

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

Some of the Benefits Which Attend the Prevalent Fancy for Amateur Theatricals.

Progress of Preparation for the Encore Club's Opera—A Musical Treat in Store.

A New Concert and Dancing Hall—Personal Mention—Answers to Correspondents.

The world's a bit of a, the earth a stage, Which God and a store do actors fill.

The social craze for amateur acting which sweeps over every community at one time or another, and which is called by courtesy "dramatic entertainments for charity's sake," has its good side as well as its bad, and on the whole I am disposed to think the former predominates.

Of course the amateur stage is often made the vehicle for silly women to display pretty dresses and alleged good looks, and for equally vain men to strut and fume and fondly harbor the belief that the stage is an easy method of acquiring fame and riches. But, on the other hand, the very study which is absolutely essential before any man or woman can come to make a success—not only the study of Shakespeare and standard authors, but also the study of character in every phase of life—is bound to educate and cultivate the mind, while the art of imitating everything which is socially above his own standard becomes to an actor a sort of second nature.

Amateur acting of late years has made gigantic strides, and the professional ranks have from time to time been replenished with artists of no mean ability, taken from the various amateur societies. Sometimes a social light like Mrs. James Brown Potter or Mrs. Langtry essays to walk ere she has learnt to crawl and become a stellar attraction on what might be termed "matured amateur cheek." And while these ladies have not made positive failures they have only drawn crowded houses, because society knows them well. Their costumes are superb, they know how to dress, they are handsome women, and, last but not least, it is fashionable to go.

But there is still an immeasurable gulf between good amateur acting and the professional stage. The former is fun. It is so nice to fancy yourself a second Booth, Irving or Modjeska, to receive the unstinted applause of a not over critical audience, to be told that "you were really almost as good as Modjeska in the part," etc., while the poor professional labors on, in love, perhaps, with his art, but condemned to work hard on what is really a small salary, when one takes into consideration the fact that he seldom works over forty weeks in the year.

But there is nothing like giving encouragement to those who are really serious for the theatre, too. The most ardent theatre-goers is your aspiring amateur, and I will venture to say if an "Ermie" company were to strike Helena during the next few weeks the Encore club would be well represented at every performance. And then again, however bad some people may consider an amateur entertainment they always go because everyone else is going, and very often some deserving charity benefits thereby.

The Encore club is worthy of support for two reasons: First, they give us a very good entertainment every now and then, and secondly, they are enterprising and will always engage good musical talent, when it is available, as they have succeeded in doing for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 3 and 4, at the Boston Quintette club, a very well-known musical organization, able to play under the Encore club's auspices.

The Boston Quintette club comprises the following artists: John F. Rhodes, violinist; Herr Paul Mendel, violinist, late with the Patti concert company; Herr Oscar Hentschel, flute soloist; Paul Steearing, viola; Louis Blumensaat, violoncello; and Miss Carpenter, contralto. The quality of this quintette is famed throughout the continent, and a musical treat may be expected. Miss Carpenter is a daughter of the dentist, Dr. Carpenter, another instance of successful home talent, and it is just such clubs as the Encore club which can properly discover and afterwards train their members for the professional stage.

The Minneapoli & St. Louis railway, "Albert Lea Route," ever ready to meet the demands of the traveling public, upon March 17th, 1899, inaugurated a through chair car service between St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City, leaving St. Paul daily, except Sunday, at 9:10 a. m., Minneapolis at 9:50 a. m.

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It's all in the Family. Washington Star: Nearly every state in the west has a candidate for the Utah commission. The position is recognized as highly paid, and the impression seems to be prevalent that the duties are not so arduous as to interfere with the health of the applicants. The president has already said that no resident of Utah will be appointed to the commission. This was endorsed by the office-ex-Senator Saunders, whose daughter married Russell Harrison, who, after an interview with President Harrison, learned that fact. They therefore endorsed for the office-ex-Senator Saunders, who is sound on the main question; is thoroughly conversant with the state of affairs in Utah, and is a western man pure and simple. While no definite assurances were given by President Harrison, and the impression was partly that he was in a sense committed in another direction, it is believed that Senator Saunders will be at least very earnestly considered before the appointment is made, with strong probabilities of his appointment.

Husbands' Sarsaparilla. White Sulphur Springs Business. Hubbandman: The shipment of merchandise into White Sulphur Springs and Smith river valley foots up 3,800,000 pounds and 300,000 pounds of express, which is quite a comfortable showing for the metropolis of Meagher county. This costs at the very lowest estimate 65 cents per hundred, or \$25,000 for freight and \$150 per hundred, or \$4,500, making a total carrying trade of \$27,500, to say nothing of the passenger traffic, which foots up handsomely in a year. This estimate is on banding weight, and the amount is the sum distributed to our coach lines and freighters between this point and Townsend, but is a small item as compared with the total freight bill of the town if we compute the cost from its destination in the eastern cities.

The New Pension Commissioner's Views. Washington special: "I believe in giving every Union soldier, his widow, orphan or orphan, who is in need, a pension, and in giving it to him or her as quickly as possible," said Corporal Tanner, the new commissioner of pensions.

Corporal Tanner has long been a pension liberalist of a pronounced type. During the recent campaign he stumped Indiana and declared in almost every speech that if he had the power there would never be a necessity for an ex-United States soldier or sailor or his widow or orphan, to accept public or private charity. He would make them all independent out of the public treasury. No one knew better than Gen. Harrison these statements, and the appointment of Tanner to the position where the laws already on the statute books can be construed to allow practically unlimited pensions, is taken as a direct endorsement of the sentiment. Representative Cheadle, of Indiana, who knows Corporal Tanner intimately, said of him to-day: "He will give a pension to every one who needs and is entitled to it, providing congress will give him the money. He already has very great latitude, and can allow new pensions and increases with almost unlimited liberality."

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THE MARKETS. LIVE STOCK. Chicago, March 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; firm; heavy, \$4.00-4.25; steers, \$3.00-3.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75-3.00.

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ARRIVALS AT HELENA. No. 1-Through West-bound express... 3:50 p.m. No. 2-Through East-bound express... 7:10 p.m. No. 3-Butte, Missoula and Hel. Exp... 12:05 p.m. No. 4-Marysville Passenger... 10:10 a.m. No. 5-Marysville Passenger... 10:10 a.m. No. 6-Wicks and Boulder Passenger... 10:05 a.m.

DEPARTURES FROM HELENA. No. 1-Through West-bound express... 4:05 p.m. No. 2-Through East-bound express... 7:25 p.m. No. 3-Butte, Missoula and Helena Ex... 8:00 a.m. No. 4-Marysville Passenger... 4:15 p.m. No. 5-Marysville Passenger... 4:15 p.m. No. 6-Wicks and Boulder Passenger... 4:15 p.m. A. D. EDGAR, General Agent, Helena, M.T. C. S. FINE, G. P. and T. Agt. St. Paul, Minn.

It will be the greatest endeavor of the management to run trains through on time. Following is the time of arrival and departure of trains at Helena on the new schedule, taking effect March 28th, 1889:

TRAINS ARRIVE AT HELENA. No. 4-St. Paul Atlantic Ex. from Butte and south, 11:2 a. m. No. 3-Montana Pacific Ex. from St. Paul and east 4:55 p. m. No. 2-Helena and Butte Ex. from Butte and south, 6:30 p. m. No. 5-Marysville Express, 10 a. m.

TRAINS DEPART FROM HELENA. No. 4-St. Paul Atlantic Ex. for St. Paul and east, 11:30 a. m. No. 3-Montana Pacific Ex. for Butte and south, 5:05 p. m. No. 1-Helena and Butte Ex. for Butte and south, 6:30 p. m. No. 6-Marysville Express, 3:35 p. m. Trains Nos. 3 and 4 connect at Butte with Union Pacific.

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