

KLAW & ERLANGER BLAME W. A. BRADY FOR TICKET ROW

Say He Is Responsible for Failure of the Theatre Managers' Agreement. Present Own Side For the First Time

Klaw & Erlanger issued a statement yesterday in reference to the theatre ticket question, blaming William A. Brady for the failure of the managers' agreement and for the first time showing the other side of the situation.

The effort of William A. Brady to break into print once more at the expense of the New York managers is so obvious to the profession at large that it is not worth noting; but lest the lay public be deceived we do not purpose to allow his said lot oratory to go unnoted. He initiated this newspaper crusade by writing a letter which was printed before the person to whom he addressed it had received it, in which he talked of expelling some one or making a motion to expel some one; but we have failed to find any evidence that anything of the kind was ever attempted.

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"DEPTHS OF PURITY" GIVEN BY THE BRAMHALL PLAYERS

Italian Playlet by Butler Davenport Possesses Possibilities as a Thriller of the "Grand Guignol Type," With a Murder to End the Action.

That attractive box in East Twenty-seventh street known as the Bramhall Theatre, which has been the scene of one or two short lived dramatic disasters last spring, opened its doors again last night. A few of the faithful who were not paid to go wandered over and mingled with the professional forces who do that sort of thing for a living. There were two plays visible last night. The prospect was not reassuring. Everybody knows what makes more noise than one pig under a gate. So the promise of two Bramhall plays was unsettling.

One play was not three star Bramhall. This temple of the drama is in the first instance devoted to the theatre of Butler Davenport, who owns the place and may therefore go as far as he likes. The first piece last night was, however, the work of an outsider, Anna Wynne wrote "The Courtship of The Now and To-morrow." The name is almost as long as the thing itself. It proved to be a vague and rather intangible effort that must have demanded a lot of concentration on the part of anybody eager to find out just how the author managed to settle the problems of courtship.

SCHOLARS TO SPEAK IN GREEK AND LATIN. Classical Teachers' Convention at Rochester Will Also Hear Ex-President Taft.

ROCHESTER, Nov. 17.—This city will probably see during Thanksgiving week the largest gathering of teachers of classics ever held in this State. The Classical Association of New York State, an organization recently formed by the union of several societies, will hold its first annual meeting here, and the general programme will last two days, November 23 and 24.

EMMA DESTINA and MAGGIE TEYTE to Sing There Next Month. Arrangements were effected yesterday for the appearance of Emma Destina and Maggie Teyte with songs at the Hippodrome during December. Negotiations are also being carried on for the engagement of other operatic stars of equal brilliancy.

LEAVE "TOWN TOPICS" CAST. Will Rogers and Vera Michelena Out—Lee Schubert in Charge. The gradual deterioration of the "Town Topics" company at the Century Theatre reached another stage last night when Will Rogers and Vera Michelena left the show and went away "never to be seen again," according to the theatre charge of the production and went over its financial affairs with Joseph M. Eccles, the owner.

600 MINISTERS SEE PLAY. "The Eternal Magdalene"—Same to Write Sermons on It. Nearly 500 clergymen and their friends attended a special matinee performance of the Forty-eighth Street Theatre yesterday on the invitation of Selwyn & Co., producers of the play. It is a small but precious treat by card and the representative gathering of ministers from nearly all denominations filled all of the orchestra seats and overflowed into the balcony.

MOUSSORGSKY OPERA HAS NEUTRAL CAST

Singers in "Boris Godunov" Are From Many Different Lands.

Much comment has already been made on the liberal character of the first week's repertory at the Metropolitan Opera House, and the banner of neutrality has been waving over the French and Russian, two German and two Italian operas were on the schedule. But there were similar doling last season, when neutrality was younger. It should have been quite as worthy of note that on Monday evening a German singer gave a serious and enthusiastic performance of a principal part in a typical French opera. Last night a Galician Pole, who has been a great sufferer from this war, impersonated the chief part in a Russian opera, "Boris Godunov" while the most important woman in the cast was a German. A Frenchman, two Americans, an Englishman, a Belgian woman and an Italian conductor were concerned in the representation, and in the audience were some German Americans.

MR. SCHELLING GIVES INTERESTING RECITAL. Gifted Pianist Wins Praise in Performance at Carnegie Hall.

Denise Schelling, pianist, gave a recital yesterday afternoon in Carnegie Hall. Her programme was one of great interest, albeit it began with the F minor sonata of Beethoven, already much played by her. That it did not begin with Beethoven's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue was even more astonishing, since this venerable masterpiece makes an interesting thriller of the first movement.

A BRILLIANT AUDIENCE. Second Night of Opera Brings Out Handsome Costumes. For the second night of the opera there was an interesting audience and brilliant costumes were worn, reds and pinks predominating.

PLAYERS GET WALLACK VASE. Thomas E. Kirby Bids Souvenir for \$70 as Gift to Club. A collection of antique silver, miniature and Japanese wares, including a handsome Rjukan took twenty years in forming, was sold yesterday by the American Art Association. A numerous audience was attracted to the proceeding and some good prices resulted.

22 AUTO SPEEDERS FINED. All Available Police Machines Out After Violators. The police campaign against automobile speeders has widened during the last few days. In addition to the regular force of motor cycle policemen, the new men recently assigned to duty on motor cycles, every automobile in the city is being patrolled.

ENO GIFT PLEASES DINERS. Mechanics and Tradesmen's Society Celebrates 130th Birthday. President Charles J. Richter, of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, mentioned last night, as the principal feature of his annual address to the members of the society, was the gift of \$1,800,000 in cash and real estate made by the late Anos F. Eno, whose total benefactions to the society amount to more than \$2,000,000.

CALIFORNIA KID LED INTO CELL BY LOVE

Alleged Wireless Wire Tapper and \$15,000 Bail Jumper Nabbed on Arrival.

TRAPPED THROUGH WIFE. If there was one thing the California Kid knew to a certainty it was the foolishness of a man's turning his back on the orange groves and waving picture studios and flower gardens of the Golden State just to make a late autumn trip to Broadway. More than certain other men the California Kid was bound to know that a trip East might have disastrous consequences to the health of one used to plenty of elbow room and great open spaces.

WANTS DRUG USERS CONFINED AS PERIL. Doctor Urges Before Medical Society Enforced. Cure of 500,000. The legal responsibilities of victims of the drug habit were discussed last night at the meeting of the Medical-Legal Society of New York City.

JUMPED \$15,000 BAIL. But what might have worried him most and kept his patent leathers firmly planted on the soil of California was the knowledge that he was wanted for jumping his \$15,000 bail last year after he had been caught in San Francisco and brought here by Gagan, his New York associate, with complete records of his record.

GONDORF ASKS NEW TRIAL. Petition Based on Alleged Police Record of Complainant. Charles Gondorf, the wiretapper, is getting restless again in his cell in Sing Sing. He has been there for five or six years for larceny, and yesterday he asked for a new trial.

TRIED TO KISS TEACHER, HELD. Miss Wells' Young Admirer in Children's Society's Custody. If Miss Martha Wall, a young substitute teacher in Public School 29, at 220 East Eighty-eighth street, had not depended too much on her executive ability to subdue an unruly class of unruly boys, she probably would have had to appear as a complainant against two of the youngsters who attempted to kiss her.

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PITCHER SHAW SHOOTS SELF. Washington Player Probably Fatally Hurt in Hunting Mishap. (Associated Press.) Nov. 17.—James Shaw, aged 22, one of the best pitchers of the Washington club, was probably fatally wounded while hunting near his home in the suburbs of the city yesterday.

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AUTOMATIC PHONE BISON THAT POSED CALLED A FAILURE FOR NICKEL KILLED

N. Y. Telephone Co. Gives Figures to Prove Great Eastern in Arrears. Black Diamond, Father of Central Park Herd, Is Slaughtered. EXPERT TELLS OF LOSS COULDN'T STAND COLD

An application for a franchise to install an automatic telephone system in New York will be heard by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment tomorrow. The petitioning concern is called the Great Eastern Telephone Company. It proposes to install telephones with an automatic device which will permit subscribers to call the number they desire and obtain a direct connection without the aid of a central operator.

Black Diamond, the leader of the bison herd in the Central Park zoo for twenty years, was killed yesterday. Black Diamond, or Toby, as he was affectionately called by keepers and public, was the largest bison in captivity, and his likeness was widely known, for he was the model of the buffalo on the United States Treasury silver dollar bills and more recently on the new "buffalo nickel." Black Diamond was also the model that Augustus Saint-Gaudens used in his famous group depicting America.

NEARLY FROZE, SAY SUFFS. Testifies in Herbert Parsons' Suit That Rooms weren't Heated. To maintain that members of the Women's Relief League could not get warm in their quarters last February, second vice president Edith M. Suff, testified in the case of Parsons vs. Suff, which is being tried in the Supreme Court today.

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