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AMUSEMENTS.

"A Wife's Peril" at the Grand.

Victorien Sardou's comedy drama, "A Wife's Peril," was given last night by the Grand stock company. The play came off in well-handled manner as far as the staging goes, but showed decided defects in the work of some of the actors. It was a strong contrast of light and shade, in which, however, the light prevailed. There were several unusual obstacles to overcome in the staging of this work. Being by Sardou, "A Wife's Peril" might be called relatively tame, but in spite of this the stage manager, Mr. Brooke, showed his excellent taste by further "toning" it down. It is a question whether this sort of play is altogether appropriate to be produced by a stock company, but the audience last night surely did not bother itself with the possibility of disagreement. It accepted that which was entertaining and let all seriousness alone. In other words, it accepted the comedy and overlooked the drama.

As usual the scenic effects were exquisitely done, great attention being paid to that department and deservedly so. Next came the handling of the ensemble. The stage is never crowded and an air of naturalness pervades the single scenes as far as the premeditated plan goes. However, it must be said that last night's performance suffered seriously under an unmistakable hesitancy, which, of course, will be remedied in the next performances. Upon one occasion the flow of oratory was abruptly shut off, like gas or water, when one does not pay his bill. Even Mr. Sheldon suffered somewhat from nervousness, for when he entered he received such applause that the ovation fairly applauded him out of his lines. As Sir Woodbine Grafton he appeared again before his old friends that would not do without him. His work was very good and both he and his "little cherub," Percy, kept the audience in continuous merriment. Such characters as the two Graftons, Mr. and Mrs. Beck and Mademoiselle Marionette, have such an appeasing influence over the outraged sense of propriety that one cannot really hold Sardou responsible for what he otherwise said. Mr. Reynolds's Percy Grafton, the little angel, who smokes his father's cigars and reads Boccaccio's Decameron, and furthermore carries on a flirtation with realistic finishing touches with the French maid, was a complete success. The same must be said of Miss Rand (Madamoiselle Marionette.) The clever actress was greeted with much applause.

So much for the characters of the comedy. Turning to the main figures of the drama the same amount of praise cannot justly be bestowed upon them. True enough, Mr. Macy's Dr. Thornton was an effort of genuine merit. Mr. Macy has never played better. He understands his part and it seems to fit his natural abilities. In his constant, untiring care for the welfare of the Ormonde House a little love story is beautifully interwoven, and Miss Donico, as Lucy Ormonde, was a very clever assistant of the doctor. Mr. Kolker as Capt. Maurice Bradford and Miss Shannon as Lady Ormonde have very trying parts. Now, whether an intuitive feeling of the well nigh impossible situations prevented these able artists from giving a convincing performance, or whether some other similar difficulty interfered; in short, their work lacked spirit and truthfulness. Mr. Kolker started out too fervently and Miss Shannon exaggerated. The most trying of all scenes, that in the third act, when Bradford's passion bursts out like a wildfire, was decidedly spoiled by orchestral accompaniment. This is an exhibition of bad taste and should not be tolerated in legitimate work. Mr. Stepping, as Sir Ormonde, has a thankless part and seemed slightly uncomfortable at times.

With a better balanced ensemble and more self-reliance, which hardly ever are offered in a first night's performance, the play deserves the patronage of the public, but whether it will take very kindly to it will have to be awaited. In the nature of the work it is a speculation.

George Munroe at the Park.

George Munroe came to the Park Theater yesterday afternoon for a three days' stay. He brought with him "a farce-comedy with a plot; puzzle—find the plot." The two large audiences that witnessed the show, afternoon and evening, were in search of recreation and did not care to dally with a puzzle; hence they let the plot go begging.

However, the people were well pleased with what they saw and heard. Munroe's play this season is known as "Mrs. B. O'Shaughnessey (Wash Lady)," and in it naturally he assumes the leading role—that of Mrs. O'Shaughnessey. Several years ago Mr. Munroe established a reputation as a female Irish impersonator in "My Aunt Bridget." This year he has a capable company and gives a clean, mirth-provoking performance. In the initial act Mrs. O'Shaughnessey is seen at the washtub, in squalid apartments, with three daughters to provide for, one of whom is a bag-punching prodigy, another with eyes turned toward the stage, and the remaining one—simply a lady. A sudden rise to wealth brings better quarters, a pair of suitors and an opportunity for fun-making to Mrs. O'Shaughnessey.

As indicated above, it is a puzzle to find the plot of the play and not worth any one's while. It is enough that the situations, though strained, are amusing. Dick Brown, as Michael Casey, sang some acceptable songs, and Georgie Lingard danced and skipped the rope in a manner to secure applause. Miss Elsie Cresey and Miss Esmond Ellis, both pretty girls, wore some stunning gowns and carried their parts well. Chester Demonde, who has a minor part, did a specialty that entitles him to be known as the human snake.

Munroe, of course, was the central figure, and his songs and monologues were received with uproarious applause. The show is worth seeing.

Empire—High Rollers.

The High Rollers came back to the Empire yesterday afternoon with a bigger and better show than last year's exhibition. As in the former appearance of the company, the two burlesques are made the main attraction. The opening farce, "The High Rollers at the Paris Exposition," manages to be "spicy" without getting indecent and is well filled with comedy situations of the kind that arise from the troubles of two married men of the kind dear to the heart of Hoyt. A dozen principals take part in the story and are assisted by as many chorus girls in handsome costumes. The scenery is good. Two of the drops, the one representing the Rue Honore, and the illuminated scene showing a concert garden on the Champs Elysee, are beautiful. The closing burlesque, while not up to the first in point of construction, is better fitted out with specialties, including, of course, an "Oriental dance," chastely and carefully rendered by a large bunch of ladies carefully selected for that purpose, or words to that effect.

The series of living pictures, posed by from eight to thirteen young women, contain several groupings of genuine artistic merit. The most striking group, "The Christian Martyrs," brought on and pulled off to the accompaniment of lion roars and the singing of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men," was announced by the lecturer to have been done by "America's greatest artist, John L. Sullivan." He must have been mistaken. John never would have confined himself to a small group of a dozen. He always painted a whole town. George Yoeman, the Washburn Sisters, Crawford and Carlton and Cooper and Reynolds furnished the remainder of the olio, which was well received, especially Yoeman's monologue, which runs pretty high in percentage of new stories. The High Rollers will remain all week, with the usual daily matinees.

A New Vaudeville Star.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Mrs. William Loring Spencer, widow of George E. Spencer, who was for one term United States senator from Alabama, announced to-night that she would make her debut on the vaudeville stage within the next three weeks. Mrs. Spencer twenty years ago, as May Nunez, was a popular actress in Augustin Daly's company, but since 1879, when she married General Spencer, she has not been on the stage. Mrs. Spencer got her masculine Christian name from her uncle, General William Wing Loring, of the Khedive's army. Her father, Albert A. Nunez, was descended from the noble Castilian family of Nunez. Mrs. Spencer is a cousin of Vice President Hobart and a great friend of Mrs. Senator Frye. Since her husband's death she has lived chiefly in Washington.

"La Boheme" in English.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—The Castle-square Opera Company gave the first production in English of Puccin's "La Boheme" (The Bohemians) at the Studebaker to-night and scored the greatest success of the company's remarkable record in this city. The house was crowded and at the close of the second act, in which Miss Gertrude Quinlan as Musetta was the central figure, the curtain was called six times. Yvonne De Treville sang the part of Miami and her success fully equaled that in the original production in New York a year ago in which she made a big hit. William G. Stewart, Reginald Robert, Louis Cassavant, Rhys Thomas, Homer Lind and Frank Monlan were in to-night's cast.

"A Battle-Scarred Hero" Makes a Hit.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The Cuban-American military farce, "A Battle-scarred Hero," with Bert Coote in the title role, made a hit at the Lafayette-square Theater here to-night and was liberally applauded by a packed house. Secretary Long, Admiral Dewey, Admiral Schley, Adjutant General Corbin and other public officials occupied boxes. Between the acts Admirals Dewey and Schley and Secretary Long exchanged visits. Each of the naval heroes on his appearance was given an ovation by the audience.

De Wolf Hopper in Luck.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—De Wolf Hopper successfully removed "El Capitan" to the Comedy Theater this evening, supplementing the performance with W. H. Post's travesty on "The Degenerates." Miss Marion Giroux scored a marked hit. Chas. Hawtrey, of Mrs. Langtry's company, added to the success of the performance by appearing in a parody of the duke.

Otis Skinner Quarantined.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 30.—The Savannah quarantine board to-day refused to allow Otis Skinner, the actor, to come here and play to-morrow night because he had been in New Orleans during the past ten days, and refused to permit W. C. Stubbs, director of the Louisiana experiment station, to come.

Gardner's Debts Wiped Out.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Charles A. Gardner, the actor, received the benefits of the bankruptcy act to-day, when all his debts, amounting to $30,115, were wiped out by order of Judge Kohlsaat in the United States Circuit Court.

A Dramatic Failure.

New York Letter.

William H. Crane, who has been playing in a new dramatic work, written in collaboration by Bronson Howard and Brander Matthews, has made public confession of what every one has known from the beginning, that this much-advertised and expensively-mounted play is a failure. Mr. Crane is going to withdraw the play at once, and would have done it earlier if he had had any other to take its place. Mr. Crane cannot be blamed for this failure, for he has revealed, perhaps, his highest art in the portrayal of the character of Governor Stuyvesant. Nor as a piece of stagecraft is the play to be condemned. The whole difficulty with it is that its characters had no vitality, there was no illusion of flesh and blood, they seemed mere dummies or puppets, and thereby again was made plain the one obstacle that has stood in the way of the consummation of the ambition of Brander Matthews to write a great novel and a great play.

Notes of the Stage.

Saturday at English's will witness two performances of "In Paradise," a comedy which had a big success in New York last season. It is from the French, and though close to the border line, its funny situations and its humorous dialogue make up for a multitude of sins.

"The Cloir Invisible," dramatized by Frances Hastings from the successful novel of that name by James Lane Allen, will be seen at English's to-night. The play is an idyl of Kentucky in the early days, telling a love story of strong passion and great dramatic power. The play will be seen to-night with the original scenery that marked the production in New York city. The cast is the same and besides the twenty-five people regularly employed, over one hundred people are required to lend verisimilitude to the situations.

Frank Daniels last Saturday night in Cleveland finished the first fortnight's trial of his new comic opera, "The Ameer." It is a big venture nowadays to produce a new comic opera on a scale commensurate with the demands of a first-class clientele. The fact that "The Ameer" is described as a production much more pretentious than anything else in the Daniels repertoire shows the confidence of his manager, Kirke La Shelle, in the drawing power of the comedian and in the excellence of this new vehicle chosen for the display of Daniels's talents. The additional fact that "The Ameer" has not received a single adverse criticism and has, according to the press, drawn audiences which nightly have tested the capacity of the theaters in which it has been played would seem to prove that Manager La Shelle's confidence has not been misplaced.

THE PATIENTS RELEASED

BUT THE DEMANDS MADE BY DR. VIZE WILL NOT BE MET.

He Wanted All of His Old Furniture Destroyed and Replaced with New Articles—City Affairs.

The City Board of Health raised the quarantine yesterday on the building at No. 142 Virginia avenue, which was occupied by Dr. P. E. Vize and his wife, the smallpox patients. The work of fumigation began at once and the odor of formaldehyde permeated the atmosphere of the neighborhood.

Dr. Vize insisted on every article of furniture in the house being destroyed by the authorities, as the city is compelled to replace or pay for furniture that is burned by order of the Board of Health in a house which has been infected by smallpox. Dr. Vize even wanted his operating chair destroyed, so that the city would have to replace it with a new one.

Dr. Clark, the city sanitarian, couldn't see the matter in that light, however, and he stated that Dr. Vize would not have his wishes complied with. The mattress on the bed occupied by Dr. Vize will be burned. No bed clothes, carpets and other articles which can be boiled will be fumigated in that manner. The remainder of the furniture will be thoroughly cleaned and formaldehyde used profusely. All the necessary precautions will be taken in the fumigation to prevent any possibility of the disease reoccurring.

Safety Board Meets To-Morrow.

When the Board of Public Safety meets to-morrow morning the members will be confronted with the fact that there is but $339.10 in the fund for wagons and repairs, and that a bill of $390 has to be paid to Charles H. Black for building the new patrol wagon. The clerk of the Safety Board says, however, that this can be remedied by transferring other funds to meet this bill. The new wagon is lighter than the one now in use. There will probably be no appointments made at this meeting of the board, as Mayor Taggart recommends that the vacancy of captain of detectives be not filled for the present.

WORKS BOARD ROUTINE.

Papers Ordered.

For bowldering the first alley south of Spann avenue, from Laurel street to Spruce street.

Petitions Denied.

For opening Ruth street, from Bertha street to the Big Four tracks.

For opening Warman avenue, from Bertha street to the Big Four tracks.

Appraisers Appointed.

George Wolf, W. T. Steele and James L. Barnett were appointed to appraise the real estate abutting on New York street, from Agnes street east to a point 120 feet west of Lansing street.

Assessment Rolls Approved.

For paving with creosoted wooden blocks and curbing the roadway of Ash street, from Massachusetts avenue to Thirteenth street.

For a main sewer in Meridian street, from Fall creek to Thirty-fourth street.

For asphalt roadway and cement sidewalks on Alabama street, from Twenty-fifth street to a point 810 feet north.

For cement sidewalks on Twentieth street, from Central avenue to College avenue.

For cement sidewalks and curbing on Walnut street, from Noble street to Fulton street.

For cementing the west sidewalk of Harris avenue, from Washington street to Victoria street.

For cement sidewalks on Pratt street, from Pennsylvania street to Illinois street.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. J. P. Williams is visiting in Chicago.

Mr. Henry Wetzel returned yesterday from his trip to Europe.

Mrs. Henry C. Davis has returned from a short visit to Columbus.

Miss Bertha Biehler entertained her card club yesterday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Hyatt will give an informal Halloween party to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer, of Oxford, O., are visiting Mrs. Allan Wilkinson.

General James R. Carnahan and daughter returned yesterday from Duluth.

Miss Nell Filbeck, of Terre Haute, will come to-day to visit Miss Adelaide Goetz.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mayer will give a small dinner this evening at the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. George Van Voorhees entertained sixteen friends at cards last night.

Miss Beatrice Byers has issued invitations for a tea Nov. 10 for Miss Stevens and Miss Hess, of Wabash.

Mr. William St. Clair, professor of Latin in the High School of Louisville, Ky., returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jed K. Cady, of Chicago, will return home to-day after visiting Mrs. A. A. Cady and family.

Mr. Geoffrey Yeager, of Danville, Ky., who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Wood, will return home this week.

Mrs. C. C. Furgason, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. L. Furgason, on North Meridian street.

Mrs. Charles W. Wiegle, of Newport, Ky., who has been the guest of Mrs. Frederick Trow Ross, has returned home.

Mrs. Sarah Taylor, of Baltimore, Md., is spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lynch, on North Illinois street.

Rev. J. T. Villers will entertain the official boards of the First Baptist Church this evening at his home, on North Meridian street.

Miss Anna Simpson, who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Meeker, went to Chicago before returning to her home, in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Theodore Arnold, of Seattle, Wash., is in the city, the guest of his brother, Mr. George Arnold, and family, on West Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Henry M. Waite, of Lexington, Ky., will come the middle of November to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walker.

The Americus Club dance at which Miss Stella Rauh and Miss Bertha Cohn were introduced last week, was not a debut party for either young lady.

Mrs. Charles M. Walker will go to Greenup, Ill., to-morrow, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Ames, of Greencastle, to visit Mrs. Winsor and Miss Dunlop.

The Misses Dilks will entertain to-morrow evening for their guest, Miss Ruggles, of Chicago. Friday evening Mrs. J. P. Dunn will give a card company for Miss Ruggles.

Mrs. F. A. Potts will have a Halloween party this evening for her daughters, Marjorie and Deborah, entertaining Josephine Morss and Helen Barney, Mary Louise Winters and Jean Fletcher.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Lewis, of Cincinnati, and Miss Elizabeth Claypool, who is visiting her, are now in Chicago and will be in this city to-morrow for a few days before returning to Cincinnati.

Mrs. William J. McKee has issued invitations for a small tea Thursday afternoon for Mrs. F. A. Fletcher, who arrived yesterday to visit her. Mrs. Fletcher was formerly Miss Olive Tousey, of this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Georgie Lou Comer and Mr. C. N. McWethy, of Greencastle, the wedding to occur Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the bride, 1246 Cornell avenue.

Mrs. Edward M. Churchman, No. 1202 North Pennsylvania street, will be at home informally Friday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, for her mother, Mrs. Ingram Fletcher, and her sister, Mrs. Eliza Fletcher Chapman.

Miss Esther Haughey, of Chicago, will come Friday and Miss Lina Peckham, of Utica, N. Y., will arrive Nov. 12 to visit Miss Elizabeth Dalton. The young ladies will be in the beverage booth at the Flower Mission fair.

Mrs. Robert Courtney Wright, who has been spending the summer with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Byron K. Elliott, returned to her home in Columbia, S. C., yesterday, accompanied by Miss Mary Van Winkle and Miss Gertrude Talbott. Mrs. Wright will give a german for her guests.

Miss Anna L. Leupp and Mr. Frank H. Marks were quietly married last evening at the residence of Rev. F. E. Dewhurst. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Many. After the ceremony they went to supper at the English cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Marks will reside at No. 910 East Eleventh street.

Rev. and Mrs. Milburn were given a cordial welcome home from a summer in Europe, last evening, at a reception given in the church parlors. There was a large attendance of members and friends of the Second Presbyterian Church and other congregations. During the evening little Miss Ida Marie Rogers sang very prettily "Home Again," accompanied on the piano by her aunt, Mrs. Riesger. The parlors were made attractive with palms and autumn flowers, and refreshments were served by several ladies from handsomely appointed tables, and were passed by the young ladies.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BAL MASQUE.

A brilliant bal masque was given last night at the Propylaeum by the new Young People's Club. The entertainment was in charge of Misses Mary Wilson, Catherine Sullivan and Helen Krag and Messrs. Frederick Wasson, Samuel Pattison and George Pattison. The assembly hall was uniquely decorated with shocks of corn and sheaves of wheat and oats arranged in fan shapes. Ears of yellow and white corn with the husks turned back alternated with the wheat and oats in the decorations of the gallery, mantel and the front of the platform. Jack o' lanterns with grotesque faces with lighted candles within grinned from every available position. The programme crudely embellished, in keeping with the decorations, with a strutting turkey as a top piece, hung on the wall above the platform. The dances included the Virginia reel, Old Dan Tucker, two-step circles and other favorite dances. Members of the families of the guests occupied seats in the gallery and saw a kaleidoscopic picture below them. The costumes were widely varied. Miss Mary Wilson appeared as Night, in a gown of black and silver. Miss Ella Vonnegut was dressed in the character of Baby, from the "Little Minister;" Miss Stella Adams as a gypsy maid, Miss Edith Smith was costumed as Dolly Madison, wearing black velvet and rich laces; Miss Katherine Ayers was an Italian peasant, Misses Sarah Wilson and Ellen Sommers Baker took their quaint costumes from leading characters in "Pride and Prejudice;" Miss Demia Townley wore a Louis XIV court dress of satin brocade and lace, Miss Helen Bowman appeared as a pack of cards, Miss Anne Butler was a Puritan maiden, Miss Elizabeth Dalton was entirely in black and represented Night; Miss Grace Carstensen wore a Danish court dress, Miss Anna Louise Beck was a colonial maid, Miss May Henley was dressed as Pierrette, Miss Mary Hord wore a domino, Miss Lena Brady was the Lady in Black, Miss Florence Atkins was tastefully costumed as Baby, Miss Dora Kiefer was a French maid, Mr. Hugh H. Hanna, jr., wore an English court costume of the eighteenth century, Mr. Ferdinand Hollweg wore a colonial costume, Mr. Stuart Dean represented George Washington, Mr. George Pattison was a dude, Mr. Woodhines and Mr. Morris Townley were dressed as darkies, Mr. Samuel Pattison was a sport, Mr. Charles Dalton wore a domino, Messrs. James Floyd and Samuel Johnston were an organ grinder and monkey. The masks were removed and supper was served at 11 o'clock. The club will give several dances during the season.

THE FRANCIS RECEPTION.

St. Paul's Church was the scene of a brilliant gathering last night, the occasion being the reception by the members of the Episcopal Church of the city in honor of Bishop and Mrs. J. M. Francis. The reception was held in the Jones Room, which had been prettily decorated with palms and asparagus. A frieze of asparagus formed a border around the ceiling and asparagus trimmed the chandeliers. The picture of Bishop Upfold, the first bishop of Indiana, was draped with a large American flag and smilax. Bishop and Mrs. Francis stood in the center of the room and were introduced by the following ladies and gentlemen, who also assisted in entertaining the clergymen and their wives. Rev. and Mrs. Carstensen, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Graham, Rev. and Mrs. Sargeant, Rev and Mrs. Woodward and Rev. Mr. Webster. With these were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sullivan, Mr. Louis Howland, Miss Howland, Mrs. Anna Bogus, Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stilz, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lorentz, Mrs. D. B. Knickerbacker, Mrs. T. A. Hendricks, Miss Upfold, the Misses Yerkes and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taggart, Mrs. S. E. Perkins and Mrs. J. K. Lilly. The refreshments were served from prettily appointed tables. A number of the ministers of the city and prominent people met Bishop and Mrs. Francis.

BATTORFF—BOWER.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 30.—It has developed that Miss Belle Bower and John Battorff, of Washington township, Clark county, were quietly married in Louisville last week, Elder E. W. Powell, of the First Christian Church, officiating. They are both members of wealthy families. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. C. Lewman, wife of a Louisville banker. Mr. and Mrs. Battorff had been engaged more than twenty years.

BALLARD—CHURCH.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 30.—Waldo H. Ballard, a Muncie hardware merchant, and Miss Elizabeth Church were married last night at the home of the bride in Chicago. Miss Church taught in the Muncie kindergarten schools last winter.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BOYS.

Halloween Will Be Observed in This City To-Night.

The long celebrated festival of Halloween, like a fire that, left untended, must burn out by its own heat, is gradually wearing itself out. Not that romance and sentiment are any the less in evidence than in the days gone by, only the old-time facilities are lacking, for the weird and mysterious rites so fascinating in candle or lamp glow seem to lose their charm when the electic light and gas log turn their scornful eyes upon them.

Hygiene has taught the up-to-date young mother that the cold-water plunges attendant upon apple-bobbing are conducive to colds; match-making has taught another that moonlight glimpses into mirrors are often detrimental to her purposes; the truthful surface might reveal the wrong image; and even the sons and daughters themselves go no longer poking into dark corners, seeking deferentially and with bated breath to catch some glint of the hidden future. No, they are independently and without the aid of magic carving out their own fortunes in their own particular manner.

Yet as of old the irrepressible spirit of mischief still walks abroad in the person of the small boy, and the unwary one may still tremble at the onslaught, for he is liable to have his best broadcloth decorated with poster-like designs in flour or with cabbage that has long since passed its stage of usefulness; and at almost every corner will be seen the blazing heaps of leaves. The occasion will be celebrated in the usual way in Indianapolis.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

Rev. W. A. Quayle will give his monthly lecture Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Meridian-street Church. His subject will be "Why I Love Browning."

The sheriff at Kalamazoo, Mich., has asked the police here to locate a colored boy, fifteen years of age, named Willia Christman, who is supposed to be in the city.

Edward Barber, 427 West Fourteenth street, was arrested yesterday by the bicycle police charged with stealing an umbrella from Mrs. Fannie S. Penfield, 2104 North New Jersey street.

Next Monday is the last day taxes may be paid without the delinquent penalty being assessed and the deputies in the county treasurer's office are preparing for a heavy rush of business the latter part of this week.

Edwin B. Pugh, county prosecutor, has appointed John M. Wall to succeed John C. Ruckelshaus as deputy prosecutor in the Criminal Court. Taylor E. Groninger will succeed Wall as Police Court prosecutor.

The Cyclorama Rink management will give a special "Halloween party" this evening at the rink. The skating hours will be prolonged in the evening. The attendance at the rink is growing as the weather turns colder.

Mr. Louis H. Reed, the invalid son of Mrs. Enos B. Reed, No. 821 East Market street, fell Saturday evening in the yard and broke his knee cap. The injury is a painful one and Mr. Reed was taken to the City Hospital yesterday for treatment.

The meeting for the organization of an Indiana branch of the Cuban industrial relief fund will be held in Plymouth Church to-morrow evening instead of Friday evening, Nov. 3, as previously announced. It is hoped that there will be a large gathering of representative people in order that a strong and substantial auxiliary may be effected.

The Report Is Postponed.

The final report which experts Bookwalter and McCaslin were to make to the County Commissioners yesterday, was not made on account of Mr. Bookwalter being busy with insurance men in adjusting the fire loss at the Gem Garment Company's establishment. The commissioners granted the experts permission to postpone the report until to-morrow morning.

MRS. STEVENSON HERE.

Widow of the Novelist Is Staying at the Bates.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, the widow of the late novelist, is at the Bates, with her son, Lloyd Osborre. Mrs. Stevenson, who is a native of Indianapolis, stopped off here on her way to northern California, where she intends to make her home. Her visit her was to see her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Thomas, of Danville, Ind. Mrs. Stevenson is still a handsome woman, although her hair has turned gray. Her eyes are bright, however, and when she talks there is always a smile on her face. When seen yesterday she pleaded fatigue, due to a long journey, but said she was pleased to say anything that would be of interest to people who remembered her as a girl in this city.

Regarding the condition of affairs in Samoa, where she made her home during the latter portion of her husband's life, she said she was not in sympathy with the attitude assumed by the English and American governments. She said it had always been Mr. Stevenson's belief, and, therefore, her own, that the people of the islands should be allowed to choose their own rulers and that this was exactly contrary to what the English and American governments were trying to establish there. She said the Germans, who, by their attitude in the recent difficulties there, were unpopular in both England and America, were in the right in the matter, and, as a matter of fact, the Germans are now standing on the ground that the question of the kingship should be left to a vote of the people, as provided for in the Berlin treaty. She said all the people had asked for was that their internal affairs be let alone, and it was because the provisions of the Berlin treaty were not complied with that the recent "cruel and unnecessary war" was precipitated. In her opinion there was no necessity for the loss of a single life, and that there was any lost was to her an indication that the British and Americans showed a lack of tact. She said the real trouble in Samoa was in the nature of a quarrel between missionaries, where the Protestant divinity students stood arrayed against the Roman Catholic clergy. She said their residence in Samo was known as Fort Stevenson, and that during the trouble the British man-of-war Porpoise bombarded the building, firing sixty-two shot sat it, of which ten six-inch shells took effect, but, strange to say, did little damage. The house was held by the Mataafans, who were friends of the family and partisans of King Mataafa. Mr. Osborne spoke of the trouble as "essentially a British attempt to grab the island."

"And they used the Americans as cat's-paws," added Mrs. Stevenson. She said that, although the English and American press were full of high-sounding phrases about Britons and Americans standing shoulder to shoulder in Samoa, they were doing so really in attacking defenseless villages, occupied by women and children. She said that unprejudiced and unsentimental newspaper men in Samoa spoke of the attack by the British and American forces as something despicable, and in reality as the attempt of two great nations to cower people who had striven for years against great odds for merely the shadow of their liberty. She said the youth who was crowned King of Samoa is a mere puppet to a debauched chief, and she says the Samoans care nothing whatever for him.

Speaking of her present work, Mrs. Stevenson said that the greater part of her fatigue was due to the work of editing the new Stevenson book, which is to be published simultaneously in this country and in England. It consists of the letters of Robert Louis Stevenson, as edited by Sidney Colbin. The letters will be in two volumes, and it is proposed to have them appear in both countries on Mr. Stevenson's birthday, Nov. 13. The American edition will be profusely illustrated, but the English edition will not. Mrs. Stevenson is at present busy reading the final proofs. She will remain in this city until next Sunday, and expresses a wish that those of her old friends who care to will visit her.

For Hartwig-Kalley Home.

At the Hartwig-Kalley Home for Aged Women an entertainment was given last night for the benefit of the home. The following programme was carried out:

Sacred song.....By the audience
Invocation.....Rev. Dr. Conger
Address.....Rev. Dr. Tevis
Song.....Mrs. Asbury
Remarks.....Rev. T. E. Leach
Remarks.....Rev. Nels Nordgaard
Remarks.....W. P. Atkinson, B. S. M. D.
Remarks .....
.....Rev. Dr. Conger and the collection
Recitation.....Miss Essie Hansen
Song.....Master Philip Asbury
Recitation.....Miss Ruby Hunter
Recitation.....Miss Ethel Stelhorn
Music (piano duet) .....
....Misses Cecil Bell and Amber Asbury
Recitation.....Prof. McAvoy
Remarks.....Rev. G. H. Humphrys
Benediction and social.

Rev. J. S. Tevis presided and the entertainment was much enjoyed.

New Corn Brought In.

Western lines brought into Indianapolis yesterday eighty-one carloads of corn and would have doubled that number could the roads have furnished cars. Only about one car is furnished where six are needed.

Irreverent Orators.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

The use of irreverent and blasphemous language by Democratic orators in the discussion of political questions has become so common that we should gladly concede them a monopoly of such expressions. It will be remembered that Mr. Bryan's metaphor about the crucifixion of our Savior excited so much enthusiasm among the delegates to the Democratic national convention of 1896 that the nomination for President came to him immediately. No less irreverent is his comparison of the convention's platform to the Lord's supper; both of which are in bad taste if not criminal.

The Hon. Champ Clark, a member of Congress from Missouri, and a worshiper of Bryan, in a speech delivered last week in Kansas City, gave utterance to the following language, which surpasses that of his idol:

"The sentiment with which that man is regarded has become a religious fervor. I saw something at the Bland funeral that I did not know took place since the time of Jesus Christ. Sam Cook and I walked up the street behind Bryan, and if we saw one person reach out and touch Bryan's clothes, we saw five hundred do it. To touch the hem of his garment? Talk about beating him! They might as well talk of a cart horse beating Ten Broeck."

Do such words add to the laurels of a Democratic orator with professing Christians of that party? Will the party become sufficiently radical to put blasphemy into its future platform?

It is to be regretted that Republican orators are not exempt from this weakness. In a speech lately delivered in Ohio Colonel Henderson, of Iowa, the prospective speaker of the House of Representatives, is reported as using this language:

"If I had been God I would not have made Evans." His allusion, of course, was to the commissioner of pensions, whose rulings do not please him. The question naturally arises, would he have made McKinley? The secretary of the interior and the commissioner of pensions are merely agents to carry out the wishes of the President, and the language of the prospective speaker is quite as applicable to him. Does Mr. Henderson, when speaker, propose to follow the example of ex-Speaker Reed and antagonize the President of the United States? There should be harmony between these great officers if the party is to be successful in the future. M. L. BUNDY.

New Castle, Ind., Oct. 30.

Where Women Shall Work.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

The walking delegate appears to think that he is going to dictate whether women are to work in glass factories and other places. This is a piece of tyranny not to be put up with, and an abomination. Women know perfectly well where it is proper for them to work, and they know that the more women work the greater the prosperity of the land. The notion that making labor scarce is the way to prosperity is too idiotic for any decent woman to consider, whatever walking delegates may think. The more women earn the more men have, for the money spent and earned by women stimulates men's industries. JULIANA.

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.

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WANT CORN PROTECTED

CUBAN FARMERS DESIRE THE AMERICAN CEREAL SHUT OUT.

They Also Protest Against the Duty on Oil—Gen. Rivera's Dismissal Not Relished by Veterans.

HAVANA, Oct. 30.—Governor General Brooke has received a petition signed by a number of Cuban farmers urging protection against American corn. The farmers say they have no money to buy machinery, but have to plant by hand and to carry their produce on their backs to market, where they obtain little for it, owing to the fact that there is scarcely any duty on foreign grain. The petition goes on to say that this condition of things greatly handicaps the Cubans in their attempts to recover a degree of their former prosperity. Incidentally the farmers protest against the protective duties on oil, alleging that these are in force solely to protect one American refinery, whereas a protective duty on corn "would mean the welfare of thousands of small farmers whose only source of revenue is what they make by growing corn."

Senor Domingo Mendez Capote, secretary of government in General Brooke's advisory cabinet, when waited upon to-day by a committee of the veterans of independence, who asked him to explain the dismissal of Gen. Rivera from the civil governorship of Havana, implying that there had been some distinction made between the two classes of revolutionists, replied that the dismissal was in no sense a personal matter, but that affairs could not be allowed to go on in the way they had gone, Rivera having persistently refused to recognize that he was not at liberty to do as he pleased. This reply the committee pronounced unsatisfactory.

At Breu, province of Santa Clara, a deputation of citizens called on the mayor and asked him to issue an order directing Ceballos, a former guerrilla, to leave town immediately, as he had spoken against the Cubans. The mayor told Ceballos he had better go in order to avoid trouble, and he complied with the suggestion. One Borjes, a Cuban, was accused in court of having spoken against the Cubans. He was also ordered to leave town and did so. This man fought for the Spaniards during the war.

Governor General Brooke has appointed a special criminal court for Havana to exercise jurisdiction for a period of three months, and to bring to trial a long list of criminals now in the Havana prison.

Hurricane in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—General Greely received a cablegram from Havana this afternoon saying that the hurricane there had done great damage to property and that the lines of communication between Havana and Santiago had been all cut. Signal service men are repairing the lines. No mention is made of any loss of life.

SCORE OF FIVE TO ZERO.

Eastern Indiana Normal Defeated Anderson High School.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 30.—The Eastern Indiana Normal University football eleven defeated the Anderson High School team this afternoon in the fiercest game of the season on the Muncie field. The visitors outmatched Muncie as to weight, and from the beginning were rough, resorting to foul tactics and trying to frighten the university boys into defeat. Anderson was met half way, and as a result there were several contests of strength and some bloody noses. Haroly a player in the two teams escaped a blow while the scrimmages were going on. Line bucking was the feature, there being but two kicks during the game. Banta, Gill, Pollock, Younce and Deardoff, for the university, played the best game. For the visitors Skeehan carried the ball a distance of forty yards once, and would have tied the score had not Gill made a fine tackle. O'Neill, for Anderson, played fast ball, too. One man, not a regular member of the Anderson team, is alleged to have been intoxicated and boisterous, and one other player is said to have shown the effects of too much drink before the game. These two And