," deals with metropolitan life of to-day, and tells a very dramatic story with all the wit and charm characteristic of the work of Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. Harrison is a prominent figure in New York society, and her play, more veritably than any other drama of this time, discloses the manners, motives and environments of a class seldom faithfully treated either in fiction or in the theater. The heroine of the play, impersonated by Mrs. Fiske, is a woman of rare attributes, of unvarying charm, and of unhappy circumstances, whose trials can not daunt her courage or extinguish her indomitable spirit. "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" has a remarkable interchange of patios and comedy that have the ring of truth, so unusual in modern drama, which so often is superficial. In its characteristics it illustrates many metropolitan types of strength and literary grace, and beyond the fact, freely acknowledged, that it has provided Mrs. Fiske with one of the best characters, if not with the very best character in her career, will be recognized in its portrayal of the social spirit of its period. The play is also very interesting for the scenes it depicts, one an exact duplication of a room in one of the best New York hotels; another a reproduction of an interior from one of the old Knickerbocker mansions on Bond street, now the home of the poor; and another a view in Central Park, where one act takes place and incidentally represents a May party of East Side children. The one act playette, "A Bit of Old Chelsen," is also presented in conjunction with "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch." Her impersonation of the London Bower girl in juxtaposition with her role in the play affords an unusual dramatic contrast.

ANOTHER NEW PRODUCTION AT THE DEARBORN.

Dearborn, (W. W. Tillotson, Mgr.)—The "Starbucks" are on the shelf for the present, and the Dearborn Stock Company are seen in "A King and a Few Dukes," a dramatization of Robert W. Chambers' novel by Theodore Kremer, and staged under the direction of Samuel M. Forrest. The scene is in the Caspian mountains, on the border line between the actual principality of Servia and the mythical principality of Boznovia. The hero is Stephan Steen, of New York, who has sought out the obscure spot on account of disappointment in love affairs. The accident of position brings him in contact with the deposed king of Boznovia, who becomes Steen's guest temporarily, in passing into exile. A conspiracy is formed to replace the exiled ruler on the throne, Steen being the moving spirit. The plot is defeated through the ingenuity of Princess Sylvia, who has followed the vanquished king as a member of his suite, the princess being a sister of his successor, and acting as a spy in his interests. There is no "heavy," or rather vil-

ain, in the piece—woman's wit is the foil. The Dearborn Stock Company has been somewhat augmented for this production, and all are most happily cast. The first act is the exterior of Steen's house in the Caspian mountains; the second, a hall in Steen's house, and the third, the palace of Princess Sylvia of Marimora. Manager Will Tillotson should feel proud of his own work since he has held the reins at the Dearborn. "A King and a Few Dukes" promises to be another hit.

ONE NIGHT FOR JEFF.

Jefferson De Angelis blew in at the Grand last Sunday night, and along with Charles Tamm, Henry Norman, Helen Byron, Eddie Barker and a Jody lot of other clever ones and for one night—and one night only—handied us. "A Royal Rogue," and the one night correspondent would say: "Splendid performances, great company, packed house and immense satisfaction."

MISS MARLOWE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

Powers', (Harry J. Powers, Mgr.)—This is the final week of Julia Marlowe's engagement, and it has been the most successful one she has ever filled in Chicago, iester's dramatization of Major's famous novel, "When Knighthood Was in Flower," just suited Miss Marlowe, and both play and player turned a decidedly pleasant combination. John Drew follows Miss Marlowe at Powers' in "Captain Marshall's play, "The Second in Command." Ida Conquest is Mr. Drew's leading support.

CASTLE SQUARES DO TROVATOIRE.

Studebaker's, (Louis Francis Brown, Mgr.)—The season of opera goes merrily on at the Studebaker, and the Castle Square Opera Company have presented a very desirable series of operas during the winter months. This week "Il Trovatore" is being rendered in the usual finished manner for which this organization has become rather famous. Following the Castle Square run, George Ade's new piece, "Kir-Ram," the Sultan of Sulu, will have the stage at the Studebaker. There will be doings when "Kir-Ram" is produced.

LOVER'S LANE BACK AGAIN.

McVicker's, (Jacob Litt, Mgr.; Sol Litt, Bus., Mgr.)—William A. Brady's "Lover's Lane" is back again at McVicker's, and it is in for profitable business, too. Ernest Hastings, Mille James, Arthur Sanders and others of the cast are still in the roles we saw them in when the play was seen here last. Arthur Sanders is particularly clever in the part of the "oprey house" manager and village bill poster. His make-up, dialect and comedy are immense.

HANLON'S SUPERBA.

Great Northern, (E. D. Sturz, Prop.; Edward Smith, Mgr.)—After a week of melodrama, the Great Northern stage is now given over to the Hanlon's pantomime, "Superba." We are particularly shy on pantomimes in this country, and the Hanlon's has had this field about all to themselves, and of "Le Voyage En-Suisse," "Fantasm" and "Superba," the latter has been possibly the most successful, and has therefore been kept on, but rearranged and re-equipped with trick scenes mounted each season. Much new pantomime has been introduced in this season's new edition of "Superba," which the Hanlon's have been working on since last year's closing. The scenery looks new throughout, the bits freshly composed and costumed and the specialties entertaining. Not since "Superba" was first produced have the Hanlon's made such a complete revolution. Not only has the entire spectacle been revised, but even the plot of the story has been changed to conform to the new ideas inserted.

GUS ROGERS SICK.

Gus Rogers, the comedian, is suffering with appendicitis, and, in consequence, the Illinois Theater has been dark for the past few days. As soon as he is able the "Rogers Brothers in Washington" will be resumption.

COLUMBUS STOCK—"CARMEN."

Columbus, (Charles P. Elliott, Mgr.)—An excellent presentation of "Carmen" is the current offering at the new Columbus, and Anne Sutherland is the "Carmen," clever woman she. I haven't quite forgotten her "Gismonda," which she did last week, and Manager Elliott could have kept it for another week with impunity. However, the idea of keeping his bill freshened is a good one. The Columbus Stock Company is made up of splendid material, and with Anne Sutherland in the leading female roles, and that maudlin rump, Carl Smith Seerie in opposite parts, not forgetting Frederick and Edith Julian and the others, the finished revivals are not much to be wondered at. Following "Carmen," Israel Zangwill's play, "Children of the Ghetto" will be presented by this organization, when the part of Reb. Shemuel, created by Wilton Lackaye will be in the hands of Carl Seerie. Oh! by the way, Mr. Elliott, that orchestra helps a lot and improves the neldental music immensely.

"IN SIGHT OF ST. PAUL'S."

Hopkins', (Samuel Gamperitz, Mgr.)—The past week the management sprung a new one on us at Hopkins'—that of changing the bill in the middle of the week. The first part "Oliver Twist" was the play, but it got "twisted Oliver" sudden, and "Romie and Juliet" got together in a hurry—"by general request," says the press agent—and for the balance of the week this soft and mushy duo were again much in evidence. So far this week it's "In Sight of St. Paul's," with a little vaudeville on the side, which includes that entertaining fellow, Jess Dandy, and others.

"LOST IN THE DESERT."

Alhambra, (R. P. Janette, Mgr.)—Owen Davis' play called "Lost in the Desert" opened big at the Alhambra, and there is

every indication of the business "holding up," too, for the balance of the week. The play is a familiar one here, and one of the led explored by Gus Hill, Manager Janette, of the Alhambra, has been on the stock list, but would not leave his post of duty, and though he has been considerably under the weather he has not overlooked his work at the theater.

"SPORTING LIFE."

Academy, (E. P. Simpson, Mgr.; Wm. Roach, Business Mgr.)—After a most profitable week on the South Side, "Sporting Life" is now with the West Siders, and the play is drawing satisfactory attendance. Manager Simpson has gone Californiaward, and will not return until spring. Prior to his departure he informed me that he would not handle the affairs at Chutes Park this summer, as heretofore, but his time would be taken up otherwise.

"ONE OF THE BRAVEST."

Bijou, (Jack Flaherty, Mgr.)—It is many moons since Charlie McCarthy has been seen in Chicago, along with his play called "One of the Bravest," and a mighty hearty welcome this actor-fremant received at the Bijou Sunday. McCarthy looks and acts the fire bable nicely and the play is of the sort that gets the money. Bushness has been very large since Manager Flaherty took charge of affairs at the Bijou.

"A RAGGED HERO."

Criterion, (Lincoln J. Carter, Prop.; John B. Hogan, Gen'l Mgr.)—Flelding's play, "A Ragged Hero," has succeeded "A Thoroughbred Tramp" at the Criterion, and it is the kind of play that serves the popular priced patrons in the most satisfactory manner.

"SCALES OF JUSTICE."

American, (John Connors, Mgr.)—The Travers-Vale Stock Company is enjoying well-merited success at the American in the play called "Scales of Justice." An animated picture machine is also introduced and the combination is well liked by the American's patrons.

"THE BURLESQUE THEATERS."

Sam T. Jack's, (Sidney Enson, Mgr.)—Harry Morris and his Twentieth Century Maids have returned, which is sufficient cause for the rash box-officeward. Harry Morris holds a position of popularity which few have gained, and none can surpass; he is funnier than ever, always the same hilarious old German, and he has reinforced his hold on lovers of burlesque by gathering a good collection of shapely women. This gay galaxy, headed by Nellie Fenton and Josette Webb, appear to excellent advantage in Mr. Morris' support in two refreshing burlesques, "Operavitch a la Russe" and "The New Convert." In the latter skit, Mr. Morris, as the new Mormon disciple, is convulsing. The Living Pictures are good, and the specialties by Emerson and Oneaga, Hayes and Wynne, Marlene and Smith, Bryant and Brennan and clever John West are of the better kind.

Trocadero, (Robt. Fulton, Mgr.)—Jacobs & Lowry's Merry Maids and the Cycle Whirl are doing busness at the Trocadero.

Orpheum, (Harry Samuel, Mgr.)—"Catherine" has been put aside (thunk goodness!) and "Whirligig" and "Fiddle Dee-Dee" is the combination. Barbe, Taylor, Colla, Richards, Curtis, Nat and Sol Fields and the others all have a whack at the front of the stage, and each in turn do something or other that is fairly entertaining. Mr. Stage Manager, you want to call 'em down a bit; they are getting careless, the ensembles are bent and some of the principals don't care what happens. Harry James is the right sort to wield the baton, and a wise selection. Shortly the piece, "A Night Around Town" will be put on.

KOHL AND CASTLE THEATERS.

Olympic.—The splendid array of vaudeville players consist of the following this week: Marie Wainwright and company in a playette, "The Lady and the Clock." Filsom and Errol are a very bright and welcome spot of the bill; Frank Bush, Reno and Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Watterson, Dillon Brothers, Frank and Lillian Smith, Halton and Singer, Hedrix and Prescott, Pasco, Standard Quartette, Joe Conhus, Ahern and Patrick, Kitty Mills and the knodrome.

Haymarket.—Manager Engle presents an attractive programme of straight vaudeville, which includes the Nelson Family, Norma Whalley, Galemans dogs and cats, Mrs. Felix Morris & Company, Madge Fox, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, Mlle. Azara, the Two Kings, Welch Brothers, Margaret Scott, Radford and Winchester, May Maquelle and others.

Chicago Opera House.—This house always has a first class company, and this week is not an exception to the rule. Those who appear are: The Trombones, Toulan, Siano, Johnson, Davenport and Lorella, Patrice and Company, Kilpatrick's Cycle Dazzle, Harmony Four, Sydney Grant, Dancing Dawsons, Arvelin, John and Lottie Burton, Elsie and Sidney, the Aerial Sultans, Chreneec Burton, Barr and Beaton, Rowenan and The Arcards, duo of kufle throwers.

CARPENTER GOES TO NEW YORK.

The Carpenter Company, which formerly had its general offices in Chicago at the National, will be located the coming season in New York at 1358 Broadway. The Carpenter attractions have been wonderfully successful this season, and the list of attractions exploited by this company next season will be increased and include "A Little Orieast," by Hal Reid; "For Her Sake," Eastern and Western; "Quo Vadis," "In a Woman's Power," "Miss Plaster of Paris," etc. Fred A. Morgan, formerly connected with the Waltham Show, has been appointed permanent representative of the Carpenter Company in New York.

Harry B. Potter, general agent, or rather department of promotion and publicity of the Bostock-Fernrl Mighty Midway Car-

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nival Company, was among my visitors last week. He was en route to the Northwest on special business. Frank C. Bostock, "the Admiral King," and Francis Ferar, "the Carnival King," are due to arrive in this vicinity soon. They recently arrived from England.

In conversation with John Barton, of the American Amusement Association, the other day, he informed me this season had been the most successful season of any since the existence of this association. All of the plays have met with immense profit, and so hearty a reception accorded them that the return visits next season promise even greater results. Several new plays will shortly be in readiness, and with the exceptionally attractive outfit of superior printing with which they will be equipped, will be particularly desirable.

George Samuels, formerly just a plain advance agent, but now a bloated bondholder, since he leased "The Convict's Daughter," in fact, two convicts' daughters he has two companies playing the piece, is said to have made \$50,000 this season with the above-mentioned sister act—mean profits. Of course, George may have tacked on some and some more in giving out the amount of his profits, but he has made money in large fat chunks, with the convict's offspring at that. He will have another troupe doing "A Scout's Revenge" next season. That might break all records at the Bijou.

An elaborate production of "Rip Van Winkle" will be among the attractions in ten next season. Many new and unique effects will be introduced; in short, this good old play will be revived in spectacular fashion. Jake Semous will be the "Rip," and Clay Lambert will direct the tour.

Uncle Dick Sutton, the well known showman of Butte, Mont., will put a first-class Dog and Pony Show on the road the coming summer. His representative is now located at the National Printing Company.

W. E. Fuller, of the Buffalo Bill Show, has been busy with the tour of "Oster Joe" this winter. He was in Chicago last week. "The Little Red Schoolhouse" (a title never intended for electric signs at a dollar per, which closed its season here recently, was purchased by George Chenell, of Columbus. I hope it don't cause "A Run On the Bank." Success to my friend, the Columbus bill poster.

Hal Reid, who has been in Chicago since the closing of "The Little Red Schoolhouse," got a harrup up call to Indianapolis. "The Last Sentence" needed some little "flitting up," and Hal got the job.

The new plant of the National Printing & Engraving Company is about finished, and every freight train that pulls into Niles, Mich., these days is loaded with printing presses and other machinery for the new place. The Chicago offices will not be changed, and business will continue at the old stand as heretofore, as well as at the new one at Niles.

Col. Sam Dawson and I took in Primrose & Dockstader's Illustrations together recently, but neither of us saw the performance. We didn't talk about anything but Pawnee Bill's Wild West, until the ushers informed us that the show was over.

The May Hosmer Stock Company are prospering at the People's, and the freaks and other odd things are plentiful at the London and Clark Street Museums.

HARRY EARL.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 3.—Boston Museum.—Week of Jan. 27, Stuart Robson, in "The Henratty." A good house to welcome Stuart Robson's popular play. Something was the matter, and the man next to me said it was a poor company. He also said that all the companies he anticipated the most pleasure from yielded the least artistic value. It does seem as if the managers were getting back to the old days with one star.

Tremont Theater.—Afternoon of Jan. 30, the First Corps Cadets, in Barret's "Cap of Fortune." As this was a professional matinee, some shortcomings are excusable. But the piece is not up to the last one, and that was flat. Uncle Fox does the best with a part out of his line. Walter Harkins makes good, and sings as well as of old. The music is vividly reminiscent. The most important feature of the Cadet theatricals is omitted, and this is the ballet. This year's show I do not consider up to the mark.

Columbia Theater.—Closed. "My Antoinette" is to do one-night stands, and then go to Philadelphia.

Darwin & Dally Circus, at the Old Providence Station, is going to be a "coker." Big canvas inside, and an amateur circus by Boston's 400.

"Hurly-Burly" has only a few more performances to run at Boston Music Hall. Among the new features of the week none gets more applause than the burlesque on the "Florodora" Sextette (Robert Daly and Blanche Ring). Other notable specialties are the acrobatic pantomime of Charles Givier, the dancing by the three English maidens, the character songs of Miss Margaret Ashton and the Rosey Posey song by Eleanor Falk and chorus.

"Put Me Off at Buffalo" is crowding the Grand Opera House every night, and Fisher and Carroll are beating their own record as funmakers, and what more can be said? They are supported by a large company and an attractive one.

"Morocco Bound" is bright and snappy, beautifully staged and lavishly costumed, and the large and enthusiastic audiences at the Park Theater attest to the attractions of its funny comedians in laughable situations, its melodious airs, clever dances, Oriental scenery and pretty girls.

"The Rajah" has been greatly enjoyed by the Castle Square Theater audiences. It will be followed by an elaborate production of Pitou and Jessop's great play, "The

Power of the Press," in which the full strength of the company will be shown.

"The Explorers," with its abundant mirth and melody, its clever comedians and pretty girls, is now near the close of its final week at the Tremont Theater. Richard Carle has introduced a new duet with Miss Paul this week, which promises to rival in popularity even "Lisa" and "Cupid Might Have Been a Little Coon."

Little Elsie, the juvenile impersonator of stage celebrities, who is prominent in the Keith show this week, is an uncommonly clever child, as is evidenced by the wide range of her mimicry. Dan Daly, Digby Bell, Edna May, Pauline Hall and Clara Lane are a few of the stage favorites whom she imitates with great fidelity.

The Vizier in "Morocco Bound," at the Park, Mr. Philip Branson, is a great friend of Sir Thomas Lipton, and was his guest during the International races.

William B. Van keeps the members of the "My Antoinette" Company on the qui vive. He is the bane of introducing new jokes at every performance without the slightest warning.

Kathryn Kolder will be seen here at the Boston Theater for the first time in this city on Monday evening, Feb. 24. In her new play, "Molly Pitcher," supported by a company especially selected by Manager George Brennan for the Boston and New York engagements.

Among the motion pictures to be shown in the Biograph at Keith's this week is one illustrating the use of the breeches buoy in saving the lives of wrecked mariners, the operating crew being that stationed at Point Allerton, under the command of Capt. Joshua James.

Ruth White, of "The Explorers" Company, is known throughout the West as the California nightingale, and, judging from the enthusiasm accorded her here, she is Boston's favorite singing girl.

Charles E. Evans, who formerly played the part of Pincher, a livery servant, in "My Antoinette," at the Columbia Theater, watched his successor (William B. Van) from a seat in the orchestra the other night, and was generous with his applause.

The leading "card" at Austin & Stone's for the week opening Feb. 3 will be the Viceroy East Indian sensation, an Oriental production which is now creating a furor in New York City. Col. Stone says it will be the talk of the town inside of three days.

When Mr. Crane first made his summer home at Cohasset, some 20 years ago, he intended to merely have a little place which he could use as a fishing box. The original "fishing box" now forms only a small part of an exceedingly spacious home.

Quick to secure the very latest successes to add to his list of attractions at the Boston Theater, Manager McCarty announces that he has concluded arrangements for an engagement, beginning Monday, March 24, of the big New England play, "Quincy Adams Sawyer."

Charles Jackson, who plays Chet Timson, in "David Harrim," has been negotiating for the dramatic rights of a popular book, in which the hero is a jockey.

The horse which Miss Bates rides in Chelmsford gorge scene of "Under Two Flags" wears specially made rubber shoes.

The catchy local verses in the topical songs in "Morocco Bound," at the Park, were written by Mr. Allen Lowe.

The entire "Explorers" Company will be the guests of the Cadets at their full dress rehearsal at the Tremont, next Thursday afternoon.

Manager Campbell, of the Malden Auditorium, has arranged with Mr. Herbert Kelcey and Miss Shannon for a special performance of "Her Lord and Master" at the Auditorium, Monday evening, Feb. 3.

George F. Veere, stage manager of the Crane Company, has been before the public as an actor for over 50 years. He supported Edwin Booth during his English tour.

FRANK H. ROBIE.

CINCINNATI, O.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 3.—The storms of last week did most of the local theaters with a decided frost. There was no attraction in the city of sufficient worth to tempt a great many to leave comfortable firesides to encounter the fury of the elements. Mr. Frank Daniels held forth at Robinson's, at the head of a clever company of good singers and pretty girls, in "Miss Simplicity." Had Cincinnatians not seen "King Dodor" or "Florodora," "Miss Simplicity" might have made a more lasting impression than it did. There is a great deal about Daniels' vehicle that sneaks strongly of the other two pieces. While originally was lacking, the company was good and the costumes stunning. The Pike Stock Company was too ambitious when it undertook to present "Dan Caesar De Razan." It is one of those plays that depend upon long and careful preparation for success, and the Pike players had not sufficient time to prepare for it. The result of the effort was a signal failure. The different players seemed to lack confidence, and every role was poorly portrayed. The attendance all week was the smallest of the season. From the box-office point of view the Walnut won in a coterie with "The Telephone Girl," at popular prices. Of course, those who saw the original production, with Louis Mann as "Hans Nix," were disappointed if they expected to see that character handled just as cleverly by Dave Lewis. This is not said in disparagement of Mr. Lewis. He did well, and deserves credit for his work, but there is only one "Hans Nix," and that is "Looley." The company was not an especially good one. Anna Conrad, as Mrs. Puffaway, should change places with Grace Field, who plays the part of captain of the telephone girls. Miss Conrad assumes the character of an antiquated personage, abandoned by hope matrimonial. She has a

splendid voice. Pearl Hight and Arthur

Conrad won applause by the clever rendition of several songs, especially "My Estelle."

Nona Winters, the thirteen-year-old actress, was the bright particular star of the above-the-ordinary bill at the Columbia. This remarkably versatile little girl seems to improve with each visit to Cincinnati, and is always accorded a well deserved ovation. Kathryn Bloodgood, besides possessing a magnificent voice, is one of the handsomest women seen on the local boards. Her act, with the assistance of A. L. Gulle, was a pleasing one to the down-stairs patrons. Raymond and Kurkamp, Geo. Leslie and his company, and the rest of the bill furnished a good entertainment, the only drawback being too much music of the operatic, popular and syncopated varieties.

At People's the Blue Bloods held forth. The Chinese opera was hardly celestial enough, either in selections or costume, to merit the appellation; but still, there's mighty little in a name, when it comes to burlesque. Dave Nowlin contributed considerably to the many good things in the show.

Henck's patrons had their first taste of the melodrama for two weeks, and to judge from the reception accorded "A Ragged Hero" they were hungry for it.

Age doesn't seem to affect "Peek's Bad Boy" as a sketch gatherer. Good houses were the rule at the Lyceum. Some good specialties were scattered through the acts.

Robinson's Opera House, (Haylin & Rainforth, Mgrs.)—The current week opened at Robinson's last night, with "The New Yorkers," a musical comedy, headed by that elongated mirth-maker, Dan Daly. Cincinnati has had more than its share of light musical offerings recently, but Robinson's held a good-sized crowd, which enjoyed the production. The trio who are responsible for "The New Yorkers," Ludwig Englander, Glen McDonough and George V. Hobart, is a formidable one, and need feel no shame because of this effort. The company is made up of 55 people, including a large chorus of bewitchingly costumed and handsome girls. Dan Daly is as irresistably funny as of yore, and his assumption of the cab-driving Russian Count gives his talents ample scope. In the east are William Cameron, George Schiller, Wm. Gould, Nick Long, Frank Tannehill, Rose Beaumont, Annie Laughlin and other capable players. Next week Mr. E. S. Willard, in his new play, "The Cardinal," will be seen at Robinson's.

The Pike, (David H. Hunt, Mgr.)—The first local production of "The Two Escutcheons" was given Sunday by the Pike Stock Company to crowded houses. "The Two Escutcheons" was arranged by Sidney Rosenfeld from the German play, "Die Zwei Wappen." The play treats of a clash between a rich Chicago pork packer and a German nobleman, whose son has fallen in love with the former's daughter. Many ludicrous situations give occasion for some clever comedy work, well handled by the Pike players. The stage settings add much to the production. An old-time Pike success, "The Banker's Daughter," will be next week's offering.

The Walnut, (Anderson & Ziegler, Mgrs.)—Miss Delta Stacey appears at the Walnut this week, in the title role of "Mam'selle Awkins," and is supported by a strong company, including Carolyn M. Henstil, who appears in her original character of Dolly. "Mam'selle Awkins" is familiar to Cincinnati theater-goers, and the company now presenting it is good. Large crowds at the opening. Next week, West's Minstrels.

Columida, (Anderson & Ziegler, Mgrs.)—Crushes attended the Sunday performances at this house, where a fair vaudeville program is offered, headed by the popular contralto, Lucille Saunders, who, not long ago, abandoned opera for vaudeville. Rome and Ferguson present a laughable sketch, that won hearty plaudits. Others on the bill are the Florenz troupe of acrobats; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robins, sketches; Sisters Delmore; Georgia Gardner and Jo Maddern; four Probyn Sisters; Carroll, in a whistling specialty, and the biograph. Next week, Hyde's Comedians.

People's, (Heuck, Fennessy & Stair, Mgrs.)—Maier & Van Osten's "Devil's Daughter" made its initial bow to a Cincinnati audience Sunday. A female military band, of twelve pieces, and a series of flying pictures, are features. The scene equipment and electrical effects are of a quality seldom seen in a burlesque house. Some of the chorus girls are good-looking, and there are a number of good comedians, who scored bits. Next week, "Australian Burlesques."

Heuck's Opera House, (Heuck, Fennessy & Stair, Mgrs.)—"The Fatal Wedding" is one of those strong dramas that appeal to the Heuck clientele. From the start, the hero looks like he will make a sorry finish, but just before the final curtain he comes first under the wire, and the discordant yell of the galleryites. A moral is to be drawn from this play by those matronally inclined. Gertrude Haynes, with her Choir Celeste, who appeared some weeks ago at a local vaudeville house, presents her act, which has been made to fit the play. Those who like to see virtue triumph, will be well repaid by witnessing "A Fatal Wedding." Next week, "The Village Parson."

Lyceum, (Heuck, Fennessy & Stair, Mgrs.)—Joseph Dowling and Myra Davis present at the Lyceum this week a melodrama known as "Roxana's Claim." The story treats of incidents of Western life, and, as presented by Mr. Dowling and a company of ability, is enjoyable. Large audiences were present at the opening Sunday. Next week, "A Homespun Heart."

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Star Theater, (J. R. Sterling, Mgr.)—"Under Southern Skies"

presents life in the South, and the stellar role is taken by Grace George, who plays the part perfectly, and fills all the requirements in beauty and grace of manner of the Southern belle, Leila Crofton. The management has spared nothing in the way of lavish scenic effects, and a capable company, including Grace Henderson, Mlanie Veltorso, Maude Durand, Virginia Glyndon, Cuyler Hastings and others make a strong cast, making an event of special interest. "The Messenger Boy," Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. Henry Irving, Feb. 3 to 5.

Old Music Hall Building.—Last week was given to amateur performances and concerts by Mme. Schuman Helm. Booked: "The Dairy Farm," Feb. 10 to 15.

Lyceum Theater, (E. W. Ovatt, Local Mgr.)—A play of stirring effects, "The Outpost," was given, Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, to large business. J. K. Emmett and Little Gilson made good as the headliners, playing the part of a soldier and a young Irish girl, respectively. The story is laid in the Boer country, and appeals to the patrons as well as the gallery gods in its many exciting scenes. Little Gilson introduces several new songs, and the "Little Magnet" made quite a hit. The company made themselves favorites, and the staging of the play was excellent. Coming: "Man's Enemy," Feb. 3 to 8.

Academy Theater, (Dr. Peter C. Council, Local Mgr.)—Ten, twenty and thirty cents is the ruling price here, and the patrons take to them like a duck to water. Large houses were on Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, when "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" was put on, and proved a laughing bagatelle. Will S. Rising is a singing comedian of merit, and has the role of Miss Brown down pat, singing several songs that received applause. Jules Kusef has a good part as the Major, and Tom Murray did nicely as the Private. Gns Bruno, Baker and Davis, Bonnie May Goodale, Anna Clifford and Estelle Wordette were clever in their parts, and several specialties were introduced, displaying versatility. Matinees are given every day except Monday. Coming: "The Tide of Life," Feb. 3 to 8.

Lafayette Theater, (Chas. Baggs, Mgr.)—Frank B. Carr's "Thoroughbreds" claimed the post of honor, Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, calling out a large business. Wrestling matches are being made a feature here, and Dan McLeod met all comers. The features were Gypzene and Romi, Polk and Tresk, Healy and Farnum, Mackle and Walker, Larry McCale, Josie Flynn, "The Isle of Bliss" and "The Thoroughbreds" held 'em for a while. Coming: Bob Manchester's "Cracker Jacks," Feb. 3 to 8. "Bergeron," the hypnotist, puts in each Sunday evening to crowded houses.

Shea's Garden Theater, (M. Shea, Mgr.)—It was a sheaf hill of merit, Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, that drew the crowds for an excellent roster, with the Les Dumonds, Jessie Fontoni, Stuart Barnes, Adele Onrl, the Lukens Brothers, W. H. Murphy, Blanche Nichols, Marsh and Sartella, and the Russell Brothers, all proving good providers of fun and talent. Underlined: Colobris Midgates, Helena Mora and the great Kaufman Troupe, Feb. 3 to 8.

Court Street Theater, (A. J. Meyer, Mgr.)—The Court Street Theater Big Burlesques put up a neat bill of talent, Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, drawing good patronage. Gilson and Perry, Reile Wilton, the Jacksons, Whiting, Perry and Dee, and the Ross Brothers were the ones put on for dealers in mirth and fun. Wrestling bouts are made a feature, and the management is making a big hit, if not in the elicit. Change of talent each week.

Victor Herbert's Orchestra comes to Convention Hall Feb. 23. "Columbia" will be given at the Teek Theater by colored talent, Jan. 30. "The Gypsy Cross" will have an outing at the Academy the fore part of February. Mike Shea, of the Garden Theater, will put out "Holy Toly" the coming season, with Kolb and Dill as stars. The Buffalo Press Club promises great things at their show, Feb. 16, at the Teek Theater. All the managers will contribute talent. "A Night Off," Feb. 24, at the Teek Theater, promises well for a good week's business.

DICKSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Blou Theater.—The vaudeville numbers on the bill of Jan. 19 to 25, were the Two Fantes, Memphis Kennedy, the minstrel, in a comic musical act; Roe and Brosebe, in a comedy sketch, "Too Much Woman," illustrating one true side of married life; La Belle Tortajada, Spanish dancer, made a hit, and this is a return engagement. Robinson and Grant, midget comedians. The title of the burlesque was "A Merry Time," and introduced all the old favorites in latest songs. Last week, John Kornell, Calta, Hardling and Ah Sid, Neille Burt, Mile, Olive and the burlesque company.

Lafayette—Week of Jan. 27, the Bellows Stock Company presented an elaborate production of "Qina Vadis."

Chase's—Week Jan. 19 to 25, Mr. Wilfred Clarke, late of the Augustus Daly Company, supported by Miss Theo Carew, Miss Annie Woodward, Miss M. B. Maunde, and Mr. Lionel Hogarth, the Seven Reindeers, Jas. J. Morton, R. H. Mohr, the Martinetti Family, Al. Leeceh and his Three Rosebuds, and Ed. Latell. Last week, Tom Nawn and company, Three Meers, Keith's Cycle Whirl and Carroll Johnson.

Columbia—Week of Jan. 19, "Klag Do-do," with 80 singers and an orchestra of 20 pieces. Last week, David Relasco presented Dave Warfield, in "The Anchorette," Sunday evening, Feb. 2, Sousa and his band, to good business.

Academy—Week of Jan. 19, "Are You a Buffalo." Last week, "A Gambler's Daughter."

Kernan's—Week of Jan. 19, Scribner's Morning Glory Burlesques. The people in the olla were The Great Drawee, Harry Hastings, Brooks Brothers, Viola Sheldon,

Libbie Hart, the Couture Brothers, Armstrong and Porter, Olga Orloff, Cooper and Schall and Marguerite Rounds. Last week, The Jolly Grass Wldows.

New National. Week of Jan. 19, Mr. E. S. Willard, in "The Cardinal." Last week, Chas Frohman presented Virginia Harned. M. H. GAFF.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Auditorium, (Woodward & Burgess, Mgrs.)—The Frawley Stock Company held forth at this house during the first half of last week. Their repertoire included "Secret Service," "Brother Officers," "Lord and Lady Algy" and "The Only Way." T. Daniel Frawley upheld his reputation as a leading man, while Mary Van Buren, in the leading roles, displayed exceptional ability. One of the best ingenues seen here in a long time was Miss May Buckley, who joined the company at this place. Business was good. For the latter half of the week, Mary Manning, in "Janice Meredith," at advanced prices, played to excellent business. The supporting company was all that could be desired. An extra matinee was given Jan. 31, at which Miss Manning appeared as "Cecile." Feb. 3 and week, "The Burgo master."

The Grand, (Hudson & Judah, Mgrs.)—Last week "York State Folks" was the attraction here. A good company is carried to enact this last effort of the late Arthur Sidman, chief among which are Ray L. Royce, James Mackay, Mrs. Arthur Sidman, Randolph Currie, Hal Murdoch and Harry and Kate Jackson. The play itself is a most entertaining one. While the theme is not a new one, still there are several original lines and situations running throughout the piece. Ray L. Royce and Mrs. Sidman were especially good in their respective roles. For the current week, "Shore Acres."

The Orpheum, (Martin Lehman, Mgr.)—Last week his business greeted one of the best bills this house has given us so far this season. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins D. Fisher, in Ezra Kendall's quaint sketch, "The Half-Way House," made a decided hit, as they well deserved, while the Flirtation Quintette, a new singing and dancing act, came next in point of merit and applause. Billy "Single" Clifford, as he now styles himself, late of Clifford and Ruth, has a monologue, which is not so good, but he redeems himself with his dancing, which is as good as of yore. Brunette and Riviere, in French songs; Reata Winfield, violin soloist; the Berlin Sisters, singers; Warren and Blanchard, in a comedy sketch; the Mathews, jugglers, and the Stereopticon, rounded out this most satisfactory bill. For the current week the strongest program of the season, the Orpheum Show, including McIntyre and Heath, W. C. Fields and others, will doubtless turn 'em away at every performance.

The Century, (Woodward & Burgess, Mgrs.)—The Woodward Stock Company appeared last week in the play that made Annie Russell famous, "Sue." Jane Kenner further endeared herself to the patrons of this popular house by her most excellent portrayal of the title role, while Wilson Enos, who has just rejoined the company after a year's absence, was highly satisfactory as the Sheriff. Mr. Enos was tendered an ovation at his first performance, Jan. 26, to which he responded with a neat little speech, telling how glad he was to be back again. The remainder of the company were well cast, and the production, on the whole, was a most enjoyable one. This week the stock company will appear in Willie Collier's late comedy, "Mr. Smooth."

The Gilliss, (E. S. Brigham, Mgr.)—"The White Slave," presented by a company of average ability, was the drawing card at this house all of last week. Old Southern melodies and fine scenic effects were the principal features of the production. Little Thurlow, in the title role, was much better than the average "melodramatic leading lady," while David M. Hartford, in the juvenile lead, gives promise of a good future. This week another portrayal of life in the South before the war, entitled "Town Mobile," is the attraction.

CHARLES H. SMALL.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—Grand, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—Mr. Joseph Murphy, the father of Irish drama, opened his engagement Sunday matinee, Jan. 26, presenting "Sham Blhe." There is little to say in regard to the production, as it has been seen here each year for several seasons, and is always a most welcome visitor. Mr. Murphy's lines, whether pathos, wit or humor, are always well spoken, and this season he has surrounded himself with a company of good people. A change of bill was given Wednesday, when "Kerry Gow" was played. This week, "York State Folks,"

Imperial, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—"The Katzenjammer Kids," with the Blondells featured, were at the Pine street house last week. The show is replete with good specialties, and is prettily staged. The work of the Blondells is clever, their comedy being refined and invigorating. The entire company is fair, and the attendance was good at all performances. Al. Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company, with Milt Barlow as Uncle Tom, opened Sunday, February 2.

Havlin's Theater, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—"Winchester," a war drama on the style of Bronson Howard's "Shenandoah," opened to a packed house last Sunday matinee. The audience was treated to a magnificent presentation of true war drama, and the rattle of musketry, roll of drums and booming of cannons, with the climax in the third act, was applauded to the echo. The show is good, the scenery is striking and the cast is well balanced and actors in every sense

of the word. It is easily deserving of being placed first among the attractions that have graced the Havlin this season. For this week, beginning Sunday matinee, "A Lion's Heart."

Standard Theater—The Rice & Barton Big Gaiety Extravaganza Company played to packed houses last week, and they deserved them. It is the best burlesque company which has appeared at this popular house this season. The costumes are neat, the scenery new and every act is entertaining. The opening and closing actreses are full of good comedy, while each number in the olio is especially strong. The chorus of this company is deserving of particular mention for its perfect harmony and blending of voices, the contralto work of Miss Idylla Vyrer being exceptionally good. This week, the Majestic Burlesques.

Columbia Theater—The bill last week was very good. "Patrice" and company in a little sketch entitled "A New Year's Dream," being the headliners. Mark Murphy and wife in "Why Doogan Reformed" and the Harmony Four are also meeting with good hands, while all the other members are up to the average. Beginning Monday, Feb. 3, Cressy and Payne and Smith and Campbell will be the main drawing cards.

The Royal Italian Band, under the direction of Mr. Channing Ellery, began a series of seventeen concerts at the Odeon, Jan. 30.

Mr. Edw. McWade, the author of "Winchester," playing Havlin's last week, was kept busy calling on his old acquaintances, he having formerly played the leading roles at the Imperial when that house was entertained by a stock company.

Col. John D. Hopkins was in St. Louis last week, looking over his interests at Forest Park Highlands. The Colonel was found at the Planters' Hotel, in a talkative mood, and said his new theater at Louisville was doing good business and that vaudeville was on the boom. In regard to Forest Park Highlands, Mr. Hopkins said that many new improvements were contemplated, and that several new amusement attractions would be added to the now popular summer garden. Col. Hopkins left for Louisville Friday evening.

Kubelik, the violinist, who is at present the "prevailing fat," made his last appearance at the Music Hall Sunday evening, Jan. 26, to an audience of 3,500 lovers of music. His reception was a repetition of the ovation received at the Odeon the week previous, and he left St. Louis with the unequalled record of playing to more people in two appearances than any one artist who has ever visited west of the Mississippi River.

The Well Band concerts continue drawing large crowds at the Odeon Sunday afternoons. "The Billboard March" met with great applause Sunday afternoon, and Mr. Well was compelled to play it three times to satisfy the audience.

Miss Mattie Lockett left Sunday morning, Jan. 26, for Brooklyn, N. Y., having been called to the bedside of her husband, Mr. Charles L. Willis, who is reported to be seriously ill. "The Hindoo-Hoodoo" and "Gay Coney Island" companies, both under the management of Mr. Willis, are laying off during his illness.

Esmathie, the young entertaining phenomenon, who created such a furor on her last trip through the Keith circuit, is at home (St. Louis), having just recovered from a severe attack of illness. She is at present being featured at the most prominent club dates, but plays the circuit again, opening at the Columbia, April 29.

The Robyn classical concerts are still drawing good houses each Sunday afternoon at the Odeon.

Mr. W. B. Montgomery, an actor of the old stock days, has opened up a theatrical booking agency in this city.

DAN S. FISHELL.

DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 3.—The following were the attractions at Detroit, Mich., during week of Jan. 26:

Avenue Theater, (H. Lamkin, Mgr.)—Although the wriggling, albeit a tenacious bulldog hung suspended merely by his teeth from a strap on a wire extending from the stage to the top gallery, sent cold shivers through not a few of the people sitting in the orchestra chairs at the Avenue Theater last week, the act proved to be a thrilling one, and was performed by the dog as though he thoroughly enjoyed the sensation of being rushed up and down the wire. This is but one of the many good acts offered by the Herbert's dog show. The great Lafayette, under whose name the entire program of eight acts is billed, did a number of marvelously quick and accurate impersonations that of Sousa depicting the well-known band leader's little mannerisms to the life. He uses a complicated stage setting of many colors and draperies, and seems to be here, there and everywhere at one and the same time, affording not a few surprises and keeping his audience guessing to keep up with his tricks.

As a ventriloquist, Ed Raymond was a great success with the audience, his many local gags winning hearty laughter and applause. Distinct cordiality was shown toward Bert Howard and Leon Bland in their sketch entitled "A Strange Boy," which has been seen here before. Howard is a clever piano player, and gives a series of impersonations and imitations which receive great applause. Roberta Keene possesses the anomaly of three voices in one, and sings equally well in soprano, contralto and basso. Moreover, the young lady knows how to sing, and her turn gives decided pleasure. Sharpe and Flatt do a musical turn, which is very clever and entertaining. Chas. Barry and Hilda Malvers open the bill. "The Lion's Bride" is one of the cleverest things seen here this season in vaudeville. The show

is good, the scenery is striking and the cast is well balanced and actors in every sense

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is a very good one, and played to packed houses.

Wondrland and Temple Theater, (Mr. Moore, Mgr.)—At the Temple Theater last week there was about everything recognizable in vaudeville. There was everything from Jessie Bartlett Davis singing descriptive light opera airs to gentlemen riding bicycles on a picket fence; everything from trapeze performance to a squawling family of educated tropical birds, with bad tempers modified and not eradicated. Of course the applause is desultory and spiritless, until Miss Davis appears, bowing and smiling between the great dividing folds of the heavy velvet curtains. Her voice is still the rich mezzo-soprano, and at the initial performance was encored four times. In the same bill is Frank Bush, who tells clever stories, and is well received. Pretty little Bertina appears in contortion and toe dancing, and Mallard Bros. and Brooks present a musical act of variety. McPhee and Hill won applause with their sensational work on the horizontal bars. Gengro and Bailey offer a sketch called "A Victim of Circumstances," which is very good. Then Eddys closed the bill with a very clever acrobatic act, which received great applause.

Amelia Stone, the Detroit girl, very pretty any day, was the attraction of the afternoon bill, being called many times "Aliee Captain," a most marvelously proportioned woman, gave pleasant thrills to the audience by her work on the trapeze. The gorgeously plumed birds of Rosa Napoleon's troupe, flew about over the heads of the audience to circle about their mistress and light upon her arms and head. "Hester's promise," the reformation of a stage-struck girl, is a clever playlet introduced by Little Moore and Albert Bellman. Blums and Blums appear in an act somewhat after the Ward and Vokes conceit, but they improve on it with original mystical numbers. Yonnie Healy is an exceptionally good monologist, an received great applause. The Keith cycle track sensation is quite as thrilling as the advance man's prophecy. Both bills at the Temple Theater were very good and well balanced, and played to packed houses.

Detroit Opera House, (B. Whittney, Mgr.)—Jan. 27, E. H. Sothern, in "If I Were King," was an excellent show, and played to packed houses at every performance. Feb. 3, "Are You a Mason?" Lyceum Theater, (A. Warner, Mgr.)—Jan. 26 "The Night of the Fourth" played to good houses, Feb. 2, Williams and Walker's Own Big Company.

Whitney Opera House, (Chas. Altman, Mgr.)—Jan. 26, "The Village Parson," to splendid business all week. Feb. 3 to 8, "Two Little Waifs."

Empire Theater, (Dr. Campbell, Mgr.)—Jan. 26, "Night Owls," to fair business. Feb. 2 to 8, May Howard.

GEO. W. RENCHARD.

TORONTO, CAN.

Toronto, Can., Feb. 3—Princess, (O. B. Sheppard, Mgr.)—The musical comedy, "Floradora," packed this house at every performance week of Jan. 27, and made the biggest kind of a hit. The famous double sextet, "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden," is the gem of the piece, and was encored several times each evening. The company is a very large one. "The Messenger Boy," Feb. 3 to 8.

Grand, (Small & Stair, Mgrs.)—Balny Adelaid Thurston pleased good sized audiences in her new play, "Sweet Clover," Jan. 27 to Feb. 1. Reeves Smith, Feb. 3 to 8.

Toronto, (Small & Stair, Mgrs.)—The Road to Ruin," which depicts scenes in a certain section of New York, drew large crowds week of Jan. 27. "King of the Olympia Ring," Feb. 3 to 8.

Shen's (J. Shen, Mgr.)—The Galveston Gazette, Ellmore Sisters, Maud Nugent, James Richmond, Glenroy Fisher, Clark, Matthews and Harris, Waterbury Bros. and Tenny comprised the bill, Jan. 27 to Feb. 1. Good business.

Star, (F. W. Stair, Mgr.)—T. W. Dinkins' Iptopians presented a bill free from objectionable features week of Jan. 27, and drew fair business. Al. Reeves' Famous Big Company, Feb. 3 to 8.

Kubelik, the new Paganini of the violin,

is booked for one recital at the Massey Hall, Feb. 3.

Mr. O. B. Sheppard, the popular manager of the Princess, Toronto's leading theater, is giving his large clientele the finest attractions on the road this season. Mr. Herbert Sheppard, his son, is the courteous treasurer of the same.

John B. Park, who fills an important role in "The Messenger Boy," and who is a native of this city, will be given a fine reception by his many friends here next Monday night at the Princess.

J. A. GIMSON.

JANESVILLE, WIS.

Janesville, Wis., Feb. 3, Myers' Grand, (P. L. Myers, Mgr.) Hoyt's "A Day and a Night," Jan. 24, pleased a fair audience. The play is a farce in three acts and contains very many clever specialties. "All a Mistake," Jan. 29; "Lost in the Desert," Jan. 30, to good business; "The Belle of New York," Feb. 11.

The ushers of the Grand have requested me to explain to the readers of "The Bill board," the benefit which was advertised they should receive from the "Wise Guy" production. They received 10 per cent on the tickets they sold. Following is the list of ushers and the number of tickets sold by each, and the readers of this paper can judge for themselves whether the ushers or Manager Myers received the benefit. Fred Bolser, 12; Charles Carr, none; Neil McVicker, 9; William Fox, 2; Verne Murdock, 27; J. McGiffin, none; Ross Bumps, 8; Arthur Ryan, none; Al. Smith, Jr., 47. Total number of tickets sold by ushers, 107; per cent, received by them, 87.88, making a grand total of \$7 cents each.

"Palace Polo Blnk" was the scene of a very interesting polo game, played between the Horlick Polo Team, of Racine, Wis., and the Taylors, of this city, Thursday evening, Jan. 23, before a very large audience. The game was played in three innings, 15 minutes each. At the end of the first two innings the score stood 1-1, and that is when the crowd yelled their lungs out. The Racine team is managed by Mr. A. H. Barnes, of Racine, who speaks very highly of "The Billboard." The Horlicks are the strongest team in the West, and are all gentlemen. While in the city they were the guests of the Myers and Grand hotels.

AL. SMITH, JR.

COLUMBUS, O.

Columbus, O., Feb. 3—Great Southern Theater, (L. M. Boda, Mgr.) Eugene Blair, Jan. 28 and 29, in "Peg Woffington," with "Camille" as a matinee attraction, drew poor audiences. Miss Blair enters thoroughly into the spirit of the character, and gives a finished performance. She is ably assisted by Vaughn Glaser and Eleanor Montell. Al. G. Fields and his merry company, afternoon and night of Feb. 1, to splendid business. Coming: E. H. Sothern, Feb. 7 and 8, in his magnificent production, "If I Were King."

Grand Opera House, (G. G. Owens, Mgr.) "The Merry Maleden et esquires," with Nelle Hanley leading the list of principals, was the only attraction at this house the past week. They were here Jan. 27 and 28, and drew good houses. The bicyclists riders were wonderful, and were the drawing card of this performance. This house will be dark for a week.

High Street Theater, (A. G. Dixens, Mgr.) "The Last Sentence" was the attraction at this theater, Jan. 27 to 29, and drew good houses. Charles Hallcock, formerly with Lillie's "The Christian" Company, in the leading role, and Mr. Gerald Griffith as the Judge, proved to be general favorites. The rest of the company was fair. Robert Moat, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, to appreciative audiences. This is his first appearance at a popular priced theater in this city, and the advance sale of seats was large. Coming: Feb. 3 to 5, "Happy Hooligan;" Feb. 6 to 8, "Are You a Buffalo." George L. Cheevel's popular team of comedians, Fisey and St. John, appear in "A Gun On the Bank," Feb. 10 to 12. That this show will do a hand office business is an assured fact, one club alone buying 300 seats in a body for Tuesday night's performance.

OTILLIE BOWDEN

CHARLESTON, S. C.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 30.—The Alliantra, dancing girls and burlesque, the Home of the Orient, the Star Theater, the Eclipse, the Royal, the Imperial, King's, Wing's Home Theater, the Arcade and several others. The new theater, the Orpheum, is about finished. Elegant scenery has been painted, plush chairs placed, the lobby laid, recessed in relief and lined with transparent fantasma panels; colonial columns in relief, and handsome boxes upholstered in damask and royal purple silk plush and Brussels carpet, and is without doubt one of the handsomest small theaters in the South. The entire front represents a colonial arch, with a painting of historic Fort Sumter set in relief, and giving a most beauteous effect with hundreds of colored electric lights. This house will open the first Monday in February, as it will not be entirely finished before that time.

(Owens') Academy of Music, Week of Jan. 25, "Joshua Simpkins," to a fair house; Herman, the Great; Elks' Minstrels, by local talent, to standing room, Monday, Jan. 27, Una Clayton, for two nights; Thursday, "Old Homestead"; Friday, Richards & Pringle's Minstrels. This gave good amusement for the entire week. The Una Clayton Company is very popular here, and always plays to capacity.

One of the most entertaining numbers on the program at the Elks' Minstrels was the boxing kangaroo, "Big Frank," from the Boston Show, and his sparring partner, Jimmie Briggs, of Bristol, Eng. Mr. Briggs was introduced by Chairman George Hines, as Mr. R. W. Hunt, the popular passenger agent of the Southern Railway, and was received by a big hand.

W. A. SANGER.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 3.—Academy of Music, (J. Frilling, Mgr.)—"San Toy," Jan. 20; big house, Arthur Denning, in "Don't Tell My Wife," Jan. 21; fine house, great show. James O'Neill, Jan. 23; good house. Howard Gould, in "Brother In-laws," Jan. 25; matinee and night; fine business. Week of Jan. 27, Aubrey Stock Company, in repertoire. They opened big and did a fine business all week, as the company is a big favorite here. All good companies do well here.

Young's Pier Theater, (John L. Young, Mgr.)—Business excellent. Week of Jan. 27 another bill of polite vaudeville. The opening was good. The bill includes Balto and Dorelli, Oscar Dame, Joe Heffey, the Mearns, Adna Joyce, Maude Jarrett and the Vitagraph.

Steek Pier.—Everything is on the hustle here, and the Pier Minstrel Hall and theater will look due for the opening.

Empire Theater, (Wm. Wyand, Mgr.)—Business keeps up at this popular house, with new novelties presented weekly.

Auditorium Pier.—In a few days the Pier Theater will undergo a big change, as Manager Tilley of Coney Island fame, is going to enlarge, rebuild and make many new improvements. It is rumored that Sonja and his big band will come here for a twelve weeks' engagement.

All the big hotels and grottoes are undergoing big repairs, as the Eastern season starts in shortly. Everything points to a big season here.

Manager Calloway, of the Park, has some big novelties booked for the coming season. Any good novelty should do well here.

FRANK B. HUBIN.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 3.—Opera House, (Max Greenwald, Mgr.)—"A Breezy Time," Jan. 23, drew only a fair-sized audience, which was a bit disappointed in the performance. The company is not up to the usual standard of those which have been here in the same play in the past. However, there are poorer performances than this one. Mabel Paige and a very capable company presented "Under Two Flags," Jan. 25, to a large and delighted audience. This is the first time in five years that a Spartanburg audience has had the pleasure of seeing Miss Mabel Paige, and her many friends here packed the house on the 25th. Miss Paige and Mr. Walton were the favorites, and received numerous curtain calls. In spite of the fact that the "Kitties" band was at Converse Auditorium on Jan. 27, LaBadie's "Faust" drew a large and appreciative audience at the Opera House. The entire cast was an unusually strong one, and special mention is due Mr. LaBadie as Mephisto, and Miss Van Trump as Marguerite. Coming: "Reining the Horse," Feb. 3.

Converse Auditorium, (Dr. R. H. Peters, Mgr.)—The "Kitties," a portion of the 4th Highlanders Band, of Toronto, Canada, gave an afternoon and evening concert at the Auditorium, Jan. 27, to two large and pleased audiences.

WEST.

ELMIRA, N. Y.

Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Lyceum Theater, (M. Reis, Mgr.)—Elsie de Wolf and her capable company appeared to a large house, Jan. 22, in "The Way of the World." John Mason, Clara Bloodgood, Sydney Wolfe and Harrison Hunter shared honors with the star. The production was splendidly mounted. Walte's Comedy Company, in repertoire, Jan. 23 to 25, to large business. "Tollgate Inn," Jan. 27, to good house. William Bench was seen to advantage. May Irwin, in "The Widow Jones," Jan. 28, to capacity. Jacques Kruger, Florence Reed and Christopher Innes scored. Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 31—"A Trip to Buffalo," Feb. 1, to good business. Coming: "Eight Bells," Feb. 4.

Auditorium, (E. E. Grady, Mgr.)—Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 29, to fair business.

Joseph Scott Welch, of this city, a member of Anna Held's "Little Duchess" Com-

pany, permanently assumed the leading male role in that organization, Jan. 27.

Mark Twain is the guest of relatives in this city.

Caroline Kahr, Miss Jess C. Barber, Miss Rachel Stanley, Miss Bertha Phelps. The Nashville Students are booked for Feb. 3. Show business good.

D. M. HIGGINS.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO.

Cambridge, O., Feb. 3.—Colonial Theater, (Chas. D. Miller, Mgr.)—"King Dodo" came Jan. 21, to S. R. O. The music of this popular attraction has all that subtle charm and fascination which Gustav Lunders instilled into the texture of his previous success, "The Burgomaster." It has undisputed power and popularity, and many of the numbers are of the class which will be whistled as were those of its predecessor. An augmented orchestra was included in the organization, and the rendering of the orchestra was a musical treat. Charles Frohman's "Little Minister" came Jan. 25, to large business. "Are You a Mason?" Jan. 25, to good business.

Hammond's Opera House, (R. Hammond, Mgr.)—The second annual exhibit of the Guernsey County Poultry Association began Jan. 22 and closed Jan. 25. Attendance large; exhibits fine. Coming: Keystone Dramatic Company, Jan. 27; English Grand Opera Company, Feb. 1, to good business.

E. B. MILLER.

LORAIN, OHIO.

Lorain, O., Feb. 3.—The amusement week of Jan. 20 opened at the opera house, C. C. Knapp, manager, with John Allison, in the "Wrong Mr. Wright," which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

At the New Verbeck Theater, Jan. 16, was Dan Sully, in the "Parish Priest." Nothing can be said in too high praise for Mr. Sully or his company, for a purer, better show has never been in Lorain, Jan. 20, for three nights. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, opened at the Verbeck, with The Raymonds, in sight of hand and sight reading, playing to fair houses. Thursday, Jan. 25, The Akerstrom Comedy Company opened for three nights to a very good house, which they deserved.

M. A. HEULIEN.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Grand Opera House, (L. S. Horner, Mgr.)—"King Dodo" was here Jan. 25, to an enormous business. "Barbara Frietchie" came Jan. 29, to fair house. Col. Ike Potts, general agent for Vogel's Minstrels, was here Jan. 28. Mr. Potts has for his advertising agent Mr. Geo. Barber. Mr. G. D. Farnum, business manager for Robert Downing, was in town Jan. 28, making arrangements for the appearance of his show. Mr. Farnum is the father of William Farnum, who plays "Ben Hur," in the play of that name. "Red" Paugh, former stage manager of the Grand, has accepted a position with the West Virginia Feed & Flour Company. Mr. L. H. Reger is now stage manager.

B. P. HOLDEN.

FINDLAY, O.

Findlay, O., Feb. 3.—Marvin Theater, (John A. Moores, Mgr.)—K. of P. concert, Jan. 21, to good house. "Are You a Mason" to good business, but only a fair company. Elks' Grande Minstrels, Jan. 28 and 29. Never in the history of Findlay was there such a demand for seats. The advance sale was practically sold out one hour after being put on for first night; second night the same. It was under the direction of Prof. Geo. Mann, and to say it was a success is putting it mild. "Volunteer Organist," Jan. 31, to good business. Alice Akerstrom, Repertoire Co., three nights, commencing Feb. 3; "King Dodo," Feb. 7; "Puddlin'head Wilson," Feb. 10; Jeff the Angels, Feb. 12.

CHAS. MESSINGER.

CANTON, OHIO.

Canton, O., Feb. 3.—Grand Opera House, (M. T. Parker, Mgr.)—"The Wrong Mr. Wright" did fair business. Two good sized audiences (matinee and night) Jan. 25. Thomas E. Sheen, in repertoire, week of Jan. 27, opened Monday night, with "The Voice of Nature." The usual large crowd greeted him. Tuesday night, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" packed the house. The sale of seats seats for the balance of the week was unusually large. On Friday afternoon Mr. Sheen gave a matinee performance, and the proceeds were given for the McKinley Memorial Fund. Coming: Feb. 5, "Little Minister;" Feb. 6, "Last Sentence;" Feb. 7, West's Minstrels.

CHAS. W. FLORY.

FORT DODGE, IA.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Feb. 3. Midland Theater, (Seott Mersney, Acting Mgr.)—"Under Two Flags," Jan. 23. Good audiences; fair performance. "Devil's Auction" Jan. 25. Packed house; first-class performance. "The Burgomaster" Jan. 28. Largest house of the season, at advanced prices. Audiences well satisfied. Excursions were run on several roads to this attraction, and brought many out-of-town people. Beth Mersney, treasurer of the Midland, is at present quarantined with the small pox. W. T. Krueger is acting in his stead. Carl Quist has added two more musicians to his Midland orchestra, and is "turning out" and excellent grade of music.

G. W. TREEMAN.

GAINESVILLE, TEX.

Gainesville, Tex., Feb. 3.—Gainesville Opera House, (Paul Gallae, Mgr.)—The Ashley Bush Company opened a week's engagement Monday night, Jan. 27, to a packed house. Everybody was well pleased, as they have a first class troupe, composed of the following: Ashley Bush, Jack E. Voss, Ed. F. Mummers, P. H. Phillips, Al. Lindley, Al. Welch, Chas. Stowe and wife, Miss

PORTSMOUTH, O.

Portsmouth, O., Feb. 3.—Grand Opera House, (Will Utter, Mgr.) Al. G. Field's Minstrels satisfied a big house Jan. 30. "King Dodo," Feb. 3; "Two Little Vagrants," Feb. 8; Porter White, in "Faust," Feb. 11; "The Wrong Mr. Wright," Feb. 14.

The Young Men's Social Club will put on a home talent minstrel show Feb. 5. This will be a very swell affair, as there is some good talent in this city.

Doe Waddle, of this city, will be ahead of the Quindian & Wall Minstrels next season. Here is hoping that Doe will land them a winner.

GEO. SCHAFER.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Connellsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—Connellsburg Theater, (Robbins & White, Mgrs.)—"Old Arkansas" gave a good performance Jan. 23 to crowded house. Campbell Stock Company, in "Esmeralda," Jan. 25; fine performance, fair house. Jos. J. Dowling, in "Roxana's Claim," Jan. 29; "Side Track," Jan. 31. San Francisco Minstrels, Feb. 1. The theater has changed hands. Robbins & White are lessees, Fred Robbins manager.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Connellsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—The Connellsburg Theater has been leased by Robbins & White, who are making extensive improvements in the house. A first-class orchestra has been added, and all companies booked receive proper attention and billing. Connellsburg is one of the best towns in the coke region, has a drawing population of 20,000 and business is booming.

WESTON, W. VA.

Weston, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Fitz & Webster's "A Breezy Time" company Jan. 30, to fair and well-pleased audience. Manager Fluster informs your correspondent that he has secured "York State Folks" for Feb. 14. Messrs. G. D. Farnham and Kid Gardner, in advance of Robt. Downing, and Messrs. J. S. Potts and Geo. Barber, in advance of Vogel's Minstrels, were in town this week.

C. O. KIDWELL.

DOVER, DEL.

Dover, Del., Feb. 3.—People's Theater, (L. Blackiston, Mgr.)—Sellers' Juvenile Minstrels played here Jan. 24 and 25, to good houses; performance first-class. "A Jay in New York," Feb. 4, to good business. "Born on the Farm," Feb. 10; "Rally Round Jack," Feb. 22.

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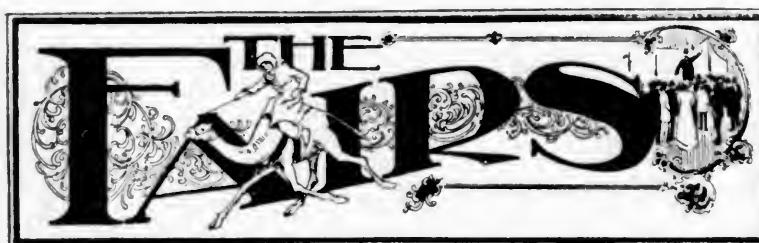
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AN IMPROVEMENT

Is Noticeable in the Charleston Attendance—Due to Advertising.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 30, 1902.
Editor of "The Billboard."

The exposition is taking on new life, and there is no doubt but what there will be business for every one within the next ten days with the floral parade, the Mardi Gras and the coming of the President and the going out of the three advertising cars loaded with paper, lithographs and other news-telling material.

On Monday last the cars which had been arranged to bill the special events left the city, with the following men in charge, with fifteen assistants in each car: South Railway Car, No. 1, Mr. W. A. Sanges; Car No. 2, Plant System, Mr. E. R. Ernst; Car No. 3, Atlantic Coast Line, Mr. Harry Clifton. They have enough supplies to run three weeks, and new matter will be shipped to them from time to time as it comes from the press. Mr. H. L. McGarvie is now installed, and is working day and night to get the exposition before the people and get the crowds here.

Every show will be represented on the cars, and every phase of the exposition properly billed, from historic Fort Sumter to the grand electrical display and the magnificent Cotton Palace on the Court of Palaces.

The attendance at the exposition has increased 10 per cent within the past two weeks, and better things are to come.

W. A. SANGES.

APPROPRIATE DISPLAY

Will be Made by the Eastern States at the St. Louis Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—Instead of making an elaborate display of live stock, agricultural, horticultural and dairy products at the coming World's Fair in this city, it is probable that several of the Eastern States will give prominence to their manufacturing industries. All the Eastern States depend largely upon the West and South for their markets, either directly or through jobbing houses, and it is considered to be in the line of good business policy to exploit that which will bring the greatest benefit to the State. To what extent the State may properly extend its aid to private individuals or concerns engaged in manufacture is a question that will be much discussed. It is possible that a solution may be found in providing the installation for exhibits of manufactured products, and possibly in bearing the expense of transportation. This plan would leave to the manufacturer the expense of providing and maintaining the exhibit. No charge will be made for exhibit space. The cost of installation is the greatest hindrance to a general representation of manufactured products at an exposition, and it is clearly to the advantage of any city or town to have its industries well represented at an exposition of such magnitude and importance as the World's Fair at St. Louis. The manufacturing industries of Eastern towns are depended upon to employ the available labor of each town, and to produce articles of usefulness to be sold in distant markets. Money is thus brought back to the community to offset the constant outlay for goods not produced in that particular community. The community is thereby maintained in a healthy condition, so far as its commercial life is concerned, and the farmers find each prosperous manufacturing center a profitable market in which to dispose of their products. It is therefore highly important in any manufacturing community or commonwealth that the various industries be maintained in the highest degree of prosperity, for all citizens then receive their due share of benefits. It is upon this theory that those interested in the representation of various Eastern States are proceeding, and it will be due to this departure from precedent that there will be an extraordinary display of manufactures from the East. The States of the Mississippi Valley will show both manufactures and products of the farm and mine, while the States of the South and East will display extensively their live stock, agricultural, forest and mineral products.

IMMENSE BUILDINGS

Will be a Feature of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—A ground plan, showing the precise development of the World's Fair site at St. Louis, has been prepared by Director of Works Isaac S. Taylor. The plan shows the Art Building well back from the brow of the hill, in the southern part of the group. The central picture is closed by a festival hall and a balustrade course, at the end of which are two restaurant buildings. These are at the crest of the hill. The festival hall in the center, which terminates the picture and forms a crown, is of sufficient proportions

to accommodate 2,500 persons, and is calculated to be the scene of exercises and meetings on the grounds. Between the festival hall and the two restaurant pavilions is a balustrade course, 3½ feet high, is located. The Art Building consists of three pavilions, forming a parallelogram, 830x450 feet. According to the plan of Prof. Haysey C. Ives, chief of the art department, the center of these pavilions is to contain the International Sculpture Court, the United States section and the Loan collection. The two side pavilions are to be devoted to foreign exhibits. The side pavilions open on a broad court, which is to be arched with sculptures, pagodas, trees, vines, etc. The galleries are all on the ground floor, and are very spacious, with ample provision for illumination, ventilation and the circulation of large crowds.

Beneath the Festival Hall is the cascade picture, but the development is still so imperfect that the point of issue of the cascades is not shown. Designer Masqueray is at work on this feature. The outlines of the structure crowning the hill above the cascades are perfectly developed, and will be built as shown.

The group of eight main buildings, arranged in two rows, is over a mile long, and, naming them from east to west, are as follows: Outer row, Liberal Arts, Manufactures, Varied Industries, Transportation; Inner row, Mines and Metallurgy, Textiles, Electricity and Machinery.

The Government Building is to be located on the hill to the southeast of the main picture. A single building to the south will be the fish exhibit of the United States Government. On the plot also is shown the power plant in the Machinery Building, the four units being arranged in tandem. The boiler house, where the power to operate these machines will be produced, is also shown in the plot west of the Machinery Building.

The plan shows the 100 acres added to the site by the acquisition of the Washington University tract. The Social Economy and Education Building, and the Fish, Forestry and Game Building are to be located on the Washington University tract east of the University Buildings. All the diagrams of buildings shown on the plan are drawn to a scale of 200 feet to the inch. The comparatively small size of the University group, when compared with the exhibit buildings, is a notable feature. The entire University group of permanent buildings could be placed in either of the exhibit buildings to be built for the Exposition on the University tract.

The Agricultural Building, over a mile in outside measurement, will stand apart from the main group, the site not having been definitely settled. Nearly all buildings will be connected by an intra-mural railway system, so that visitors may readily travel about the grounds.

A lagoon, about one mile in length, surrounds the Textiles and Electricity buildings. Ten ornamental bridges, at convenient intervals, afford a means of crossing to and from the buildings.

NOTES.

County fairs at Salem, O., are to be revived.

A fair will be held at Iowa City, Ia., Sept. 2 to 5.

A fair will be held at Bellefonte, Pa., for a week, beginning Sept. 29.

The Ashland (O.) Fair Association will give its usual fair in the fall.

The Muskingum County (O.) Agricultural Society elected officers Jan. 24.

The Outagamie County Fair will be held at Hortonville, Wis., Sept. 17 to 19.

The Nashua County (N. H.) Fair will be held at Concord Sept. 1 to 5, 1902.

The track of the Fort Wayne Driving Club may be converted into a fair grounds. The date of the spring festival at Chattanooga, Tenn., has been fixed from May 5 to 10.

Portland, Ore., is to celebrate the Lewis-Clarke Expedition with an exposition in 1905.

The Queens and Nassau Counties (N. Y.) Fairs will be held June 18 and 19 and Sept. 23 to 27.

The Putnam County (Ohio) Fair Association is out of debt and in good financial condition.

The formal opening of the Toronto (Can.) Fair has been set for Sept. 1. H. J. Hill will manage it.

Webster, Mass., horsemen will build a fair grounds and race track at that place the coming summer.

Plymouth, Wis., will have a fair the first week in September. C. M. Stibey, of Waldo, is general manager.

C. H. Ganson, of Urbana, O., has been elected president of the Ohio Association of Fair Presidents and Secretaries.

The Hutchinson (Kan.) Fair will open Sept. 15, two weeks later than last year. D. J. Fair of Sterling, Kan., is president.

The Northern Indiana Fair Association has decided to dispose of its grounds at Elkhart, Ind., to pay off an indebtedness.

The Union County (Ind.) Fair Association has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$3,500. There are sixty-five incorporators.

The proposed Tennessee State Fair appears to be a certainty. No date has yet

been set, as there are many preliminary matters to be adjusted.

The schedule of the Cincinnati excursion to the Charleston Exposition has been arranged, and includes a visit to the Vanderbilt estate at Asheville, N. C.

St. Louis World's Fair directors have issued a pamphlet containing the official classification of exhibit departments, also a pamphlet containing the rules and regulations.

"Are You a Mound Builder?" is the latest. "Doc" Waddell is the founder, and the lodge is growing big. The St. Louis Fair officials have adopted it as an advertising medium.

The purchasing committee of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture is endeavoring to secure possession of the State Fair Grounds, at Indianapolis, now under lease to other parties.

A delegation of St. Louisans visited the Ohio Legislature at Columbus, Jan. 29, in behalf of the Archer bill, which provides for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Ohio exhibit at the St. Louis Fair.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton County Agricultural Association was held at Cincinnati, Jan. 25. Frank Fox was elected president, and David Samson was elected secretary. A four days' fair will be held, beginning Aug. 20.

The United States Government has contributed \$5,000,000 to the general fund of the St. Louis Exposition, besides providing for a Government exhibit. The cost of this exhibit was estimated at \$800,000 by Mr. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury. This will include complete exhibits from the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico. The Government Building will be 800 feet long, and a special pavilion will be erected for the United States Fish Commission. The total area of grounds will be about 1,200 acres, and of floor space over 200 acres. The area of the principal exhibit buildings ranges from 5 to 32 acres each, the average being about 15 acres.

A plan was suggested at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Hamilton County Agricultural Society, held Jan. 25, at Cincinnati, to remove the fair grounds from the old site at Carthage to the race track at Oakley. A bill is being drafted by several of the projectors of the plan, to be presented to the legislature, asking that body to pass a law for the success of the proposed move. If the plans are consummated, which is claimed to be an assured fact by several of the promoters, it is proposed to erect permanent exposition buildings on the grounds similar to those of the St. Louis Fair Grounds. They also propose building an artificial lake in the center of the race track, which can be used in the summer for boating and other aquatic sports, and in the winter for skating. A. J. Welsh, of Hartford, Conn., one of the holders of the track at Oakley, is in the city and is pushing the scheme.

Street Fairs and Carnivals.

STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL NOTES.

Francis Ferari is in Louisville.

Two new cages are to be built for Roving Frank.

Francis Ferari reached New York Jan. 24, from England.

Gaskill and Leavitt spent January 29 in Louisville, Ky.

Bowling Green (Ky.) Elks are thinking of giving a street fair in May.

Frank Bostock is the owner of a perfectly docile zebra, trained to be ridden.

The Elks at Flushing, O., are among the lodges that keep "The Billboard" on file.

Doc Waddell, the press agent, is at liberty until July 15. His address is Box 885, Buffalo, N. Y.

It is reported that the Eagles of Nashville have contracted with Gaskill for a spring festival.

The prospectus (railway edition) is laudable. Absolutely no headway was recorded last week.

Harry Potter made Paducah, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Louisville last week. Pretty fast traveling.

Elks of Murphysboro, Ill., will give a street fair in May. The Wright Company will furnish the attractions.

William G. Hodsdad, of Dayton, O., has used his wife, Marianne, for divorce. He claims she left him to join a street fair company.

Lotto, "the human arrow," whose high diving was a feature with R. L. Hutchinson, last season, will travel independently this season.

H. W. Link, 1010 Wallace street, Philadelphia, Pa., is open for engagement as railroad contractor and general all-around advance agent of a Midway company.

Victor D. Levitt, of the Bostock-Ferari Company, spent Sunday, Jan. 26, in Cincinnati. He left Sunday night for Washington, to open the Elks' Carnival there.

Sam Juan, P. R., is becoming Americanized with a vengeance. A street fair is now in progress there, with the coochie and all other trimmings. The carnival closes Feb. 11 with a big parade.

Messrs. Frank Gaskill and H. L. Leavitt, of the Gaskill Carnival Company, were in Cincinnati, Jan. 31. The Gaskills have closed Paducah, Ky., for the Elks, and Nashville for the Eagles.

"Billy" Judkins, the comedian, has closed after thirty-seven weeks with the Wright and the Robinson's Carnival Companies. He is resting at Hot Springs, Ark., and has not signed for next season.

The Gaskell Carnival Company is having eight wagon fronts and twelve wagons built. Mr. Gaskell has formed a partnership with Mr. F. J. Mundy, and this year the attraction will be known as the Gaskell-Mundy Carnival Company.

The Bostock-Ferari Company has closed with Mr. Raditti for La Belle Rosa and the Beautiful Orient, that made such hits at the Pan-American Exposition. They also have secured Helen May Butler's Lady Band and the Watson Sisters for the Washington (D. C.) Elks' Carnival, Feb. 3 to 8.

Victor L. Levitt, general manager of the Bostock-Ferari Mighty Midway Company, now has fourteen men in his promotion department. He himself sets a fast pace for them. He can travel as many miles, visit as many cities and attend as many committee meetings as any two ordinary men.

Manager Will S. Heck paid a flying visit to Elwood, Ind., last week, and closed a contract for furnishing the attractions for the big Trades' Carnival and Free Street Fair, to be held there for one week, beginning June 30. Mr. Heck says it will be a tremendous success, as Elwood is one of the best of the numerous flourishing cities in the famous Indiana gas belt.

Burk & Robinson's Carnival Company has been organized. The officers are: E. M. Burk, president; Geo. A. Davies, vice president; E. B. Robinson, treasurer, and Dan R. Robinson, secretary. The company will carry fourteen novel midway shows, eliminating all unclean features. Matt Gay, the great high diver, will be the feature of the free attractions.

At a meeting of the newly-organized board of directors of the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association last Wednesday night, Jan. 29, the contract for furnishing the plaza attractions at the coming fall festival was unanimously awarded to Manager Will S. Heck, who ranks among the leading street fair and carnival managers of the country. This will be his second season with the fall festival people. The plaza shows which he furnished last year were universally conceded to be among the best ever presented on any Midway. Manager Heck promises a number of distinct novelties for the coming festival.

The directors of the Wisconsin State Fair have rushed into the papers with countless objections to the Jahr Markt of Charles J. Stumpf's inception, which will be held the same week. The burden of their plaint is that the street will detract from and hurt the attendance of the State Fair. If this be so, it is clearly evident that the street fair is the more popular function, and therefore deserves the success it enjoys. But inasmuch as the Jahr Markt is widely advertised and attracts visitors from long distances, many of whom take advantage of the opportunity to also visit the State Fair, it is clearly evident that it helps the agricultural fair, instead of hurting it. The Jahr Markt holds the people in town day and night, and therefore benefits the merchants to a greater extent than the State Fair. It is passing strange, under these circumstances, why the Milwaukee papers have espoused the cause of the State Fair.

A great naval carnival will be held in Saginaw, Mich., week of March 3 to 8, under the auspices of the U. S. Naval Reserves, in their large armory, which is situated in the heart of the city, within one block of every street car line in the city. They have the co-operation and support of every merchant and wholesaler in the city. The Naval Reserves are composed of the best men, socially, in this city, which assures the carnival the patronage of the society element. This carnival will be conducted the same as an enclosed street fair. Displays by merchants, privileges of every kind, many free attractions, music and a Midway. The Naval Reserves have secured the services of Mr. W. H. Rice to promote the carnival, and this fact alone assures the public that everything will be done to bring this carnival to a successful finish. Bay City, Mich., will hold a similar carnival the week following, and all acts, privileges and shows will be booked for both cities.



BIG PRICES

Brought by Trotters in New York Sale
Advertiser Sold at Big Figure.

New York, Feb. 3.—Big prices ruled at the horse sale at Madison Square Garden, Jan. 29. Advertiser, one of Gen. Tracy's assignment, brought \$5,300. The sales were as follows:

Consignments of Ramundo & Kirby, Springfield, Ill.; Dash Sheldon, ch. m. (1), pacer, by Lou Mark-Kitty; J. McGuire, ch. m. (\$6.00). Coryande, gr. m. (7), trotter, by Conductor-Alsenora; A. Johnson, Brooklyn, \$800.

Consignments of C. M. Wood: Topsy M., bch. m. (5), trotter, by Jacksonian-Kate; John Cash, New York City, \$675.

Consignment of Benjamin F. Tracey: Advertiser, br. h. (14), trotter, by Electroneer—Lulu Wilkes; Whittley Stock Farm, Munck Ind., \$5,300. Adroz, blk. h. (5), trotter, by Advertiser—Rosemont; J. A. Leggett, Troy, N. Y., \$500. Aderla, ch. m. (5), trotter, by Advertiser—Arla; Walker Pierce, \$25.

Consignment of Elmdorf Stock Farm, Lexington, Ky.: Worthler, br. h. (10), trotter, by Advertiser—Mexina; B. H. Demarest, Goshen, Ind., \$800.

Consignment of Marshland Stud, New York: Blk. f. (2), trotter, by Advertiser—Letona; R. W. Fowler, city, \$900. Efuss, b. m., by Advertiser—Ellie; J. C. Stratton, city, \$500. Lord of the Manor, blk. h. (10), trotter, by Mambrino King—Princess Chimes; Col. L. N. McKeigan, Strathray, Can., \$725. Klosk, ch. m. (10), trotter, by Kremlin—Elistra; W. Webster, Chicago, \$750. Kentucky Wilkes, Jr., b. c. (3), trotter, by Kentucky Wilkes—Ellen Houser; B. H. Tuthill, Goshen, \$1,500.

Fifty-four head in the Tracey consignment sold for \$21,400, an average of about \$397.

Consigned by Robert Dinehart, Copake, N. Y.: Awake, 2½, ch. m. (8), trotter, by Ambassador—Wilksie; G. T. Benton, Granoff, Conn., \$1,300. Wilque, b. g. (5), trotter, by Queechy—Lady Wilkes; Frank Vanderbilt, Albany, \$1,500. Billy Andrews, b. g. (7), pacer, by Bow Stells—May Hudson; John McGuire, city, \$2,000.

Consigned by George C. Graddy, Versailles, Ky.: Gracie Onward, ch. m. (6), trotter, by Onward—Gracie; Col. F. M. Lawrence, city, \$1,700. Carmine, b. g. (6), pacer, by Symboler—Inuntless Hess; J. S. Walker, Erie, Pa., \$2,400.

Consigned by Dr. E. E. Frost, Worcester, Mass.; Franklin, b. f. (3), trotter, by Adell—Expectation; J. H. Shultz, \$1,450.

The total for 114 head sold was \$44,175, the average being \$401.50.

NOTES.

An amateur driving club may be formed in New York.

Senator Hanna has sent two mares to Toledo, to be bred to Crescens.

Twenty-five thousand dollars have been subscribed for a horse show at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Warren, Niles and Youngstown (Ohio) horsemen may establish a mile track at Warren.

At the October meeting in Memphis, a \$5,000 purse is announced for trotters of the 2½ class.

W. Calms, of Bendigo, Australia, has offered a fancy price for George H. Ketchem's Crescens.

Boyd S. Henry has been elected president of the driving club at Kittanning, Pa. J. B. Whitney is secretary.

The Congress of the National Trotting Association will open at the Murray Hill Hotel in New York, Feb. 12.

H. K. Devereux, owner of John A. McKernon (2-06), wants to race Lawson's Rormalia (2-07) for \$20,000 a side.

The formal signing of articles for the match races between Horalma, Lord Derby and The Abbot was done Jan. 23.

All of the horses belonging to Thomas W. Lawson in Kentucky have been removed to his Dreamwold breeding farm in Massauchussets.

The Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association claimed the dates from Oct. 7 to 18, inclusive, for its thirteenth annual meeting at Lexington.

The schedule of speed events for the fairs at Marion, Mt. Gilead, Itasca and Sycamore, Ohio, will be arranged by the Big Four Racing Association.

Dr. H. W. Doubt, of Philadelphia, has purchased Eureka and a mare with no record. He will race them against Frank Rover's team next summer.

Wm. J. Smith, the Canadian turfman, went to Lexington, Ky., last week to buy some horses. He made no purchases, however, as the prices were too high.

In a two-year-old match race at Lexington, Ky., Jan. 20, La Fossette beat Hope Landeman's Imp, Prince Pirate of Pennsylvania, Canyon and Kugel of Ellerslie.

John F. Payne, the Kentucky trainer and driver, but who now claims Boston as his home, is now quartered at Memphis for the winter, with a good stable of trotters.

Malcolm Forbes' trotter, Peter the Great (2-07½), will be again campaigned. The trotter was retired last year after an accident, but is said to be in good shape now.

Jos. H. Ullman, of Atlanta, Ga., has secured a 60-day option on the Piedmont track and fair grounds. Mr. Ullman and others propose to make a thoroughly modern track of it.

A spirituous medium has the room owners at Denver, Col., on the verge of nervous prostration. "Tis said she picked nineteen out of twenty-four winners, and threatens to keep a-going. She uses no dope—only spirits.

A syndicate of trotting horsemen has offered \$300,000 for the Empire City track. Whether the offer will be accepted depends upon the legality of the sale of the property some time ago to Mr. Frank Farrell for \$218,000, and which is now being contested.

H. K. Devereux, of Cleveland, O., will campaign his home, John A. McKernon (2-06) next fall, after the races for the Boston Challenge Cup in September. The horse is the champion amateur trotting stallion of the world, and will try to lower the record of Crescens.

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, has posted \$10,000 for the race between his trotter, Horalma, E. C. Snithier's Lord Derby and J. J. Scranor's The Abbot. The Horalma-Lord Derby race and the Horalma-The Abbot race will be trotted some time between July 15 and Sept. 1, 1902, for \$20,000 a side. The event will go to the club offering the largest stake.

A horse show is to take place at Alken, S. C., March 1, entries to close Feb. 25.

Handsome silver cups will be offered as prizes. The entries will be few, but they will represent a distinguished coterie of exhibitors, including the Whittley, Hitchcock, Ennis, Sanford and Hayes stables.

The circuit of the Southwestern Horse Show Association will open at San Antonio, Tex., the second week in April, and shows will be held in the following cities in the order named: San Antonio, Dallas, Memphis, New Orleans, Birmingham, Springfield, Mo.; Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Colorado Springs, Denver, Minneapolis, Omaha, Des Moines, St. Louis and Chicago.

The Grand Circuit Stewards decided to hold fifty days of racing, as follows: Detroit, July 14 to 19; Cleveland, July 21 to 26; Columbus, July 29 to Aug. 2; Buffalo, Aug. 4 to 9; Glenn Falls, Aug. 11 to 16; Rendeville, Aug. 18 to 23; Providence, Aug. 25 to 30; Hartford, Sept. 1 to 6; Cincinnati, Sept. 22 to 27; Terre Haute, Sept. 23 to Oct. 4. Thirty-nine thousand dollars will be distributed among the owners.

Philadelphia organizations of amateur horsemen have been electing officers. Howard Worlman is the new president of the North Penn Association, and the Quaker City Driving Club, with David W. Field, Hugh Delaney, A. L. Thorn and W. H. Shields as managers, intend building a new clubhouse at the East Suffolk track. The Philadelphia Turf Club held its annual meeting last week, President Joseph A. Wenderoth, Vice President Dr. James A. Marshall and the old directors, with the exception of James Weldon, were re-elected. Louis Kittson, son of Commodore Kittson, of Chestnut Hill Stock Farm fame, succeeded Weldon.

It will be of interest to all track and horsemen who have been in the South for the past two years, to learn that Dr. John E. Toole, the popular and well-known secretary of the Bainbridge Driving Club, of Bainbridge, Ga., was on New Year's Day re-elected mayor of his city for the coming two years, in the face of strong opposition, receiving the largest majority ever given a mayor of Bainbridge. The fight was made on the general doctor on account of his friendship and good feeling to the horsemen and carnival people whom he has attracted to Bainbridge, and the large majority which he has received is a well deserved compliment to him, as well as his friends among the horsemen and carnival folk. Next fall Mayor Toole will be in his same position as secretary of the Bainbridge Driving Club, and they propose to have a better race meet than ever, and Dr. Toole will be among the first to welcome those who come back to Bainbridge.

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Union City—I. D. Bell.

Wabash—Harter Bros.

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South McAlester—E. K. Crawley.

IOWA.

Bloomfield—Lon F. Smith, Box 203.

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Henderson—Henderson B. P. & Dist. Co.

Madisonville—J. E. Mullennix.

Newport—Otting & Son.

Richmond—The Richmond Bill Posting Co.

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LOUISIANA.

Morgan City—P. B. Ghirardi.

MAINE.

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LIST OF FAIRS.

ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—State Fair, Oct. 1—
1902. Hon. W. M. Drennen, vice pres.;
John W. O'Neill, secy.

CALIFORNIA.

SONORA, CAL.—Twenty-ninth Agricultural
Fair, Sept. 1—1902. Thos. W. Wees,
secy., P. O. Box 448.

ILLINOIS.

CAMBRIDGE, ILL.—Forty-fifth Annual
Henry County Agricultural Society Fair,
Aug. 18 to 22, inclusive, 1902. L. J. Wilkin-
son, pres.; T. Boltonstorn, secy.
CARME, ILL.—Twenty-fourth Annual Fair
of the White County Agricultural Board,
Sept. 2 to 6, 1902. R. L. Organ, secy.
OLNEY, ILL.—Richland County Fair, Sept.
9 to 12, 1902. Ernst Z. Bower, secy.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—State Fair, Oct. 1—
1902. Mr. Conrad, pres.
STERLING, ILL.—Great Northwestern
Fair, Aug. 26 to 30, 1902. J. T. Williams,
pres.; J. F. Keefer, vice pres.; J. H. Law-
rence, treas.; W. S. Kilgour, secy.

IOWA.

BRITT, IA.—Hancock County Fair, Sept.
16 to 18, inclusive, 1902. John Hammill,
secy.
CLARION, IA.—Wright County Fair, Sept.
9 to 12, 1902. W. C. Brown, secy.
DES MOINES, IA.—Iowa State Fair, Aug.
22 to 30, 1902. J. C. Simpson, secy.

INDIANA.

ANGOLA, IND.—Angola District Fair, Oct.
7 to 10, 1902. C. C. Carlin, pres.; O.
Goodale, secy.
CHRISNEY, IND.—Second Annual Spencer
County Fair, Sept. 2 to 27, 1902. J. P.
Christney, secy.
COVINGTON, IND.—Fair, Sept. 16 to 19,
1902. A. T. Livengood, pres.; Pete Ost,
vice pres.; Geo. H. Mayer, treas.; Ross
De Haven, secy.
GOSHEN, IND.—Fair, Sept. 1—1902.
NEW HARMONY, IND.—Forty-fourth Po-
sey County Agricultural Society Fair,
Aug. 19 to 22, inclusive, 1902. Alfred Ri-
beyre, pres.; Geo. C. Taylor, secy.
RAMELTON, IND.—Fair, Aug. 19 to 23,
1902. Address C. S. Campbell.
TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Vigo County Fair,
Aug. 11 to 16, 1902.

KANSAS.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KAN.—Interstate Re-
union Association, Aug. 25 to 31, 1902.
J. M. Cooper, pres.; C. W. Daniels, secy.;
Chas. Collins, gen. mgr.

KENTUCKY.

MAYSVILLE, KY.—Third Annual Tobacco
Fair, Feb. 22, 1902.

MAINE.

MONROE, ME.—Waldo and Penobscot Ag-
ricultural Society Fair, Sept. 16 to 18,
inclusive, 1902. W. B. F. Twombly,
pres.; F. H. Bowden, secy.

MARYLAND.

ROCKVILLE, MD.—Agricultural Society
Fair, Sept. 2 to 5, 1902.

MASSACHUSETTS.

WAKEFIELD, MASS.—Wakefield Reading
Fair, Sept. 23 to 26, inclusive, 1902. B.
F. Cailey, Jr., asst. mgr.

MICHIGAN.

JACKSON, MICH.—County Fair, Fall of
1902.

MINNESOTA.

HAMLINE, MINN.—Great Minnesota State
Fair, Sept. 1 to 6, 1902. C. N. Cosgrave,
Le Sueur, Minn., pres.; E. W. Randall,
Hamline, Minn., secy.

NEBRASKA.

MADISON, NEB.—Madison County Agricul-
tural Society Fair, Sept. 16 to 19, 1902.
J. L. Rynearson, secy.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, N. H.—Grange State Fair, Aug.
1—1902. Chas. B. Hoyt, Sandwich, N. H.,
pres.; Warren Tripp, Epson, N. H., treas.;
J. H. Jackman, Penacook, N. H., secy.
NASHUA, N. H.—Nashua Fair, Sept. 1 to
5, inclusive, 1902.

NEW YORK.

MORAVIA, N. Y.—Cayuga County Agricul-
tural Fair, Sept. 23 to 25, inclusive, 1902.
F. B. Ryan, pres.; J. D. Helm, vce pres.;
W. R. Thomas, secy.; N. S. Black, treas.
ROCKVILLE CENTER, N. Y.—Fair, June
18 and 19, 1902. Mr. Bacon, treas.

OHIO.

BURTON, O.—Geauga County Agricultural
Society Fair, Sept. 16 to 19, inclusive, 1902.
B. F. Bliss, Newbury, pres.; L. G.
Richards, Auburn, vce pres.; H. C. Tuttle,
treas.; W. S. Ford, secy.
CARTHAGE, O.—Hamilton County Fair,
Sept. 20 to 24, inclusive, 1902.
DELAWARE, O.—Delaware County Agricul-
tural Society Fair, Sept. (third week),
1902. W. S. Pollock, secy.; Lewis Slack,
treas.
RIPLEY, O.—Fair, Aug. 19 to 22, 1902.
WELLINGTON, O.—Fair, Aug. 20 to 22,
1902. G. B. Warner, pres.; E. W. Adams,
vce pres.; W. B. Visscher, treas.; L. H.
Wadsworth, secy.

WASHINGTON C. H., O.—Fayette County
Agricultural Fair, Third week in August,
1902. Solon Loofbourough, pres.; Hum-
phrey Jones, treas.; Frank M. Kennedy,
secy.

PENNSYLVANIA.

BELLEFONTE, PA.—Center County
Fair, Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, inclusive, 1902.
Ellis L. Orvis, pres.; John M. Shugert,
treas.; John Blanchard, secy.

MONTROSE, PA.—Susquehanna County
Agricultural Society, Sept. 16 and 17,
1902. W. A. Titworth, secy.

WISCONSIN.

HORTONVILLE, WIS.—Outagamie County
Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 17 to 19,
inclusive, 1902.
JEFFERSON, WIS.—Jefferson County Fair,
Palmyra, Wis. bgk zifl bgk mfw bgk bgk
Sept. 23 to 26, inclusive, 1902. R. J.
Washburn, Palmyra, Wis., pres.; J. H.
McGowan, Fort Atkinson, Wis., vce
pres.; E. P. Klispert, treas.; O. F. Roess-
ler, secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Wisconsin State
Fair, Sept. 8 to 12, 1902.

PLYMOUTH, WIS.—Sheboygan County Ag-
ricultural Society Fair, Sept. (first week),
1902. C. M. Sibley, Waldo, Wis., general
supt.

CANADA.

TORONTO, CAN.—Canadian Fair, Sept. 1,
1902. H. J. Hill, manager.

Street Fairs and Carnivals . . .

BAY CITY, MICH.—Grand Naval Carnival,
March 10 to 15, 1902. W. H. Rice, Saginaw,
Mich., promoter.

BOONVILLE, IND.—Merchants' Free
Street Fair and Carnival, May 12 to 17,
1902. Joseph M. Hudspeth, secy. and
treas.

CINCINNATI, O.—Cincinnati Fall Festival,
Sept. 1—1902.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.—Carnival, Sept. 29
to Oct. 4, 1902. G. K. Barton, pres.

CORINTH, MISS.—Street Fair and Carni-
val, Feb. 3 to 8, 1902.

ELWOOD, IND.—Trades Carnival and Free
Street Fair, June 30 to July 5, 1902.

Warren T. McLain, mgr.; R. M. Yelvington,
secy.

HARRISBURG, PA.—Merchants' Carnival,
Jan. 29 to Feb. 8, 1902. Address Col. A.
Mayer, Grand Central Hotel, Allentown,
Pa.

HAVANA, CUBA.—Carnival, Early in
February, 1902. J. S. Berger, promoter
and mgr.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—Elks' Carnival and
Jubilee, March 17 to 22, 1902. H. L.
Leavitt, promoter; Chas. Garratt, mgr.
privileges; The H. W. Wright Co., attrac-
tions.

LAREDO, TEX.—Redmen's Celebration,
Feb. 21 to 23, 1902.

LA SALLE, ILL.—Elks' Street Fair and
Carnival, July 1 to 5, 1902. Wm. G. Sleg-
ier, secy.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—La Fiesta de Los
Flores, May 1 to 8, 1902.

MANKATO, MINN.—Street Fair, July 1 to
5, 1902. C. H. Saulsbury, mgr.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.—Elks' Street Fair
and Carnival, May 12 to 17, 1902. P. H.
Eisenmeyer, director general; Wm. Turk,
treas.; Mike Levy, secy.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Elks' Street Fair,
Feb. 17 to 22, 1902. C. W. Chamber, secy.

MARSHALLTOWN, IA.—Carnival, June
30 to July 5, 1902. E. E. Downing, pres.;
S. W. LaShelle, vice pres.; L. S. Peckham,
treas.; W. H. Evans, secy.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Elks' Street Fair
and Carnival, June 23 to 28, 1902.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Jahr Markt, Sept. 8
to 12, 1902. Charles J. Stumpf, director-

general.

MOBILE, ALA.—Mardi Gras, Feb. 10 and
11, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Mardi Gras, Feb.
11, 1902.

NORFOLK, VA.—Carnival, Feb. 10 to 22,
1902. J. Francis Miller, Mgr.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Free Street Fair,
Feb. 5 to 11, 1902. Frank M. White, pro-
moter.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—Grand Carnival and
Street Fair, March 24 to 29, 1902. Jno.
E. Wells, mgr.; H. C. Plummer, promoter
for The H. W. Wright Carnival Co.

PADUCAH, KY.—Paducah Lodge No. 217,
B. P. O. E. Street Fair, May 1—1902.

H. P. Nunn, secy.; L. A. Lagomarsino,
director general.

READING, PA.—Elks' Carnival, June 16
to 21, 1902. P. D. Lauman, chairman of
executive committee.

SACRAMENTO, CAL.—Street Fair, May
12, 1902. Albert Elkus, 9th and K sts.,
SAGINAW, MICH.—Grand Naval Carnival,
March 3 to 8, 1902. W. H. Rice, pro-
moter.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.—Saratoga
Midway and Wonderland, June 15 to Sept.
15, 1902.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Street Fair, Oct.
15 to 20, 1902.

TIPELLO, MISS.—Street Fair and Mardi
Gras, Feb. 10 to 15, 1902.

TELL CITY, IND.—Street Fair, Sept. 8 to
13, 1902. H. G. Bott, secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Elks' Carnival,
Feb. 3 to 15, 1902. Geo. A. Garner, 1000
E st. N. W., secy.

WEBSTER CITY, IA.—The Great Webster
City Carnival, June 3 to 6, inclusive,
1902. F. E. Wilson, pres.; F. W. Heron,
treas.; W. B. Hearns, secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Zion Baptist
Church National Conference, Feb. 22,
1902.

FLORIDA.

DAYTONA, FLA.—I. O. R. M. State Coun-
cil, Feb. 11, 1902. C. I. Rowton, Box 276,
Paiatka, Fla., secy.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, GA.—National Dental Associa-
tion Convention, Feb. 18 to 21, 1902. A.
H. Peck, Chelungo, Ill., secy.

ATLANTA, GA.—Y. M. C. A. State Con-
vention, Feb. 15 to 18, 1902. J. V. Read,
secy.

AUGUSTA, GA.—Eighteenth Prot. Episco-
pal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902.
Rev. Cleland W. Nelson, Atlanta, Ga.,
secy.

SAVANNAH, GA.—Knights of Fidelity
Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 11, 1902.
H. C. Brinkman, secy.

ILLINOIS.

AURORA, ILL.—State Merchants' Associa-
tion Convention, Feb. 10 to 12, 1902. J.
O. Mason, secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—State Press Association
Convention, Feb. 18 to 20, 1902. J. M.
Page, Jerseyville, Ill., secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—State Lumber Dealers'
Association Convention, Feb. 12 and 13,
1902. George W. Hotchkiss, 315 Dearborn
st., secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—National Wholesale Lum-
ber Dealers' Association, March 5 and 6.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Central and Western Car
Service Officers' Association Convention,
Feb. 28, 1902. W. E. Beecham (C. M.
& St. P. Ry.), secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—American Railway Engi-
neering and Maintenance of Way Associa-
tion Convention, March 18 to 20, 1902.

L. C. Fritch (B. & O. S. W. R. R.), secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—National Educational As-
sociation, Department Superintendents'
Convention, Feb. 25 to 27, 1902. Hon. H.
R. Glenn, Atlanta, Ga., secy.

PEORIA, ILL.—United Mine Workers' State
Convention, Feb. 20, 1902. W. R. Russell,
Springfield, Ill., secy.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—State Bottlers' Pro-
tective Association Convention, Feb. 11
and 12, 1902.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—State Farmers' Insti-
tute, Feb. 18 to 21, 1902. W. L. Frie-
ble, secy.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—State Democratic
Editors' Association Convention, Feb. 24,
1902. John W. Rapp, Springfield, Ill., secy.

INDIANA.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.—State Wool
Growers' Association Convention, Feb.
19, 1902. C. S. Plumb, Lafayette, Ind.,
secy.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—State Retail Hard-
ware Dealers' Association Convention,
Feb. 19 and 20, 1902.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—League of Ameri-
can Sportsmen, National Assembly, Feb.
12, 1902.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Sixty-fifth Prot.
Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 3,
1902. Rev. Jos. M. Francis, 1501 Central
ave., secy.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Lincoln League
State Convention, Feb. 12, 1902. Daniel
E. Storms, secy.

IOWA.

DAVENPORT, IA.—Fiftieth Prot. Episco-
pal Diocesan Convention, May 20, 1902.
Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, secy.

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KANSAS. KAN.—Populist State Convention, Feb. 21, 1902. W. J. Babb, Wichita, Kan., secy.

WASHINGTON, KAN.—Kansas M. E. Church Conference, March 12, 1902.

KENTUCKY.

HENDERSON, KY.—Seventy-fourth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 11, 1902. Rev. Thos. U. Dudley, 716 Third ave., Louisville, Ky., secy.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—State Retail Hardware Dealers' Association Convention, Feb. 10, 1902. Lewis S. Korb, secy.

PADUCAH, KY.—Y. M. C. A. State Convention, Feb. 20 to 23, 1902.

LOUISIANA.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—State Legislature Meets (60 days) May 1, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Southern Cypress Lumber and Shingle Association Convention, Feb. 15, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Knight Templars Grand Commandery Convention, Feb. 14, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—National Bankers' Association of Louisiana Convention, April 29 and 30, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—I. A. F. and A. M. Grand Lodge, Feb. 10, 1902. R. Lambert, secy.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Royal Arch Masonic Grand Chapter, Feb. 12, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Royal and Select Masters' State Assembly, Feb. 13, 1902.

MAINE.

MARSHFIELD, ME.—G. A. R. State Encampment, Feb. 13 and 14, 1902. Fred. E. Sprague, Bangor, Me., secy.

HEWICK, ME.—Maine M. E. Church Conference, April 16, 1902.

PORTLAND, ME.—American General Passenger and Ticket Agents' Association Convention, Oct. 14, 1902. A. J. Smith, Cleveland, O., secy.

PORTLAND, ME.—Eighty-third Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 22, 1902. Rev. Robert Codman, secy.

THOMASTON, ME.—Knights of Honor Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 19, 1902. A. W. Elidden, New Castle, Me., secy.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—New England Postmasters' Association Convention, Feb. 19, 1902. E. O. Winsor, Chelsea, Mass., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—Railway Telegraph Superintendents' Association Convention, June 18, 1902. P. W. Drew (Wis. Central Ry. Co.), Milwaukee, Wis., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—Eastern Maintenance of Way Association Convention, Sept. (3d week), 1902. F. C. Stowell (R. & M. R. R.), Ware, Mass., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—Woman's Relief Corps State Convention, Feb. 11 and 12, 1902. Mrs. Maria W. Going, 637 Washington St., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—I. O. O. F. Grand Encampment, Feb. 11, 1902. John U. Perkins, 515 Fremont St., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—G. A. R. State Encampment, Feb. 11 and 12, 1902. Silas A. Harton, State House, secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—One hundred and seventeenth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, April 30, 1902. Rev. Wm. Lawrence 101 Brattle St., Chicago, Ill., secy.

BROOKLINE, MASS.—New England M. E. Church Conference, April 9, 1902.

TITCHBURY, MASS.—New England Brotherhood of St. Andrew Convention, Feb. 21 to 23, 1902. Charles Hewitt Smith, 70 South Main street, Providence, R. I., secy.

HAVERHILL, MASS.—New Hampshire M. E. Church Conference, April 23, 1902.

WORCESTER, MASS.—State Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention, Feb. 19, 1902. Marcus L. Foster, secy.

MICHIGAN.

FATIGUE, CREEK, MICH.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 12, 1902. George Latshaw, Detroit, Mich., secy.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—State Retail Grocers' Association Convention, Feb. 1, 1902.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—State Gas Association Convention, Feb. 19 and 20, 1902. H. W. Douglas, Ann Arbor, Mich., secy.

MINNESOTA.

FAIRBAKES, MINN.—State Retail Grocers' and General Merchants' Association Convention, Feb. 18 to 20, 1902. F. N. Johnson, secy.

MANKATO, MINN.—Street Fair and Semi-Centennial Celebration, July 1 to 5, 1902. C. H. Saulsbaugh, mgr.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Minnesota Editorial Association Convention, Feb. 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Eight Hour Day Supreme Grand League of America Convention, Sept. 22 to 26, 1902. Cyrus Northrop, pres.; W. G. Nye, chairman; G. L. Rockwell, secy.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Western Drawing Teachers' Association Convention, May 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—State Homeopathic Society Convention, May 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Order of Eagles Convention, June 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—National Educational Association Convention, July 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—American Veterinarian Association Convention, Sept. 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—National Association of Agricultural Implement Dealers' Convention, Oct. 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Grain Dealers' National Association Convention, Oct. 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Northwestern Harness Dealers' Association Convention, Dec. 1, 1902.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—I. O. O. F. Grand Encampment, Feb. 19, 1902. S. E. Terree, 2417 Aldrich avenue, secy.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 1, 1902. A. T. Stedolis, Rochester, Minn., secy.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Degree of Honor Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 18, 1902. Frances B. Olson, 406 Minnesota Bank Bldg., secy.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—I. O. O. F. High Court Convention, Feb. 19, 1902. A. E. Reinhard, Minneapolis, Minn., secy.

MISSISSIPPI.

NATCHITOCHES, MISS.—B. P. O. E. State Reunion, Feb. 10 and 11, 1902. J. C. French, secy.

YAZOO, MISS.—Seventy-fifth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, April 22, 1902. Rev. P. G. Sears, Meridian, Miss., secy.

WINONA, MISS.—I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 27 and 28, 1902. Frederick Speed, Vicksburg, Miss., secy.

MISSOURI.

BROOKFIELD, MO.—Missouri M. E. Church Conference, March 13, 1902.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—State Intercollegiate Athletic Association Convention, May 21, 1902.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 18 to 21, 1902. Henry W. Meyer, 10 Benois Bldg., secy.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—State Press Association Convention, Feb. 6 and 7, 1902.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—63d Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 27, 1902. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, secy.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Royal Arcanum Grand Council, Feb. 18, 1902. Carl Moller, 309 Holland Bldg., secy.

MONTANA.

MISSOULA, MONT.—State Horticultural Society Convention, Feb. 18 to 21, 1902. Emma A. Ingalls, Kalspell, Mont., secy.

NEBRASKA.

LINCOLN, NEB.—State Lumber Dealers' Association Convention, Feb. 12 and 13, 1902. J. C. Cleland, Fremont, Neb., secy.

LINCOLN, NEB.—Charities and Corrections State Conference, Feb. 7, 1902. A. W. Clark, Omaha, Neb., secy.

OMAHA, NEB.—Fifty-fifth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 21, 1902. Rev. Chas. H. Young, 1702 N. 26th st., secy.

YORK, NEB.—Y. M. C. A. State Convention, Feb. 20 to 23, 1902. Chas. M. Mayne, 13th and P sts., Lincoln, Neb., secy.

NEW JERSEY.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Shield of Honor Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 13, 1902.

SALEM, N. J.—New Jersey M. E. Church Conference, March 12, 1902.

TRENTON, N. J.—I. O. O. F. Great Council, Feb. 27 and 28, 1902. D. M. Steavens, Camden, N. J., secy.

TRENTON, N. J.—118th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 13, 1902. Rev. Herbert S. Smith, Lambertville, N. J., secy.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Independent Order Free Sons of Israel Convention, Feb. 9, 1902. J. H. Goldsmith, 701 Lexington ave., secy.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Manufacturing Farmers of the United States Convention, Feb. 13 and 14, 1902. James E. Davis, 114 Lafayette ave., Detroit, Mich., secy.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—United States Golf Association Convention, Feb. 27, 1902. Robt. H. Kort, secy.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—American Boxing Association Convention, Feb. 7, 1902.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Patrons of Husbandry State Grange Convention, Feb. 4 to 7, 1902. Robert M. Elgin, Houston, Tex., secy.

NORTH CAROLINA.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Tri-State Medical Association Convention, Feb. 25 to 27, 1902. Dr. H. H. Royster, Raleigh, N. C., secy.

OXFORD, N. C.—88th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 11, 1902. Rev. Julian F. Ingle, Henderson, N. C., secy.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—I. O. U. A. M. State Council, Feb. 18, 1902. P. S. Preston, Box 275, Salem, N. C., secy.

NORTH DAKOTA.

FARGO, N. D.—State Retail Hardware Association Convention, Feb. 19 and 20, 1902. C. N. Barnes, Grand Forks, N. D., secy.

Northwood, N. D.—United Templars of Temperance, State Society Convention, Feb. 1, 1902. S. Burke, secy.

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, O.—Turners' Convention, June 1, 1902.

CLEVELAND, O.—Associated Bill Posters and Distributors of the United States and Canada, Second Tuesday in March, 1902. Charles Bryan, pres.

CLEVELAND, O.—Union Marine Cooks' National Convention, Feb. 1, 1902.

CLEVELAND, O.—American Local Freight Agents' Association Convention, June 13, 1902. James Anderson, Omaha, Neb., secy.

CLEVELAND, O.—State Master Plumbers' Association Convention, Feb. 1, 1902. Ed Ellen, 950 Central ave., secy.

CLEVELAND, O.—National Brickmakers' Association of America Convention, Feb. 10 to 15, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—Buckeye Press Association Convention, Feb. 6, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—State Dairy Association Convention, Feb. 5 to 7, 1902. L. P. Ballay, Tacoma, O., secy.

COLUMBUS, O.—State County Commissioners' Association Convention, Feb. 11 to 13, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—American Veterinarian Association Convention, Sept. 1, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—National Association of Agricultural Implement Dealers' Convention, Oct. 1, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—Grain Dealers' National Association Convention, Oct. 1, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—Northwestern Harness Dealers' Association Convention, Dec. 1, 1902.

COLUMBUS, O.—I. O. O. F. Grand Encampment, Feb. 19, 1902. S. E. Terree, 2417 Aldrich avenue, secy.

OREGON.

PORLAND, ORE.—American General Baggage Agents' Association Convention, May 14, 1902. J. E. Quirk, Toronto, Ont., Canada, secy.

PORLAND, ORE.—Jr. O. U. A. M. State Council, Feb. 18, 1902. Geo. F. Bodman, 148 E. 15th street, secy.

PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, PA.—State School Directors' Association Convention, Feb. 1, 1902. H. H. Rice, 5312 Thompson st., Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—City and Burrough Superintendents' State Convention, Feb. 1, 1902. J. M. Berkley, secy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Sons of Veterans' Death Benefit Association Convention, Feb. 22, 1902. J. W. F. Shannon, 4055 Girard avenue, secy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—American Railway Accounting Officers' Association Convention, May 28, 1902. C. G. Phillips, 79 Dearborn st., Chicago, Ill., secy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—118th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, April 29, 1902. Rev. Henr. M. G. Huff, 112th and Walnut sts., secy.

PITTSBURG, PA.—State Letter Carriers' Association Convention, Feb. 22, 1902. J. W. Anderson, secy.

PITTSBURG, PA.—Train Dispatchers' Association of America Convention, June 17, 1902. J. F. Mackie, 7042 Stewart ave., Chicago, Ill., secy.

PITTSBURG, PA.—National Master House Painters' and Decorators' Association Convention, Feb. 11 to 13, 1902. Wm. E. Wall, Somerville, Mass., secy.

WARREN, PA.—Y. M. C. A. State Convention, Feb. 22 and 23, 1902.

YORK, PA.—Interstate Traveling Men's Club Convention, Feb. 21, 1902.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—P. S. C. E. State Convention, Feb. 20 to 22, 1902. Frank O. Bishop, secy.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 11, 1902. Wm. A. Wilson, secy.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—State Retail Lumber Dealers' Association Convention, Feb. 8, 1902. W. L. Lansing, secy.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—112th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 20, 1902. Rev. S. H. Webb, 21 Adelaide ave., secy.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—National Railroad Commissioners' Convention, Feb. 11, 1902. E. A. Moseley, 1113 16th st., N. W., Washington, D. C., secy.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—National Good Roads Association Convention, Feb. 3 to 10, 1902.

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—112th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. James G. Glass, Summerville, S. C., secy.

TEXAS.

DALLAS, TEX.—Texas Reunion Association Convention, April 22 to 25, 1902. Col. C. C. Slaughter, pres.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—National Railway Live Stock Agents' Convention, March 10, 1902.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Cattle Raisers' Association Convention, March 13 and 14, 1902.

WACO, TEX.—53d Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 7, 1902. Robert M. Elgin, Houston, Tex., secy.

VERMONT.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.—112th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 18, 1902. Rev. J. O. Davis, Chester, Vt., secy.

BURLINGTON, VT.—State Maple Sugar Growers' Association Convention, Feb. 5 and 6, 1902. M. D. McMehlin, secy.

VIRGINIA.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—107th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. Everard Meade, Acotink, Va., secy.

RICHMOND, VA.—Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Convention, Feb. 18, 1902. W. A. Edwards, Norfolk, Va., secy.

STAUNTON, VA.—Y. M. C. A. State Convention, Feb. 20 to 23, 1902. L. A. Confer, 1112 E. Main st., Richmond, Va., secy.

WATERFORD, VA.—Virginia M. E. Church Conference, March 13, 1902.

WISCONSIN.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—State Grocers' Association Convention, Feb. 18 to 20, 1902.

MADISON, WIS.—State Horticultural Association Convention, Feb. 8 to 9, 1902. J. L. Herbert, Sparta, Wis., secy.

MENOMINEE, WIS.—State Dairymen's Association Convention, Feb. 12 to 16, 1902. G. W. Borchard, Fort Atkinson, Wis., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—International Car Accountants' and Car Service Officers' Association Convention, June 1, 1902. L. G. Corcoran, Buffalo, N. Y., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Western Packers' Association Convention, Feb. 14, 1902. Ira S. Whitmer, Bloomington, Ill., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Wisconsin State Fair, Sept. 8 to 12, 1902.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—National Canning & Machinery Supplies Association Convention, Feb. 10 to 15, 1902. John T. Staff, Terra Haute, Ind., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Royal and Select Masters' Grand Council, Feb. 18, 1902. W. W. Perry, secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Royal Arch Masons Grand Chapter, Feb. 1, 1902. W. W. Perry, 446 Jefferson st., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Order Eastern Star, Grand Chapter Convention, Feb. 19, 1902. Mrs. Bell W. Bliss, Baraboo, Wis., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—United States Canoeers' Association Convention, Feb. 10 to 15, 1902.

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BENCH SHOWS.

ATHENS, ALA.—Bench Show. Feb. 1, 1902.
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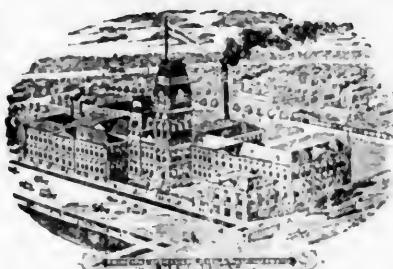


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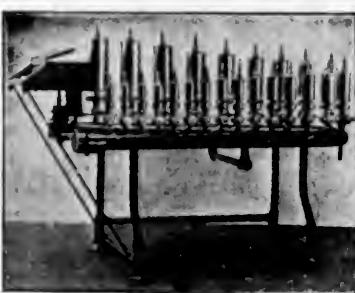
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