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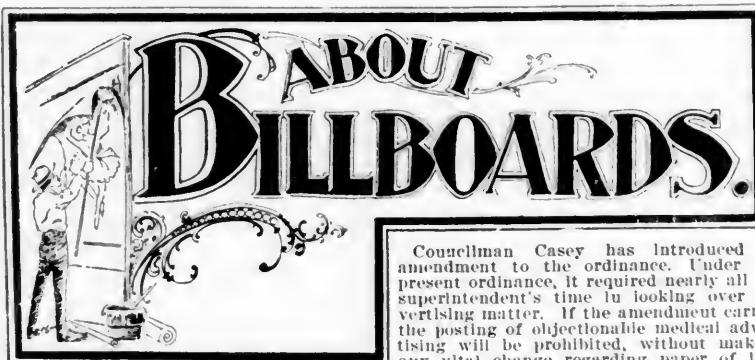
CINCINNATI, SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1902.

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MISS MAUDE ELLIOTT.

The Only Woman Manager of a Theatrical Exchange in America, a
Hustler and an Artiste.



KENTUCKIANS TO ORGANIZE.

Blue Grass Bill Posters Form a State Organization.

Kentucky bill posters met at Covington, Feb. 24, and organized a State association. Mr. Clarence E. Rooney, the solicitor of the National Association, affected the organization. The attendance was large, and the following officers were elected: President, Oliver P. Fairchild, of Covington; vice president, Joe Eyrich, of Paducah; secretary, James L. Lambert, of Henderson; treasurer, J. H. Otting, of Newport; executive committee, J. G. Burch, of Owensboro, and J. H. Whalen, of Louisville.

The association will hold another meeting in Louisville on May 1.

POSTED MATTER.

Bill Introduced in New York Legislature Providing for a Tax.

The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society has submitted a bill to the New York Legislature, which imposes a tax on all posted advertisement, excepting those displayed where the business advertised is conducted, or those required by law. The rate fixed by the bill is a cent for every two square feet of posters, there being no limit to the size of the signs that may be exposed. The proposed law is similar to French and Belgian laws on the subject, though it is not nearly so strict, because the rates are much lower than those imposed by the two foreign countries. The bill, in protection of the advertiser, imposes a fine of \$5 on any person who destroys or defaces a stamped poster or sign.

The general purpose of the bill is to place a mild restriction on the display of advertising signs. It is believed that the bill has a fair chance to become a law. If it passes the effect of the legislation will certainly be observed everywhere in this country with a great deal of interest.

Those responsible for the bill were encouraged to frame it by a decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, which in its disposal of a test case established the principle that a city may by ordinance limit the size of posted advertisements.

BILL BOARDS

Receive Unmerciful Roast from a Connecticut Schoolmaster.

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 25.—This little town to-day is in the throes of a moral crusade. Principal Newton Hobart, of the public school, has come out in a bitter statement against the posting of paper for shows. Some days ago "The World Beaters" appeared at the local opera house. Their coming was heralded by the usual posters. When Hobart beheld the pictures, he had a moral fit. He rushed to a newspaper office and wrote a long article, severely condemning the erection of "such by declaring that all plays ought to be damnable contaminating stuff," ending it barred from the town. The women and churches of the town are upholding Prof. Hobart, but the bold, bad men are not. They refuse to say anything, but a full house greeted "The World Beaters."

So much agitation has been stirred up that investigations have spread to other kinds of bill board advertising. A firm advertising undressed kid gloves has been warned to reform or get off the boards. Mr. Hobart is so shocked that he has rescinded an order for plans for a house he intended erecting here.

ALL POSTERS

Must Be Approved by Superintendent of Police.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 25.—Some time ago an ordinance was adopted providing that show bills of all kinds should be approved and stamped by the Superintendent of Police before being posted in this city, and a penalty was provided for all violations of the law.

The intent of the ordinance was to prevent the placarding of immoral or suggestive lithographs in public places, but the letter of the law was so sweeping that everything from the gaudy litho of a burlesque show to the severely chaste announcement of a Sabbath school oyster supper was included, and, as a result, the superintendent's office was spread with all kinds of advertising matter from one end of the day to the other, and he had little time for any other duties.

Councilman Casey has introduced an amendment to the ordinance. Under the present ordinance, it required nearly all the superintendent's time to looking over advertising matter. If the amendment carries, the posting of objectionable medical advertising will be prohibited, without making any vital change regarding paper of burlesque or other shows.

NO INTERFERENCE

Will Be Offered by Police with Toledo Bill Posters.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Some days ago, property owners on Dorr street filed a complaint with the police board against the ninety-foot bill board erected on that street by Bryan & Co.

The police board, however, declined to interfere, doubtless remembering an experience in a similar case, when they were enjoined from ordering the destruction of a bill board. The injunction still holds good.



O. P. FAIRCHILD,

Of Covington, recently elected President of Kentucky Billposters.

and under it Bryan & Co. are going merrily on with the work of erecting boards.

In order, however, to make a showing of some kind, it was moved that the secretary of the board be authorized to write Bryan & Co., asking them to remedy any defects in the board and put it in a condition to prevent it becoming a nuisance. This was seconded and was carried. Mr. Bryan some time ago sent the board a communication, saying he would do anything in his power to remedy any faults in the construction of his advertising signs, and as he had shown a disposition to be fair, the board apparently concluded this the best way out of the muddle.

STRONG ORGANIZATION

Effected by Pacific Coast Bill Posters at Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24.—Members of the Pacific Coast Bill Posters' Association held their annual convention to-day in Forestier's Hall, Second and Yamhill streets, and elected delegates to the National Convention of Bill Posters.

There are about three hundred bill posters in the district, and of these about seventy were present.

The district covers the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico. Among those present at roll call were: A. C. Harnols, Butte, Mont.; A. C. Elliott, Lewiston, Idaho; George H. Lennox, Coiffax, Wash.; Len D. Owens, San Francisco, Cal.; B. G. Spaulding, Boise City, Idaho; Van I. Dornstiel, Independence, Ore.; George E. Day, Salem, Ore.; A. B. Jewett, New Whatcom, Wash.; W. F. Foster, Seattle, Wash.; J. M. Murphy, Olympia, Wash.; Walter Ross, Eugene, Wash.; George F. Bangasser, McMinnville, Ore.; W. H. Warner, Albany, Ore.; George E. Baker, Baker City, Ore.; W. L. L. Lee, Santa Rosa, Cal.; John Williams, Portland, Ore., and W. A. Coswell.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. L. Lee; vice president, John Williams; secretary, R. G. Spaulding; treasurer, W. A. Coswell.

Delegates elected to the National Convention were: W. T. Foster and R. G. Spaulding.

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The Bill Posters' Association is organized for the purpose of securing business, and but one man in each town is permitted to join. In most towns, however, there is but a single bill posting plant, and, therefore, contests for membership by rival concerns are infrequent.

DAUBS.

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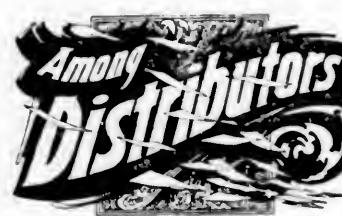
The council of Marysville, Mo., has passed an ordinance, reducing the annual license on bill posters from \$100 to \$50.

The bill introduced in the Iowa Legislature by Assembliesman Laudon, imposing a tax of one-half cent a square foot on advertising signs, seems in a fair way to become a law.

Charles E. Taylor, manager of the High Rollers, was elected a member of the Bill Posters' Protective Union No. 8,570, A. F. of L., at Indianapolis. Mr. Taylor enjoys the distinction of being the only advance agent in burlesque to belong to that union.

The City Bill Posting Company, of St. Louis, is one of the rapid-growing concern of the West. Although only six months old, it is incorporated for \$25,000. Mr. J. W. Ries is general manager; F. W. Ries, vice president and superintendent, and Mr. Jacob Simon, secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. L. Whalen is the contracting representative, and the entire force is composed of experienced and reliable men.

The following officers have been elected by the Indianapolis Billers' Protective Union No. 8,870: Patsey E. Brown, president; John Cole, vice president; Ben Vining, financial secretary; George Griffith, recording secretary; E. E. Earl, treasurer; J. F. Miller, inner guard; E. Butler, outer guard; Ralph Wishard, business agent. Chas. E. Taylor, agent of "The High Rollers" company, joined the Billers' Union while in Indianapolis.



CHEAP ADVERTISERS.

And How They Get "In Bad" A Californian's Opinion.

A talk I had the other day with the representative of a large patent medicine firm induces me to make a few remarks upon distributing advertising. He alleges that his firm had no end of trouble with unreliable distributors; that in very many cases fraud was practiced upon the medicine companies, and that he spent much of his time on the road in the interest of his company, hunting for men in the distributing business who had character to preserve and whose word he could believe.

This gentleman and his company are the architects of their own misfortune; they pay so little for the laborious work of honest distribution that only two classes of men accept the work or bid for it: one class, in California, is the remittance man—the individual who receives from abroad a certain amount per annum and adds to it by sundry embezzlements. This class includes the aged pensioner, the bank porter or building janitor, who each and all have other revenue, for no man can engage in the peculiar business of distribution, receive the low rates paid, and live. The other class is the indigent, the victims of necessity, the dollar-a-day man, who will agree to anything; who, if it were reasonable, would agree to half the insignificant price paid. To these two classes go the pitt manufacturers, for no other persons can afford to give up regular employment at a dollar and a half a day for this ill-paid and occasional work.

Two men laboring earnestly and honestly, can distribute two thousand pamphlets to two thousand porches of private residences in one day; the further out in the suburbs of the city the toller proceed, the less number per day can be distributed, for the houses are more distant from each other. The average is one hundred pamphlets to the mile. The agent receives the order from the medicine manufacturing company, and signs the contract. In due time half a dozen bags full of advertising matter are dumped by the expressman in front of his office. Supposing he receives two dollars per thousand—the very highest price paid—he takes two cheap men at a dollar a day each, and proceeds with them to the streets, up and down he wanders all day, twenty miles, until the two thousand are distributed, for he has engaged to see the work done, and must honestly do so. Two thousand booklets, the common form of medical advertising, will require a wagon to convey them as they gradually taken by the men to be distributed. This costs the agent a dollar and a half a day. With very limited figuring, we discover that the enterprising agent receives four dollars a day and pays out three and a half. If he employs only one man, and himself takes the place of the other, he is rewarded by the magnificent sum of a dollar and half per day for his honesty and industry and his responsibility; but in thus laboring he must omit supervision of the other man to some extent.

JOHNNY RAY,
of "A Hot Old Time," says Bingaman & Co., diamond importers, Sixth and Vine, Cincinnati, enter to the profession, and beat anything in America for bargains in diamonds.

It is this bonanza that remittance men, bank porters and building janitors, as well as the unscrupulous nondescript, strive for when they appear before the representative of some patent medicine company or concern to contest for membership by rival concerns are infrequent.

It may be safely deduced, therefore, that the only safe man to employ at this wretched stand is the remittance man; he is independent to some extent and glad to make an extra dollar by employing others in this unskilled, inferior and laborious toil for placing advertising on porches, and is not averse to circulating in the bairn eliminate for hygiene reasons as well.

One medicine firm in Wisconsin, not satisfied with this remunerative proposition—honest and thorough advertising—asks agents to sign contracts at \$1.50 per 1,000 to place their advertising under doors. This requires much extra labor; a man, amid the curses of women residents, may haphazard place 500 a day under doors, but only the lowest and most hopeless of our fellow citizens will be found willing to submit to the blackguarding he receives from the women of the house for intruding up her steps and jabbing advertising under her door. No respectable agent will agree to distribute advertising in this way on account of the annoyance to householders this form of enterprise causes.

The consequence of this natural human desire for gain, as illustrated in this employment, is to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. It is also found such fraud as the agent of this medicine company spoke of when he assured me that most of his time was spent in correcting frauds perpetrated by distributing agents. Most of these men must resort to fraud to make a profit. As irresponsible individuals, they have bid a low rate for the work, and under the pressure of necessity—for they must live—they destroy a large amount of the advertising. Unaware of this fact, the company employing them dreams that the work has been done according to the specifications, unless the resulting business is startling in its insignificance, for some value has always been rendered. But the honest distributor, at the living rate of \$2 per thousand, fails to get the contract, whereas the unscrupulous know at \$1.50 has obtained it. So numerous have these frauds become, owing to the wretched prices paid for this unskilled labor, that one medicine firm in Philadelphia now mails its thousands of pamphlets, preferring to pay \$10 a thousand to the United States Government to have work thoroughly and honestly done, rather than pay the small price usual to a low class of citizens for the labor of distribution. Perhaps the difference is not so great in expense when we consider that it thus avoids the freight charges of these bales of advertising across the continent.

Summing up the entire proposition, it may be truly alleged that the best way to advertise is by the United States mails at \$10 per thousand; the next, to pay some reputable, long experienced and reliable distributing agency \$2 per thousand. Preferably and, according to what I have said, necessarily—this agency should be conducted by a "remittance man," who lives like the fly of the valley, without toil, and who personally superintends the inferior help employed. A bad way is to send out two cheap men from some employment office, virtually without scrup or integrity; a worse way is to send out a small boy in each direction to perform the tiresome, strength-requiring labor of distributing advertising matter to porches of residences; but the very worst way is to send out two small boys in each direction, for a moderately careful study of the human race invariably proves that two small boys going together invariably have a good time. And yet in all these there is a compensating element that may be recognized by the reader of this article, and to which we have already referred, although perhaps totally absent from the business of the employing corporation after the distribution of the advertising has been performed.

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Los Angeles, Cal.

DISTRIBUTORS' NOTES.

Some of the best advertisers in Indianapolis are the mortgage and loan companies. They average about \$5,000 every month.

The distributors in Indianapolis are cutting one another's throat in the mad rush for business. They are simply killing the business in taking work for such prices that they can do no good work. Some of them have made prepositions to local merchants that they will fold circulars and stuff envelopes and distribute at as low a figure as \$1.25 per thousand. They are also telling the local merchants that each one of their men can get out 1,500 pieces a day. This is an outrage, and the practice ought to be stopped, as no man can get out that number of pieces a day and do his work honestly. Work is taken here as low as 75 cents per thousand.



A GOOD EXAMPLE

Of What Liberal Advertising Will Do for a City.

(St. Louis Republic.)

Firms that have been formed in St. Louis or have established branches here since the latter part of last year:

Thomas G. Plant Shoe Company, of Boston, Branch house at No. 510 Washington avenue.

Sattley Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, Ill., Branch house at No. 314 Main street.

Hayner Distilling Company, of Dayton, O., Branch house at No. 205 South Seventh street.

Walter A. Zerlunger Rubber Company have begun business at Fourth and Loenst streets.

The Columbus Buggy Company, of Columbus, O., Branch house at Nineteenth and Olive streets.

Brackwell-Wielandy Book and Stationery Company has begun business at Eighth and Washington avenue.

Since the latter part of last year four branch houses have been located in St. Louis and two important new companies began business. The advertising done by the World's Fair management has been largely responsible for this.

Since the first of January great activity has characterized the commercial interests of St. Louis in nearly every line. Sales have been heavy and merchants' associations report that this year will prove a banner year in sales.

Bank clearings have been large and conditions prosperous. During the last year wholesale dry goods houses sold \$30,000,000 worth of goods, and since January 1 four leading Washington avenue houses have sold about \$5,000,000.

With the beginning of March the buyers from all over the country, and even from Cuba, will begin to arrive. As St. Louis is more centrally located than most of the large cities, it is considered one of the best locations for a commercial enterprise.

NOVELTY ADVERTISING.

A Branch of Publicity that is Growing Rapidly in Favor.

Novelty advertising or street advertising, sometimes called freak advertising, has come to be a business, from which many are now making a great success. Some six years ago there were but few in the business. To day there are at least twenty five professional advertisers touring the United States. There are four teams—man and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rankin, the original team, who made the Jackson Square cigar famous; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Purkens, who have just closed six months with the Detroit Cough Drop Company, of Washington, D. C., on a Southern tour; Mr. and Mrs. Bussey, who mostly work theatrical companies. These three teams—all "De Rabes"—Mr. and Mrs. Purkens doing old couple, and the other two doing young couples. Then Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sutton, who are at present touring the East for a large tea firm, have a very clever ad, made up as two Japs. Mr. Sutton pulling his wife in an imported Jurlekska, and have a six months' contract for the East. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have a year's contract with the Universal Tobacco Company to cover the entire United States, with Mr. Rankin's new invention—the horsemobile. Mr. and Mrs. Purkens have a couple of offers from two of the largest circuses, to work three days ahead for the season and work opposition, as street work is much stronger than the old perambulator, and then go to the coast next fall, as no team has ever been to the coast.

The single ones are Selbert and Mack, who do Old Man Rube and Silly Kid. Mack being 3 feet 4 inches makes quite an attractive ad. Bennett, the champion stilts walker for height, walking 7 foot stilts. He has been with the Pathfinder Club for two years. Gus Ryan, who does a very clever bicycle act in the street, and does mostly commercial work. Rube Russell has a season's contract in New York, working for the New York Theater. Ed. Bussey, who is 7 feet 1 inch, is with Wilmurt, advertising their book, "Daddy Long Legs," in a very odd costume. Oscar Carre, the Park Babe, is over home in Bremen, Germany, doing his Dutch Rube. Chas. Golien is working Boston, doing his English swell red window posing as an automaton figure. The Ferkey Brothers are doing the Dutch twins for a candy firm at present, and Jack McFatty is doing a swell road for local firms in Pittsburgh. Harry English is working a clown ad, with his trick dog.

and Clyde Powers, who has been with Boston for five years, is working for local firms, and does the Silly Kid with his trained goose "Dibik," and trained pig "Phoebe."

Buffalo is the only city that can not be worked, and in Boston you can not walk with an ad. Most of the business men have come to the conclusion that a 3-sheet is better than a 1 sheet, and that a good street ad. is better than a bum one; so that's the reason that there are a few good advertisers who work it with a system and are making a success.

RALPH PURKENS.

ADVERTISING TIPS.

Every little helps especially in advertising.

Make your ads reliable. Reliability in advertising is a sure indication of reliability in dealing.

Book advertising in January and February, 1902, was the largest ever known in a similar period.

M. Witmark & Sons, of New York, are giving extensive publicity to their latest musical publication.

Mr. W. J. Barbour, the well-known advertising agent, is to get out a pamphlet advertising Tuscaloosa, Fla.

At Augusta, Me., articles of incorporation were filed by the Commercial-Financial Press Company, a new advertising concern, with \$100,000 capitalization.

A body of Worcester (Mass.) women have combined to fight against all periodicals or dailies carrying certain medical advertisements. Any such journal is boycotted.

H. P. Townley, of Terre Haute, Ind., addressed the Retail Hardware Dealers' Association at Indianapolis, Feb. 23, on "Up-to-date Hardware Advertising." He sanctioned all methods of publicity.

A contractor for an advertisement in a Chicago newspaper, which has run continuously for ten years, two months and twenty-one days, was terminated recently only because the advertiser wished to make a new contract for both daily and Sunday. During the term of the contract the only change made in the wording of the ad. was when the place of business was moved.

This is an advertisement for a Norfolk Va. Church, which appeared recently in a paper of that city:

"FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!"

HELL! HELL! HELL!

The Gates of Hell, the Gates of Heaven, Norfolk Saloons, Gambling, Parlor Wine Parties, Bawdy Houses, SASSIETY.

These and other subjects are discussed nightly by

REV. MR. BOYLES,
In the revival at
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Church street and Princess Ann avenue.

A GLORIOUS REVIVAL.

is on, that is stirring the city. Come and bring your friends. Souls are being saved in every service. The meetings continue every night this week and next week."

And they say the church was crowded.



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N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bell Show Print, Slocum, Ia.

Calvert Litho. Co., Detroit, Mich.

Central City Show Print. Co., Jackson

Mich.

Centrall Litho. Co., 140 Monroe st., Chicago.

Donaldson Litho. Co., Newport, Ky.

Enterprise Show Print, Cleveland, O.

Enquirer Job Print. Co., Cincinnati, O.

Erle Show Printing Co., Erle, Pa.

Great American Engraving & Print. Co., 57

Beekman, N. Y.

Great W. Print. Co., 511 Market, St. Louis.

Greve Litho. Co., The Milwaukee Wts.

Haber, P. B., Fond du Lac, Wis.

Hennegan & Co., 127 E. 8th, Cincinnati, O.

Sam W. Hoke, 255 5th ave., New York.

Standard Embossing Co., 1358 Broadway

New York, N. Y.

Home Show Printing Co., Atchison, Kan.

Morrison Show Print. Co., Detroit, Mich.

Penn Print. & Pub. Co., 605 Sansom st.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Pioneer Print. Co., 214 Jefferson, Seattle,

Wash.

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

Russell & Morgan Show Print. Co., Cincinnati, O.

Clarence E. Rooney, 127 E. 8th st., Cincinnati, O.

WEEKLY LIST OF BILL POSTERS.

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ALABAMA.

Troy—Josh Copeland.

ARKANSAS.

Jonway—J. F. Clark, Box 92.
Springdale—Hilt Sanders Co.

IDAHO.

Pocatello—Geo. Dash, Box 272.

ILLINOIS.

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

INDIANA.

Michigan City—J. L. Weber & Co.
Winamac—E. O. Burroughs.

IOWA.

Iles Molnes—W. W. Moore licensed list
Atchison—City Bill Posting Co.

KANSAS.

Parsons—George Churchill.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis—Gibbons Bill Posting Co.

MISSISSIPPI.

Toccoa City—H. C. Henley.

MONTANA.

Gillings—A. L. Babcock.

NEBRASKA.

Hastings—M. Irwin.

NEW YORK.

New York City—New York Bill Posting Co.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Statesville—Rowland Advertising Co.

OHIO.

Middlebury—Anthony H. Walburg.

St. Mary's—F. F. Aschbacher.

Asheville—Wm. D. Schultz.

PENNSYLVANIA.

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

TEXAS.

Carthage—A. Burton.

Jainesville—Paul Gallia, C. P. B. and Dist. Co.

Tookum—C. C. Tribble.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City—Grand Bill Posting Co.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Bluefield—H. L. Shott.

WISCONSIN.

Prairie-du-Chien—F. A. Campbell.

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ARKANSAS.

Conway—J. F. Clark, Box 92.

CALIFORNIA.

Eureka—W. H. Mathews, 636 2d st.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago—John A. Clough, 42 River st.

East St. Louis—H. H. Deemar.

Gainesville—H. Hulen B. P. & Dist. Co.

Peoria—Auditorium Bill Posting Co.

INDIANA.

Huntington—Benjamin Miles, 8 Everett st.

Indianapolis—Van Syckle 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. & H.

MISSOURI.

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

NEBRASKA.

Hastings—M. M. Irwin.

Schnyler—Ras & Bolman.

NEW YORK.

New York—New York B. P. Co.

Ogdensburg—E. M. Bracy.

Oswego—F. E. Monroe.

Schenectady—Chas. H. Benedict, 121 Jay st.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Charlotte—Rowland Advertising Co.

OHIO.

Columbus—S. A. Hyde, 2136 Eugenia st.

Fostoria—W. C. Tiffitt & Co., 116 W. Tiffitt 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.

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

CANADA.

A. F. Morris, manager, Hastings st., Vancouver, B. C.

Montreal—C. J. T. Thomas, Box 3129.

TOO MANY RETURNS

From an Advertisement in the Billboard for the Itacolomite Company to handle.

Vade Mecum, N. C.,
February 22, 1902.

Editor of "The Bill Board," Cincinnati, O.:

Dear Sir—To say the "Bill Board" is a good advertising medium is too modest. "The Bill Board" is simply a wonder. We have sold more itacolomite during the four weeks our advertisement has run in your valuable paper than we anticipated to sell in six months. In fact, we have shipped itacolomite to most all the States and Canada, and we are compelled to discontinue our present ad. for one or two weeks, but will keep our space in use with enclosed ad., as it is absolutely impossible to get out itacolomite or flexible sand stone during the cold and freezing weather, as this stone is very porous, and can't be quarried.

Yours respectfully,
ITACOLOMITE MFG. CO.

PARK NOTES.

Clark Brown will likely again manage Suburban Park, St. Louis.

The amphitheater stage at Paxtang Park, Harrisburg, Pa., will be enlarged.

Ed. S. and Newt. Bronson will manage the new amphitheater at Belle Isle Park, Toledo, O.

Brands' Band will be one of the organizations to be heard at the Cincinnati Zoo this season.</



MANAGER BEHMAN DEAD.

Well Known Theatrical Magnate Succumbs to Heart Failure.

New York, Feb. 28.—Mr. L. C. Behman, the junior member of the firm of Hyde & Behman, theatrical managers, died here to day of heart failure. His death was very sudden, as he had been in his usual good health of late. He was 47 years of age.

Manager Behman's connection with the theatrical enterprises was well known, having been in the business for twenty-five years during which period he amassed a fortune. His first venture with Mr. Hyde was in the management of theaters in Baltimore and Philadelphia. The firm controlled ten theaters in Brooklyn, and had various interests elsewhere. Mr. Behman also was manager of the Four Cohans, in "The Governor's Son," and his demise will probably put an end to the proposed theater in New York for the Cohans during their New York engagement.

ONCE MORE

Death Invades Minstrelsy's Ranks, Claiming "Billy" Rice.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 1. The grim monster to-day claimed that popular old minstrel, "Billy" Rice, for its own, "Dropsy" was the cause of death. For forty-two years Rice was a minstrel, and made big money, but spent it as he got it, resulting in his being penniless at death. There were few playhouses in the country where Rice had not shown, and few people there are who have not either seen or heard of him. He was a whole-souled, gentle man—a "good fellow" in the true meaning of the term.

For a long time "Billy" knew his earthly career was rapidly nearing the end, but to the last he retained his jovial manner, and just before life's curtain rang down, he said: "Tell my friends I am going away back, and they'll find me on the end seat."

MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION

Will Not Give Printing to Lithographers Interested in Shows.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Managers' Association met yesterday in the office of Gus Hill, and by a unanimous vote decided that in the future they would have no printing done by any lithographing concern directly or indirectly interested in or leading plays or road shows, or connected in any way with the theatrical business.

There has been a great deal of feeling in this matter, and the result of the managers' action will be awaited with interest, as it is considered that any show acting contrary to the decision will find it a hard matter to get time. Klaw & Erlanger and Stair will not recognize the theatrically interested lithographers, and shows using their printing are barred from their houses.

DEATH BLOW TO "SPECS."

New York Ticket Sharks Told to "Go Way Back."

New York, March 3.—There can be no further speculation in theater tickets in New York, under a decision rendered last Tuesday by Judge Scott, of the Supreme Court. The crusade of the press for the protection of patrons of places of amusement resulted in an appeal to the law by a ticket speculator, who was of the impression that through his license he was entitled to assist in blocking the sidewalks and to hawk his wares in front of any theater where seats were in demand.

The legal proceedings were brought by William H. Collister against Al Hayman of the Kilkenny Theater, who had been especially active in attempting to protect theatergoers from the speculators, and who had put out signs announcing that tickets purchased on the sidewalk would not be accepted inside. Mr. Hayman retained A. H. Hammel to defend him, and brought proof to deny the allegation that he derived any additional benefit through the sale of some of the choicest reserved seats at an advanced price at the hotel news stands.

Mr. Hammel argued the case before Judge Scott, insisting that the tickets sold in the box office were merely a personal license to the purchaser, subject to any conditions made by the manager. He said the speculators had obstructed passage in the public streets, and had become a nuisance. They flock in droves about all theatrical successes, insisting upon having a right to go

to see possible customers. Mr. Hayman had taken a bold stand against them, going to the expense of hiring detectives to stand by the speculators, and to warn all who seemed liable to patronize them, that the tickets would not be received. Judge Scott took sides with the managers, saying in his decision:

"The plaintiff, a licensed dealer in theater tickets, seeks by injunction to prevent the defendants, who are managers of a theater, from refusing to accept tickets sold on the sidewalk, and from warning the public, by means of signs and personal notification, that tickets so sold will be refused. The weight of authorities seem to support the defendants' contention that a theater ticket is a personal license to the individual to whom it is sold, and consequently is not transferable or assignable without the consent of the licensee. In Pennsylvania it has been held that a ticket for a reserved seat in a theater is in the nature of a lease, entitling the holder to the exclusive possession of the designated seat during the performance. Even if this view were to be adopted, it would not follow that the ticket and the rights attaching to it could be transferred by the purchaser without the consent of the issuer, for it is well settled that a provision in a lease forbidding its assignment without the consent of the lessor is enforceable. The so-called Civil Rights act, chapter 1,042, laws 1895, does not affect the question here presented. It merely forbids discrimination between classes of citizens. It does not appear that the defendants discriminate against any one. Their refusal to accept tickets sold upon the sidewalk applies with equal force to all. Motion denied, with \$10 costs."

This opinion was received with enthusiasm by theatrical managers in general.

KELLY MAY SUE.

Miss Graham's Manager Threatens to Go After Rose Melville.

Frank Kelly, of Cincinnati, the well-known manager, who put on "A Pair of Jacks" and other plays, may make some trouble for Rose Melville, the popular "Sis Hopkins" star. Kelly is now manager of Miss Carrie Graham, who appeared at the Columbia Theater, Cincinnati, last week, presenting a "Sis Hopkins" sketch, portraying the character of an illiterate Arkansas country girl. Miss Graham, who originated the sketch, owns the copyright. Rose Melville has been putting it on in a show of the same name for a number of years, and has met with tremendous success everywhere, the earnings amounting to thousands of dollars.

Last week Kelly received a letter from John R. Stirling, Miss Melville's manager asking if the copyright covered anything other than the sketch. This letter is construed by Kelly to be an acknowledgment of Miss Graham's exclusive right to produce the sketch, and if a denial is made Kelly claims to have proofs at hand to verify his contentions. Now he is urging Miss Graham to sue for the royalties. If such a course is taken, and she should be successful in the litigation, Kelly's star will become possessed of a fortune.

Miss Graham is an Arkansas girl, and claims to have conceived the idea of the sketch from personal observations of a number of her girl neighbors. Developments in the matter will be awaited with interest, not only because of the money involved, but because of the prominence of the principals, who are both women of recognized ability.

EMPIRE CIRCUIT

To Hold a Meeting in Cleveland to Ratify the Wheel Scheme.

Cleveland, O., March 6.—The directors of the Empire circuit of vaudeville houses, of which Col. Butler, of St. Louis, is president, and James E. Fennessy, of Cincinnati, secretary, will go into a meeting here tomorrow. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place in St. Louis, but on account of the wheel scheme it was found necessary to call a special meeting, which was held in Cincinnati. Then it was decided that in view of the fact that the directors of the Associated Bill Posters and Distributors of the United States and Canada were scheduled to meet here to-day, to have the March meeting of the Empire circuit held at the same time and place, as several directors of the Empire circuit are also interested in bill boards. Consequently Secretary Fennessy called the meeting for this city for tomorrow.

There are two things of notable interest which will come up at the meeting. One is the ratification of the new bookings for the coming season. So far as can be learned, there will be no changes in the routes, as they were drawn at Cincinnati. It is possible that Messrs. Whallen and Fennessy, the committee appointed to select suitable sites for houses in Chicago and Detroit, to be added to the Empire circuit, will make

a report. Col. Fennessy and Col. Whallen were in Chicago last week, looking at several desirable sites there, and it is possible that one of them may be recommended for purchase. The meeting will be called to order by Col. Butler to-morrow morning.

PLAY HOUSES.

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THIRTEEN

Has Played a Prominent Part in the Career of Johnny Ray.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—The acquisition of "The Hot Old Time" and the Rays to Mr. Gus Hill's enterprises, brings forth a story of interest which has never before been in public print. Five years ago, or at the beginning of "The Hot Old Time" tour, Mr. Johnny Ray had to mortgage his home in the East to start the show out. This occurred on the 13th day of May, 1898, and the amount borrowed was \$13,000. He started out with thirteen people, and the name, "A Hot Old Time Co.", contains 13 letters. He negotiated with Gus Hill thirteen weeks regarding the sale of it, and the deal closed on the 13th of February last. Mr. George Chenet, the present manager of the company, says that the profits from this farce comedy has netted the Rays \$150,000, and that their contract with Mr. Hill is that he has first option on their services, provided they again care to go on the boards. So far it has been impossible to find out what the New York manager will do with the piece, but from the way he has put on his enterprises this season, he will make a great attraction out of the show; but it seems impossible to think that a comedian of Mr. Ray's shoes can be found. The Rays have always been a credit to the American stage, and if they retire the public loose two enterlains who were always welcome visitors to all the cities they played. The future of "A Hot Old Time" and the Rays will be watched with interest by every theatrical-interested person in the country.

THE JEFFRIES BAND.

A few weeks ago we commented on the work accomplished by the Jeffries Concert Band in the "Juveniles" at that time during the Republican Nominating Convention held at Peoria, Ill., in May, 1900. After helping to nominate Judge Richard Yates for Governor, negotiations were opened with Judge Yates on his tour of the State, and the following letter from Walter Fieldhouse, secretary of the State Committee, shows how the band stood in the estimation of the State Committee:

Hinois Republican State Committee,
Great Northern Hotel,
Chicago, July 21, 1900.

Mr. C. C. Jeffries, Musical Director, Jacksonville, Ill.:

My Dear Mr. Jeffries—Your favor of July 20 is at hand. Nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to perfect arrangements to have the Juvenile Band accompany Judge Yates on his tour. The Judge will return next week, at which time I will take the matter up with him. In the meantime, kindly advise me what arrangements can be made with you in this direction, as I may be able to talk understandingly, not only with Judge Yates, but also with our Executive Committee.

I desire to compliment you upon the great efficiency shown by the Juvenile Band under your leadership. We were all very proud of you at Peoria, and I furthermore desire to reiterate that very few bands in the State of Indiana, or elsewhere, have reached the same degree of skill as the Juveniles. *

I think it can be safely said, from the census of opinions from those who heard you at the National Hotel that Monday night, that it was a great surprise, and you certainly have a great many warm admirers among the delegates and visitors at that convention. With assurances of my personal esteem, and wishing you long life and success, I am, very truly yours,

W. FIELDHOUSE, Secretary.

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Shelbyville (Ind.) Elks will likely build a theater in that city.

The Hoffman Opera House, at Tell City, Ind., has been leased by Frank Ballis.

Coley Anderson's new vaudeville theater at Atlanta, Ga., is nearing completion.

There is some talk to the effect that Eastern capitalists will erect a theater in St. Louis.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Muscogee Opera House Company, of Muscogee, I. T.

Fred A. Kelzer has leased the opera house at Princeton, Ind., and is ready to book attractions.

Nearly all of the Chicago theaters have arranged for summer attractions, to run through the off season.

E. B. Foltz, manager of the Springfield O. I. Opera House, is in Baltimore, undergoing an operation for optical trouble.

Manager Geo. L. Chennel, of the Washington C. H. (O.) Opera House, was banished last week by Columbus (O.) Elks.

The janitor of the court house at Versailles, Ky., has issued his ultimatum. No more shows can be produced in the temple of justice.

A rumor is going the rounds to the effect that Cincinnati capitalists are to erect a theater at Race and Longworth streets, that city.

The new theater at Jackson, Tenn., is to be named the Marlowe, in honor of Julia Marlowe. The decision was arrived at by a popular vote.

Manager Oscar Hammerstein, who failed to respond to a subpoena from a court at White Plains, N. Y., had to pay a fine of \$5 for contempt.

L. E. Burke was arrested at Lexington, Ky., on a charge of speculating in theater tickets without a license. Manager Scott caused the arrest.

At Clarksville, W. Va., Feb. 27, crossed wires in the Grand Opera House caused an alarm of fire and a panic followed, in which several persons were hurt.

Albert O. Burton, a former Chicago manager, and who wrote several plays, filed a petition in bankruptcy Feb. 24. His debts amount to \$50,000. It is claimed.

At Maysville, Mo., the license for theatrical companies showing there has been reduced from \$100 the first night to \$5, and from \$2 each succeeding night to \$1.

Messrs. Werner & Tiefield, the former managers of the Pythian Opera House, have taken a five years' lease on the new Marlowe Theater, at Jackson, Tenn.

Jos. Walsh, the hustling advertising agent of the Standard Theater, St. Louis, will probably be in the box office of one of the ball parks during the coming season.

Every fire during a performance of "In Old Kentucky," at the Grand Opera House, New York, Feb. 27, created a panic. No one was seriously hurt. The fire didn't do any damage.

It is reported in New York that Miss Elsie de Wolfe is negotiating for a theater of her own. It is rumored she may take the old Comique Theater on Broadway, owned by the Glishe estate.

Mr. Robert Fitzgibbons, who is connected with the Standard Theater, St. Louis, is receiving the condolences of his many friends, owing to the death of his mother, whose funeral occurred Saturday, March 1.

The new Tawa Theater, at Ottawa, Ont., did not open on schedule time. The Colonial Opera Company was booked to open the house, but the management claimed the company was not able to fulfill its contract. Litigation may follow.

The Lyceum Theater in New York is soon to be a thing of the past. On May 1 the structure will be torn down to make way for a big office building. The Lyceum is one of New York's old landmarks, and many patrons will mourn its departure.

Mr. Leo Belcherbach, the business manager of the Standard Theater, St. Louis, will, on April 7, be tendered a benefit by his host of friends, the attraction being Lowry's "Merry Maldens" Company. It is unnecessary to say that the house will be unable to accommodate the crowd which will assemble to do homage to Mr. Belcherbach, who has always proven himself one of St. Louis' most accommodating and popular theatrical hosts.

Owing to a change in the plans of the stage, the New Bush Auditorium, Chicago, will not be completed before the end of April. The alterations will give stage room for a company of one hundred people. The Bush Building, which is said to be one of the most beautiful in the country, will be devoted exclusively to musical productions. The first attraction will be the Pollard Australian Juvenile Opera Company, and the engagement will extend through the summer months. An improved plant for ventilating the auditorium during the hot weather is being installed.

DRAMA AND TRAGEDY.

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Henrietta Crosman's Bosslind in "As You Like It" "tonight on" in New York. "La Petite Fontennoire" will be Ethel Barrymore's offering next season.

"Little Childhood Was in Flower."

Mrs. Le Moyne contemplates producing Browning's "The Bait on the Sentence." James K. Hackert will put on "The Cossacks" when he retires "Don Caesar's Return."

Rudolph Aronson's "First In Command" will be produced March 10 in New York.

Herbert Kelsey and Eddie Shannon made a Gotham hit last week in "Her Lord and Master."

Mildred Holland was taken ill at Parkersburg, W. Va., last week. She has since improved.

Nathan Rapoport, of Minneapolis, has written a melodrama entitled "The Elevens."

"The Power Behind the Throne" company is playing to S. R. O. business in Ohio and Indiana.

Mrs. Pat Campbell, on her next American tour, will be under the management of Liebler & Co.

"The Power Behind the Throne" company will close its season at Sault Ste Marie, Mich., about June 15.

"Old Sleuth" is the name of a new drama of the detective kind, to be put out by Hartle & Sonnen in the fall.

The tour of R. D. McLean and Odette Tyler in "Worlondom" has been closed temporarily, owing to McLean's illness.

As a reverse of the usual method, a play has been novellized. "Foggs' Ferry" has been put in print by Charles E. Callahan.

"An American Gentleman," presented by Rose Stahl, seems to be "getting the money." Not a losing performance this season.

"The Chevalier Hayard" is being considered by Manager Liebler as a worthy successor of Kyrie Bellew's "Gentleman of France."

When Laura Hunt recovers, she intends to appear in "In Old Kentucky," the play in which, as star, she reached her highest success.

Five complete sets of scenery will be used in Carlton Jordan's new play, "The Lily and the Prince," which is soon to be produced by Mildred Holland.

Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, through the kindness of Liebler & Co., has secured the services of Frederick Le Belleville to support her in "Divorces."

Roselle Knott, who played Lydia in "Quo Vadis," may star in "The Battle of the Strong." All she is waiting for is the cherub with the mazuma.

Mrs. Jack Bloodgood has retired from "The Way of the World." A "fuss" with the star, Elsie de Wolfe, was the cause of the resignation, it is said.

"Two Little Vagrants" will close its fifth season, under Edward C. White's management, in May. This successful drama continues to do an excellent business.

Paul Dresser, whose "In the Banks of the Wabash" brought him prominence, is to star under the management of Edgar Selley, in "Way Down In Old Indiana."

That beautiful mass of dark brown hair that used to adorn the brow of Blanche Bates is no more. Cruel typhoid took it off, and now its place is taken by a wig.

Edward C. White, Mildred Holland's manager, is in receipt of so many requests for bookings, that he could easily fill Miss Holland's time next season four times over.

Liebler & Co. are to merge their two companies playing "The Christian" into one strong company and visit the Pacific Coast. Edward Morgan and Elsie Leslie will be retained.

Mrs. Edna Knox Bruce, the Springfield (O.) society woman who joined a "Thelma" company, has "fessed up" that she's a "bum actor," and has gone back to her afternoon pink tins.

The grandfather of all pastoral dramas, "Old Jed Prouty," was given its four thousandth and two hundredth presentation Feb. 26 at Memphis, Tenn. Richard Golden made a speech.

The costuming in Mildred Holland's new play, "The Lily and the Prince," written by Carlton Jordan, will be singularly handsome and elaborate. Every costume used will be historically correct.

Kyrie Bellew will appear in the role of Armand Duval with Mary Manning when she produces "Cunille" in New York in May. Kyrie takes the job at the starvation stipend of \$1,500 a week.

Virginia Harned was given a rousing reception at Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 26, when she presented "Alice of Old Vincennes" on the occasion of the 123d anniversary of the capture of Vincennes from the British.

Mildred Holland, after an exceptionally busy and successful season, will spend her summer vacation abroad. Miss Holland will visit Russia and Italy, and will also spend a few weeks on her houseboat, "Arla" on the River Thames.

M. Lafayette Smith, the dramatic author of "Lafayette," is just finishing a new drama of Western life, in four acts, entitled "The Half-Breed Scout." It will be produced in the near future with an elaborate scene equipment. Mr. Smith is rapidly gaining a reputation as a playwright, and is the author of several successful plays. "Green, Green, Slumious," "Over the Range" and "Sol, Sycamore" are from his pen.

FARCE AND COMEDY.

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Who, Morris will star next season in "Checkers."

"When Rumben Comes to Town" is the title of a new farce.

Frank Kelly, of Cincinnati, is to put on a farce comedy, entitled "Two Strange Men."

Nanette Comstock will play the leading female role in "The Diplomat," to be produced soon in New York by Whittle & Miller.

W. Gault Browne has rewritten "Si Perkins" for Manager Barkstrite. He is just completing a new rural play, "Gillory's Kite."

John G. McDonnell, who plays principal comedy parts with the Murray & Mackay

company, will close with them March 15 at Elmira, N. Y.

"The Girl and the Judge" will end its run at the Lyceum, New York, March 2, for the good and sufficient reason that the house is going to be torn down.

Roster of Franz Comedy Company: Chas. H. Franz, Alice M. Franz, Joe De Telm, Daisy De Telm, Vic H. Neal, C. E. Helmrichs. They are now touring Indiana to big business.

Young Corbett, who gives a sparring exhibition in connection with "A Stranger in a Strange Land," announces that he will retire from the stage to prepare for his second battle with McGovern.

A constable served papers on L. J. La Motte, L. Delmore and Fred Wilson, of "The Irish Pawnbrokers," at Cincinnati last week, on a claim of Lida and Mabel Butterworth for \$50, alleged due as balance on salary. The claim was settled.

At a theater in Alton, Ill., last week, Dolle LeChaire, member of "Flinigan's Ball" Company, fell from a stairway. The force of the fall was broken by Claude Morrissey, of the same company, who stretched out his arm. She was only slightly injured.

There are nine hits in the new musical comedy, "A Trip to Buffalo," by Harry Marshall and William Loraine, composer of "Zanonia." The principal numbers are "Madame, Come be my Lady," "I Left My Heart in Dixie," "In Buffalo" and "Be Careful of the Hoodoo Man." The company is playing to record breaking business.

"McFadden's Row of Flats" is a winner, according to these figures, which are authentic: Bijou, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$8,265.45; Great Northern, Chicago, Ill., \$7,005.50; Folly, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$7,925; Grand Opera House, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$6,020.25; Tabor Grand, Denver, Col., \$6,432; Crescent, New Orleans, La., \$6,207.25; Grand Opera House, Kansas City, Mo., \$6,014.50; Bijou, Minneapolis, Minn., \$6,048.25.

STOCKS AND REPERTOIRE.

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The Vendome Stock Company will disband at St. Louis this week.

Pat Conroy and Dick Mack, Jr., will have out a repertory company next season.

Karl M. Kellogg has signed as musical director with the Williams Stock Company. The Empire Stock Company closed "The Wilderness," March 1, in New York. "Twin Sisters" is now on.

The Percy Haswell Stock Company will present a new play, of religious theme, by Curtis Skinner, in Baltimore.

Dale Deveraux has closed with the Metropolitan Stock Company, and at present is resting at his home in Ashtabula, O.

Edna May Spooner, of the Spooner Stock Company, received a letter the other day from an unknown, threatening to kill her.

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.

Mme. Calve's father is dangerously ill. Paderevski will appear at Music Hall, Cincinnati, March 13.

Trilby Frigana will succeed Marie Cahill in "The Chaperons."

Mme. Gadsden will be the chief attraction at the Music Festival to be given in Louisville, April 21-23.

Frankie Bernard, of Cincinnati, is to take a prominent part in one of Gedeon's new musical comedies.

W. P. Carleton, of the "Florodora" Company, injured last week in a wreck near Wilmington, Del., is improving.

Dale Fox's latest, "The Little Matinelle," is said to be a block of disappointment cornered with an inch of frost.

George Ade's new musical farce, "The Sultan of Sulu," will open at the Studiebeker, Chicago, March 11, for an indefinite run.

Miss Margaret Walker, one of the original "Florodora" sextet, who recently made a fortune in the stock market, denies rumors of her engagement to steel magnate Ellis Walworth.

M. Witmark & Sons have in work a new ballad by Alfred Bryan and John W. Britton, entitled "She's Just Like a Jewel in Pawn." This song promises to be quite a novelty, it being different from those herebefore offered by these writers.

The total receipts for the gala opera performance given in honor of Prince Henry of Prussia, at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, last week, were exactly \$33,000. The interior decorations are said to have been more elaborate than any ever before seen on this side of the Atlantic.

M. Nat. II. Mann, composer of "Honey, My Lady Love," and "Mason, Moon," the reigning success of "The Toreador," has placed with his publishers, M. Witmark & Sons, his latest effort, entitled "The Clock and the Clock." This is being rushed through, and will shortly be interpolated in an elaborate metropolitan production.

The Eastern "Florodora" company figured in a railroad wreck last week between Norfolk, Va., and Wilmington, Del. W. L. Carleton was very seriously injured. Others more or less injured were: Tony Rooney, Miss Frances Gordon, Miss Ella Henry, Miss Maid Davis, Miss Selma Mantell, Miss Ida Doerde, Miss Lillie Nunn, Miss Little Young and Miss Annie Young.

Recent publications of M. Witmark & Sons, of 8 West Twenty-ninth street, New York, are: "Your Own," from "The Messenger Boy"; "La Gazelle"; "My Starlight Sue," sung in "Morocco Bound"; "Bride Bells" Waltzes; "Today I am Sweet Sixteen;" "When the Golden Sun Has Sunk

into the West;" "The Little Maid Who Couldn't Say 'No';" "I Miss You, Dear;" "The Goldpiece and the Penises;" "A Southern Lullaby;" "A Chinese Reverie;" "Holy Toity" Waltzes; "Warfield Waltzes;" "My Filipino Pet," from "The Liberty Belles," and Anna Held's great hit in "The Little Duchess;" "Pretty Molly Shannon." They have all reached the stage of whistling popularity.

MINSTRELS.

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Nell Bryant, the old minstrel, is lying at the point of death at St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn.

March 10 has been decided upon as the date of the performance to be given in New York by Primrose and Dockstader, for the benefit of "Jack" Hailey's widow.

Prof. Chas. Brown's big troupe of cakewalkers, singers, dancers, coon shouters, etc., will open their fifth season's engagement on Young's famous Ocean Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., March 17, for the entire season of 1902.

Mr. Eddie J. O'Brien, the well-known advertising man, has signed as advance agent for the R. L. Jenkins Great Southern Minstrels, which goes on the road this summer under canvas. The season opens May 3 at Newport News, Va.

The funeral services over the remains of "Billy" Emerson were in charge of the Elks at Boston, Mass., Feb. 26. But one relative was present. The pallbearers were Lew Benedict, Joe Fox, Wm. H. Ward, J. J. Nolan, Edw. O. Kelly, Fred Bowmina, Capt. Bill Daly and Wm. B. Van.

Owing to the ill health of Mrs. Lewis, who recently was compelled to undergo a serious operation, Leon Lewis has resigned as press agent of the W. S. Cleveland amusement enterprises, and will retire from the road. Mr. Lewis has located in Milwaukee, where he has accepted the management of S. E. Tate & Co., one of the largest railroad and commercial printing plants in the West.

The press bureau of the Quinlan-Wall Imperial Minstrels, in Buffalo, is in charge of Joe Waddell, who has been engaged by Mr. Quinlan as its business manager. Five stenographers are kept busy grinding out letters and press stories. Two colored porters in full Imperial uniform are required, running errands, carrying messages and doing up the mail matter for Uncle Sam. Press staff is being sent out to all parts of the civilized globe. Waddell says that this will be kept up even after the company takes the road, and that this unceasing campaigning will make it so that an untutored savage can pick up a Quinlan-Wall courier and realize that the genuine is back of it, that his redeemer liveth, that all its promises will be fulfilled. Mr. Quinlan has ordered three other press bureaus established in three other principal cities. The three cities will probably be San Francisco, Atlanta, and Cincinnati. Next year the main offices will be in New York. Of the train of special palace cars, now under way for the mighty aggregation, one is to be exclusively for the press and press work. During Mr. Quinlan's visit in Buffalo recently he attracted much attention at the Hotel Trocadero. The guests took him for M. Quad, the noted author and newspaper writer. He knows he looks like M. Quad, and M. Quad is likewise aware of the resemblance. The two have met, and persons who have seen them together say they appeared like twins. Mr. Quinlan rather enjoys it, knowing, as he does, that M. Quad does not object. A short time ago Mr. Quinlan was in Washington. President Roosevelt took him for M. Quad and before Mr. Quinlan could correct the President, he was introduced to a member of the Cabinet as M. Quad. Two days ago in New York it was well known publisher thought Mr. Quinlan was M. Quad, and pleaded to have him write a certain book. The publisher refused to believe he was not talking to the great writer. M. Quad writes that he is frequently taken for Quinlan, and at the present time is besieged by applicants for positions as end men, singers and dancers with the Quinlan-Wall Imperial Minstrels. The booking is coming in great. The company will tour from coast to coast. Several big acts will be imported from Europe. These will be surprises. Jimmy Wall, who has been dangerously ill, is now out of danger, and is eating everything in sight. He is at present in St. Louis.

VAUDEVILLE.

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Miss Nellie Lionel has joined Creed's Comedians.

Pauline Hall may be one of M. R. Ley's vaudeville features to tour Australia.

Booder and La Velle, the "bicycle whirlwinds," now at Norfolk, Va., open on the Hopkins' Circuit March 9.

Dale Deveraux and Nellie Lionel will be seen in summer vaudeville in a sketch called "The Dora Flora Girl."

The Hawthorne Sisters, who were at the Columbia, Cincinnati, last week, will star in a musical comedy next season.

Fred Rose made quite a success recently at Keith's, Boston, with the pathetic song hit, "Stay In Your Own Back Yard."

The Wilson Trio, who were called from the road by the death of their mother at Cincinnati, have resumed their tour.

Maud Gilroy, who made a reputation for herself in the Hoyt farces, is to seek further fame via the vaudeville route.

Harry and Herb Young have "doubled."

They will present a juggling act, introducing club swinging and electric-lighted batons.

Pollard and Klehu, who present a sketch entitled "Willie Van Dyke Green," closed at Detroit last week, owing to the illness of Pollard.

"The Sommabullist Coon" is the latest from the pen of Billy Johnson, of Cole and Johnson, now being sung by the composer with great success.

"It's for Her, Her, Her," Billee Taylor's new waltz song novelty, is a big hit with Josephine Sabel. It is also sung by Rose Beaumont in Dan Daly's "The New Yorker" company.

"Uh, My!" or "The Troubles of a Little Black Coon," is the latest by Harry Freeman, composer of "Honey Dat I Loves So Well." Louise Dresser has added this song to her list of successes, and will feature it during her coming Western engagement.

"Just My Little Yaller Boy and Me," the new patriotic "mammy" song by Stanley Parker, composer of "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky," promises very well. It is a favorite of John Hyams, Louise Dresser, Master Willie Howard and other build readers.

The three "lightning bugs," Thatcher, Benneworth and Adams, are making a big success in their new act on the Pacific coast, in which they are introducing "I Was Certainly Dreaming," "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" and "She Knew a Lobster When She Saw One."

Offie Young and brother, the hoop rollers, have made an emphatic hit with Primrose and Dockstader's Minstrels. They are now in their fourth week of unabated success at the Victoria Theater, New York, and at the close of the present season will sail for Europe, to fill a six months' engagement.

That popular artist, Helene Mora, writes enthusiastically about Thornton's "When You Were Sweet Sixteen." She claims this song is the most prominent number in her repertoire, and that she is obliged to be always prepared for requests wherever she plays. No matter what new number she adds to her list, the managers always ask her to use the old stand-by.

BURLESQUE.

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.

Lulu Waits, a burlesque performer, severed Jack Kirke's head from his body with a razor, at Nome, Alaska.

Manager Charles E. Taylor, of the High Rollers, will be married in April to Miss Eva Mitchell, of the Blue Bloods Extravaganza Company. The ceremony will be performed in New York.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Managers, press agents, stage managers, treasurers, performers, etc., are invited to contribute items of news concerning themselves and friends to this column, which is always open to friends of the Billboard.

T. F. Mortedge, an actor, was sentenced to five years in the Missouri penitentiary at Kansas City. It is claimed he held up a bartender and robbed him.

James B. Wilson, a veteran theatrical critic of Cleveland, O., has retired from the newspaper field, owing to ill health. He has written several plays.

James Neill, whose dignity caused him to abandon the initiation ceremonies when some of those Spokane Elks hit him with a stuffed club, was boycotted by members of the order recently at Duluth.

Terry McGovern did a tremendous business at the New Star Theater, New York, last week. The "Terrific Terry," as a attractions, has proven to be a gold mine for himself and managers.

Forest Cummings, a theatrical manager of New York, was arrested last week at the instigation of Alden Benedict, who claims he converted \$300 of his money to his own use. Cummings was in Benedict's employ.

Kyrie Bellew has purchased "Messenger Girl," which took second prize for English bulldogs at the Madison Square Garden show. Mr. Bellew paid \$1,500 for the dog, and will take her to England in the late spring for breeding purposes at his kennel in Islington.

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.

"Paola and Francesca" will be produced in London this week.

Diga Netterless may tour the United States under George W. Lederer's management. She will not revive "Sapito."

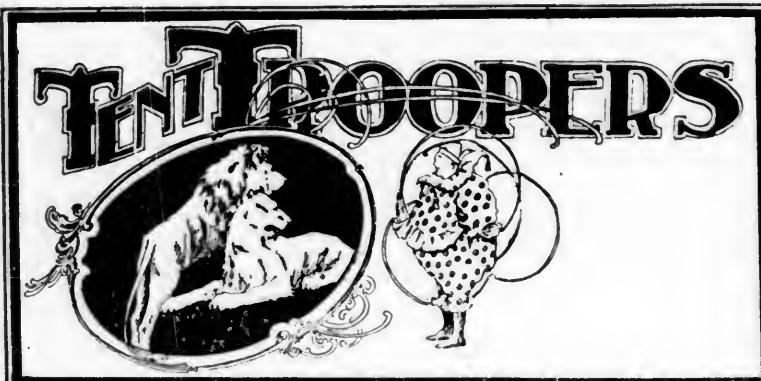
Ellen Terry will appear as Queen Katherine, in "Henry VIII," to be produced during the annual Shakespearean Festival at Stratford-on-Avon.

Isabel Day, of the Savoy Opera Company, is to wed Harry S. II. Pavendish, the gentleman whose nose for the affections of Edna May were futile.

Cerro, the French dancer, pleased an audience so much at Milan that the entire municipal force had to be called out to protect her from a mob.

Rigo, who eloped with Princess Chlumay, does a violin solo at a vaudeville house in Paris, while the Princess gazes fondly on from a box. They may come to America.

Charles Froehm, now in London, and George Edwards will produce the comedy, "All On Account of Eliza" at the Shaftesbury Theater, London. The principal part will be played by James E. Sullivan.



DEATH OF MILLIE MARETTA.

Famous Circus Woman Dies at Monticello, Florida, Yesterday.

Monticello, Fla., March 3.—(Special)—Millie Maretta, wife of Tom F. Faehnle, died to-day at New Orleans from the effects of a surgical operation.

BIG OPENING

Of the Norris and Rowe Circus at Santa Cruz, California.

Santa Cruz, California, February 28.—The Norris & Rowe Shows opened the season of 1902 at Santa Cruz, Cal., on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22. The day dawned bright and clear, and the parade, in its new dress, created a sensation. The lot, however, was a sea of mud, owing to the heavy rains which had prevailed for three days previous to the opening. Under the big top, in spite of tons of straw, shavings and sawdust, ladies and children waded ankle-deep in ooze and mire. But they came in crowds, and were good-natured about it.

It was impossible to give a good show under the conditions, but in spite of advanced prices, discomfort and a cut performance, not a single kick or complaint was heard.

Chief among the new features this year is the three-elephant act, a new and clever two-elephant act, a riding lion, Winston's trained seals, and a big monk that dismounts anything in this line that the writer has ever seen.

The ensemble clown work is also worthy of special mention. The ponies and dogs are cleverer than ever, but are accorded little time on the program to display their accomplishments. They are being gradually crowded out by the regular circus features.

The tip this year is four bits—children twenty-five—and the show gives great satisfaction.

Southern California will be covered closely before the show opens for its two weeks' engagement in Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco.

SELLS-DOWNS SHOW.

Some Big Features Engaged for 1902
The Bovolopus.

The bovolopus. Have you seen it? Probably not. It is not a freak, neither is it a mystery. It's simply a bovolopus—a white bovolopus—the only white bovolopus in the country. The bovolopus is an animal. This particular bovolopus is the bovolopus that disgraced itself in New Orleans a few weeks ago by killing a yak, and as punishment it was exiled from the sunny land, and is now the most interesting passenger on the steamer John K. Speed, plying its way up the Mississippi toward Cincinnati, where it will be taken to the winter quarters of the Wm. Sells & Martin J. Downs Show at Carthage, O. Messrs. Setts & Downs will feature the bovolopus, who will be ridden about the ring by the illustrious Prince Mongo, attired in the airy garb of an African warrior. The Prince (Mongo, not Henry) will have a lot of sixteen-sheet posters made by the Donaldson Lithograph Company, of Newport, Ky.

A big bill with this show will be Miss Edna, the noted somersault rider. She is one of the best-known of circus performers. Rose Moretta, the aerialist, is another card. Among others recently engaged are T. J. Ford, adjuster of claims; Tom Howard, railroad contractor; Wm. Miles and wife, singers and dancers, and managers of concert; Joe Perris, the equestrian director, who does a 65-performing-horse act at one time, and Jos. Wolfseil, leader of the colored band. A troupe of cake-walkers will be a novelty. The menagerie department has been enlarged by the purchase of three elephants, four camels, tigers, Bengal tigers and other animals. The show opens at Cincinnati early in April.

EARNEST COOK RETURNS.

Manager of the Buffalo Bill Show Back from Europe.

New York, March 3. Ernest Cook, manager of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, is back from a two months' sojourn in foreign lands. He arrived in New York on the steamer Oceanic, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26. Among the passengers on this steamer was Collis P. Huntington and along with others Mr. Cooke witnessed the former gentleman pay \$31,000 duties on

bribe-a-brace and art works brought over from Europe. While the ostensible object of Mr. Cooke's visit abroad was pleasure and recreation, Mr. Cody's able manager managed to transact a little business for the Wild West. It is a trifle early to announce the new features that will be in evidence the coming season, as a result of Mr. Cooke's trip, but suffice it to say, the patrons of the show will have much that is fresh and novel to enjoy.

Mr. Cooke visited the Barnum & Bailey Show in Paris, and says the business is beyond all expectations. The Parisians are fairly wild over the circus, and the Salles Fêtes is crowded to overflowing at every performance. Mr. Cooke also visited Berlin, Vienna, Hamburg and London. He took a run over to Bulgaria and Turkey, and it is fair to presume that he found some choice material for his show there. In view of the kidnapping of Miss Stone, the missionary, anything with a Bulgarian tinge to it would be bound to attract attention in America.

Mr. Cooke says that New York is away ahead of any other city he has visited in the way of automobiles. There are some in Paris, of course, but few are in evidence in any of the other European cities. The winter in Paris has been unusually severe this year, there being a great amount of snow.

The trip over on the Oceanic was a splendid one, and judging from his appearance Mr. Cooke returns to his business cares on this side refreshed and in the best of health and spirits.

WARREN A. PATRICK.

NEARING THE CLOSE.

Barnum and Bailey's Time in Gay Paree—To Make Road Tour.

Paris, France, Feb. 16.—The eleventh week of our Paris engagement closed last Saturday night with every seat in the Salles Fêtes occupied. But four more now remain before we ring down the curtain on the French capital, and one week later the show will depart for Lyons, where the road tour opens March 30.

Although we are now in the first clutches of Lent, our business during the past week has improved rather than fallen off. Last Tuesday, Mardi Gras, was a big holiday, and despite the fact that King Carnival held full sway all over the city, we showed to capacity both afternoon and night. After the evening performance the majority of our people wended their way to the boulevards and joined with the thousands of holiday-makers in throwing confetti and making Paris howl generally. It was a great night, and one which we will all remember for years to come. Ash Wednesday was another big day for receipts; likewise Thursday, both afternoon and evening performances drawing big crowds. Friday and Saturday held their own in good shape, and the week closed with none of the best financial records of the whole season. Twice to-day we have turned thousands away, and with the splendid advance sale everything indicates well for the balance of our time.

John McDonald, the fat man, is now in the hospital suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and although his condition was for a few days considered serious, reports to-day are that he is now on the road to good health. Hosakawa, the Jap, who met with such a serious accident some weeks ago, while practicing an aerial act, is slowly improving, and although it is hardly probable he will ever be able to indulge in any form of gymnastic exercises again, there is now no reason to believe he is booked for an early voyage across the river Styx.

The Orissa Twins, Radica and Dodica, were operated upon last Sunday. Dodica was in a very low state, suffering from tuberculosis, and the operation was resorted to in the hopes of being able to save Radica. So far as the operation itself was concerned, it was a success in every way, and although the doctors did everything known to medical science to save her life, their efforts were without avail, and she passed away this morning. Radica's general condition is considered good, and though it is known that her lungs are slightly affected, the physicians believe they will be able to bring her around all right.

It may interest aerialists and circus artists generally on your side of the pond to know that the "triple somersault and catch" is now being performed twice daily by the Clarkoniens, a duo of clever aerialists, who joined us at the opening of our Paris season. For several years members of all the principal aerial troupes on both sides of the pond have been doing the triple into the net, but I believe I am safe in saying that no one, outside of the Clarkoniens, has yet accomplished the triple and

catch. These same aerialists also execute another trick which artists generally consider to be even more difficult than the triple, and which consists of a double somersault, twister and catch.

Despite the fact that we have been experiencing some very cold weather during the past few days, "Toddy" Hamilton just comes in and informs me that Ell Bowen has positively assured him that the weather never affects his legs. As the majority of your readers know, Ell, no explanation of Hamilton's wonderful discovery is necessary.

Upon the close of our Paris season, Art and Dot Adair, Hughe Zorella, George Whithy and Joe Attress depart for the States to join the Forepaugh-Sells Show. With these exceptions, our company for the road tour will remain the same as at present.

The birthday of that gentleman whom we, as Americans, always speak of as "first in war, first in peace," etc., will be celebrated in appropriate fashion by the members of the B. O. S. S., one of our social orders, by a dinner and ball at the Hotel Continental. Popular Charley Bernard is engineering the affair, which is sufficient proof that the morning (for the ball will not start rolling until 12:30 a.m.) will be a success in every way.

L. OPENER.

CIRCUS GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hedrich have returned from Cuba.

The Elton Brothers' Show opens March 24, at Laurel, Miss.

The Hough & Huston Show opens April 22, at Marion, Ind.

The Elks' Indoor circus at Bloomington, Ind., netted a profit of \$500.

Mardello, the contortionist, has signed with the Haag Show for 1902.

"Rambu," a valuable jack that belonged to H. B. Gentry, died last week.

Wm. Gilman will be with the advance staff of the Wallace Show this season.

Augustus Jones' Model Plate Railroad Show opens near Cincinnati in the latter part of April.

Millettes' aerialists have just closed a successful season of eleven months with M. L. Clark Show.

Prof. Victor Hugo, manager of the Welch Bros. Annex, is spending the winter months in Chicago.

Martin Downs, of the Sells-Downs Show, who has been ill, is improved, and reached Cincinnati March 1.

W. R. Kellogg will open about the middle of March at Cottonport, La., with new tents, wagons, etc.

Fred. P. Belmont was in North Adams, Mass., last week, looking after the billing of Lockhart's elephants.

Fred. Fisher has resigned from the Ringling Shows, to become equestrian director for the Robinson Circus.

Mobile Goff was granted a divorce in Cincinnati last week from her husband, Edw. M. Goff, a circus "barker."

Bert Hammer, of a Birmingham (Ala.) theater, will be a member of Ringling's advertising staff next season.

Mr. James Robinson, who has been wintering at Terrace Park, O., will shortly visit his home at Marshall, Ill.

Mitchell Boerner ("Peanuts") has signed with Campbell Bros., to take charge of the concert and reserved seats.

One of the features of the side-show with John Robinson's Circus this season will be a den of twenty performing lions.

W. W. Power, general representative of the Killens Hand, will serve the Main Show in an official capacity this season.

Harry Howard has signed with Hough & Huston for 1902 and will present his big-tent pony, dog and monkey act.

A. Bode, of Cincinnati, is building a ticket wagon for Wm. Sells and M. J. Dowds that will be sixteen feet long.

Walter Main intended to open the season at the Riding Academy, New York, April 1, but the building was burned to the ground.

Jerome Abney will be assistant manager of W. R. Kellogg's Great Southern Show.

He will also have the side-show privileges.

W. H. Irons, manager of the Robinson side-show, has secured a strong European attraction for the John Robinson Ten Big Shows.

"Young Cyclone" recently returned to New York from Paris, where he did his ride-for-life bicycle act with Barnum & Bailey.

Jim Williams (Eight Horse Jim) has been made boss hostler for Thillie's Circus Tom Show. He has ninety head of stock in charge.

C. J. Sassafras, the 350-pound man who does a roller-skating act on non-breakable skates, will be with Wm. Sells & M. J. Dowds.

A large arena cage of the performing lions with the Sells-Downs Big Shows, is in course of construction by a prominent Cincinnati firm.

The circus to be given by the Birmingham Elks, assisted by members of the Harris Nickel Plate Show, on March 29-30, promises to be a big affair.

Chas. E. Proctor, better known in the profession as "Dutch Charley," the wadie man, is now located at Jackson, Tenn., in the restaurant business.

The John Chapman Company will have their hands full, as it is intimated that two big circuses and a Wild West show will visit Cincinnati in May.

G. Minx Sneth, who has formerly been with Buffalo Bill's band, will not go out this season, as he has accepted a clerical position with the T. St. L. & W. R. R.

It is a well-known fact that T. E. Allott & Company, the new proprietors of Buckskin Bill's Wild West, are backed by a young Chicago millionaire brewer.

George Schmidt, the enterprising circus wagon manufacturer, of Cincinnati, is bidding for twenty-five tableau wagons and

fairy boats for the great Sells Downs Shows.

An army of painters, carpenters, blacksmiths, harness makers, car repairers, etc., are making things lively about the Buckskin Bill's Wild West winter quarters at Paducah, Ky.

A. H. Reed's circus has signed the following: Vernell & DeWall, comedy acrobats; Frank F. Lavelle, contortionist; Frank Harrison, Emil Wanam, Tom Buckley and Dan Buckley, musicians.

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early in March to buy some animals from C. Lee Williams. While here they will be the guests of "Pennants" Roemer.

J. C. O'Brien, of Buckskin Bill's Wild West, has just returned to the winter quarters at Paducah, Ky., with a carload of young mules, which he purchased from the Blue Grass Regions of Kentucky.

George Lafayette, known as "Broomsey," a special officer with the Robinson Circus, was shot and perhaps fatally injured by Policeman Lorenze at Middletown, O., March 1. "Broomsey" was resisting arrest. Lorenze was arrested.

Frank Huldebrand has sued the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad for \$500. He claims he was damaged to the extent by reason of defendant's failure to ship his property to Chagrin Falls, O., last September, thereby causing his circus to miss a date.

Prof. R. C. Carlisle, formerly manager of Carlisle's Historical Wild West in America, and who was foreign agent last season for Barnum & Bailey's Circus in Europe, was reengaged in Paris, France, as general superintendent during the absence of Mr. Frank Hyatt.

H. H. Gentry, of the Gentry Bros.' Dog and Pony Show, transacted business in New York City last week. He left for the winter quarters in Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22. While in the metropolis, Mr. Gentry secured a number of features for the coming season.

W. W. Cole's Dog and Pony Show, which has been in litigation at Jackson, Tenn., for the past two months, was sold by order of the Chancery Court and purchased by Mr. C. E. Griffin, of Jackson. W. W. Cole, the former proprietor, will exploit the attraction on the road.

H. A. Shalleross, the veteran circus agent, is now making his headquarters at Toledo, O. Mr. Shalleross has joined the forces of the Bisque Manufacturing Company, makers of toilet soaps and grease paints. For a number of years he was with the Barnum Show.

William T. Spreth, treasurer of the Sells Forepaugh Show, has had his hands full around the winter quarters at Columbus ever since the show closed last fall. Mr. Spreth will visit his family in Chicago a few days prior to the spring opening at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Suitable freaks for sideshows seem to be much in demand this winter. The dearth of startling attractions is doubtless due to the demand overshadowed by the general enlargement of the curio departments of big shows, and the fact that the dog and pony organizations are putting on side shows. Real freaks are rare.

Enoch, "the fish man," who gives a remarkable exhibition in a tank of water, now exhibiting at Huber's Museum, New York, has been engaged by Manager Lon Graham for the Ringling Bros.' sideshow, for the coming season. Enoch's act, while an old one, will be something new in the way of sideshow attractions.

Roving Frank's Gypsy Camp will go out this season better equipped than ever. Nearly all the wagons, tents, banners and paper are new. The railroad cars are all newly painted—in fact, everything thoroughly up to date. Manager Frank B. Dublin will have full charge of all of Roving Frank's attractions in the United States.

An interesting letter to a friend on this side of the pond, William E. Vogt, assistant treasurer of the Barnum & Bailey Show, tells of the wonderful business that organization is doing in Paris. The Parisians seem very fond of that typical form of American amusement, the circus, and the Salle des Fêtes is crowded at every performance in consequence.

TENT SHOWS IN WINTER QUARTERS.

The following list gives the winter quarters of the various tent shows, circuses and Wild West combinations. In many instances (not all) the address given is also the permanent address. The list is revised and corrected weekly:

Frank Adams..... Atlanta, Ga.
American Circus & Co. Kansas City, Mo.
Tony Ashton's Show..... London, Ind.
Hackman's Troupe of Glass Blowers..... Baltimore, Md.

Mollie E. Halley's Sons..... Houston, Tex.
Halley Twin Sisters..... Urbana, O.
Barber Bros.'..... Portsmouth, O.
Barlow's Show..... South Milford, Ind.
Boiler & McCoy's New United Shows..... St. Joseph, Mo.

Bonhomine Family, 10 & 20c Show..... En Route
Hrott Bros. Noctly Shows..... Milwaukee, Wis.
Barnum & Bailey..... Paris, France

Barr Bros. Shows..... Easton, Pa.
Berkell 10c Show..... Indianapolis, Ind.
Beyerle's Earl Tom Shows..... Lincoln, Neb.

Bonhens Bros.'..... Angesta, O. T.
Buchanan Bros.'..... Des Moines, Ia.
Busby Bros.'..... Pana, Ill.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West..... Bridgeport, Conn.
Burgess' Gypsy Camp..... Boston, Mass.

Callahan (Prof.) Tom Shows..... Olattie, Kan.
Campbell Bros.'..... Fairbury, Neb.

Cannon, C. E., Dogs and Ponies..... Denver, Col.
Clark's, M. L..... Alexandria, La.

Clay H. Hobson..... Texarkans, Ark.
Conklin, Pete, 412 Sewell st., W. Hoboken, N. J.

Craft Dog & Pony Shows..... Fonda, Ia.
W. W. Cole's Dog and Pony Show..... Jackson, Tenn.

Cooper & Co..... Tampa, Fla.
Collins Bros.'..... Concordia, Kan.

Darling's Dog & Pony Show..... En Route
Dashing's Dog & Pony Show..... LaBette, Kan.

Dock's, Sam..... Ft. London, Pa.
Downie (Andrew) Shows..... Medina, N. Y.

Ely's, George S..... Harrisburg, Ill.
Enterprise Amusement Co. Louisville, Ky.

Otto Floto Shows..... Denver, Col.
Forepaugh-Sells Bros'..... Columbus, O.

Garrison's Big Four Show..... Lincoln, Kan.

Gentry Bros.' No. 1..... Bloomington, Ind.
Gentry's No. 2..... Bloomington, Ind.
Gentry's Dog and Pony Show, No. 3..... Bloomington, Ind.

Gentry Bros.' No. 4..... Bloomington, Ind.

Gibb's Olympic (Wm. H.)..... Wapakoneta, O.

Gillmeyer (Wm. H.)..... Ardmore, Pa.

Gillmar Bros..... Baraboo, Wis.

Goodrich, Huffman & Southey..... Bridgeport, Conn.

Gordulier Bros..... Newark, Mo.

Great International Shows. Kansas City, Mo.

Great Marullo Shows..... Bristol, Tenn.

Great Syndicate Shows..... Kansas City, Mo.

Great Pan-American Show..... Tacoma, Wash.

Great Eastern Circus..... Kansas City, Mo.

Great Shows, Le Comte, Ia..... En Route till after Xmas)

Hagerty Bros..... Frankton, Ind.

Hall & Long's..... Muncie, Ind.

Halli's, Geo. W., Jr..... Evansville, Wis.

Happy Bob Robinson..... Lancaster, O.

Hargreave's Shows..... Chester, Pa.

Harrington's Combined Shows..... Evansville, Ind.

Harris' Nickel Plate..... Birmingham, Ala.

Harris, John P..... McKeever, Ia.

Hoeffler's Shows..... Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Houston's Shows..... Winchester, Ind.

Frank B. Hubin's New United Shows..... Atlantic City, N. J.

International Ex. Co. Kansas City, Mo.

J. W. Hetler's United Columbian Shows..... Dixon, Ill.

James Family Swiss Steel Ringers..... Milwaukee, Wis.

John H. Sparks..... En route

Jalliet's Bonanza Shows..... Osterberg, Ia..... En Route

Aug. Jones Model Plate Show..... Chicago, Ill.

Thos. W. Kehoe..... Station M, Chicago, Ill.

W. R. Kellogg's Great Southern Show..... Cottontown, La.

Kelkey & Axley's Show..... DuQuoin, Ill.

Kennedy Bros..... Bloomington, Ill.

Kemp Sisters..... Lamar, Mo.

Lambriger's, Gus..... Orrville, O.

La Place, Mons..... Byesville, O.

Lee Bros..... Cranston, R. I.

Lee's London Shows..... Canton, Pa.

Loretta..... Corry, Pa.

La Mont Bros' Shows..... Salem, Ore.

Lemon Bros' Shows..... Tacoma, Wash.

Leonard Bros' Circus..... Portland, Ore.

Leotin's Gypsy Camp..... Charlottesville, Va.

Lowande's, (Tony) No. 1..... Havana, Cuba

Louis' Crescent Shows..... Trumbull, O.

Lowery Bros' Shows..... Shenandoah, Pa.

Lu Reil's Great Sensation..... Washington, Ia.

Walter L. Main..... Geneva, O.

Melbourne, The Great, Circus, Hebron, Wis.

Montgomery's Pavilion Show..... Boone, Ia.

Marietta Shows..... En route

McCormick Bros..... Gallipolis, O.

J. C. Murray..... Harrington, Kan.

Miles, Orton..... Centropolis, Mo.

Moore Family..... Touring Florida

Nal's United Shows..... Beloit, Kan.

Norris & Rowe's..... San Jose, Cal.

Orrin Bros' Circus..... City of Mexico

Pawnee Bill's Wild West..... Chester, Pa.

Perrine, Dave W..... Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Peterson & Dunbar's Tally-ho Show..... Touring California

Perry's Frank L. Show..... Yates City, Ill.

Perry & Pressly..... Webster City, Ia.

Prestcott & Co's..... Rockland, Me.

Pubbilone's (No. 1)..... Havana, Cuba

Pubbilone's (No. 2)..... Touring Cuba

Raymond's Shows (Nat).... Sonth Bend, Ind.

Rawlston's Pacific Shows.... Alameda, Cal.

Reed's, A. H..... Vernon, Ind.

G. W. Rehn..... Danville, Harper Co., Kan.

Reno's Oriental Shows..... Kankakee, Ill.

Reno's Dog & Pony Show, New Albany, Ind.

Ringling Bros'..... Baraboo, Wis.

Rippell Shows..... Muncie, Ind.

Robinson's, John..... Terrace Park, Ind.

Royer Bros' Shows..... Pottstown, Pa.

Roving Frank's Gypsy Attractions (American)..... Atlantic City, N. J.

Santelle's, Sig..... Homer, N. Y.

Sells-Downs..... Carthage, O.

Schettich's, O. Q..... Little Sioux, Ia.

Schaffer & Spry Bros..... Portmouth, O.

Silver Show..... Acme, Mich.

Sipe's, Geo. W..... Kokomo, Ind.

Smith's Imperial Circus..... Bucktown, Pa.

Spotted Elks Indian Village..... Louisville, Ind.

Snyder Bros..... Dennis, Tex.

Stewart Family Show..... Ft. Wayne, Ind.

St. Julian Bros..... Burlington, Wis.

St. Julian Bros., 3267 Miller st., Philadelphia, Pa.

Stang Bros..... Burlington, Wis.

Stan & Douglas Shows..... Greencburg, Ind.

Sun Bros..... Touring Florida

Tanner's Trained Animal Show..... Sheridanville, Pa.

F. J. Taylor..... Creston, Ia.

Tedrow & Gettle..... Nelsonville, O.

The Colorado Grant Shows..... Minonk, Ill.

Treets Bros..... En route

Trotti Bros..... Chadd Ford, Pa.

Trott & Foster's, 430 Penn ave., Elmira, N. Y.

Tuttle, Louis L., Box 1498, Paterson, N. J.

Tuttle's Olympic..... Linesville, Pa.

W. Y. Turner Show..... St. Louis, Mo.

Van Ambreg & Gallagher..... Medina, N. Y.

Van Vraken's Shows..... En Route

Wallace Shows..... Akron, O.

Pern's A. W. Shows..... Plymouth, Mass.

Welsh Bros'..... Lancaster, Pa.

Whitney Shows..... Attica, O.

Wim. S. Eden's Hippodrome..... Flanagan, Ill.

Williams' Vaudeville Circus..... Nashville, Tenn.

Wintermute Bros..... Hebron, Wis.

W. E. Winston..... Pacific Grove, Calif.

Wixom Bros'..... Bancroft, Mich.

James Zanone..... Nashville, Tenn.

Zelmer Show..... St. Louis, Mo.

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AND STILL ANOTHER.

New York State Wants to Have a World's Fair in 1909.

Undismayed by the financial outcome of the Pan-American Exposition and the usual fate which attends expositions in general, it is proposed in New York that the legislature shall provide for an exposition in 1909, the 300th anniversary of Hendrik Hudson's memorable voyage. It is argued that there will be sufficient interest in the changes which have occurred in New York since Hudson's time not only to enlist the attention of the people of that State, but of the people of the whole United States.

All this, however, depends. New Yorkers have come to be too much in the habit of supposing that of everything which happens in New York is of absorbing interest to people in other sections of the country. The time was when this was so to a considerable extent, but that time has gone, and it would be rash for the promoters of the Hudson exposition to assume that the whole country will rush to it just because it is in New York. There is no denying that the principal incidents in the history of New York since the time of Hudson, as the State passed from Dutch to English rule and from colonial to republican conditions, are of interest, but they are of more interest to scholars than to the rest, practical people of to-day, whose main object seems to be to forget the past and utilize the present, so as to anticipate the future so far as that is possible.

If the promoters depend upon associations and reminiscences for the success of their exposition they can count upon failure. They will have to make their show of current and contemporaneous interest and entertain the people with startling novelties, or they will draw no crowds and take in no money.—Chicago Tribune.

the town on account of the Southern Railway, but the work was stopped by the chief of police, who demanded a \$2.50 license for the privilege, there being no regular bill poster. Holmes immediately called on Mr. E. C. Chapman, editor of "The Progress," and stated his case, and he gave him authority to work under his general business license, and thus defeated the claim of a zealous officer.

It seems as if the weather man has a spite against the exposition, for every special day which has been set, bad weather has prevailed, thus preventing a large attendance, but things are better now.

The Atlanta merchants are helping the exposition all they possibly can. Phillips, Webborn & Baker, a large dry goods house, are sending out circulars and board house lists with every bundle; while J. M. High & Co., the largest department store in the South, are putting in half sheet posters for their patrons, telling of the special days at the exposition and the many wonderful things to be seen on the Midway. Bass & Co., another large department store, will have a special sale, featuring the exposition, and give to each customer a beautiful birdseye view of the exposition.

Among the big days set is Atlanta Day, April 4, when the city will turn out full force, with military, civilians and city departments, headed by the mayor and Chief Joyner and his brave fire laddies. The drum and bugle corps will escort the visitors to Charleston, and each delegate will wear a white silk hat. Atlanta has the reputation of doing the thing up brown, and there is every reason to believe that this will be the banner day of the exposition.

W. A. SANES.

NOTES FROM ST. LOUIS.

Interesting Items Concerning the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Charleston, S. C., March 3.—There has been a decided improvement in the attendance of the exposition since the advent of the special railroad advertising cars sent out by the exposition company under the direction of Mr. H. F. McGarvie. All railroads leading to Charleston show a large increase in the sale of tickets, and the people generally are beginning to awake to the fact that there is "something doing" at Charleston, despite the bad reports which went out early in the season.

The three cars are now out posting, heralding, and putting out banners telling of the many good things to be seen by a visit to the exposition. One of the most beautiful posters ever seen in the South is a twenty-sheet on a dark background, showing a night scene of the exposition and the magnificent Cotton Palace, which is the pride of the exposition. Every member of the Bill Posters' Association of America has received his pro rata share.

The particular line of work being done by the cars is booming the special days. The first of the special events was the Mardi Gras and Floral Fiesta, which was a success; the other being Military Day, when Charleston had more strangers within her gates than ever known in the history of the staid old city. The car managers and entire crew of the Southern Railway Car No. 1, under Mr. W. A. Sanes, had a very narrow escape at Orangeburg, S. C., when they visited that

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New Jersey Legislature held a joint session, with the Governor of the State in the chair, and accorded a delegation of St. Louisians a cordial welcome and hearing. The delegation took luncheon at the home of Mrs. Washington A. Roebing, a member of the Board of Lady Managers.

Mrs. Catherine Long Lee Broussard, consti of Congresswoman Broussard, of Louisiana, died a few days ago in New Orleans, one of the oldest persons in the Mississippi Valley. Her mother was one of the Acadian refugees of 1770. Mrs. Long was born in Louisiana, March 23, 1797, six years before Louisiana was sold to the United States.

Ferdinand W. Peck, who was vice-president of the Columbian Exposition and United States Commissioner General at the Paris Exposition, said recently, in an interview published in a Los Angeles paper: "I believe the coming show will be grander than any which has yet been held. There have been nine years of progress since the World's Fair at Chicago, and the St. Louis Fair should be better by that much. I am very much interested in this project, both as a citizen and because I have had considerable experience in International expositions."

United States Senator Hanna, of Ohio, has written a letter to Governor Nash, protesting against any World's Fair appropriation of less than \$100,000 for Ohio, and favoring larger rather than a smaller amount. Some of the large manufacturing concerns favor \$300,000 or \$400,000.

Bunnaway & Estel, successful bidders for the Textiles Building contract, a building to cost \$349,399, gave a satisfactory bond Feb. 25, and the contract was signed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition officers. They say that they expect to let the greater part of their sub-contracts next week.

Director F. W. Lehmann has been notified that the joint committee on ways and means of the two houses of the Iowa Legislature will give the World's Fair delegation to that State a hearing on March 6.

Walter Williams, of the Columbia (Mo.) Herald, writes from Cairo, Egypt, that a great display will reach the St. Louis World's Fair from the land of the pyramids.

The Commercial and Industrial Clubs of Alabama have organized a central body, appointed committees in charge of the various classes of exhibits that State is to make at the World's Fair in St. Louis. These committees are at work. They will be ready to show Alabama's resources to the world in 1903 as they were never seen before.

"Governor McMillan, of Tennessee is thoroughly awake to the importance of Tennessee being suitably represented at the great World's Fair to be held in St. Louis next year," says the Nashville American. "It will be right at our doors," says the Governor, "and will be second to none ever held in the world. Tennessee is peculiarly adapted to the making of a great exhibit at a reasonable cost. We surpass all of the world in marble, and we surpass in phosphate. We can equal any part of the country in an iron exhibit, coal exhibit, timber exhibit, or live stock exhibit, and we can make a splendid display of our agricultural products—tobacco, corn, cotton, wheat, fruit, etc. What course will be pursued by the next Legislature it is impossible to say. I think some steps will be taken to have an exhibit of the marvelous resources of the State."

The State Horticultural Society of Wisconsin has decided to make an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1903. The society has asked the Wisconsin State World's Fair Commission for \$2,500 with which to make the exhibit.

Canada has formally accepted the invitation to participate in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and the Privy Council has already provided the appropriation necessary to cover the cost of the Dominion exhibit.

West Virginia's World's Fair Commission will meet in St. Louis March 5, to confer with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition officials.

The Kentucky State Senate on Feb. 26 passed the Cox bill, appropriating \$100,000 for the Kentucky exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

FAIR NOTES.

Sandusky, O., is to have a golden anniversary fair this year.

The Indiana State Board of Agriculture has issued 15,000 copies of the premium list.

L. W. Oviatt has been made a director of the Bay County (Mich.) Agricultural Society.

The value of premiums to be offered at the Georgia State Fair, to be held at Valdosta, is \$4,400.

Florida may have a State Fair this year, but nothing definite has been settled as to place or date.

The Avon (Ill.) fair, to be held this year marks the thirtieth annual event of the kind at that place.

Cincinnati business men want the Hamilton County fair grounds, now at Carthage, to a point nearer the city.

March 14 has been decided upon as Ohio Day at the Charleston Exposition. A delegation of legislators will likely attend.

The address of Hon. Jas. A. Tawney, on the occasion of the ground breaking for the St. Louis Exposition, is being distributed in a neat booklet.

The visit of Admiral Schley and Capt. Hobson to the Charleston Exposition Feb. 27 was made the occasion of a great outpouring of people.

Capt. McMaster has been elected president and T. F. Wallace vice president, of

the West York Agricultural Society at Toronto Junction, Can.

The Woodstock Agricultural Society, which will hold its annual fair at South Woodstock, Conn., has issued a book containing premium list.

The directors of the East Tennessee Fair Association met at Knoxville, Feb. 20, and decided to sell the association's property. The sale is made to satisfy claims held by Mrs. Jas. Cowan.

Mr. Mique Shannon, chief assistant advertising agent of the "Monte Cristo" houses, is in correspondence with the Southern State officials regarding an advertising scheme of large proportions, which is contemplated to boom the World's Fair of 1903.

Cora Beckwith, champion lady swimmer of the world, who was one of the features on the Midway at the Pan-American, commences her summer tour in swimming exhibitions about May 1. Since the close of the exposition, Miss Beckwith has been visiting in Omaha, and will have a large concession at the St. Louis Fair in 1903.

Street Fairs and Carnivals.

STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL NOTES.

Merchants of Memphis, Tenn., are agitating a fall festival.

T. C. Garrity is to sell the wagon show stuff he bought last fall.

N. T. Kitchi, Japanese hand balancer, will be with the Wright Carnival Company.

Garrity & Morris are contemplating putting out a Midway show, with a carved and gilded front.

George Jabbour was in Portland, Ore., recently, seeing about a proposed street fair at that place.

H. W. Wright has been in Murphysboro, Ill., completing arrangements for the Elks' Street Fair to be held there in May.

Fee Kennett, with his water dancing spectacilar, "Maid of the Mist," will be with the Wright Company this season.

The Zanzigs are in St. Louis, where they will remain for some time. Their Village of Palmyra at Buffalo was a great success.

Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, of New Albany, Ind., are to give a street fair this year.

J. A. Fred. Pietz is in St. Louis looking after several street fair projects, with a view to handling some enterprise during the coming season.

"Rock" Turner, formerly manager for M. J. Morley, successfully managed the Elks' country store at Medidian, Miss., during the recent carnival.

The Lexington (Ky.) Elks have selected a committee composed of Geo. Bain, Mike Bowerman, Ed. Farrell and others, to have charge of their street fair.

W. H. Rice, of Saginaw, Mich., is to hear from the person who did door talk ling for "Paris by Gaslight," with the Gas-kod Company last season.

W. T. McLain, who will manage the street fair at Elwood, Ind., in June, was in Cincinnati last week, conferring with Will S. Heck, who is to furnish the attractions.

Fred. and Emma Hewitt—the Two Hewitts—well-known globe equilibrists, were "Billboard" callers Feb. 26. They were en route to Evansville, Ind., where they join the Wright Carnival Company.

There is some misunderstanding regarding the street fair closed at Parsons, Kan., by C. R. Carlinsky for the De Kreko Brothers. The dates set in May, will likely be revoked.

Col. L. N. Fisk, formerly of the Amalgamated Midway and Exposition Companies, is in Birmingham, Ala., closing contracts for the "World's Free Fair and Manufacturers' Traveling Exposition," to be held in March.

Mr. Ira Taber passed through St. Louis to join the Bostock enterprises. He was earlier in the season with "The Ramblers" burlesque, which played the Standard Theater here.

C. F. Thomas, Sam Greenwade, J. L. Conroy and W. B. O'Connell have been appointed members of a committee to arrange for a street fair at Mt. Sterling, Ky., this summer.

Mr. B. Pietz is in St. Louis, negotiating with the DeKreko Bros., regarding the handling of some of their concessions during the present tour of the Roman Carnival and Exposition Company, which begins about May 1.

J. D. Morris, of Goldsboro, N. C., called on T. C. Garrity, of Lincoln, Kan., Feb. 14, to make final arrangements to put out a street fair. The deal is under consideration yet. Mr. Morris was with the L. Oppenheimer aggregation last season.

"The Billboard" is in receipt of a communication from those in authority at Paducah, Ky., which says that the Bostock-Ferari Company will furnish the attractions for the coming street fair in that city. It is hoped that this will settle the controversy as to who has landed the Paducah contract.

The local free street fair company, now organizing under the title of the World's Free Fair Fair Company, at Birmingham, Ala., will be under the sole management of L. N. Fisk, who has associated with him competent and experienced men in the different departments. There will be at least four feature acts for the free exhibi-

tions and about eight high-class shows. The opening date is March 17. The shows will all be different, so as not to conflict with each other. There will be no gambling allowed, but the legitimate privileges will be sold at a reasonable price to all those that want them. This company will select territory that has not been touched by any street fair show, and already has some good spots in view.

FREAKS TO ORDER.

Henry Bartram claims to have a freak of nature on his farm at Bluffton, Ind. Twin lambs were born, and one of them is snow-white, while the other is pure black.

A cat at Cynthiana, Ky., is the proud parent of a snow-white kitten, with head, ears and eyes the exact counterpart of a fox terrier. The cat is the property of the Commercial Hotel.

Henry Pryor, of Marion, O., has an old dog that took pity on three motherless kittens, and is raising them. The dog is devoted to her charges, and the strange family has attracted considerable attention.

A bantam rooster belonging to the fire department of Terre Haute, Ind., had a leg frozen recently. Amputation was necessary and the lost member was replaced by a wooden leg. The rooster is now hobbling about as merrily as of yore.

A child with two heads has just been born in Kankakee, Ill. The secondary head is about two-thirds the size and projects from the back of the normal head. While the second head is well formed, the features are not developed. The child is healthy.

THE ADVERTISING MAN.

From Dan on Down to Beersheba,
And back again to Dan.
The forceful push of commerce
Is the advertising man.

In the onward march of progress,
That house is in the van.
Whose life is known to people
Through the advertising man.

Ye page of Dan and Bradstreet
Inquiring optics scan,
And where A-1 is noted
There's an advertising man.

In the little game of business,
Just count that man a "fan."
Who trusts in type and paper,
And the advertising man.

In each "Deserted Village"
Rivers of ink ne'er ran,
They never had a paper
Nor an advertising man.

Among all breeds of people,
The white folks, black and tan,
The one that does the business
Is the advertising man.

As fire and steam to engines
Or to wheels the oiling can,
The same to wheels of business
Is the advertising man.

Why the your hands, my brother,
And place on you a ban?
Folks only know you are living
Through the advertising man.

You may fret your liver torpid,
You may lie awake and plain;
When you know the only succor
Is the advertising man.

You may work yourself to frenzy,
You may hustle all you can;
But will only make a winning
Through the advertising man.

The yawning gulch of failure
With speed you'll surely span,
When supported by the pen!

Of the advertising man.

You'll catch the golden nuggets
In your little sluicing pan,
When shaken by the fingers

Of the advertising man.

—Frank E. Page in Denver Times.

The Tony Lowande Circus, now touring Cuba, arrived in Cienfuegos, Feb. 6, and turned people away at every performance for nine days. The features of the company are the Carl Hammann Family troupe of acrobats, Orrin Bros.' group of performing animals, and Brutus, the riding lion, performed by the unrivaled Henry Welton. The roster is as follows: Tony Lowande, proprietor and manager; Ismael Fequiera, treasurer; Isidoro Ortega, general advertising agent; Pablo Tejo, assistant advertising agent; Pablo Pol, equestrian director; Jose Tucker, musical director; Carl Hammann Family, acrobats; Loyal Family, acrobats; Henry Welton and group of performing animals; Martinho Lowande, Jr., somersault equestrian; Marietta Correa, equestrienne; Jose Lowande, equestrienne; Harry Higgins, mule hurdle rider; John Correa, aerialist; John Correa, Jr., wire artist; Mile, Adelle, contortionist; Hermelina Garcia, single trapeze; Brothers Quino, acrobats; Wm. Tessiere, head balancing, trapeze; Aurelio Reyes, Cuban clown; Chas. Thomas, balloon ascensionist; Gabina Rivera, pantomimist; Luisa Fequiera, pantomimist.

Charles Hoyt, claiming to be a cousin of the deceased playwright, is in durance vile at St. Louis. It is said that Hoyt accepted money from girls afflicted with footlight ambition, under promise to get them positions, and then failed to make good.



SPEED RING NOTES.

Neva Simmens 2:114, sold for \$13,200 at Lexington, to Mike Bowerman.

The Jay County (Ind.) Fair Society has raised its speed purses to \$2,500 for the exhibit of 1902.

Trainer Joe Farley, of Danville, has returned from Virginia, where he trained a stable of trotters the past season. Farley will have a good string in charge this year.

William Gerst, of Nashville, has sent a full sister to Belwood A., 2:07 1/2, by Wedgewood, 2:19, dam Hagar, 2:25, by Nutwood, 2:18 1/2, to Lexington to be bred to Prodigal, 2:16.

W. W. Evans will train the three-year-old Vintoll for John Moyer, of Youngstown, O. The colt is by Actell, 2:18 1/2, dam Mattle Vincent, 2:28 1/2, by St. Vincent, and is entered in the Futurity.

John T. Hedges, formerly one of the most prominent breeders and trainers of trotting horses in Bourbon County, is devoting his attention strictly to farming. He says he will train no more horses.

Jack Cousins, the renowned jockey, has closed a successful engagement as equestrian manager of the Barnum & Bailey Society Circus in Boston, and opened Feb. 19 in Brooklyn, with his wife, Little Aymar, at the Riding Club.

Z. T. Smiley & Co., the well known Lexington horsemen, bought at the sale for \$400 the brown gelding Cardigan, 2:16 1/2, by Electric Bell, dam Russnole, 2:30, by Electrone; second dam, Rebecca, dam of Lucifer, in 2:30, by General Benton.

Word comes from Z. E. Simmons, who has been so seriously ill in New York, that his health has very much improved, and that he will return soon to Lexington. He has been a very sick man, and his friends will be pleased to hear of his recovery.

Senator J. W. Bailey has bought of Smith Gentry a part of the Brook Curry place, the purchase including the barns, ten acres of land and a bridle dwelling house. Mr. Bailey's horses in training, under the care of Joe Ren, will be quartered in the barns.

John D. Creighton has added to his horses in training the bay mare Diana French, by Ashland Wilkes, 2:17 1/2, dam Betty West (dam of Edgar, 2:16 1/2), by Egbert. This mare is a full sister to Grace Arlington. Diana French is five years old and has no record.

Douglas Thomas, of Paris, Ky., has sold to T. L. Arthur, the Brooklyn trainer, a six-year-old green trotting mare, by Baron Wilkes, dam sister to Earlment, 2:09 1/2, and a bay mare, by Happy King (son of Happy Medium), dam by Dictator; second dam by Young Jim; third dam by Aberdeen.

Following are the officers of the new Hendersonville (N. Y.) Driving Association: President, Henry Preston; vice president, Chas. H. Aristed; secretary and treasurer, C. E. West; Board of directors: Geo. N. Orient, Thos. H. Brooks, James E. Schwartzenbach, E. J. Bradish, W. L. Snow, Henry Erlieh, William Cobb. Committee: H. C. Preston, W. Hollands, James H. Clancy. The association has at present between forty and fifty members.

The Road Drivers' Association of Baltimore held a meeting last Wednesday at the Gentlemen's Driving Park. President O. Hammond sent in his resignation, which was accepted with regret. M. J. Kohn was elected president in place of Mr. Hammond. Mr. W. B. Alexander, of the Belvidere Driving Club, was present and spoke, advocating unity of action between the two associations, looking to improvement in the roads around Baltimore.

The members of the Gentlemen's Driving Club of St. Louis are in an unpleasant predicament. They had a good half-mile track, grand stand, etc., that the city council had granted for their use, and which they had erected and prepared at their own expense. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company took that part of Forest Park containing this track and have already removed the grand stand, fences, etc. Certainly not under two or three years, if ever, will the Driving Club get back the grounds occupied by it. An effort will be made to secure another track, as mutton racing has become exceedingly popular and the members are too enthusiastic to permit the great sport to be discontinued.—Turf, Field and Farm.

Now, wouldn't this warp the woodwork. Miss Louise Alden, of Terre Haute, Ind., went to a show the other night and laughed so heartily at a German comedian that she tore her diaphragm. It sounds like a press agent's dream, but the comedian's name is not known.

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A WORD TO PROMOTERS.

It has always been the aim of "The Billboard" to eliminate from its various departments all that was unfair and untruthful, on the theory that fairness and truthfulness are the essentials of a successful newspaper. The career of "The Billboard" has been a successful one, as well as a useful one. The truth of this is demonstrated by the fact that it is now the official organ of street fairs—a paper whose columns are open to each and every promoter.

Not a day passes that the mails do not bring to this office large numbers of communications from promoters from all over the United States. They recognize the value of "The Billboard" as a street fair medium, and in sending in items, or in seeking information, are merely exercising a prerogative given them by this paper.

That this right is an advantageous one can not be denied. It gives to promoters the means of knowing what their fellows are doing, and it as well enables them to let the public know their movements. In return, "The Billboard" gets the news. It is just as necessary to the promoter as to "The Billboard" that that news be authentic. It is unreasonable to expect this paper to expend time in investigating the reliability of each communication sent in for publication. There are so many, that, to adopt such a course would be to attempt the accomplishment of an impossibility. It, therefore, behoves promoters to be fair in their dealings with "The Billboard." This paper believes in the theory of the existence of innocence until guilt is proven, and that the matter sent for publication is truth.

Street fair promoters certainly ought to reciprocate the good "The Billboard" seeks to do them, instead of trying to make the paper a joke through the publication of statements. It is not in position to investigate, and which are false. An instance of the kind came to light only recently, and from a man who has been favored more than once in these columns. All that can be said is that in sending a false item he not only harmed "The Billboard," but the correction of the notice will do him some hurt.

There are sins, and again there are sins, but the greatest sin is ingratitude.

The editor sincerely trusts that promoters will not seek to take advantage of a good thing. The columns are open for items of interest and truth, and all are welcome to use them. But be truthful.

MISS MAUD ELLIOTT.

Only Woman Manager of a Theatrical Exchange in the Country.

To Miss Maud Elliott, whose likeness "The Billboard" presents to its readers on the first page of this issue, belongs the distinction of being the only one of her sex in the United States to be burdened with the arduous duties imposed in the management of a theatrical exchange. She has entire charge of the ladies' department of

the Cleveland (O.) Theatrical Exchange, of which Mr. Frank P. Spellman is general manager. Miss Elliott is a strikingly handsome woman, of the Gibson type. She was born at Sidney, O., and at an early age exhibited a strong tendency toward the stage, eagerly devouring every bit of literature bearing on the subject. She possesses business ability seldom allotted one of the weaker sex, and is peculiarly fitted, through her wide professional acquaintance, for the unique position she so creditably fills.

NEW THEATERS.

Two of Them for Cincinnati Being Talked About—The Facts in the Case.

Two of two new theaters in Cincinnati have been revolved the past week; or rather, the opening of an old one and the probable building of a new one. There are so many conflicting stories regarding the latter that it is a difficult matter to get anything like a good line on the truth of the matter. With regard to the opening of an old theater, there are also two stories: one that a burlesque stock company, to burlesque the New York successes, will be installed in the old Vine Street Opera House, which Col. Bob Fingora tried valiantly to open early in the season. The projectors of the enterprise are said to be Messrs. E. H. Anthony, a former well-known and popular local news paper man, who now holds a responsible position under the city, and N. W. Granger, a young, popular and successful business man, who is at the head of the Union Bay & Grain Company, in Cincinnati. Both are without theatrical experience, but both are popular hustling fellows, who ought to know what is necessary to make a playhouse successful.

Mr. Anthony is now in New York, endeavoring to get a line on probable talent. However, a serious obstacle, in the way of John A. Avery's lease on the Vine Street Opera House stands in the way of securing that site. The same obstacle was responsible for Col. Fingora's failure to install a burlesque stock company in the house early in the season. Avery, who is in the employ of the Henck & Fennessy forces, will not, it is expected, surrender his lease voluntarily without the consent of his employers, and Messrs. Henck & Fennessy are too astute to sanction anything of the kind. However, the talk about resuming the old Vine Street Opera House is said to be only a "stall" for the real purpose in view, which is to secure the old Museum building on Vine Street, almost opposite the Grand Opera House, which is admitted to be infinitely a better stand. Whatever happens, it is not considered probable that anything will be done before the opening of the season of 1902-3.

The story regarding the new theater is the revival of an old story that the property at the corner of Race and Longworth streets, immediately in the rear of the Grand Opera House, is desired for a new theater. "The Billboard," early last fall, published the story that Col. Bob Morgan, a Cincinnati capitalist, would build a theater on this site, but Colonel Morgan died. Now comes the story that Tom Hayes, a Cincinnati capitalist, who owns a considerable interest in the property on which the Columbia Theater is located, has offered \$12,000 on the leasehold on the property, with the intention of building another theater if he secures the property. What Mr. Hayes contemplates putting in such a theater is not stated. However, in this connection comes a story from St. Louis that Col. Jim Butler, of the Standard Theater in that city, is to enter the Cincinnati field next season. It is not probable that Colonel Butler would enter the burlesque field in Cincinnati, unless he should buy in with Henck & Fennessy, because he already holds the Empire Circuit franchise for St. Louis and Kansas City, and it is not believed that any Henck & Fennessy stock can be bought, even by Colonel Butler.

It may be that a deal is on between Butler and Hayes for a new theater at Race and Longworth streets, which is undeniably a desirable site for a theater; but the question of what would or could be put on it, with the field already thoroughly covered, is in question.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Of the Bill Posters and Distributors Association is Now On at Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, O., March 11.—The Directors of the Association of Bill Posters and Distributors of the United States and Canada went into their regular quarterly session at the Colonial Hotel this morning, with Mr. Charles Bryan, of Cleveland, in the chair, and Mr. Charles Bernard, of Savannah, Ga., as secretary. There is quite a showing of delegates, all of whom reflect credit on their craft. They appear to be hustling, wide-wake business men.

The talk of the meeting previous to its being called together was the consolidation of the various Chicago interests, mention of which was made exclusively in "The Billboard" last week, and while not an entire surprise, the general sentiment of the delegates present is that Messrs. Pratt, Link, Campbell and Gunning have done the wise thing and that the best interests in poster and billboard advertising in Chicago have been subserved by consolidating their interests.

So far as can be learned, there is nothing of vital interest that will come up at this meeting. There are several minor matters of internal dissension which will be adjusted, but nothing of moment will come up until the annual meeting in July.

OBITUARY.

John Queen, the old-time and well-known minstrel, died Feb. 25. He was perhaps best known as the author of "Just Because She Made Dem Go-Go Eyes."

Dr. Jos. A. Booth, of New York, a brother of John Wilkes and Junius Brutus Booth, Jr., died Feb. 25. He was well known to many members of the theatrical profession. Forrest E. Russell, a member of "A Runaway Girl" Company, died Feb. 25, at Kalmarooz, Mich., from the effects of injuries received in a wreck near Decatur, Ind., recently.

Annie Toan, twenty-eight years old, who was known on the stage as Josie Watson, one of the three Watson Sisters, died of pneumonia, at the Hotel Golden, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, where she performed at the Elk's carnival. She became ill two weeks ago. The body was shipped to Chicago for burial.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTICE.—The Billboard desires a correspondent in every city and town in the United States which is not here represented.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Hagerstown, Md., March 3.—Academy of Music, (C. M. Futter, Mgr.)—Business at this house has been excellent of late, and the managerial physiognomy of Colonel Futter is appropriately wreathed with wrinkles of gladness. "A Homespun Heart" was a delightful offering on Feb. 24, our people enjoyed it greatly. A capable company in a story of heart-stirring interest. On Feb. 24, "The Flip Mr. Flop" came. To say that it is a good show would be to vary far from the verge of veracity. "Rube" Welch as Mr. Flop, and Kitte Francis as Mrs. O'Connor, were laboring under difficulties in their respective parts. The company carried no scenery of its own, and this further injured the performance. On Feb. 28, "Down on the Farm," a pastoral play, to a good house.

W. DIXON VON VOLKENBERG.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

San Francisco, Calif., March 3.—Columbia, (Gottlob, Marx & Gottlob, Mgrs.)—Lottie Blair Parker's "Way Down East" renewed its popularity the week of Feb. 17. Good houses witnessed a very clever presentation of the now famous play. The company, though not the same as last year, is very acceptable, prominent among them being Chas. Riegel, Thurlow Berger, Wallace Bowen, Chas. A. Burke, Grace Hopkins and Grace Craft Hill. Grace Hopkins was very pleasing as Anna Moore, the heroine, and Chas. Riegel did admirable work as Squire Bartlett. The scenery, especially that of the snow-storm, was very realistic. "Way Down East" is assured of another big week's business, and will be followed by the celebrated Eastern success, "Arizona."

California Theater, (Ellinghouse & Oppenheimer, Mgrs.)—Week of Feb. 17, the second week of "The Sign of the Cross," proved a satisfactory one. Chas. Dalton and his capable company gave a very complete presentation of the play. Murray and Mack opened Feb. 23 to a top-heavy house. "Shooting the Chutes," minus a plot, as all farce comedies are, gave the principals and their assistants a good chance for applause. Mrs. Dixley made good in a clever tramp specialty. Miss Lillian Durham's songs were very pleasing. The chorus is above the average of farce comedy organizations. "Rupert of Hentzau" will be the offering commencing Sunday, March 2.

Grand Opera House, (Grand Opera House Syndicate, Mgrs.)—Geo. Ober, formerly a principal member of Chas. Hoyt's forces, began a starring engagement Feb. 17, opening with "A Temperance Town." Mr. Ober was seen to advantage in his original roles of Uncle Viell and Judge Graham Doe. The stock company gave a good interpretation of the other roles. "A Midnight Bell" was produced last week.

Empire, (Oppenheim Syndicate, Mgrs.)—A bill of unusual excellence was presented last week to good houses. Mary Norman headed the bill in her clever society caricatures, and scored a hit. The Blossoms did a good acrobatic turn, their pantomime work being excellent. One of the best singing acts seen here for a long time was that of the Hawaiian Glee Club. Dempsey and Mack, Jessie Hale, Wincherman's Bears, Warren and Blanchard, the Three Merrills and some new pictures on the biography made up an interesting bill. The Meers-Probyn Ladies' Quartet, Billy (Single) Clifford, Nugent and Fertig and Josephine Safer are the new faces this week.

Alenza Theater, (Relasco, Thall & Mayer, Mgrs.)—The Alenza company proved its versatility last week in "The Oriental Express," an adaptation of Augustus Daly's.

They show up equally well in farce comedy or melodrama, and good-sized audiences are always the rule. Wm. H. Crane's successful comedy, "The Head of the Family," will be put on tonight for a week's run, to be followed by "At the White Horse Tavern." "Mine, Mine, Mine" is in preparation, and will be given a big production.

Central Theater, (Relasco, Thall & Mayer, Mgrs.)—A satisfactory business has been done the past week with Chas. Blaney's latest creation, "An African King." The scenery was elaborate, and the large cast was in competent and efficient hands. A revival of the old favorite, "The Corner Grocery," will be given this week, with James Corrigan and Frank Bacon in the leading business.

Tivoli Opera House, (Mrs. Ernestine Kretting, Proprietary)—"The Amero" closed a large four weeks' business last night, and will be followed by the Bostonians' great comic opera success, "The Serenade." The piece has been in preparation for over a month,

and a very accurate and complete production is promised. Wm. Schuster will make his reappearance with the Tivoli forces.

Olympia, (Albert Walterstein, Mgr.)—A good vaudeville bill drew good houses the past week.

Clutha Vandeville Theater, (Ed. Levy, Mgr.)—The attendance has been light of late, owing to the rain. The bill consists of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fitzpatrick and company, Wincherman's Bears, La Brett Sisters, Annette Maxwell, the Nambas and the Biograph.

Fischer's Theater, (E. A. Fischer, Proprietary)

This new place of amusement, formerly Fischer's Opera House, has been entirely remodeled, and was opened as a burlesque theater, being run on the same plan as Weber and Fields' New York house. Manager Fischer will produce for the first time in this city the successful musical novelty, "The French Maid." He has secured a company of rare excellence, consisting of Philar Merlin, Lillian Travers, Alice Brook, Alice Kellar, Priscilla Verne, Harry Hernsaw, Wilfred Blake, Chas. Hildesley, Ed. Lehey and Arthur Lane; also a capable chorus and a ballet of twenty-four girls. Walter Cravan, a man of wide experience, will have charge of the stage. The advance sale for the opening night was large.

GORDON M. BROWN.

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GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Adams, W.	John & Co., A.
Ash, Joe.	Jones, John J.
Adell's Dog and	Jones, Dr. E. G.
Pony Show.	King, C. C.
Adkins, C. D.	Kutz, Adolph.
Automobile.	Kuhn, Robert.
Allen, Bones Albert.	Leavitt & Seaman.
Bartlett, Le Witte.	Lewis, J. C.
Boston Loop	Lowry Students, The.
Loop Co.	Leclair, Mons.
Bonhomme Family	Leary, Jerry.
10 and 20 Cent Show	Lingl, Geo.
Blackford, Warren C.	Luckie, Lawrence.
Brady, Sam.	Littes, Chas.
Bridger, Edw. B.	La Mar, Nib.
Brooks, F. W., Mgr.	Moore, James C.
Boatinghouse, Kirby.	Mundy, Monsier.
Turner, A. H.	Murphy, James Z.
"C. H. G."	McGregor, Cliff.
Chapman, A. Z.	Monroe, Billy.
Colorado Charley	Miner, G., Mgr.
Wild West.	Muscat, W. R.
Crift, H. P.	McNekols, John.
Clarkson, John.	Moseley, W. B.
Carroll, Mike.	Moriarty, David.
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Carter, Herbert J.	Norris, R.
Darling's Dog and	Phillips & Belmont.
Pony Show.	Powley, Wm.
De Clairvilles, The.	Pearson, Ralph.
Date, Harry P.	Pleison, Ralph, Esq.
Deal, Nedman.	Praeger, Jack.
Douglas, Prof. John L.	Perry, Geo. M.
Emmerson, Harry.	Pinkston, F. C.
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Fowler, A. W.	Rice, M. E.
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Fitzkey, Old F.	Ragab, Lloyd.
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Flek, E.	Rourke, John.
Francis, A. B.	Royer, Archle.
Forgrave, R. H.	Ritchie, Edward.
Fricker & Bailey.	Rogers, E.
Fannmann, Archle.	Seika, Sam.
Foley, Ed.	Sidouni, The Great.
Farmer, H. P., mgr.	Stouse, Warren.
Gordon, J. Saunders.	Swartz, Prof. Chas.
Grey, Joseph J.	Scott, Tom and Little.
Grimes, Frank A.	Steely, White &
Great Southern Circus.	Young.
Grimes, Joe.	Sherman, Lee.
Guy, Cliff.	Snyder, Prof. Hank.
Gleason, O. R.	Sonscrant Bros.
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Hubbard, Frank B.	Waldo & Elliott.
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Hamilton, C. Geo.	Watts, Geo. A.
Huddleson, Mr.	Winkler, S. W.
Herbst, Milton.	White, Frank M.
Harris, Richard.	Wilbur Opera Co.
Hare, Jas. E.	Stage Manager.
Hess, Chas.	Willard Amusement Syndicate, The.
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Jabour Midway Show, Geo.	Prosperita, Mlle.
Bell, Josephine.	Reich, Little A.
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Cowell, Sidney.	Smith, Mile, Christine
Daniels, Edith.	Stuart, Amella.
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TRAGEDY AND DRAMA.

ADAMS, Maude, ("Quality Street"); Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Washington, D. C., March 3-8.
ALLEN, Viola, (Liebler & Co., Mgrs.)—Salt Lake City, Utah, March 6-8.
AUBREY Stock Co., (Eastern; Mittenal Bros., Mgrs.)—Holyoke, Mass., March 3-8.
ARTHUR, John—Joplin, Kan., March 4-6; Neosho, 7; Lamar, 8; Tulsa, 9; March 10-12; Amarillo, Tex., March 13-15; Lubbock, Tex., March 16-18; Mobeley, Mo., 19.
ARIZONA, (Western; Kirke La Shelle & Fred, R. Hamlin, Mgrs.)—San Francisco, Cal., March 3-15.

AN ACTOR'S Romance, (H. W. Taylor, Mgr.)—Albany, N. Y., March 3-5; Saratoga, 6-8.

AT the Old Cross Roads, (Arthur C. Alison, Mgr.)—Fond du Lac, Wis., March 2-8.

AT Cripple Creek, (Whitaker & Lawrence, Mgrs.)—Wheeler, W. Va., March 3-5; Akron, O., 6.

A HOMESPUN Heart, (Leon Williams, Bus., Mgr.)—Elizabeth, Pa., March 1.

TWO Little Waiffs, (Jas. L. Buford, Mgr.)—St. Louis, Mo., March 1-April 5.

A RAGGED Hero—Minneapolis, Minn., March 2-8; Milwaukee, Wis., 10-15; Chicago, Ill., 16-22.

A CAVALIER of France, (Shlpinan Bros., Mgrs.)—South Chicago, Ill., March 5; Joliet, 6; Laporte, Ind., 7; Pullman, Ill., 8; Blue Island, 9; Ottawa, 10; Princeton, Ind., 11; Kewanee, 12.

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

BANDMAN, Daniel E.—Gainesville, Tex., March 3-5; Sherman, 6; Denison, 7-8.

BRUSSELL'S, Edmund, Dramatic Co.—Lebanon, O., March 3-8.

CARTER, Mrs. Leslie—New York, N. Y., Feb. 21, indefinitely.

CROSSMAN, Henrietta, (Maurice Campbell, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 24, indefinitely.

CAMPBELL, Mrs. Patrick, (Liebler & Co., Mgrs.)—Philadelphia, Pa., March 3-15.

CONVICT'S Daughter, (Eastern; Geo. Samuels, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., March 3-8.

CAUGHT in the Web, (J. H. Robbins, Mgr.)—Scottsdale, Pa., March 4; Tornerville, 5; Mt. Pleasant, 6; Belle Vernon, 7; Jeannette, 8.

CHRISTIAN, The, (Western; Liebler & Co., Mgrs.)—Spokane, Wash., March 3-4; North Yakima, 5; Tacoma, 6; Victoria, B. C., 7; Vancouver, 8.

COLORADO, (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24-March 8.

CAVALIER of France—Rochester, Ind., March 3.

DREW, John, ("Second in Command"; Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Indianapolis, Ind., March 3.

DE WOLFE Elsie, ("The Way of the World")—New York, N. Y., Feb. 24, indefinitely.

DOWN Mobile, (Lincoln J. Carter's)—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23-March 15.

EMMETT, J. K., and Lottie Gilson, ("The Outpost")—Providence, R. I., March 3-8.

EAST Lynne, (Lee Moses, Mgr.)—Mapleton, Ia., March 4.

ELEVENTH Hour, (Western; Lincoln J. Carter's)—Olympia, Wash., March 6; Tacoma, 7-8; Seattle, 9-15.

FAST Mail, (L. J. Carter's)—Plymouth, Mass., March 6; St. Johnsbury, 7; Berlin, 8; Woodsville, 10; Barre, Vt., 11; Burlington, 12.

FAUST, (Morrison's)—Lincoln, Neb., March 5.

FAVERSHAM, Wm., ("A Royal Rival")—Chicago, Ill., March 3-8.

FISKE, Mrs.—St. Louis, Mo., March 3-8.

FABIO Romani, (J. Murray, Mgr.)—Marietta, S. C., March 6; Florence, 7; Orangeburg, 8.

FATAL Wedding—Chicago, Ill., March 2-8.

FAUST, (Calhoun's)—Elizabeth, N. J., March 3-5.

GRACE, George, ("Under Southern Skies"; W. A. Brady, Mgr.)—Trenton, N. J., March 8.

GOLDEN, Richard, ("Old Jed Prouty"; Wm. H. Rudolph, Mgr.)—Topeka, Kan., March 8.

GEORGE, Clara—Baldwood, Ia., March 3-8.

GAMBLER'S Daughter, (J. M. Ward & R. L. Cressey, Mgrs.)—Toronto, Can., March 3-8.

GAMEKEEPER (Rowland & Clifford, Mgrs.)—Cornell, N. Y., March 6; Perry, 7; Magna Falls, 8.

GYPSY Cross, (J. A. Stirling, Mgr.)—Xenia, O., March 4; Middletown, 5; Columbus, 6-8.

HACKETT, Jas. K., ("Don Caesar's Return")—Pittsburg, Pa., March 3-8.

HUMAN Hearts, (Eastern; Jesse Blanchard, Mgr.)—Springfield, N. Y., March 3-5; Troy, 6-8; Pastucket, 10-12; Fall River, 13-15.

HOLLAND, Mildred, (Edw. C. White, Mgr.)—Muncie, Ind., March 6; Anderson, 7; Kokomo, 8; Logansport, 10; Hartford City, 11; Marion, 12.

HUMAN Hearts, (Alec G. Hampton, Mgr.)—Stockton, Cal., March 7; Fresno, 8; Sacramento, 9-10; Auburn, 11; Grass Valley, 12; Carson, Nev., 13; Virginia City, 14.

HEART of Maryland, (David Belasco, Mgr.)—St. Louis, Mo., March 2-8; Louisville, Ky., 9-15; Cincinnati, O., 16-22.

HEART of Chicago, (E. W. Roland, Mgr.)—Lebanon, Ind., March 6; Rockland, 7; Braxill, 8; Terre Haute, 10; Marshall, 10, 11; Oiney, 12.

HAWTRY, Chas., ("A Message from Mars"; Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 24-March 15.

HASWIN, Carl, ("A Lion's Heart")—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24-March 8.

HAYWARD, Grace, (Dick Ferris, Mgr.)—Sioux Falls, S. D., March 4-8.

HEART of the Blue Ridge, (Dorothy Lewis)—Abilene, N. Y., March 4.

HEART of a Woman, (Arthur Wyndham, Mgr.)—Colorado, Tex., March 5; Abilene, March 7.

If I Were King, (E. H. Sothern; V. E. Kennedy, Mgr.)—Philadelphia, Pa., March 3-22.

IRVING, Sir Henry, and Ellen Terry, Boston, Mass., Feb. 24-March 15.

JANICE Meredith, (Chas. T. Buckley, Mgr.)—Savannah, Ga., March 7; Charleston, S. C., 8.

JESSE James, (Eastern)—Altoona, Pa., March 7.

KIDDER, Kathryn, ("Mollie Pitcher"; Geo. B. Brewster, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 21-March 8.

LITTLE Trixie, (Robbins & White, Mgrs.)—Johnstown, Pa., March 3-4; Kane, 5.

LOST River, (Cincinnati, O., March 2-8.

LOST in the Desert, (W. H. Moore, Mgr.)—Pittsburg, Pa., March 3-8; Baltimore, Md., 10-15.

LANE, Leonora, (Sparta, Ga., March 4-6.

MARLOWE, Julia, (Chas. Frohman, Mgr.)—Detroit, Mich., March 3-8.

MACK, Andrew, ("Tom Moore"; Rich & Harris, Mgrs.)—Chicago, Ill., March 3-15.

MONTE Cristo, (Edward Southerns; Edwin Patterson, Mgr.)—Balrd, Tex., March 5; Colorado, 6; Dublin, 7; Brownwood, 8.

MAN Who Dared, (Howard Hall; H. H. Whinell, Mgr.)—New Haven, Conn., March 3-5.

MANTELL, R. B. (Mart W. Hanley, Mgr.)—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24-March 8.

MCNELL, Irene, (Will H. Myers, Mgr.)—St. Louis, Mo., March 1-4.

McHENRY, Nellie, ("Miliss");—Philadelphia, Pa., March 3-8.

NOT Guilty, (Whitaker & Lawrence, Mgrs.)—Chicago, Ill., March 2-8.

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HASWELL, Percy—Baltimore, Md., indefinitely.

HEDDERY, May—Chicago, Ill., indefinitely.

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

KENNEDY Players, (C. W. Otis, Mgr.)—Jackson, Mich., March 3-8.

KEYSTONE Dramatic Co., (McGill & Shupman, Mgrs.)—Johnstown, Pa., March 3-8; Owensboro, Ky., 10-15.

KING Dramatic Co.—Hamilton, Ont., March 3-8; Atlantic City, N. J., 10-29.

KLARK-URBAN Co., (H. B. Klark, Mgr.)—Rockland, Mass., March 4-8; Plymouth, 10-15.

KELLAR Stock Co.—Pneido, Col., indefinitely.

MATHEWS, Clara—Vancouver, B. C., March 3-9; Nanaimo, 10-15.

MOJESKA and James—Duluth, Minn., March 1.

MAISON Square Theater Co.—Topeka, Kan., March 3-8.

MOREY Stock Co., (Le Comte & Flesher, Mgrs.)—Tyler, Tex., March 3-6.

MANHATTAN Stock Co.—Seattle, Wash., indefinitely.

NEIL, Jas., (Edwin Neil, Mgr.)—Denver, Colo., March 3-8; Salt Lake City, Utah, 10-11; Stockton, Cal., 13; San Jose, 14; Los Angeles, 16-April 19.

PHELAN Stock Co., (E. V. Phelan, Mgr.)—Cohoes, N. Y., March 3-8; Albany, 10-15.

PATTON'S, Corse, Theater Co., (Corso Payton, Mgr.)—Brooklyn, N. Y., indefinitely.

PROCTOR'S Stock Co.—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

PARISSIAN Stock Co.—Lancaster, O., indefinitely.

PIKE Stock Co., (David H. Hunt, Mgr.)—Cincinnati, O., indefinitely.

PHILLIPS, Louis, Stock Co.—Brooklyn, N. Y., indefinitely.

ROWE KING—Derby, Conn., March 3-8; Brockton, 10-15.

ROGERS Stock Co., (W. N. Rogers, Mgr.)—San Francisco, Cal., indefinitely.

SHANNON, Harry—Carthage, Mo., March 8; McPherson, Kan., 10; Hutchinson, 11-15.

STANDABER Stock Co.—Chester, Ill., March 3-8.

SPOONER Dramatic Co., (W. Blek Harrison, Mgr.)—Tampa, Fla., March 3-8.

STUHLER Stock Co., (E. A. Schiller, Mgr.)—Franklin, Pa., March 3-8.

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

STEVENS Stock Co.—Oakland, Calif., indefinitely.

STUART, Ralph, (M. Martin Kitterman, Mgr.)—Seattle, Wash., indefinitely.

SHEA, Tom, E.—Philadelphia, Pa., March 3-8.

TOLSON MILLER—Hot Springs, Ark., March 10-15.

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

THANHOUSER Stock Co., (Edw. Thanouser, Mgr.)—Milwaukee, Wis., indefinitely.

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

VAN DYKE and Eaton, (C. Mack, Mgr.)—Parkersburg, W. Va., March 3-9.

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

WOODWARD Stock Co.—Kansas City, Vaudeville.

LADIES.

ALLEN, Phyllis—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus, March 9-15).

BABY Conners—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

BONNIE Malee—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

COLTHON, Jessie—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 9-15.

CARNIVAL—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

DE WOLF, Marie—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

ELLIS, Madge—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

FOOTER, Bertie—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

RAWLTON, Zelma—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-15.

HUTH, Maude—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

HEPNER, Louise—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

KOKIN, Mignonette—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

LIZETTE, Mlle—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

LEONA, Bonnie—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

NORMAN, Mary—Los Angeles, Calif., (Orpheum), Feb. 24-March 8.

RUSSELL, Ida—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

RICE, Faunie—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

SHEAR, Mrs. Byron—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

VOKES, Marie—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

GENTLEMEN.

BROTH, Julius Brutus—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

CLIFFORD, Billy—San Francisco, Feb. 23-March 15.

CANARY, Dan J.—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

DUNCAN, A. O.—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

DAY, Geo. W.—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

ELY, Edgar Atchison—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 9-15.

FLYNN, Joe—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

GRANT, Sidney—Kansas City, Mo. (Orpheum), March 2-8.

HASKELL, Lonie—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

LEACH, Al, and Three Rosebuds—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 9-15.

LESLIE, Geo.—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

MERRITT, Hal—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

WEBER, John F.—New York, N. Y., Feb. 17-March 31.

WORLD, John W., and Minnie Hastings—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

WILLIAMS, Gus—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

TEAMS.

BURTON and Brooks—Brooklyn, N. Y., March 3-8.

BERLIN Sisters—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

CLIFFORD and Burke—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

CRAWFORD Bros.—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

CRAWFORD and Stanley—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

CARFIELD and Carleton—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

DEMSEY and Mack—Los Angeles, Calif., (Orpheum), Feb. 23-March 8.

DELMORE Sisters—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

DANCING Dandies—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

EIGHTH Pierrots—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 9-15.

ECKER and Berg—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

EMILY Lytton & Co.—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

ELATION Quartette—San Francisco, (Orpheum), Feb. 16-March 8.

FIVE ST. Lasons—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

FLETCHER and Tempest—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

GALETTE Monkeys—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

GARRISON, Jules and Ella—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

GIRARD and Gardner—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

GREEN and Werner—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

JOHNSTONE Bennett & Co.—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

JOHNSTON, Davenport and Loretta—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

KELCEY, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

KILPATRICK'S Cycle Dazzle—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

LAFAYETTE Show—Washington, D. C., March 3-8.

LEON and Allen—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

MERTZ and Adair—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

MCINTYRE and DeCotrel—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

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PEIRCE and Egbert—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

PLAMONDON and Amendo—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

REILLY & Woods—Brooklyn, N. Y., (Shea's), March 3-8.

SMITH and Fuller—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

SAVANS, The—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

THORNE and Carleton—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 9-15.

TIDWELL, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, & Co.—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

THE PONY Ballet—Buffalo, N. Y. (Shea's), March 3-8.

WADE and Hastings—Chicago, Ill., (Chicago Opera House), March 3-8.

WHITEY Bros.—Cincinnati, O., (Columbus), March 2-8.

BURLESQUE.

ADAMS, May—Burlesques, Pawtucket, R. I., March 3-5; Springfield, Mass., 3-8.

AMERICAN Burlesques—Frank Burns, Mgr.—Davenport, Ia., March 7; Quincy, Ill.; Edwardsville, Ill.; Danville, Ill.; Kankakee, Ill.; Marion, Ill.; Urbana, Ill.; Sandusky, 15.

BRIGADIERS—Chicago, Ill., March 3-8.

BRIEFLY & Woods—Brooklyn, N. Y., March 3-8; Newark, N. J., 10-15.

STALEY, Richard, and Belle Brueck—Chicago, Ill., (Hopkins), March 3-8.

SIMON, Louis, and Grace Gardner—Kansas City, Mo. (Orpheum), March 2-8.

SMITH and Fuller—Chicago, Ill., (Olympic), March 3-8.

EXPLORERS—Milwaukee, Wis., March 3-8.

FLORIDIORA, "A," (Fisher & Ryley, Mgrs.)—Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24-March 15.

FLORIDIORA, "C," (Fisher & Ryley, Mgrs.)—Boston, Mass., Feb. 10-March 15.

FLORIDIORA, "D," (Fisher & Ryley, Mgrs.)—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

FOXON Quiller—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

GLASER, Lulu, ("Dolly Varden," E. C. Whitney, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

GRANVILLE, Jeff—Montgomery, Ala., March 6; Atlanta, Ga., 7; Cincinnati, O., 8; Marion, Ill., 10; Augusta, Ga., 11.

HELD, The—Chicago, Ill., (Orpheum), March 3-8.

LEES, The (Knife Throwers)—Premier, O., to May 1.

NASH, S., Elbert, (Hypnotist); Leon G. Shirley, Mgr.—Weatherford, Tex., March 5-7.

PAULINE (Hypnotist); Chas. Hine, Mgr.)—Hooverville, N. Y., March 3-8.

PERRY, Frank L.—Gridley, Ill., March 3-8.

RENO Novelty Co.—Minneapolis, Minn., March 5.

RAYMONDS, (Hypnotists); F. J. Powers, Mgr.—Creston, Ia., March 3-5.

ROVING Frank's Gypsy Chap—Frank B. Hobin, Mgr.)—Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 24, indefinitely.

ROYAL Ellipticians—Minneapolis, Minn., March 9-15.

SEPERBA, (Haidoni's) Cleveland, O., March 9-15; Syracuse, N. Y., 16-19; Rochester, 20-25.

SERVISS' Entertainers, O., 11; Serviss, Mgr.—Buckhampton, W. Va., March 6; Manhattan, 7.

YANORI, Prof. (Illusionist); Will H. Davis, Mgr.— Ft. Worth, Tex., March 6; Greenville, 7; Paris, 8.

WESTLAKES—Charleston, S. C., Feb. 24, indefinitely.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 6; Wilmington, N. C., 7; Raleigh, N. C.; Greensboro, 10.

THE Princess Cleo—Kirke LaShelle, Mgr.)—Winnipeg, Man., March 6-7; Grand Forks, N. D., March 8; St. Paul, Minn., 9-15.

THE Sleeping Beauty and the Beast—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

THE Toreador—(Frances Wilson)—New York, N. Y., indefinitely.

MINSTRELS.

BARLOW & Wilson's—Lawrence Barlow & Fred Wilson, Mgrs.)—Kenton, Miss., March 5; Dyersburg, 6; Covington, 7.

CULHANE, Chase & Weston's—(Will Culhane, Mgr.)—Wilmington, Del., March 6.

FELLI, Al, Greater Minstrels—Ogden, Utah, March 6; Sacramento, Calif., 7; Stockton, 10; Fresno, 11; Bakersfield, 12; San Bernardino, 13; San Diego, 14.

GIDEON'S Big Minstrel Carnival—(R. L. Wixson, Mgr.)—Belmead, Ia., March 6; Tysart, 7; Clinton, 8.

HAVERLY'S, W. F. Riley, Mgr.)—Florance, Ga., March 7; Columbia, 8.

HENDY'S, III—Findlay, O., March 6.

PRIMROSE & Dockstader's—(J. H. Dockstader, Mgr.)—New York, N. Y., Feb. 24.

MARCH 5.

RICHARDS & Pringle's—(Rusell & Holley, Mgrs.)—Clarksville, Tenn., March 6; Elizabethtown, Ky., 7; Hopkinsville, 8; Princeton, 10; Marion, 11; Henderson, 12.

SINN'S, Gus—Minstrels—Perry, Okla., March 12; Guthrie, 13; Oklahoma City, 14.

VOGELS, John W., Big Minstrel Show—John W. Vogel Prop. and Mgr.)—Danville, Ill., March 6; Peoria, 7; Bloomington, 8; Springfield, 9-10; Alton, 11; Jackson, 12.

CIRCUS.

ELTON Bros.—Laurel, Miss., March 24.

NEW HERLIA, Miss., April 3-10.

GRITTON, C. E., & Co.'s Glass Blowers—Stella, Neb., Feb. 24-March 1; Palmyra, 3-5; Weeping Water, 6-8; Springfield, 10-12.

HOUGH & Huston—Marion, Ind., indefinite.

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play. Ed. Stair will have a play on for a run, and with the Coliseum, Masonic Temple and various parks, Chicago will not suffer for the want of amusements the coming summer months. Ringling Bros. will start the ball rolling at the Coliseum sometime in April, and from them on there will be all kinds of shows making a play for the big hard dollars.

This week a trio of prominent stars break in on us simultaneously—Richard Mansfield, Andrew Mack and William Faversham, each with an unfamiliar play. Mr. Mansfield is seen at the Grand in "Beaucaire," and for some days the ticket speculators has been very active collecting premiums on tickets. Andrew Mack, the brilliant singer and actor, is presenting his play, "Tom Moore," at McVicker's, and should enjoy a profitable fortnight's engagement. "A Royal Rival" serves William Faversham nicely at Powers'. James T. Powers and his very, very English musical piece, "A Messenger Boy," goes merrily on at the Illinois. "The Girl From Maxim's" has the stage of the Great Northern. The Dearborn Stock Company have on another revival. Jessie Bartlett Davis and the stock company are drawing big up on Wabash avenue, the Columbus. The Studebaker will be dark for a week, preparatory to the launching of George Ade's "The Sultan of Sulu," which will have its initial hearing March 11. "The Fatal Wedding" is back again, this time at the Alhambra. The name of the play at the Academy is "Not Guilty." The fellow that selected this title must have worked around a police court some time or other. "Down Mobile" is the Bijou's attraction. "A Lion's Heart" has moved over to the Criterion, and the American offers "The Mantle of Charity." Hopkins, Chicago Opera House, Olympic and Haymarket theaters are well supplied with vaudeville troopers, and Jack's and Trocadero have the burlesque field all to themselves at this writing.

The past week theater building talk has waxed warm. Why, if all of the theaters were built that have been promised within the last few weeks, Chicago would be a city of theaters. It was recently rumored that Mr. Carter would put up another family playhouse, but the fact that he is building a very handsome residence may have prompted this. The White Rats were going to erect a theater—ye Rats, make good. "The Two Colonels," Fennessy and Whalen, have been seen in Chicago of late, and it is said that they may rebuild the Orpheum; or rather, put up a new house on the former Orpheum site. This has not been confirmed, however, and there are others, yes, many others, who are talking about building theaters. But talk won't build them; it takes money, and lots of it. There is a saying that runs something like the following: "Fools build theaters, and wise men rent them."

I had a pleasant visit at Lincoln J. Carter's theater, the Criterion, the other day, wandering all over the place. I spent some time on the palm bridge, where Harry Buhler is master of ceremonies, and where the palm frame slides up and down, making a noise that sets one's teeth on edge. After rumbling in the carpenter's department, where H. M. Peltz and his crew build anything from a brown-stone front to a train of cars in a very short space of time, I finally drifted to the front of the house and there found General Manager John B. Hogan and Ben Giroux listening to an act of "The Darkest Hour," being read by the author, Lincoln J. This play will serve as the vehicle for the introduction of Charles (Karl) Gardner, who will again re-bloom as a star next season. In conjunction with this play, Mr. Carter has completed two other new ones, "The Madman," which will be produced at his theater April 20, and "Alaska," which is slated for production May 18. All three are built on new and original lines, and numerous new mechanical devices will be infused, and of the sort that have made Lincoln J. Carter particularly famous.

MANSFIELD IN "BEAUCAIRE."

Grand Opera House, (Harry L. Hamlin, Mgr.)—If such a thing were possible, I believe that Richard Mansfield's popularity grows with each visit. For days before his arrival seats have been going like hot cakes, as the saying goes. It is almost superfluous to remark that Mansfield's appearances are invariably the social and dramatic events of the year. In the instance of an artist of his eminence, it becomes a matter of education to see him in each new role, and a matter of pride, as well as pleasure, to boast the experience. His art is always lofty, his characters remarkable for subtlety and technique, his plays of unimpeachable moral tone, his productions magnificent pictorially, and usually there is a literary as well as an artistic stamp to his achievements. These factors are embraced in fascinating "Beaucaire." It provides him with one of the most attractive characterizations I have ever seen him in. The Grand Opera House will be filled at every performance, is a safe wager.

"MESSENGER BOY"—POWERS.

Illinois, (W.H. J. Davis, Mgr.)—Tommy Bang, a district messenger, as impersonated by James T. Powers, is the real fellow at the Illinois, yet May Robson is there, too, and Harry Kelly, George Honey, Rachel Booth and a long string of other bright ones, including the parson's daughter, Flora Zabelle, "The Messenger Boy" is of the English school, don't you know, and some of his jokes are a bit thick, and one has to paw about in a sort of fog, trousers turned well up at the bottom, for it may be raining in London, you know, before he can get at some of the "bloomin'" puns. One thing is certain, the English messenger boy is a quick chap, and in this respect has the local fellow beat a mile, but his fun is slow. This is the final week of the Nixon & Zimmerman company—then Anna Held comes for a three weeks' stay, in "The

Little Duchess," supported by Charles Bigelow and other lively ones. Lew Wiswell is on the ground now, paving the way for this little Frenchwoman.

STAR FAVERSHAM COMES.

Powers', (Harry J. Powers, Mgr.)—A meritorious player in a stirring play is the attraction at Powers'. At the beginning of this week William Faversham made his first appearance in Chicago as a star in a romantic play by Gerald Du Maurier, entitled "A Royal Rival." Mr. Faversham's present position is one which he has earned through his ability and devotion to his work during the years he was at the head of Charles Frohman's Empire Theater Company. His merit as one of the best actors of romantic roles on the American stage has been long since established, and it is in such parts that he has won the most recent success. As Don Caesar de Bazan, one of the most picturesque and romantic figures in drama, he presents a fine picture in his rags as well as in his finery. He is adroit with tongue and rapier. In this play he is a gay, reckless dare-devil who would sooner fight than eat. "A Royal Rival" deals with the adventures of Don Caesar, and is just the sort of a play to show Mr. Faversham off at his best.

MACK AS "TOM MOORE."

McVicker's, (Jacob Litt, Mgr.; Sol. Litt, Bus., Mgr.)—Andrew Mack is presenting his new comedy, "Tom Moore," at McVicker's. This play, by Theodore Burt Sayre, deals with Ireland's sweetest singer and poet, Tom Moore. In the days when he was at the height of his success in the charmed circle which stood at the foot of the Prince Regent's throne. The chief interest in Mr. Sayre's play lies in the love of Bessie Dyke and Tom Moore, a love so true and pure, so great and lasting, it made Moore careless, even of life itself, and when marriage crowned this ideal love, Bessie and Tom continued to hold fast to one another until death took away the poet at the age of 79 years. The first act of "Tom Moore" takes place in Ireland, where Bessie is teaching school. Afterwards the scene shifts to London, showing Moore as the lion of society. Many historical personages are introduced into the story, and the scenes in which the Prince Regent figures are brilliant in coloring and costuming. Among the great men and women who figure in the comedy are the Prince Regent, David Garrick, Beau Brummel, Lord Moira, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Lord Rawdon, Mrs. Fitz-Herbert, Bessie Dyke and Moore. Mr. Mack is excellent. In this play, and he never sang more sweetly. He sings four of Moore's songs and two of his own composition. Mr. Mack's support is of the superior kind and includes such players as Theodore Babcock, George Nash, Myron Collier, Giles Shiner, George W. Deyo and others.

"EXPLORERS" COME AND GO.

Bearborn, (W. W. Trottison, Mgr.)—Sunday "The Explorers" blew in for two performances, and right jolly ones they were. The Taylor-Lewis musical play improves with age, and the numerous changes that have been made are for the better. Ruth White is a very charming singer, shapely and talented; Richard Carle is the principal comedian, and with the numerous other entertaining ones, not a single point is lost. The stock company continues for the balance of the week in the Henry Arthur Jones comedy, "The Liars."

ADE'S SULTAN MOST READY.

Studebaker, (Louis Francis Brown, Mgr.)—Everything is being put in readiness for George Ade's new Filipino piece, "Ki Ram, the Sultan of Sulu." Rehearsals are progressing satisfactorily, and on March 11 the curtain of the Studebaker will be rung up on the initial performance of the fable king's most pretensions effort outside of journalism.

THE POPULAR PRICE THEATERS.

Great Northern, (E. D. Stair, Prop.; Edward Smith, Mgr.)—The Great Northern is having a very profitable season of it, and as the leading popular price theater is strictly in it. That rather naughty piece by George Feydeau, "The Girl from Maxim's," is drawing nicely, and the somewhat tobacco flavoring that ripples through it seems to hit 'em right. The Four Cohans are due at this theater shortly, playing a return engagement in "The Governor's Son."

Columbus, (Chas. P. Elliott, Mgr.)—Clever Jessie Bartlett Davis has returned to the Columbus and seats are at a premium. It is a treat to listen to her delightful rendition of bits of song, and her handsome appearance also lends tone and attractiveness to the bill. The Columbus Stock Company are reviving "Pindlin' Head Wilson" in a very finished manner.

Alhambra, (R. P. Janette, Mgr.)—The "Fatal Wedding" has reached the Alhambra, and will have a good week of it. This is its third return week to Chicago within a short time. Of this play and as melodramas go, it is a bit above the average of its kind.

Bijou, (Jack Flaherty, Mgr.)—One of Lincoln Carter's best plays, "Down Mobile," is pleasing Manager Flaherty's patrons.

The Bijou is always filled twice a day, and the bookings of this theater always meet with favor of the West Side.

Academy, (E. P. Simpson, Mgr.; William Roach, Bus., Mgr.) "Not Guilty," an odd name for a play, but they know what it means on Halstead street, is the kind of play that usually gets the money, and I don't know as anything more is necessary.

The Academy seems to be holding its own, and when "A Stranger in a Strange Land" and Young Corbett arrive the house won't hold them.

Criterion, (Lincoln J. Carter, Prop.; John B. Hogan, Gen. Mgr.; Carl Haswin and his play, "The Lion's Heart," are on the North Side this week, and should enjoy a profitable engagement at this ideal family playhouse.

American, (John Connors, Mgr.) The Travers Vale Company continue to thrive at the American, and their presentation of "The Mantle of Charity" is commendable, to say the least.

WIT THE VAUDEVILLERS.

The following trio of theaters, controlled by Kohl & Castle, offer the usual array of continuous vaudeville:

Olympic, Delmore Sisters and company, in "The Bridgeman's Revere," head the bill, and associated with them as Smith and Fuller, Joe Flynn, Emily Lytton & Company, the Savans, Lotta Gladstone, Crawford and Stanley, Bonnie Male, Ida Russell and others.

Chicago Opera House.—That pleasant lit

the woman, Fanny Rice, assisted by Alice McComas, are presenting a little skit called "Surprises." Miss Rice is as full of life as of yore. George Leslie and Louise Willis Hepner are also in the bill, together with Jules and Ella Garrison, Mrs. Byron Shear, Fletcher and Tempest, George W. Day, Musical Westons, Fierce and Egbert, Leon Boune, Wertz and Adair, McIntyre and De Correl, Marie De Wolf, Wade and Hastings, Baby Connors and the comedy aerobats, the Crawford Brothers.

Haymarket.—An exceptionally good performance of vaudeville is offered at this house this week, made up with the following splendid talent: Johnstone Bennett and Company, Mand Hink, Gland and Gandy, Gus Williams, Johnson Davenport and Lorella, Bertie Fowler, Astas Danieling Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keely, Carnivall, Plamondon and Amondo, Leon and Allen, Little Beatrice, Newell and Niblo, and a picture machine finishes off the performance.

Hopkins, (Samuel Gumpertz, Mgr.)—The second week under the new policy is on, and another the bill is on tap at Hopkins. The transformation marvels, Richard Staley and Belle Birbeck, are re-engaged, and wisely; their act is one of the best of its class now before the public, and the mechanical arrangement and rapid change of costumes and stage settings is really clever and remarkable. Otherwise the acts are decidedly good, and embrace Sadie Martin, not assisted by Jimius Brutus Booth, Madge Ellis, Berlin Sisters, Clifford and Burke, Louie Haskell, Green and Werner, and the Polyscope. The latter is an animated picture outfit that is fairly enter-

taining.

MIDST THE BURLESQUERS.

Sam T. Jack's, (Sidney J. Enson, Mgr.)—"The Brigadiers," one of the season's newest shows, is at Jack's. "The Vanishing Brigadiers" is an attractive illusion. "The Fate of the Gondoliers" and "At Sulphur Springs" are the two burlesques, and both are staged as decostumed very nicely. Berol and Berol, Percy Walling, McDonald Brothers, Edwina, Butler and Vedder, and Barton and Black all have much to do with the specialties. Lida Dexter is the chief burlesquer, and the girls in the ensembles are slightly.

Trocadero, (Robt. Fulton, Mgr.)—Manager Fulton's own company, The Jolly Grass Widows, have arrived back at the Trocadero, and are doing a profitable business.

They recently indulged in a series of "one nighters," and with considerable success.

"One Night and Gone" introduces the company after first curtain. "Are You an Eagle?" closes the performance, and the vaudeville turns are good, including Paul and Dika, Montague and West, Harvey and Moore, Morrissey and Cameron, Matthews and Campbell, and the Wangdoodle Comedy Four. Carrie Fulton skips through the burlettas in a winsome manner, and the show is bright otherwise.

Everything is lovely at the People's, where the May Hosmer Company is located.

The London and Clark Street Museums continue to attract large crowds, and the various curio halls are well filled with freaks and other things at both places.

John Phillip Sons and his famous band will be here shortly in the course of their twentieth semi-annual tour, giving four concerts at the Auditorium, March 7 to 9, inclusive. Mand Reese-Davies, Dorothy Hoyle and Arthur Pryor are the soloists.

Montgomery and Stone, the clever vaudeville duo, who are now appearing in London, have been seen by Fred Hamlin for his coming production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Grand Opera House. Stone, the tall, lanky member of the team, and a dancer of great aptitude, will create the role of the scarecrow, a part that requires terpsichorean ability of the exceptional sort. Montgomery and Stone are now in London, where they have remained ever since they went abroad with Edna May for Charles Frohman's production of "The Girl Up There" at the Duke of York's Theater, which was not a go. "The Wizard of Oz," it is expected, will run all summer here at the Grand.

W. S. Cleveland, of minstrel fame, announces that he will exploit "unique and original mammoth combination tent show," opening in Chicago about May 1. Minstrelsy, vaudeville, moving picture machines, etc., and in fact everything but circuses, will be the style of attraction. I am afraid it will take more than a mere stretch of canvas and the above-mentioned sort of amusement to get 'em in—at east as far as Chicago is concerned.

George S. Wood, general manager of the Coliseum Gardens, is perfecting his plans for his summer season at the big building.

Bobby Gaylord's patent match lighter is a hit, and strikes everyone (including the festive match) most favorably.

Horace Golden, the clever and original magician, who is with the Hyde Show, while playing here recently, learned that "The Wizard of Oz" was to be put on at the Grand before long for a run. Golden is said to have applied to Manager Hamlin for the part of "The Wizard." Mr. Hamlin's reply is unknown, but Golden has an

announced that he will continue in vaudeville. There has been much doings in and about the "White Rats" offices here recently. Big Chief George Fuller Golden has been on the ground. Some Rats have been caught in the big steel trap; others have been thrown into the receptacle for bad boys—all resulting in putting things in general into better condition. That active chap, James H. Powers, is the right man in the right place, and things in and about White Rat-dom have taken a new ease of life. "The Scamper" given last week was a social affair of the congenial sort, and brought the boys together in a very desirable fashion.

HARRY EARL.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Mass., March 3.—Boston Museum, (Field, Rich, Harris & Frohman, Mgrs.)—Week of Feb. 24, May Irwin in "Widow Jones," second week, to great business. May is a finnmaker hard to distance. Jacques Kruger as Jones is immense; it is difficult to find a man as valuable as Mr. Kruger. He and May Irwin used to be on the bill together in the varieties, and you had to make good in those days. And you had to know something more than three songs, too. I must compliment Miss Irwin on her elegant wardrobe; her dresses are dreams; I have never before seen her gowned in such exquisite taste. I do not wish to be thought "sassy" if I say she has at last got a corset that gives her the long figure, but for mercy's sake! May, don't wear yellow shoes with a swell evening costume. In the east is Roland Reed's daughter, and she will be heard from good and hard before long. She's a peach—can act, play the piano, and such a dress!—a tailor-made girl, who stands as a model for all comers.

Nat Butler and Billy Neville, the two crackjacks riders of the silent steed, are putting up at Austin & Stone's the prettiest race ever ridden on bikes. Messrs. Stone & Shaw offered a handsome sum of money to the rider who should cover the most miles during the two weeks' engagement.

"Florodora" closed its third week at the Colonial last Saturday night.

It was an capital, all-around show at Keith's last week. Digby Bell, the former comic opera favorite, has developed into an amusing story teller, and he gave a base ball recitation at the fluish that has effectively put "Casey at the Bat" out of business. "In the Biograph," a funny one-act farce, acted by Wilfred Clarke and company, was about the most laugh-provoking sketch of the kind seen in the varieties this season.

Rumor has it that the Columbia will open this week with a burlesque stock company headed by Billy Van.

"Under Sealed Orders" was the attraction offered this week at Morrison's Grand Theater.

Yornoe, the physically perfect man, presented some magnificent muscular posings at the Nickelodeon last week.

Miss Flanck's thrilling experience with her lion Rex at Boston's animal arena has made her performance doubly interesting, and crowds daily watch her daring act.

At the Boston Theater concert Sunday evening the program was rendered by the First Regiment Band, Martin A. and Lake Pulley, Charles (Sandy) Chapman, May Cook, Elizabeth Coughlin, Dick Walsh, Master Henry Teevans and George J. Bass. John Drew will be at the Hollis March 10 in "Second in Command."

There was another sacred concert at the Park Theater on Sunday evening, given by the North End Dispensary. A notable list of professional talent participated.

It begins to look as if the season of grand opera at the Boston Theater, beginning Monday evening, March 10, and lasting for two weeks, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees, would be one of the most prosperous on record. Certainly the advance sale of season tickets, both by letter and application at the box office, is surprisingly large.

Paderewski, who played to a very large and distinguished audience in Washington, returned to Boston for a second recital this afternoon. All indications point to a repetition of the success which attended his last recital here.

Miss Lillian Blauvelt, who is to give a song recital in Steinert Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, March 6, has for the past ten years sung in concert and in opera with exceptional success both in America and in Europe. Her singing, especially in Paris, Berlin, Rome, Vienna, St. Petersburg and other large centers of music, has won for her the unanimous praise of press and public as the greatest of American singers.

Third recital is announced by Josef Silivinski, the celebrated Polish pianist, which will also be his farewell recital of the season, for next Wednesday afternoon, March 5, at Steinert Hall.

"Swells at Sea" is the title of the new musical comedy which Cushman, Holcomb and Curtis will present at Boston Music Hall this week. It is more pretentious than the average vaudeville sketch, and should yield some delightful vocalism and some capital comedy.

Poor Billy Emerson dead and gone. How sad an ending! I can not forget what a hit he used to be, and how I admired him with his long sealskin coat and big diamond cross, and such a roll of green! But how he could sing the song, "I'm Just as Happy as a Big Sunflower." Billy went wrong. He had a great big heart. He was sincere that he was doing the best he could. But the tide was too strong; it carried him over the rapids.

Hollis Street Theater—Week of Feb. 24, Irving-Terry, second week, to splendid business. Bram Stoker, Mr. Irving's business manager, is a pruner, with a heart as big as a church; to know him is to love him.

THE BILLBOARD

While the cycle whirl was getting the lion's share of attention at Boston Music Hall last week by reason of the novelty of the thing, Churrlie Case was winning plaudits for his very funny blackface monologue. Case talks rapidly and without a break for fifteen minutes, and every line has a tag which compels laughter.

The elaborate production of "Master and Man" at the Castle Square Theater last week was enjoyed by large audiences at every performance. This week the Castle Square Stock Company gives the first Boston production of Mrs. Campbell Verplanck's amusing comedy, "Sealed Instructions."

At the Bijou "The Gondoliers" drew all kinds of business last week. It will be followed this week by "Mignon," with Clara Lane in the title role and Frida Biel as Eleonora.

Handsome souvenirs were given away at the Park Theater one evening last week in honor of the 700th performance of "Morocco Bound."

The battle scene in "Molly Pitcher" at the Boston Theater is one feature of the play which calls for the most enthusiastic applause. The drama is full of exciting incidents that please the big audience immensely. This week concludes the engagement.

"The Great Northwest" is making a most pronounced hit at the Bowdoin Square, where it is being splendidly played by the stock company. This week the attraction is "The Blue and the Gray."

"The Convict's Daughter" was the Grand Opera House offering last week. Marle Fals is winning much favor by her impersonation of the title role. "Human Hearts" this week.

CINCINNATI, O.

Cincinnati, O., March 4.—When the curtain of the various theaters in Cincinnati runs down Saturday night the prize week of poor attractions gilded into history, never, it is hoped, to be resurrected. Mr. Mansfield is too good for "Benvenue." The play is interesting enough in its way, but falls far short of other productions in which Mansfield earned the title of "America's greatest actor." His company, too, was not up to the standard. The business at Robison's was good all week.

The show at the Walnut last week was a shame.

Fanny Rice lost interest in the van der Beke offerings at the Columbia. Carrie Graham, in her "Sister Hopkins" character, was splendid. Good patronage was the rule.

The best act seen in Cincinnati last week was "The Cycle Whirl" at People's, where "The Merry Maidens" was the attraction. Harry Seebach's bag punching turn was a hit also. The rest of the bill was not up to the average.

"A Stranger in a Strange Land," with Young Corbett on the side, drew well at Henck's. In the hands of a competent company this is a funny farce, replete with ludicrous situations. The company seen here last week was not competent.

Alma Boerge, who was seen at the Lyceum in "The Gypsy Cross," bids fair to shine as a star. Her present vehicle does not give her talents ample scope, and it is to be hoped that on her next appearance here she will be seen in something more suitable. "The Gypsy Cross," however, is entertaining, though the situations are a little strained at times.

Robinson's Opera House, Haylin & Ralston, (Mgrs.) Mirth and mirth reign this week at Robinson's, where Nixon & Zimmerman's "The Strollers" opened last night. Cincinnati has been overwhelmed with musical offerings all season, and it requires something of merit in that line to draw the people. "The Strollers" fills the bill. The music is of the variety that tends to make the ballroom wall flower plunge into the whirl. The girls are as pretty as the prettiest, and they can sing, too. The scenery is a distinct feature of the production. From curtain up to the finish the fun is never allowed to lag. The principals are John Henshaw, Eddie Foy, Marle George, Louise Lawton, Josie De Witt and D. L. Don, the latter a recent acquisition to the front ranks of stodgydom, and who promises to forge further toward the top. Marle George, who was new to Cincinnati, scored a distinct hit and has been enrolled in the book of first night favorites. Next week, "The Starbuck."

The Pike, (David Hunt, Mgr.)—Cleo made such a decided hit at the Pike last week that Manager Hunt decided to continue it through Sunday and Monday, presenting "The Colonial Girl" to-night. Next week, "Report of Huntz."

The Walnut, (Anderson & Ziegler, Mgrs.) The Four Cohans always were funny, and in their offering at this house Sunday, "The Governor's Son," by that clever young fellow, George M. Cohan, have a vehicle that affords opportunity for fun galore. "The Governor's Son" is well worth seeing. George Cohan's song, "Lucy," and "Regular William Gillette," made a tremendous hit Sunday afternoon. Next week, "The Girl from Maxim's."

The Columbia (Anderson & Ziegler, Mgrs.) The monopede bicyclist, Kilpatrick, assisted by Dan Canary, Marle Vokes and Mme. Lissette, perform an act called "The Cycle Dazzle" at the Columbia. It is on the lines of the "Cycle Whirl" seen at another local house last week. Troja, who sings well, is a local favorite. Canfield and Carlton, in a sketch, are pleasing. The Whitney Brothers, who composed "The Mosquito Parade," performed neat unseal net, introducing their latest hit, "The Donkey Laugh." Others are Mignotte Kokin, dancer; Flye St. Leon, aerobats; Hal Merritt, monologist, and Gorman and Keppel, sketch team.

People's Theater, (Henck, Fennessy & Stahr, Mgrs.) "The High Rollers" are play-

ing a return engagement at People's. The usual large audience was present Sunday night. Some catchy music is offered in the opening burlesque, which is called "The Runaway Girl." Next week, City Club Burlesquers.

Henck's Opera House, (Henck, Fennessy & Stahr, Mgrs.) "Lost River," the current attraction at this house, a melodrama of the strenuous kind, is the latest product of Joseph Arthur's brain. "Lost River" is supposed to be in Southern Indiana, where the scene of action is laid. The play possesses considerable merit and ought to draw well. Paul Gilmore handles the principal role. Next week, "Not Guilty."

Lyceum (Henck, Fennessy & Stahr, Mgrs.)

That play of old time popularity, "One of the Bravest," was the means of drawing such a crowd to the Lyceum Sunday that Manager George Henck was requested to follow the advice of the sage of ancient days, and remove the wall paper to make more room. "One of the Bravest" is intensely melodramatic at times, especially in the fire scene, where a real man jumps from a burning house, red fire into a red net, held by more real men, just as a red engine, drawn by real horses, thunders on to the stage. There can be no imitations as to the reality of the appliance in the gallery. Charles McCarthy is still the gallant fireman that he was years ago. Next week, Wilbur Opera Company.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

St. Louis, Mo., March 3.—Grand Opera House, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—Whenever you see an attraction billed that is under the management of Mr. Gus Hill, you may look for a corps of pretty girls, bright scenery and popular music, and such is the case in his new farce entitled "Are You a Buffalo?" which is holding the boards at the Grand this week. Ada Deaves is with the company, and she is still the hard-working actress she was when with Dave Henderson's productions in the years gone by. The entire company is only fairly strong, but the pictures on the boards are pretty, which evidently has a great deal to do with filling the house. Swift and Huber, billed as unusual artists, are not musicians, but their comedy work, with the assistance of their dog, carry their act through in hysterical fashion, and while Miss Louise Satour is evidently a vocalist of ability she was no doubt laboring under a severe strain of hoarseness Sunday, and did not render her selections any too capably. The Mozart Comedy Four are easily the best thing in the show, but the audience laughed every now and then at everything, so they must have been pleased. Some day some wise manager will put out a spectacular-musical comedy of farce-comedy and vaudeville headliners, all interwoven with bright lines and situations—and when he does we will be back to the days of Evans and Hoey and Russell's Comedians, and that is just what we are waiting for. March 2, matinee and night, "Hello Bill," good house. Beginning March 3, Mrs. Fiske in repertoire, Imperial Theater, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—This week we are back to duels and red fire at the Blue street house, the advent of "Treasure Island" being the magnet. The melodrama is an adaptation by Elmer E. Vaneec from Robert Louis Stevenson's novel of the same name, and gives a well-balanced company sufficient scope to show their powers. Miss Beatrice, who plays the role of Jim Hawkins, the cabin boy, is quite clever, and handles her lines in good style, but she is ably supported by a company of entertainers who are certainly up to melodramatic climaxes, several of the latter presenting themselves during the action of the show. Beginning matinee, March 2, a grand revival of "Humpty Dumpty" to a packed house.

Haylin's Theater, (Wm. Garen, Mgr.)—It seemed like the old Pope Theater days to see Charles McCarty and Wm. Cronin in "One of the Bravest," which opened to standing room at Haylin's Sunday afternoon. The play is still the same, with its deep-dyed villain, great fire scene and its thrills of pathos all through the entire performance. The fire scene at the end of the second act is without doubt the most realistic scene ever shown on any stage. The company is very good, but if the duet of Miss Lulu Konari and Mr. Mart R. Stevens were omitted, it wouldn't detract from the good points of the show. March 2, "The Heart of Maryland," good show and house.

Standard Theater, (James J. Hunter, Mgr.) The Jolly Grass Widows are singing themselves into public favor at the Standard this week. The opening skit called "One Night and Gone" is up to the mark in Standardism, and the olio following is one of the best seen at this house this season, the Wang Doodle Comedy Four being entertainers of the best kind. The closing frolic, "Are You an Eagle?" while not as good as some burlettas seen here, is quite passable, and is very prettily costumed and staged. Beginning March 2, the Topsy Turvy Burlesques held the boards.

Columbia Theater, (Middleton & Tate, Mgrs.) George W. Day is back at the Columbia, and when he arrives in St. Louis you can rest assured that we will hear something new. His sayings this trip are bright and witty and just about right for the Columbia patrons. Ida Russell is clever, Howard's ponies are almost human in some of their acts. Johnson, Davenport and Lello ought to change their act. My grandfather told me about their football concert when the pigskin was made out of tissue paper. Geo. W. Leslie and company, in a playette entitled "Chums," are very good, and Miss Jessie Conthour in "A Society Chat," is entertaining. For the week beginning March 3, a strong bill, headed by the Matzetti troupe, Jeff Caspers, Gracie Emmett and company, and several others, will amuse.

Germania Theater—St. Louis can truly

be a return engagement at People's. The usual large audience was present Sunday night. Some catchy music is offered in the opening burlesque, which is called "The Runaway Girl." Next week, City Club Burlesquers.

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Odeon, (Harry Walker, Mgr.)—Well's Concert Band reached the pinnacle of their popularity in the concert Sunday afternoon. Their grand opera selections showed the true musical genius of every member of this organization, and the two thousand present were never treated to a better concert. March 2, matinee and night, Innes' Band played to large crowds.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Mr. Wm. Garen, whose likeness appeared on the title page of "The Billboard" Feb. 22, has been the recipient of numerous congratulations for the grand managerial pose the photo displayed. Mr. E. H. Macoy, of Chicago, a life-long friend of Mr. Garen, had been asking him for one of his (Garen's) for about ten years, and when Macoy received "The Billboard" he wired Garen as follows: "Thanks for picture—it came in 'Billboard' to-day. We all read it here. Will have first page framed."

Mr. Jeff Caspers, who made his first professional debut at the Columbia Feb. 24, promises to bid into great prominence as a vaudeville performer. He sings with perfect ease, and his voice, besides being sweet and soft, denotes a finished training. His dancing is also very good, and he introduced some wooden shoe steps that were entirely unknown to the stage before. He was at one time with the Wallace and Barnum shows.

The Byrns, comedians, who have been entertaining the Western people, are in the city at present, and will be at the Columbia beginning March 10.

The Ellsworths, song and dance artists, are laying off this week here. They were at the Columbia last week, and pleased greatly. They leave for the Kohl circuit next week.

"In Louisiana," which had its first presentation here in December, is now out on the road. If a capable cast is handling the parts of this drama it should easily make good, as the situations and melodramatic climaxes are of the kinds that will please if wisely presented. Mr. C. L. Labadie is in charge of the tour.

It is rumored that Lewis and Austin will again enter the minstrel field this coming fall. Well, there is nothing like the old saying, "Keeping at it brings success."

DAN S. FISHELL.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 3. The storm of last week and the early part of this week deprived the city of telegraphic and telephone communication with the outside world, but the railroads were not hampered, so there were no disappointments at any of our theaters. Notwithstanding the fact that the streets were almost impassable, by reason of the slush, the theaters all opened to good houses, and fair business has been the rule all week. Len has as yet had no perceptible effect on the theatrical business here, and managers are hoping this state of affairs will continue.

Broad Street Theater, Week of Feb. 24, "Eben Holden," with E. M. Holland and the original New York cast. Business very large, and the general verdict was favorable. Week of March 3, E. H. Sothern, in "If I Were King."

Garrick Theater, Henry E. Miller, in "D'Arcy of the Guards," did a fair business week of Feb. 24, his second week. Week of March 3, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, in a repertoire of her successes. Advance sale for this engagement is very large.

Chestnut Street Opera House—"Floradora," with the original New York cast, opened, Feb. 24, to a jammed house, and business has been very big ever since. Three weeks is the time allotted for its stay.

Chestnut Street Theater.—Anna Held has packed this theater every night with "The Little Duchess." It has been the biggest hit of the season, and could easily play two

weeks more. Week of March 3, "Way Down East" comes for a three weeks' stay. Walnut Street Theater.—"Colorado" opened Feb. 24 to a big house. The production is good; the cast is excellent; but the play is not as well liked as "Arizona." March 10 Grace George will produce "Under Southern Skies."

Auditorium.—Robert Muntell opened a two weeks' engagement, Feb. 24, to a big house, and business has been fair. The repertoire for the first week included "Cardinal Bitchell," "Othello" and "The Lady of Lyons."

Park Theater.—"York State Folks" did a big business during its first week's stay, and business was good week of Feb. 21, when the same bill was continued. Week of March 3, Thomas Sheen will produce the choicest plays of his extensive repertoire.

National Theater.—"The Penitent," week of Feb. 24, drew fair houses. March 3, "McFadden's Bow of Flute."

People's Theater.—Al Martin's big scenic production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" tested the capacity of this house at every performance, week of Feb. 21. Press and public have unanimously declared it is the best production ever given in this city. March 3, Nellie McHenry, in "Miss."

Grand Opera House.—The English Opera Company are doing a nice business, with change of bill twice a week. This company will remain for the balance of the season.

Girard Avenue Theater.—The first week of Ed. Harrigan, in a revival of his old plays, has been a phenomenal success. The house was crowded nightly. The play was produced with special scenery and equipments and all of the original music. "Old Lavender" made as big a hit as when first produced. Week of March 3, "Widow Googan."

Forepaugh's Theater.—Business keeps up to the top notch, as the stock company is now one of the best in the country. All the plays are handsomely mounted. Week of Feb. 24, "Women and Wine," and week of March 3, a big production of "The Royal Fox."

Standard Theater.—Business fair at this house week of Feb. 24. Stock company in "The Way of Wealth," and week of March 3, first production in this country of a melodrama secured by Manager Darcy when in London last summer.

Eleventh Street Opera House.—Frank Dumont always takes time by the forelock in his local burlesques, so week of Feb. 24 he produced a skit with Prince Henry as the central figure. The minstrel first part is replete with new songs. Business very big.

Academy of Music.—Burton Holmes in illustrated lecture on St. Petersburg, on Feb. 24, Jewish drama by a New York company on Feb. 26, and Paderewski on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Arch Street Theater.—Warster's Stock Company, in German plays, are doing a big business, with frequent change of program. Business was bad in the early part of the season, but it looks now as if a profit would be made on the season.

Keith's Theater.—The vaudeville bills at this theater are increasing in size and quality. Two acts last week used over 150 people. The song sheet has a chorus of 120 voices, assisting Jose in his vocalizations, and there are 45 performers in the Caribbean Italian Band. In addition to these there are 16 other acts. Standing room is at a premium since resident manager Kleinsass assumed the helm.

Star Theater.—Chandler's "Kings and Queens of Burlesque" gave a good show week of Feb. 24, and did a fair business. Week of March 3, a house company in burlesques and vaudeville.

Trocadero Theater.—Business very good at this house. Week of Feb. 24, "The Utopians."

Lyceum Theater.—Business fair. Week of Feb. 24, "The World Beaters." March 3, Rice & Barton.

Kensington Theater.—Business very good. Week of Feb. 24, "The Bonemans." March 3, "The Utopians."

Museum.—The usual bill of curios in the lecture halls and vaudeville on the stage are drawing well. This house has no competitors, and business is always good.

Empire Theater.—Vaudeville still continues attractive enough to make it profitable for "Doc" Lang, who controls this house.

THE BILLBOARD

Camden Theater.—Feb. 24-26, "For Her Sake," Feb. 27-March 1, "The Old Red Barn." Business fair at this house and growing all the time.

Frank Dana, of The Danas, has just completed an engagement of seven weeks with the stock company at the Standard Theater. The Danas will reopen in vaudeville March 17, and will play their repertoire of sketches in Western parks this summer.

Lester and Jermon will start on a Southern and Western trip in April. Their new sketch has made a distinctive hit on the Eastern vaudeville circuit.

Steels's Hotel, on North Seventh street, which is extremely popular with all vaudeville and burlesque companies, is to undergo extensive improvements and repairs this summer. During every week of this season an average of twenty people have been turned away; hence this effort to get greater accommodations in time for next season.

A theatrical promoter of this city was just completing negotiations to put Billy Emerson on the road at the head of a minstrel company, when word was received of his death in Boston.

The students of the University, who give performances every year under the name of the Mask and Wig Club, are now rehearsing a new production for Easter week. The title is "Old King Cole."

Bob Martin, of the team of Brannan and Martin, was the first person in America to make Prince Henry laugh. While in the Jersey City depot the Prince passed Bob. The latter pulled out of his ulster pocket a rabbit used in his magical act, and holding him up by the ears said, "Hooh der Prince." The rabbit wriggled as if he were salting, and the Prince gave utterance to a deep guffaw, as he saluted Bob and the tiny animal.

Atlantic City, N. J., which is practically a suburb of Philadelphia, will have a number of new amusement features this summer, and competition will be strong. There is strong opposition to the Pierers on the part of amusement managers inside of the boardwalk, and an effort will be made to shut up some of the pierers. An injunction has already been secured which will prevent the extension of one of the pierers.

Viola Clifton, an old-time vaudeville performer, is now keeping a theatrical boarding house on Walnut street.

Dan Humphreys has been appointed treasurer of the Auditorium Theater. Mr. Humphreys is well known through his connection with the Barnum & Bailey Circus, having been in the ticket wagon of that show on its last American tour.

Sells Bros. & Forepaugh's Circus will open here for a week on April 21, and Buffalo Bill will follow for a week on May 5.

Frank Howe, Jr., manager of the Garrick and Walnut Street Theaters, has arranged a benefit for the Actors' Home of America. It will take place at the Garrick Theater, on the afternoon of March 11, and this will be the greatest ever presented in this city; and as there have already been numerous cash contributions and a big demand for tickets, the financial results will also be large.

J. Fred Zimmerman, of the firm of Nixon & Zimmerman, and one of the leading members of the Syndicate, will sail for Europe in March, to oversee the production of "Ben Hur" in London.

Harry Knapp, dramatic editor of the Inquirer, is completing an extravaganza, in which a well-known light comedian will star next season.

It is rumored that Charles H. Yale, manager and owner of "The Devil's Auction," "The Evil Eye" and "The Watch on the Rhine," has leased the Auditorium Theater for next season, and that he will play nothing but high-class vaudeville and extravaganzas.

"Doc" Long, better known as "Diamond Jack," will build a new theater in Camden, N. J., which will be devoted to vaudeville and burlesque.

Violet Hazleton, who has been playing leads with a dramatic company all winter, closed with them on Feb. 22, at York Pa. She will produce her new sketch, written for her by Bob Watt, in New York in March.

Emil Ankermiller, business manager for Nat. Goodwin, has just purchased an island in Barnegat Bay, where he will spend the summer months.

DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, Mich., March 3.—Wonderland and Temple Theater, (J. H. Moore, Mgr.)—Probably one of the best sketches on the bill at the Temple Theater this week is the quaint little rural character sketch written by Ezra Kendall, and called "The Half-Way House," which is no less welcome because it has been seen before. It is an odd little study of New England character, with its dry humor, and is very cleverly done by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher. With its dialogue and original conceit, it is one of the most artistic playlets in vaudeville. Another good sketch on the first bill was that presented by Julia Kingsley and Nelson Lewis. It is called, "After the Honeymoon," and it is away above the average twenty-minute annihilator. Caroline Hull is a beautiful young woman from the South, who sings songs about the Confederacy, through which she successfully reaches the hearts of her audience without any resource to maudlin sentiment. Fred, Clarence and the Promise Four are the five boys who sing with tunefulness and mighty vigor. Musical Dale, who is always enthusiastically received in Detroit, is here again with his remarkable melodeon playing. Edger Atchison Ely has a lot of costume absurdities, in which he sings well-known songs in a descriptive manner. This bill is closed by the remarkable feats of the Outlaw Trio; one of their most sensational acts is performed by the two men, who stand upon pedestals, and with their teeth hold up a slack wire, upon which a young woman does somersaults and rides a bl-

cycle. There are two headliners on Bill No. 2. Taglione, the beautiful dancer, and Caledo, the marvelous "king of the wire," share the honors between them. Little Taglione flits about upon her toes in changing light effects, which take the form of blooming gardens and spider-filled grottos. Caldero turns back somersaults upon his wire, suspended fifteen feet above the stage, and then repeats the hair-raising act with his feet shod in heavy military boots. T. W. Eckert and Emma Berg appear in their tiny Japanese operetta, a dainty little idyll of exquisite setting. Fred, Niblo offered a running fire of conversational comment, which was very clever, and met with boisterous applause. Atalie Claire sang some well-known songs in good voice, and Hal Stephens offered imitations of well-known footlight favorites, prominent among whom was Joseph Jefferson, in the awakening scene of "Kip Van Winkle." Rastus E. Banks opened this bill with clever singing and dancing. Both bills at the Temple Theater this week are exceptionally good ones and have been playing to packed houses at every performance.

Avenue Theater, (Vaudeville; H. Laing, Mgr.)—Paul Chiquenval is a juggler of rare resource, and in his performance at the Avenue Theater this week, his offerings, with one or two exceptions, was entirely different from the ones of last week. He seems to have a limitless number of remarkable feats at his easy command, each one more difficult than the one before, and all accomplished with the most nonchalant grace. His rapidity is marvelous, yet each trick is as beautifully finished as a clear-cut cameo. His most remarkable feat this week is the juggling on his chin of a pony cart weighing 192 pounds, a trick more difficult, perhaps, is not so amazing, because of the absence of the same element of danger, as his trick of last week, when he juggled with a man, a table and a chair. There was distinct pleasure in listening to the excellent singing of the Arion Ladies' Quartette—four young women of refined appearance and good voices. Their act is entirely along lines of legitimate part singing, though they win the "gallery" with a humorous ditty or two, rendered with intelligence and appreciation of the humor of the words. More good singing is heard in the turn of J. Aldrich, Libby and Katharine Thayer. Julian Rose tells a bunch of good Hebrew stories and sings parodies. Touhey and Lacy open the bill with an Irish turn. Musical Thorn plays the banjo and a much-out-of-pitch Xylophone. Harris and Walcott do a skit, which is sometimes funny. De Courcy Brothers are good acrobats, and new vitagraph pictures complete the bill. The show at the Avenue this week is a good one, and has been playing to good houses.

Detroit Opera House, (B. Whiting, Mgr.)—The Chaperones, playing at the Detroit Opera House, is a good show, and has been playing to good houses, March 3. Julia Marlowe, in "When Knighthood Was in Flower," Big advance sale.

Lyceum Theater, (C. Warner, Mgr.)—Hanson's Superbat, playing at the Lyceum Theater, is as good as ever, and has been playing to good houses at every performance. March 2, Mason and Mason; good house.

Whitney Opera House, (Chas. Altman, Mgr.)—The Great White Diamond, company, playing at the Whitney Opera House, is one of the best shows seen at this theater this season, and has been playing to packed houses, March 2, "Human Hearts."

Empire Theater, (Dr. Campbell, Mgr.)—The Broadway Burlesques, playing at the Empire Theater, is a good show, and has been playing to very good houses, March 2. Dainty Parée Burlesques, Fairly good show.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 3.—Star Theater, (John R. Stirling, Mgr.)—James K. Hackett opened an engagement Feb. 21-26, in "Don Caesar's Return," to excellent business. The star is a Buffalo favorite, and made an idea Don. The support was praiseworthy. David Warfield in "The Auctioneer," filled out the week, and the seats were going, going, gone. Booked: Chauncy Olcott in "Garrett O'Mah," March 3-8; "Lovers' Lane," March 10-15.

Old Music Hall Building—it was G. A. R. Week Feb. 24-March 1. "A Night Off" was the bill given by the Cook-Church Repertoire Company. David Bispham, March 3. The Buffalo Orchestra gave a concert Feb. 23. Nothing underlined.

Lyceum Theater, (E. W. Ovatt, Mgr.)—Williams and Walker, the two real coons, presented "Song of Ham" Feb. 21-March 1, to large houses. They have a big company of talented performers, and the piece is a conglomeration of fun and melody, for laughing purposes only. A cake-walk ballot was a feature. This week: "The Village Parson."

Academy Theater, (Dr. Peter C. Cornell, Local, Mgr.)—Whitney & Knowles' "Quo Vadis" aroused much interest Feb. 24-March 1. The play was well mounted and the company made themselves good in their parts. There was no advance in prices, and 10, 20 and 30 cents prevailed. This week, "Roxana's Claim."

Lafayette Theater, (Chas. Baggs, Mgr.)—The Dewey Burlesques gave new and sensational features Feb. 24-March 1, to excellent business. The review furnished Les Belles Zouaves as headliners; the Three Mills, Ford and Dot West, Wm. Mitchell and John Galvin, the Quigley Bros., the Mitchell Sisters, the Lavines, "Expansion," was the burlesque, and so was the fun. Bergeron, the hypnotist, still continues, and is proving a drawing card. This week, Phil Sheridan's "City Sports."

Shea's Garden Theater, (M. Shea, Mgr.)—Shea had a good bill Feb. 24-March 1, and business was up to the standard. The Florenz troupe were featured. Will M.

Cressy and Blanche Dayne, O'Brien and Travell, Lincoln the humorist, Mine, Macca's dogs and monkeys, Sisson and Stewart, Jenny Eddy Trio; Rauschle, impersonator, and the kinetograph in pleasing turns this week. The Pony Ballet.

Prof. Andrew J. Seymour will give mind readings at the Tech Theater March 2. John R. Stirling, Jr., of this city, the pop war manager of "The Gypsy Cross," was married at Lorain, O., last week to Alma Doerge, who is starring in the play. Booked at Shea's, March 3, the Pony Ballet, Galtie's monkeys, A. A. Duncan, Italian Trio, Eckert and Berg, John W. World and Mindell Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorne and company, and the kinetograph.

JOHN S. RICHARDSON.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Academy of Music, (Jos. J. Fralinger, Mgr.)—An American Tramp, Feb. 18; good business; "Town Topic," Feb. 20; big house; "The New Minister," return date matinee and night Feb. 22, to packed houses; a great show, good company, scenery fine, Feb. 24 and 25, "The Red Barn," Feb. 27, "Nellie McHenry," Feb. 28-March 1, "Dangers of Paris;" all to good business.

Young's Pier and Theater, (John L. Young, Mgr.)—On the bill here were: Mr. and Mrs. Robyns, the St. Belmonts, Vera King, the Four Miltons, Robinson and Grant, Edna Ravenport, the vitagraph and the Royal Marine Band of Italy, altogether a great show. Basket ball games and aquatic exhibition go to make this pier popular, and catches the big crowds daily.

The Steel Pier, (Bottwell, Mgr.)—With the Slavonia & Frite School Orchestra and basket ball games daily, this ever popular pier did a nice business the past week, and from now on new features will be added weekly, and Manager Bottwell has many new surprises in store for his patrons the coming season.

The Steeple Chase Pier.—Mr. George Tilley, of Coney Island Steeple Chase, has a large force of men at work in the pier, making many important improvements to accommodate the big crowds for the summer season. A big concert pavilion for Sousa's Famous Band is nearly completed, and Manager Tilley is going to make things boom in Atlantic City. Sousa has already admitted that Manager Tilley pays his band the biggest salary and the longest engagement he has ever received. Already the people here are talking about Sousa and his band. They open here June 15 for sixty-six concerts—two concerts a day—at \$6.00.

FRANK B. HUBIN.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 3.—One of the positive novelties of the present theatrical season has been the engagement of two nights at the Salt Lake Theater of Pollard's Juvenile Opera Company. It would seem almost impossible that a company of youngsters, ranging from nine to fifteen years of age, could make an attractive presentation of popular operas, but the "kids" gave us this week "The Geisha" and "The Gaiety Girl," in an almost asless manner, their youthful voices blending monotonously in the tuneful strains of the classics, while the cast was surprisingly well sustained. Mr. Geary would undoubtedly raise a serious row were the "kids" to attempt to give operatic or other entertainment in New York, but those who see them are so much pleased that they overlook the strain upon young voices and brains necessary in the difficult work they do. Blanche Walsh appeared two nights of this week at this house in "La Madeline" and "Janice Meredith." This is quite a change for Blanche, when it is remembered that her forte heretofore has been in the interpretation of such plays as "Cleopatra," "La Tosca," "Fedora" and others of like character.

New Grand Theater, (Paul Hammer, Jr., Mgr.)—This house has experienced a great week, with "Valley Forge" as the attraction. Interest always centers in military dramas, and the historic events connected with the scenes enacted in this play never fail to bring forth unanimous applause. It's rather a strange coincidence that the same stirring revolutionary events should be presented under different names at both of our theaters the same week—yea, even at the same time, but so it was, for while Janie Meredith was showing her loyalty to George Washington at one house, the self-same Washington was crossing the Delaware on the way to Trenton, as shown in "Valley Forge," at the other.

GEORGE D. ALDER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Chase's—This week, Chase's Musical Comedy Company, in "The Man from Mexico."

National—Last week, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines." This week, Maude Adams in "Quality Street."

Lafayette—Last week of "Fedora" by Bellows Stock Company.

Columbia—Last week Denham Thompson, in "The Old Homestead." This week, J. H. Stoddard, in "The Bonnie Brie Bush."

Academy—Last week, Ward and Vokes, This week, "Shore Acres."

Shea's Garden Theater, (M. Shea, Mgr.)—Shea had a good bill Feb. 24-March 1, and business was up to the standard. The Florenz troupe were featured. Will M.

Reata Winfield, Three Madcaps, and Bijou Burlesques. This week the Bijou is running on its new name, "The Empire," and all the performances are of the best. Manager Wegeforth has booked for the first month of week stands strong amusement combinations. This week, the Lafayette Show, Herbert's dogs, and other equally good features. Next, "Trip to Buffalo" company, and then the stock burlesque company will be put on again, headed by Pauline Hall, the world renowned favorite prima donna. That looks like business, and I hope will pave the road to a permanent success.

M. HARRY GAFF.

PORTLAND, ORE.

Portland, Ore., March 3.—Margana Grand Opera House, (Alvin Heilig, Mgr.)—"Princess Chile," with Mandie Lillian Berri in the title role, pleased large houses Feb. 17-19. Viola Allen, Feb. 24-26, to big and appreciative audiences.

Cordray's Theater, (John F. Cordray, Mgr.)—"Human Hearts" opened a week's engagement Feb. 16 to S. R. O. It's business all week. "Eleventh Hour," Feb. 23 and week; attendance good.

Baker's Theater, (George L. Baker, Mgr.)

Polite vaudeville continues to pack this popular playhouse. The bill last week was unusually strong. It included the Nine Landers, acrobats; Ruby Dawson, infinite and impersonator; Alice Barnum, phenomenal child soprano; Lewis and Lake, in a comedy sketch; Arthur Jones, monologist; the Three Rexinos, comedy acrobats; Pantomima's Ladies' Quartet; J. H. Heard, in comic songs; Fitzgerald Sisters, in fancy dances. Alice Barnum, the phenomenal child soprano, now at the Baker, has a range of two and one-half octaves, the highest notes being reached with apparently no effort. She is seven years old.

The Elks will give a minstrel show in the near future.

Polite vaudeville at the Baker has made a hit. Mr. Baker is booking some of the cleverest people in vaudeville.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra is playing in this part of the land. They report big business.

WESTON, W. VA.

Weston, W. Va., March 3.—A. Q. Scanlan's "The American Girl," played to an S. R. O. house Feb. 24. Fine performance and well-pleased audience. After the performance, Manager Flinstor informed Mr. Scanlan and his excellent company that he had made arrangements for a small luncheon, and the party repaired to Tompkins & Doyle's Cafe, where an elegant repast awaited them. The ever jovial Geo. F. Hall was toastmaster, and all declared it was the most enjoyable evening they had spent for quite awhile. Those present were: Messrs. A. Q. Scanlan, Geo. F. Hall, Harry Hamill, Frank H. La Rue, Nellie Barrett, O. C. Apfel, Frank Wilken, the Misses Gilive North, Mae Phelps, Millie Stevens, Abbie Johnson, little Grace Russell and little Daisy Stampé and Mr. Geo. V. Flinstor and C. O. Kidwell.

Attractions booked for March are: "Two Merry Tramps," March 3; "Hogan's Alley," March 8; Van Dyke and Eaton, March 10-15; "Our New Minister," March 18.

C. O. KIDWELL.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T.

South McAlester, I. T., March 3.—Langdale Opera House (L. E. Garnet, Mgr.)—House dark Feb. 18-27. Hennessey Leroy, Feb. 28, "Under Two Flags," March 3. Gilpin, hypnotist, March 6-8; "Too Rich to Marry," March 11. Gus Sun's Minstrels, March 18. The Hortense Nielsen Company, under the management of Mr. C. A. Arthur, report the business in the South, and in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Kansas, and are now playing return dates. The cast includes Geo. Whitaker, Franz Pegow, Richard Milloy, Tom Marrs, Alton Jack, Percy Jack, Fred Tucker, Hortense Nielsen, Rogers Martelle, Grace Barrett, Little Margaret Teale, Miss Lucy Thompson, musical director, and Wallace Bertheck, advance representative.

E. J. CAIN.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Montgomery, Ala., March 3.—Montgomery Theater, (S. E. Hercher & Co., Mgrs.)—Feb. 29, Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliott in "When We Were Twenty-one," to large and highly appreciative audience, in spite of Lent and bad weather. Feb. 22, "Uncle Josh Sprucely," Feb. 24-26, Gran's Opera Company, to good business.

McDonald's Opera House, (G. F. McDonald, Mgr.)—McDonald Repertoire Company. Business fine; company above the average.

JOHN W. BAILEY.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Clarksville, Tenn., March 3.—Elder's Opera House, (J. T. Wood, Mgr.)—"Uncle Tom's Cabin," under management of E. F. Davis, was recently canceled, owing to the hostility of enraged citizens, who were inspired by Kentucky's example. "Finist" is the next attraction billed. Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels are booked for March 6. Full house anticipated. Show's better than ever. Town's being heavily billed. Limited attractions booked to close season.

W. L. JOHNSON.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Charleston, W. Va., March 3.—Burlew Opera House, (C. S. Burlew, Mgr.)—Feb. 19, Frank Adams, in "Uncle Hez," to fair house, Feb. 21, Wood & Wurd's farce, "Two Merry Tramps," to S. R. O. Most noteworthy of this clever company are the Elmore Sisters, in song and dance specialties, and the bicycle experts, Mr. H. C. Lester, who does some wonderful turns on his wheel.

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Williamsport—Geo. H. Bobb.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence—Old Colony B. P. Co.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston—Chas. W. Keogh.

Columbia—R. S. Marks & Co., 1425 Gates st.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls—Sioux Falls B. P. Co.

TENNESSEE.

Athens—O. M. West Bill Posting Co.

Bristol—Border City Bill Posting Co.

Jellico—Thos. Bell.

Unaka—Putaski Bill Posting Co.

Wilaski—A. M. Notgrass.

Westmoreland—L. M. Lonthan.

TEXAS.

Ailine—S. L. Ralph.

Besumont—Welcome Rollins.

Brownsville—Valle & Bros. Adv. Co.

Bryan—John B. Mike.

Clarksville—Chas. O. Gaines.

Dallas—Geo. Robinson.

Mattoon—The Moore B. P. & Adv. Co.

Galveston—J. E. Howard, 617 Postoffice st.

Houston—C. T. Sivalls, Box 206.

Lamplas—Jim Mace.

Laredo—Eugene Sloan.

San Angelo—Sam Smith, Box 182.

Whitehouse—Niles Lewis.

VERMONT.

Burlington—B. B. P. Co.; Mrs. W. K. Walker.

Newport—H. E. Norris.

Springfield—Geo. H. Stiles.

VIRGINIA.

Alexandria—J. M. Hill & Co.

Bedford City—Wm. W. Hayden.

Emporia—J. C. Williams.

Roanoke—City Bill Posters.

Staunton—Wm. Glenn.

Woodstock—Chas. M. Laughlin.

WASHINGTON.

Chehalis—City B. P. & Dist. Co., Box 221.

Clofax—H. A. Hullin.

Pullman—M. T. Chapman.

Puyallup—Geo. M. Acly.

Snohomish—W. P. Shaforth.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Fairmont—Fisher B. P. & Adv. Co.

Huntington—Will A. Russell.

Martinsburg—Horner's Unique Adv. Co.

Terre Alta—S. E. Stewart.

Wellington—A. B. Noland, Box 232.

WISCONSIN.

Ft. Atkinson—Chas. B. Rogers.

Green Bay—Fox River Valley Adv. Co.

Janesville—Peter L. Myers.

WYOMING.

Laramie—H. E. Root, C. B. P., opera house.

CANADA.

Charlevoix—P. E. I.—P. E. I. Adv. Co.

Montreal—St. Lawrence A. Co., 8 St. James.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—N. Falls B. P. & D. Ag.

Vancouver, B. C.—A. F. Morris, mgr.

TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

Honolulu—Will Prestidge.

Honolulu—Pioneer Adv. Co., Box 414.

LIST OF FAIRS.

ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—State Fair, Oct. —,

1902. Hon. W. M. Drennen, vice pres.

John W. O'Neill, secy.

THE BILLBOARD

EMMETSBURG, IA.—Palo Alto County Fair, Aug. 19 to 22, 1902. W. S. Parham, pres.; J. C. Bennett, secy.

CLARION, IA.—Wright County Fair, Sept. 9 to 12, 1902. W. C. Brown, secy.

IOWA CITY, IA.—Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical Society Fair, Sept. 2 to 5, 1902. S. H. Thompson, pres.; James Thomas, vice pres.; J. Ed. Switzer, treas.; J. T. Struble, secy.

MAQUOKETA, IA.—Jackson County Association Fair, Sept. 2-5, Inclusive, 1902. Hou, A. Hurst, pres.; M. Mahoney, treas.; Adam Ringlep, secy.

MARION, IA.—Inter State Fair, Aug. 19-22, inclusive, 1902. W. A. Austin, pres.; E. E. Parsons, secy.

SAC CITY, IA.—Sac County Agricultural Association Fair, Aug. 12-15, Inclusive, 1902. Thos. Battle, pres.; C. C. Penniman, vice pres.; Eugene Criss, treas.; Frank V. Healy, secy.

SAC CITY, IA.—Sac County Agricultural Association Fair, Aug. 12-15, Inclusive, 1902. Thos. Battle, Lake View, Ia., pres.; C. A. Penniman, Sac City, Ia., vice pres.; Eugene Criss, treas.; Frank V. Healy, secy.

VINTON, IA.—Benton County Fair, Sept. 2-5, Inclusive, 1902. Matt Gausch, pres.; J. B. F. Bunten, vice pres.; G. D. McElroy, treas.; J. E. Marietta, secy.

WAUKON, IA.—Allamakee County Association Fair, Sept. 2-5, Inclusive, 1902. S. H. Opfer, pres.; P. S. Warum, vice pres.; T. J. Kelleher, treas.; E. E. Beeman, secy. and mgr.

WEST LIBERTY, IA.—West Liberty Fair, Aug. 19-22, Inclusive, 1902. J. L. Nichols, F. E. Thomas, treas.; W. H. Shilman, secy.

WEST POINT, IA.—West Point District Fair, Aug. 19 to 22, Inclusive, 1902. E. P. Hazen, Ft. Madison, Ia., pres.; John Mapes, supt. of concessions; John Walljasper, secy.

WEST UNION, IA.—Fayette County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 2 to 5, 1902. H. A. Kent, pres.; E. B. Shaw, treas.; G. W. Van Atten, secy.

INDIANA.

ANDERSON, IND.—Anderson Association Fair, Sept. 2-5, Inclusive, 1902. Thos. B. Orr, pres.; C. K. McCullough, vice pres. and mgr.; Wm. Boland, treas.; Chas. A. Eastman, secy.

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. Chrisney, secy.

DECATUR, IND.—Great Northern Indiana Agricultural Fair, Sept. 23-26, Inclusive, 1902. Geo. Tricker, pres. and mgr.; M. L. Smith, vice pres.; R. Schug, Vera Cruz, Ind., treas.; T. H. Harris, Berne, Ind., secy.

GOSHEN, IND.—Fair, Sept. 1, 1902. **HAGERSTOWN, IND.**—Wayne County Association Fair, July 29-Aug. 1, 1902. L. M. Pierce, pres.; Hugh Alleu, vice pres.; Knobe Porter, treas.; L. S. Bowman, secy.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Indiana State Fair, Sept. 15 to 19, Inclusive, 1902. M. S. Claypool, pres.; Charles Downing, Room 14 State House, Indianapolis, Ind., secy.

KENDALLVILLE, IND.—Eastern Indiana Agricultural Association Fair, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, Inclusive, 1902. C. M. Case, pres.; John Eley, vice pres.; John Mitchell, treas.; J. S. Conlogue, secy.

NEW HARMONY, IND.—Forty-fourth Posey County Agricultural Society Fair, Aug. 19 to 22, Inclusive, 1902. Alfred Ribeyre, pres.; Geo. C. Taylor, secy.

RAMELTON, IND.—Fair, Aug. 19 to 23, 1902. Address C. S. Campbell.

RUSHVILLE, IND.—Forty-sixth Annual Rush County Fair, Aug. 26-29, Inclusive, 1902. Ed. Crosby, pres.; W. A. Alexander, vice pres.; A. B. Hinckman, treas.; J. Q. Thomas, secy.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Vigo County Fair, Aug. 11 to 16, 1902.

KANSAS.

ERIE, KAN.—Neosho County Association Fair, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Inclusive, 1902. W. T. Dutton, pres.; Fielding Scott, St. Paul, Minn., vice pres.; W. T. Alleu, Erie, Pa., treas.; H. Lodger, secy.

EL DORADO, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Sept. 9, 1902.

FREIDOMIA, KAN.—Fredonia Agricultural Association Fair, Aug. 19-22, 1902. C. H. Pierce, pres.; Isaac Hudson, vice pres.; T. C. Singleton, treas.; J. T. Cooper, mgr.; J. T. Cooper, secy.

GARDEN CITY, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Aug. 15, 1902.

GREAT BEND, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Sept. 1, 1902.

HUTCHINSON, KAN.—The Central Kansas Association Fair, Sept. 15-19, Inclusive, 1902. J. Brown, pres.; D. J. Fair, Sterling, Kan., vice pres.; W. H. Eagan, Hutchinson, treas.; O. F. Davys, mgr.; Ed. Moore, secy.

NEWTON, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Sept. 22-26, 1902. J. F. Axtell, pres.; G. R. Follett, vice pres.; A. B. Gilbert, treas.; John C. Nicholasou, secy.

ST. JOHN, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Aug. 20-22, Inclusive, 1902. H. B. Ross, pres.; O. B. Shepherd, treas.; Frank C. Swartz, secy.

STERLING, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Sept. 8, 1902.

WINFIELD, KAN.—Fair, Beginning Oct. 6, 1902.

KENTUCKY.

BARDSTOWN, KY.—Nelson County Fair, Sept. 2 to 6, Inclusive, 1902. J. L. Denlen, secy.

GEORGETOWN, KY.—Forty-eighth Annual Fair, Aug. 27 to 30, Inclusive, 1902. J. E. Bouldin, pres.; John Wallingford, treas.; John R. Walton, secy.

GERMANTOWN, KY.—The Germantown County Fair, Aug. 27-30, Inclusive, 1902. J. E. Bouldin, Tuckahoe, Ky., pres.; W. A. Tallaferro, Chatham, Ky., vice pres.; John Wallingford, Fern Leaf, Ky., treas.; John R. Walton, Germantown, Ky., secy.

LAWRENCEBURG, KY.—Lawrenceburg Association Fair, Aug. 19-22, Inclusive, 1902. W. T. Boud, pres.; D. L. Moore, vice pres.; G. W. Walker, treas.; G. G. Speer, secy.

LEXINGTON, KY.—Colored Agricultural and Mechanical Association Fair, Sept. 9-13, Inclusive, 1902. J. A. Scott, pres.; M. T. Clay, vice pres.; S. W. Dunn, treas.; F. Buckner, mgr.; A. L. Harden, secy.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY.—The Bullitt County Association Fair, Aug. 19-22, Inclusive, 1902. S. B. Williams, Boultout, Ky., pres.; W. B. Trunwell, Shepherdsville, Ky., vice pres.; C. O. McCormick, Shepherdsville, Ky., treas.; S. W. Bates, Shepherdsville, Ky., secy.

MAINE.

EDEN, ME.—Annual Fair, Sept. 24 and 25, 1902.

EXETER, ME.—West Penobscot Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 23-25, Inclusive, 1902. B. P. Hubbard, Stetson, Me., pres.; F. W. Hill, Exeter, Me., mgr.; F. E. Jewett, secy. and treas.

LEWISTON, ME.—Gray Park Association Annual Fair, Aug. 27 to 29, Inclusive, 1902.

MONROE, ME.—Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 16 to 18, Inclusive, 1902. W. B. F. Twombly, pres.; F. H. Bowden, secy.

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Grand Agricultural Fair, Sept. 8-12, Inclusive, 1902. H. A. Brahm, pres.; Graut Stockham, secy.

EASTON, MD.—Talbot County Association Fair, Aug. 19-22, Inclusive, 1902. Dr. Isaac A. Barber, pres.; Henry Klemian, vice pres.; Jos. B. Harrington, secy. and treas.

ROCKVILLE, MD.—Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 2 to 5, 1902.

MASSACHUSETTS.

AMHERST, MASS.—Hampshire Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 16-17, Inclusive, 1902. Dr. H. E. Page, pres.; F. O. Williams, Sunderland, Mass., vice pres.; Ralph E. Smith, Amherst, secy., treas. and mgr.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.—Housatonic Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 24-26, Inclusive, 1902. Noddy B. Turner, Great Barrington, vice pres.; Orlando C. Billwell, treas.; Frank H. Briggs, secy.

TAUNTON, MASS.—Bristol County Agricultural Fair, Sept. 22 to 25, Inclusive, 1902.

TAINTON, MASS.—Bristol County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 22-25, Inclusive, 1902. Herbert A. Dean, pres.; A. B. Hodges, vice pres.; Chas. F. Bliss, treas.; Carleton F. Sanford, secy.

WAKEFIELD, MASS.—Wakefield Reading Fair, Sept. 23 to 26, Inclusive, 1902. B. F. Calley, Jr., asst. mgr.

MICHIGAN.

ADRIAN, MICH.—Lenawee County Fair, Sept. 22-26, 1902. H. H. Ferguson, secy.

ALLEGAN, MICH.—Allegan County Agricultural Society Fair. Dates not decided. John Stegeman, pres.; A. H. Foster, vice pres.; Chas. Nelson, Martin, Mich., treas.; L. A. Lillie, secy.

HILLSDALE, MICH.—Hillsdale County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1902.

TAHOE, MICH.—Taunton, Mich., pres.; Wm. C. Homan, Great Barrington, vice pres.; Orlando C. Billwell, treas.; Frank H. Briggs, secy.

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LANCASTER, WIS.—Grant County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 10-12, inclusive, 1902. Delos Abrams, pres.; John S. Wright, vice pres.; C. W. Ray, treas.; J. C. Churchill, secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Wisconsin State Fair, Sept. 8 to 12, 1902.

MINERAL POINT, WIS.—Southwestern Wisconsin Fair, Aug. 19-22, inclusive, 1902. Geo. G. Cox, Waldwick, Wis., pres.; Dr. Stansmore Vivian, Mineral Point, Wis., vice pres.; Phil. Allen, Jr., treas.; F. C. Ludden, mgr. and secy.

LYMEUTH, WIS.—Sheboygan County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. (first week), 1902. C. M. Stibley, Waldo, Wis., general supt.

SHAWANO, WIS.—Shawano County Agricultural Society Fair, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, inclusive, 1902. G. A. Klebesadde, pres.; D. H. George, Hashon, Wis., vice pres.; Chas. Brockman, Shawano, Wis., treas.; F. J. Harter, mgr.; F. J. Martin, secy.

VERMONT.

WINDSTOCK, VT.—Fifty-seventh Windsor County Annual Fair, Sept. 23 to 25, inclusive, 1902.

CANADA.

BRANDON, MANITOBA, CAN.—Western Manitoba's Big Fair, July 29 to Aug. 1, 1902. F. J. Clark, mgr.

OTTAWA, ONT., CAN.—Fair, Sept. 13 to 20, 1902.

SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC, CAN.—Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Aug. 30 Sept. 6, inclusive, 1902. N. T. Drusatt, pres.; A. A. Mes, vice pres.; W. M. Tomlinson, secy., treas. and mgr.

TORONTO, CAN.—Canadian Industrial Fair, Aug. 30-Sept. 13, inclusive, 1902. H. J. Hill, mgr.

READING, PA.—Elks' Carnival, June 16 to 21, 1902. P. D. Lauman, chairman of executive committee.

SACRAMENTO, CAL.—Street Fair, May 12, 1902. Albert Elkins, 9th and K sts., SAGINAW, MICH.—Grand Naval Carnival, March 3 to 8, 1902. W. H. Rice, promoter.

SABATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.—Saratoga Midway and Wonderland, June 15 to Sept. SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Battle of Flowers and Flor Parade, April 21, 1902.

TEBRE HAUTE, IND.—Street Fair, Oct. 15-20, 1902. H. W. Wright Carnival Company, attractions.

TELL CITY, IND.—Street Fair, Sept. 8-13, 1902. H. G. Bott, secy.; H. W. Wright Carnival Company, attractions.

VERSAILLES, KY.—Street Fair, Dates not set. Chas. M. Harris, pres.; M. P. Lancaster, vice pres.; E. T. Young, treas.; Fleming Meek, 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. Kearns, secy.

Conventions Fetes, Celebrations, Etc.

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ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Seventy-first Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 21, 1902. Rev. Robert W. Barnwell, Selma, Ala., secy.

MOBILE, ALA.—State Travelers' Protective Association Convention, March 19-20, 1902.

ARKANSAS.

HELENA, ARK.—Thirteenth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. Wm. M. Brown, 1222 Scott st., Little Rock, Ark., secy.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—National Editorial Association Convention, April 15, 1902.

VAN BUREN, ARK.—State Sunday-School Institute Convention, March 16 to 18, 1902. S. F. Goddard, secy.

CALIFORNIA.

BERKELEY, CAL.—Jr. O. U. A. M. State Council, March 1, 1902. Herman Paine, Oakland, Cal., secy.

CORONADO, CAL.—American Climatological Association Convention, June 2, 1902. Dr. Guy Hinsdale, Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Fraternal Brotherhood Supreme Lodge Convention, March 16, 1902.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Independent Order of Foresters Convention, April 29, 1902. John A. McGillivray, Toronto, Ont., Can., secy.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—General Federation of Woman's Clubs Convention, May 1, 1902. Mrs. Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., 3507 Barst. st., Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—K. of P. Biennial Convention, Aug. 12, 1902.

COLORADO.

DENVER, COLO.—Hibernians' Convention, March 15, 1902.

DENVER, COLO.—American Federation of Catholic Societies Convention, March 1, 1902.

DENVER, COLO.—Daughters of the Revolution General Society Convention, April 23, 1902. Mrs. Carlton M. Moody, 1909 Green st., Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

DENVER, COLO.—International Sunday School Convention, June 26-30, 1902.

CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, CONN.—Young People's Union State Convention, April 4-5, 1902. Miss A. L. Pickerman, 276 Orange st., New Haven, Conn., secy.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—State Firemen's Association Convention, Aug. 12 and 13, 1902.

NEW LONDON, CONN.—American Ophthalmological Society, July 14, 1902. Dr. S. B. St. John, 26 Pratt st., Hartford, Conn., secy.

NORWICH, CONN.—Knight Templar Grand Commandery Convention, March 17, 1902. Ell C. Birdsey, Meriden, Conn., secy.

WEST HAVEN, CONN.—State Firemen's Association Convention, Aug. 12 and 13, 1902.

DELAWARE.

NEW CASTLE, DEL.—One hundred and sixteenth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 4, 1902. Rev. Leighton Coleman, Wilmington, Del., secy.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Car Service Officers' Eastern Association Convention, May 1, 1902. F. E. Higbie, Central R. R. of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J., secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—G. A. R. National Encampment, Sept. 1, 1902.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, March 18, 1902.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—National Society Colonial Dames of America Convention, April 1, 1902. Mrs. Wm. Reed, 103 W. Monument st., Baltimore, Md., secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American Social Science Association Convention, April 15, 1902. Rev. F. S. Root, 129 E. Fifteenth st., New York City, N. Y., secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Justice Party National Convention, April 19, 1902.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Association of American Physicians' Convention, April 29-30, 1902. Dr. Henry Hamm, 149 Washington ave., Albany, N. Y., secy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity Convention, May 1, 1902.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American Civil Engineers' Society Convention, May 20, 1902. Chas. Warren Hunt, New York City, N. Y., secy.

FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Knights of Honor Grand Lodge Convention, March 11 and 12, 1902. A. H. D'Alemberte, Pensacola, Fla., secy.

PALM BEACH, FLA.—National Hotel Men's Association Convention, March 22, 1902.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—State Press Association Convention, March 26-29, 1902. Frank L. Moyes, secy.

PETERSBURG, FLA.—State Sunday School Convention, March 11-13, 1902.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.—State Hotel Men's Benefit Association Convention, March 1, 1902.

TAMPA, FLA.—Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Convention, March 11-12, 1902. W. H. Latimer, Tavares, Fla., secy.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, GA.—State Electric Medical Association Convention, March 27-29, 1902.

ATLANTA, GA.—Travelers' Protective State Association Convention, April 24 to 26, inclusive, 1902.

AUGUSTA, GA.—Eighteenth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. Cleland W. Nelson, Atlanta, Ga., secy.

GRIFFIN, GA.—Tri-State Firemen's Association Convention, May 1, 1902.

MACON, GA.—B. P. O. E. State Convention, March 18, 1902. E. L. Martin, secy.

ROME, GA.—Georgia Baptist Convention, March 26-30, 1902. Rev. R. B. Headen, secy.

ILLINOIS.

ELOOMINGTON, ILL.—State League Republican Clubs Convention, March 1, 1902.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Royal League Supreme Council Convention, April 8, 1902. Thos. E. Piper, 1610 Masonic Temple, secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Knights of Pythias Interstate Grand Jubilee, March 24, 1902. Miles W. Curtis, Battle Creek, Mich., secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—National Grain Dealers' Association Convention, March 1, 1902.

CHICAGO, ILL.—National Retail Hardware Dealers' Association Convention, March 18-19, 1902. M. L. Corey, Argos, Ind., secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, March 5 and 6. E. F. Perry, 66 Broadway, New York, N. Y., secy.

CHICAGO, ILL.—American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association Convention, March 18 to 20, 1902. L. C. Fritch (B. & O. S. W. R. R.), secy.

LITCHFIELD, ILL.—United Commercial Traders' Supreme Council Convention, May 1, 1902. Geo. B. Hart, Chicago, Ill., secy.

PEORIA, ILL.—Independent Order Mutual Aid Grand Lodge Convention, March 24, 1902.

PEORIA, ILL.—State Laundrymen's Association Convention, March 17 and 18, 1902. W. E. Fitch, LaSalle, Ill., secy.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Central Illinois Teachers' State Convention, March 21-22, 1902.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—State Saving and Loan Association Convention, March 6, 1902.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—National Manufacturers' Association of United States Convention, March 1, 1902. E. P. Wilson, Cincinnati, O., secy.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Democratic State Convention, June 4, 1902. Joseph Reilly, secy.; Thomas Taggart, treas.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Sixty-fifth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 3, 1902. Rev. Jos. M. Francis, 1501 Central ave., secy.

MARION, IND.—State Master Plumbers' Association Convention, March 1, 1902. S. W. Gillespie, secy.

MUNCIE, IND.—National Window Glass Snappers' Association Convention, April 21, 1902.

IOWA.

DAVENPORT, IA.—Fiftieth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 20, 1902. Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, secy.

LAMONI, IA.—General Conference Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints and Auxiliary Societies, April 5 to 20, 1902. R. S. Salyards, secy.

KANSAS.

ATCHISON, KAN.—Forty-third Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, Sept. 1, 1902. Rev. Frank R. Millspang, secy., Topeka, Kansas.

MANHATTAN, KAN.—State Dairy Convention, March 4 to 7, 1902. Thos. A. Bornau, Topeka, Kan., secy.

TOPEKA, KAN.—State Grain Dealers' Association Convention, March 18-19, 1902. E. J. Smiley, secy.

WASHINGTON, KAN.—Kansas M. E. Church Conference, March 15-20, 1902. J. W. Chardy, 131 New York st., Lawrence, Kan.

WICHITA, KAN.—State Democratic Convention, May 26, 1902.

WICHITA, KAN.—State Reunion of the K. P., May 20, 1902.

WICHITA, KAN.—Republican State Convention, May 28, 1902.

WICHITA, KAN.—State Druggists' Association Convention, May 27-29, inclusive, 1902.

KENTUCKY.

HENDERSON, KY.—Seventy-fourth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 11, 1902. Rev. Thos. C. Dudley, 716 Third ave., Louisville, Ky., secy.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—National Third Party Convention, April 2, 1902.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The International Police Journal Convention, May 7 to 10, 1902.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—National Allied Reformed Party Convention, April 2, 1902. J. A. Parker, secy.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association Convention, April 12, 1902. J. B. Null, secy.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Chiefs of Police Association of United States Convention, May 7, 1902. Major Richard Sylvester, Washington, D. C., pres.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—International Hotel and Restaurant Employers' Alliance and International Bartenders' League, May 13, 1902.

PADUCAH, KY.—State Medical Society Convention, May 1, 1902.

LOUISIANA.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—State Legislature. Meets 100 days, May 1, 1902.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Knights of Honor Grand Lodge, March 10, 1902. Henry Walters, 204 Camp st., secy.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—American Rabbis' Conference, April 1, 1902. Rabbi Adolph Guttmacher, Baltimore, Md., secy.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—National Bankers' Association of Louisiana Convention, April 29 and 30, 1902.

LOUISIANA.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—State Legislature.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Knights of Honor Grand Lodge, March 10, 1902. Henry Walters, 204 Camp st., secy.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—American Rabbis' Conference, April 1, 1902. Rabbi Adolph Guttmacher, Baltimore, Md., secy.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—National Bankers' Association of Louisiana Convention, April 29 and 30, 1902.

MAINE.

BERWICK, 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.

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Reformed (German) Church in United States General Synod, May 20, 1902. Rev. J. P. Stein, Reading, Pa., secy.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Independent Order of Mechanics' Grand Lodge Convention, March 17, 1902. Elmer Bernhard, 630 W. Baltimore st., secy.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, MASS.—United Order Pilgrim Fathers' Supreme Colony Convention, April 2, 1902. Nathan Crary, Lawrence, Mass., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—International Kindergarten Union Convention, April 23-25, 1902. Lillian B. Pingree, secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Convention, May 27, 1902.

BOSTON, MASS.—American Library Association Convention, June 1—, 1902. Fred. Winslow, 108 Glenway st., Dorchester, Mass., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—N. E. O. P. Grand Lodge Convention, March 12, 1902.

BOSTON, MASS.—American Unitarian Association Convention, May 27, 1902. Rev. Charles E. St. John, secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—National Spiritualists' Association Convention, Oct. 21 to 23, 1902. Mrs. Mary T. Longley, Washington, D. C., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—American Laryngological Association Convention, May 1, 1902. Dr. Jas. E. Newcomb, 118 W. 69th st., New York, N. Y., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—American Dermatological Association Convention, Sept. 18 to 20, 1902. Dr. F. H. Montgomery, Chicago, Ill., secy.

BOSTON, MASS.—Railway Telegraph Superintendents' Association Convention, June 18, 1902. P. W. Drew (Wis. Central Ry. Co.), Milwaukee, Wis., secy.

THE BILLBOARD

MINNESOTA.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Royal Arcanum Grand Council, March 25, 1902. G. T. Hughes, 739 Lumber Exchange, secy.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Federation of Eagles Grand Federation Convention, June 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 Veterinary 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.—Railway Superintendents of Bridges and Buildings Association Convention, Oct. 21, 1902. S. F. Patterson (Boston & Maine R. R.), Concord, N. H., secy.
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Northwestern Harness Dealers' Association Convention, Dec. 1, 1902.

MISSISSIPPI.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—United Confederate Veterans' State Division Convention, March 11-12, 1902.
 YAZOO, MISS.—Seventy-fifth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, April 22, 1902. Rev. P. G. Sears, Meridian, Miss., secy.

MISSOURI.

BROOKFIELD, MO.—Missouri M. E. Church Conference, March 12-18, 1902. C. O. Mills, Cameron, Mo., secy.
 KANSAS CITY, MO.—American Academy of Railway Surgeons Convention, Sept. 1, 1902. Dr. T. B. Lacey, Council Bluffs, Ia., secy.
 KANSAS CITY, MO.—American Grand Handicap, April 2-3, 1902.
 ST. LOUIS, MO.—National Hardwood Lumber Association Convention, May 15, 1902. A. R. Vinnedge, N. Branch and Division st., Chicago, Ill.
 ST. LOUIS, MO.—State Intercollegiate Athletic Association Convention, May 23, 1902.
 SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Cumberland Presbyterian Church General Assembly, May 15-23, 1902. Rev. J. M. Hubbert, Lebanon, Tenn., secy.
 ST. LOUIS, MO.—63d Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 27, 1902. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, 272 W. Chestnut st., secy.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, NEB.—Thirty-fifth Prot. Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 21, 1902. Rev. Chas. H. Young, 1702 N. 26th st., secy.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MANCHESTER, N. H.—N. E. O. P. Grand Lodge Convention, March 26, 1902. Joe Daniels, 385 Hall st., secy.

NEW JERSEY.

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Reformed (Dutch) Church in America General Synod, June 4, 1902. Rev. W. H. DeHart, Raritan, N. J., secy.
 ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—American Gynecological Society Convention, May 27, 1902. Dr. J. Riddle Goffe, 22 E. 35th st., New York, N. Y., secy.
 BRIDGETON, N. J.—I. O. M. Grand Lodge Convention, March 18, 1902. Theo. Woodruff, Bridgeton, N. J., secy.
 CAMDEN, N. J.—Legion of Red Cross Council, March 20, 1902. C. O. Pedrick, 525 Berkley st., secy.
 SALEM, N. J.—New Jersey M. E. Church Conference, March 12, 1902.
 TRENTON, N. J.—National Brotherhood of Operative Potters' Convention, May 5, 1902. F. A. Hutchins, secy.
 TRENTON, N. J.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, March 13-14, 1902. J. A. Vansant, 306 Broadway, 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.

ALBANY, N. Y.—American Surgical Association Convention, May 20-22, 1902. Dr. D. P. Allen, 278 Prospect st., Cleveland, O., secy.
 BUFFALO, N. Y.—Royal Templars of Temperance Supreme Convention, May 13, 1902. E. B. Rew, 43 Niagara st., secy.
 BUFFALO, N. Y.—American Federation of Musicians' Convention, June 1, 1902. Jacob F. Schmalz, 1310 Main st., Cincinnati, O., secy.
 ELMIRA, N. Y.—State Master Plumbers' Association Convention, March 11 and 12, 1902.
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—National Conference of Day Nurseries Convention, April 1, 1902. N. B. Galway, 105 E. Twenty-second st., secy.
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Huguenot Society of America Convention, April 14, 1902. Mrs. Jas. M. Lawton, 105 E. Twenty-second st., secy.
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—American Therapeutic Society Convention, May 2, 1902. Noble P. H. Barnes, Washington, D. C., secy.
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—American Gynecological Society Convention, May 27, 1902. Dr. J. Riddle Goffe, 22 E. Thirty-fifth st., secy.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—State Bottlers' Association Convention, March 13, 1902.
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—American Whist League Convention, June 23, 1902.
 NEW YORK, N. Y.—Presbyterian Church General Assembly, May 14, 1902. Rev. W. H. Roberts, 1319 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—American Railway Association Convention, April 23, 1902. W. F. Allen, 24 Park Place, secy.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—State Haymakers' Association Convention, March 29, 1902. Geo. P. Bally, 82 State st., secy.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—American Academy of Medicine Convention, June 7 and 8, 1902. Charles McIntire, Easton, Pa., secy.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—American Railway Master Mechanics' Convention, June 23, 1902.

UTICA, N. Y.—Commercial Travelers' Mutual Accident Association of America Convention, March 10, 1902. Edward Trevett, Second National Bank Building, secy.

WEST EXETER, N. Y.—State Farmers' Institute Convention, March 12-13, 1902.

NORTH CAROLINA.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—W. C. A. Southern Conference, June 13-23, 1902.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Southern Baptists Convention, May 15, 1902. J. Lansing Burroughs, 11, D. Nashville, Tenn., secy.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—United Textile Workers of America Convention, May 1, 1902.

OXFORD, N. C.—86th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 11, 1902. Rev. Julian E. Ingle, Henderson, N. C., secy.

OHIO.

CINCINNATI, O.—Turners' Convention, June 1, 1902.

CINCINNATI, O.—State Association of County Commissioners, January, (second week), 1903.

CLEVELAND, O.—Associated Bill Posters and Distributors of the United States and Canada, Second Tuesday in March, 1902. Charles Bryan, pres.

CLEVELAND, O.—American Local Freight Agents' Association Convention, June 10, 1902. James Anderson, Omaha, Neb., secy.

CLEVELAND, O.—Christian Church National Congress, March 25, 1902. Rev. E. S. Ames, Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill., secy.

CLEVELAND, O.—Knights of Honor Supreme Lodge Convention, June 10-17, 1902. Noah M. Gilvan, St. Louis, Mo., secy.

COLUMBUS, O.—United Commercial Traders of America Supreme Council, June 28-29, 1902. C. C. Daniels, secy.

COLUMBUS, O.—State Gas Light Association Convention, March 18-19, 1902. T. C. Jones, Delaware, O., secy.

LIMA, O.—State Laundrymen's Association Convention, March 10 and 11, 1902. Nelson Shook, secy.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Improved Order of Red Men's Golden Jubilee, May 1, 1902.

OREGON.

PORLAND, ORE.—National Travelers' Protective Association Convention, June 1, 1902. Louis T. La Beaum, St. Louis, Mo., secy.

PORTLAND, ORE.—A. O. I. W. Supreme Lodge Convention, June 10, 1902. M. W. Sackett, Medway, Pa., secy.

PORTLAND, ORE.—American General Baggage Agents' Association Convention, May 14, 1902. J. E. Quirk, Toronto, Ont., Canada, secy.

PENNSYLVANIA.

ALLEGHENY, PA.—United Presbyterian Church General Assembly, May 28, 1902. Wm. J. Reid, 244 Oakland ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., secy.

ALTOONA, PA.—United Mine Workers of America State Convention, March 11, 1902. Richard Gilbert, Clearfield, Pa., secy.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA.—Fraternal Mystic Circle Grand Ruling Convention, March 1, 1902. Davis Casselberry, 2128 N. 9th st., Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

FRANKLIN, PA.—Royal Templars of Temperance Convention, March 18, 1902. J. S. Du Shane, New Castle, Pa., secy.

HARRISBURG, PA.—German Baptist National Convention, May 16-26, 1902.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association Convention, March 27-29, 1902.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—A. O. S. E. National Convention, April 1, 1902.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—American Philosophical Society Convention, April 2-4, 1902. L. Minis, 164 S. Fifth st., secy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—American Railway Accounting Officers' Association Convention, May 28, 1902. C. G. Phillips, 70 Dearborn st., Chicago, Ill., secy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Reformed Presbyterian Church General Synod, May 11, 1902. Rev. Jas. Y. Boice, 2213 Spring Garden st., secy.

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READING, PA.—American Order Steam Engineers, Supreme Council, May 1, 1902.

WILKESBARRE, PA.—Slovak Union of United States Convention, May 1, 1902. John Spevak, 189 E. 2d st., New York, N. Y., secy.

WILKESBARRE, PA.—State Federation of Labor Convention, March 10, 1902. Geo. Goethier, Box 417, Scranton, Pa., secy.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Knights of Honor Grand Lodge Convention, March 27, 1902. T. A. Carleton, Box 355, secy.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—112th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 20, 1902. Rev. S. H. Webb, 21 Adelaide ave., secy.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—State Sunday-School Convention, March 25 to 27, 1902. C. C. Pefferstone, Lanrens, S. C., secy.

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—112th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. James G. Glass, Summerville, S. C., secy.

TENNESSEE.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Royal Arcanum Grand Council Convention, March 18, 1902. V. E. BeGeorgoff, secy.

TEXAS.

CLEBURNE, TEX.—Y. M. C. A. State Convention, March 14 to 16, 1902. Samuel Warr, secy.

DALLAS, TEX.—Veterans' Reunion, April 22 to 25, inclusive, 1902. C. L. Martin, secy.

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.

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FORT WORTH, TEX.—Cattle Raisers' Association Convention, March 13 and 14, 1902.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Reunion Spanish-American War Veterans' Convention, April 19-21, 1902. Gen. James B. Coryell, Philadelphia, Pa., secy.

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.

VIRGINIA.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—107th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, May 14, 1902. Rev. Everard Meade, Accotink, Va., secy.

NORFOLK, VA.—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Convention, May 1, 1902. P. M. Arthur, 367 Society for Savings Bldg., Cleveland, O., secy.

WATERFORD, VA.—Virginia M. E. Church Conference, March 13, 1902.

WISCONSIN.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—State Grocers' Association Convention, March 1, 1902.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—National Association Railway Claim Agents' Convention, May 1, 1902.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—State Photographers' Association Convention, March 11 to 13, 1902. A. Pick, West Bend, Wis., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—State Photographers' Association Convention, March 11 to 13, 1902. J. M. Bandtel, secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons' Convention, March 1, 1902.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—International Car Accountants' and Car Service Officers' Association Convention, June 1, 1902. L. G. Corcoran, Buffalo, N. Y., secy.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—I. A. of D. Annual Convention, July 7, 1902. W. H. Steinbrenner, 1133 Broadway, New York, N. Y., secy.

OCONOMOWCO, WIS.—"Round Up" Institute, March 18-20, 1902.

OSHKOSH, WIS.—State Federation of German Catholic Benevolent Societies' Convention, May 13 to 15, 1902, inclusive, 1902.

OSHKOSH, WIS.—Knights of Royal Arch State Convention, March 1, 1902. C. Scheel, secy.

WEST VIRGINIA.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—25th Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention, June 4, 1902. Rev. R. D. Roller, Charleston, W. Va., secy.

CANADA.

FREDERICTON, N. B., CAN.—Grand Orange Lodge of N. B. Convention, March 18, 1902. A. D. Thomas, secy.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CAN.—Canadian Order Chosen Friends' Convention, March 25, 1902. W. F. Montague, Hamilton, Ont., secy.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CAN.—Canadian Lacrosse League Convention, March 1, 1902. W. H. Hall, Gould st., secy.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CAN.—Presbyterian Church in Canada General Assembly, June 11, 1902. Rev. Robt. Campbell, Montréal, Québec, Can., secy.

VICTORIA, B. C., CAN.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, March 12, 1902. J. F. McIlroy, secy.

WINNIPEG, MAN., CAN.—A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge Convention, March 12, 1902. W. Femmette, Alexander, Man., secy.

POULTRY SHOWS.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Poultry Show, June 23 to 28, inclusive.

FOOD SHOWS.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Pure Food Exhibition, March 1-15, 1902.

EXPOSITIONS.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—World's Mineral Manufactured and Agricultural Exhibition, 1905.

BUEÑOS AIRES, R. A., SOUTH AMERICA.—International Exposition Agricultural Implements, May, 1902.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition, Dec. 1, 1901, to June 1, 1902. Samuel Lapham, Charleston, S. C., secy.

CITY OF MEXICO.—American Manufacturers' Exposition, April, 1902. Juan D. Baumann, general manager.

COLUMBUS, O.—Industrial Exposition, Sept. 1-5, inclusive, 1902. Samuel Taylor, Grove City, O., pres.; D. J. Green, Cumberland, vice pres.; T. L. Calvert, Selma, treas.; W. W. Miller, Columbus, secy.

THE BILLBOARD

- ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.**—Virginia Beach. Southern Amusement Company, 409 Clitheroe Bank Bldg., Norfolk, Va., managers. **ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.**—Young's Pier. **ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.**—Steel Pier. Mr. Bothwell, manager. **ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.**—Auditorium Pier. George Thyson, manager. **AUBURNDALE, MASS.**—Normbrega Park. Carl Alberto, manager. **AUGUSTA, GA.**—Mount Suno Park. G. H. Conklin, manager. Attractious. **AUSTIN, TEX.**—Zoo Park. **AUSTIN, TEX.**—Watters' Park, Pavilion, Summer Theater, Athletic Field. W. H. Slagle, lessee. **BALTIMORE, MD.**—Hollywood Park. Jas. L. Kerman, manager. **BALTIMORE, MD.**—River View Park. Jas. L. Kerman, manager. **BALTIMORE, MD.**—Prospect Park. Grant Stockham, secretary. **BALTIMORE, MD.**—Electric Park. L. H. Baker, manager. **BATH, ME.**—Merrymeeting Park. New England Pop Corn Company, lessors. **BATTLE CREEK, MICH.**—Lake View Park. **BAXTER SPRINGS, KAN.**—Reunion Park. C. E. Collins, manager. **BAY CITY, MICH.**—Whona Beech Park. L. W. Richards, manager. **BELVA, W. VA.**—Beech Gleu. Ralph Justice, manager. **BINGHAMTON, N. Y.**—Casino Park. J. P. E. Clark, manager. **BINGHAMTON, N. Y.**—Elm Garden. **BINGHAMTON, N. Y.**—Ross Park. J. P. E. Clark, manager. **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**—East Lake Park. J. B. McClary, manager. **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**—Lake View. **BOONE, IA.**—Whitecomb Park. G. J. Prescott, manager. **BOSTON, MASS.**—Charles River Park. **BOSTON, MASS.**—Crescent Park. W. H. O'Neill, manager. **BRADFORD, PA.**—Clarksdale Park. **BRANTFORD, ONT., CAN.**—Mohawk Park. **BRANTFORD, ONT., CAN.**—Sherman Park. G. H. Summers, 66 Metcalfe st., Toronto, Ont., manager. **BRIDGEPORT, CONN.**—Pleasure Beach. **BRIGHTON, PA.**—Junction Park. Beaver Valley Traction Co., managers. **BRISTOL, TENN.**—Clifton Park. Oliver Taylor, manager. **BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—Bergen Beach. **BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—Ulmer Park. **BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—Lagoon Island. John F. Weber, manager. **BRUNSWICK, ME.**—Merrymeeting Park. L. B. Ry. Co. M. I. Masson, general manager. **BRYAN, TEX.**—Kernoles Park. J. C. Kernele, manager. **BUFFALO, N. Y.**—Crystal Beach. **BUFFALO, N. Y.**—Elmwood Beach. **BUFFALO, N. Y.**—Leins Park. **BUFFALO, N. Y.**—Woodbawn Beach. **BERLINGTON, IA.**—Ferris Wheel Park. C. Bonn, manager. **BUTTE, MONT.**—Columbia Gardens. Geo. Forsythe, manager. **CAMDEN, N. J.**—Stockton Park. **CAMDEN, N. J.**—Woodlin Park. M. W. Taylor, manager. **CANTON, OH.**—Meyers Lake Park. **CARLISLE, PA.**—Cave Hill Park. **CARTHAGE, MO.**—Lakeside Park. George Halliday, manager. **CARTHAGE, MO.**—Midway Park. **CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.**—Athletic Park. **CHARLESTON, S. C.**—Chicora Park. **CHARLESTON, W. VA.**—Beechwood Park. **CHARLOTTE, N. C.**—Ontario Beach Park. **CHESTER, PA.**—Lindenthaler Park. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Ferris Wheel Park. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Bismarck Park. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Hutes Park. E. P. Simpson, general manager. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Sunnyside Park. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Electric Park. **CHICAGO, ILL.**—Sons Sonel Park. Alfred Russel, manager. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Red Bank Park. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Chester Park. L. M. Martin, manager. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Zoological Garden. C. Lee Williams, manager. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Queen City Bathing Beach. W. K. Kroger and N. C. Colter, mngrs. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Coney Island. W. E. Clark, manager. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Lagoon. **CINCINNATI, OH.**—Silver Grove. Fred Haase, manager. Address Ft. Thomas, Ky. **CLEVELAND, OH.**—Seaside Park. **CLEARFIELD, PA.**—Clearfield Park. R. H. Shaw, secretary. **CLEVELAND, OH.**—Euclid Beach Park. Humphrey Bros., managers. **CLEVELAND, OH.**—Forest City Park. Humphrey Bros., managers. **CLEVELAND, OH.**—Manhattan Beach. W. R. Ryan, manager. **CLEVELAND, OH.**—Chippewa Lake Park. W. & L. E. R. John Kingsborough, manager. **COHOES, N. Y.**—Ship Street Park. **COLLINS, GA.**—North Highland Park. **COLUMBUS, OH.**—Minerva Park. **COLUMBUS, S. C.**—Hyatt's Park. **COLUMBUS, OH.**—Collins' Garden. **COLUMBUS, OH.**—Olentangy Park. 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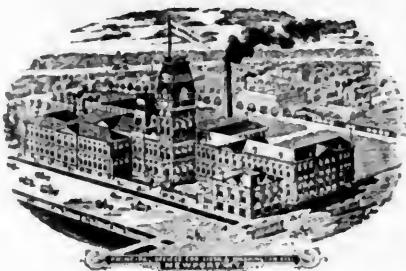
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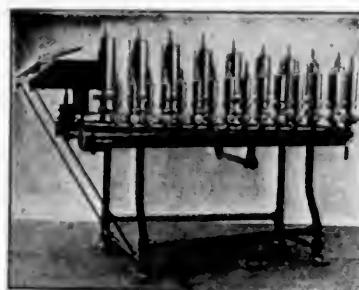
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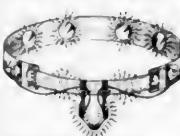
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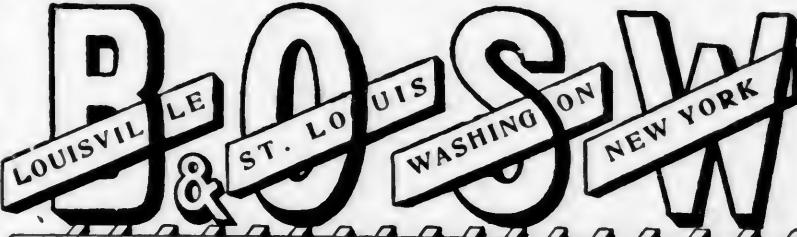
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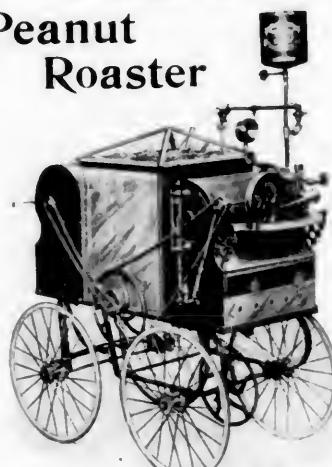
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