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Thomas Parrier, a piano player, twenty-five years old was locked up at No. 1 station last night on complaint of Humane Society Agent Samuel Wilson. He is charged with striking a female under eighteen years of age into a house of ill fame.

Victor Gordon, a middle-aged white man was arrested last night while indulging in a series of immoderate remarks at the Arlington Hotel. He is held at the Twelfth Street station for mental examination.

While romping with several playmates on E Street yesterday afternoon, Stuart Frazer, a small boy who resides at No. 645 Ninth Street northwest, was run into by a bicyclist ridden by Dr. E. C. Rice. The little fellow was struck and badly bruised.

A local alarm of fire was turned in at 11:20 o'clock last night for a blaze in the barber shop of P. M. Kinslow, No. 726 Seventh Street southwest. No. 4 engine company responded and saved the building from destruction. Origin of fire unknown.

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LOVE, COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE.

Rev. Dr. Hammond Delivers an Interesting Discourse.

"Love, Courtship and Marriage" was the subject of a very interesting discourse delivered last evening by the Rev. W. S. Hammond, before a large audience in the Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday School room. The audience was composed of people of all ages, married and unmarried.

The lecture was given for the benefit of the Ladies' Mite Society of the Tenleytown Baptist Church, the pastor of which, the Rev. G. W. Cullough, introduced the speaker.

Many years ago, Dr. Hammond said, he delivered a lecture on the same subject, but he was obliged to confess that he does not know one-half as much now as he thought he did then. The question he often asked, "When do people give up all hope of marriage?" This was once asked of a maiden lady, who had passed three score and ten years, and her reply was that "you must ask someone older than I." What was true of that old lady may be taken as true of all. Love is a serious thing. It either elevates or degrades the one who comes under its influence.

Dr. Hammond discussed the subject of love at first sight. He does not believe in such a thing, and those who do are fooling themselves. "First sight" may create a fancy or an impression, but not love, for love is the outgrowth of esteem and respect.

Dr. Hammond also discussed courtship and marriage, under separate heads, and related many amusing incidents which had come under his observation.

Funeral Services of John Simpkins.
The funeral services of the late John Simpkins will be held at Yarmouth street, Mass., on Thursday, March 31, at 12:30 o'clock, and there will be a private service at No. 177 K Street, at 12 o'clock Wednesday for relatives and immediate friends.

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AT THE THEATERS.

Lafayette—"Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

"Frank L. Perley and Fred M. Ranken present Ian MacLaren's 'Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush,' dramatized by James MacArthur and Tom Hall." This was the manner in which the announcement of the first production of the play on any stage was made last night at the Lafayette Square Opera House. As large and distinguished an audience as has ever greeted a local production rode the lines and leaped back in their seats to compare Dr. Watson's universally-read sketches with the unrivaled drama of Messrs. Hall and MacArthur. That this audience was largely made up of church people, and that the performance was warmly applauded, tells more of it than any criticism could.

The first glimpse one gets of the presentation is more than assuring. "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" has been announced with lavish good taste, and the scenery is notable for its beauty and detail. As a dramatic product the first act is not so pleasing. There are, as yet, too many loose strings lying around, incidents that crowd in upon each other far too rapidly for that stage of a play. As a result three stories are badly intermingled in the space of thirty minutes, and the process of construction comes painfully evident. One begins to say, "now, he is going to say that," or "she is going to do this," and he or she do or say it on schedule time. The dialogues are rough, and nervousness, together with the fact that last night's was a first production, made the action slow. It was not until the curtain had fallen upon a powerful climax that one began to see possibilities in the play.

Early in the next act those possibilities become probabilities. A great deal of careful interlocking becomes evident and three or four clever details establish the play in one's admiration. When the end comes it brings one of the strongest situations ever conceived and the audience by appreciative applause, win a little antic-act that brought the tears to many eyes. The next scene is not unlike that in front of Grace Church in "The Old Homestead," and it reveals a number of new faults without many virtues. Straight runs into cheap effect that hardly fits a play of the order of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," and for a time the performance seems absurdly melodramatic. The remainder of the piece, however, with its breath of rye and the atmosphere of Scotland makes up for this and forces one to recall the presentation tenderly.

It is in this that much of the charm in the play lies. The character drawing, the realism, the fidelity to nature and especially to Scotch nature, will have every-thing to do with the dramatic success. Otherwise the popularity of the book and the force occasionally brought to light would hardly save it from being merely a literary product.

J. H. Stoddard and Charles A. Harbury are the mainstays of a very good cast. The first has rarely done a better bit of work than in the part of Lachlan Campbell and the audience achieves everything with a type fresh from the book itself. The one is an emotional and as firm as the other is quiet and distinct and neither could possibly be improved upon. W. F. Rochester hits at a clever portrayal of the village evic without finishing his picture, though his work throughout in "The Bonnie Brier Bush" is a credit to his personality. K. A. Roberts presents a portrait of rather negative merits. Guyer Hastings is weak. Augustus Cook, excellent, and Emmett Corbett unconventionally villainous. Augustus Bonney, Walter Craven and James M. Wilson are good. Despite a sort of "Curfew-Not-Not-Ring-Tonight" shadow of gesture, Marrie Burroughs is strikingly remarkable in her interpretation of the lines of Kate Carnegie, and Marian Chapman does the role of Flora Campbell with earnest daintiness. The remainder of the company are, in the main, up to the standard.

E. H. Sothern will provide the entertainment next week.

National—"Too Much Johnson."

Washington is galder by reason of the engagement of Mr. William Gillette and his company to appear in London during the coming month. A desire to try a new cast on a thoroughly critical and cosmopolitan audience was the cause of the presentation of "Too Much Johnson" at the New National last night.

It is definitely known that the verdict of London would be in accord with that of the American Capital, and there would be loud rejoicing in the ranks of the Frohmans; for the audience which crowded the theater last night was larger in enthusiasm than in numbers. It welcomed "Too Much Johnson" as an old friend, and each and every member of the cast might have been from the greetings, a long-lost brother or sister.

After seeing Mr. Gillette in the serious work of "Secret Service," it is refreshing to again find him producing merriment as of yore, in the slow, droll way so characteristic and individual. "Too Much Johnson" has often suffered at the hands of incompetent companies, and had been their fate, as well as that of the audience. It requires the best of actors to make the piece go. Inferior ones simply murder it. The present cast is probably the best ever united in reading the snappy lines, and the play is not merely good. The presentation is without a flaw. Everything possible to get out of the parts is secured.

After Mr. Gillette, Ida Conquest is undoubtedly the best member of the company. Her performance is so good, as what she does not do. A part easily conventional, in her hands becomes admirable, and a single pathetic scene serves to make her character as real as if occasion required, which it does not. Kate Meek is, as of old, a well-seasoned and long-remembered Brennan establishment—a high-water mark for art in his work as the planter, Johnson. Sam Reed is, as always, good, and Hope Ross, who plays the role of the girl, is a local favorite in a small part, fragrant in possibilities. Another of the company especially good is Joseph Franceour, who, like the best of the company, is a complete investiture of new and elaborate scenery adds to the attractiveness of the presentation.

Columbia-Daly's Company.

The double bill at the Columbia last night was seen for the first time on any stage, and, judging by the reception it got, it should have a long and happy career. A little one-act comedy, "The Subtleties of Jealousy," deals with the perturbations of a young lady who, though happily married, is unable to believe in her own good fortune, is determined to be jealous, and almost succeeds. The part of the young wife is delightfully played by Miss Lettice Fairfax, and that of the discreet friend by Miss Irene Perry, while Tyrone Power was equally good as the husband. This little sketch is followed by "Number Nine," a farcical three-act comedy from the German, which has, however, been so thoroughly Anglicized that it might as well be considered English. It deals with the inconveniences caused by that modern detective, the cinematograph, through whose agency three of the characters are photographed and exhibited to the public in more or less embarrassing predicaments. Alfred Clark played the part of Richard Whortles, the machine's first and most mangled victim, with an address and skill which made it one of the funniest creations lately seen on the stage. Charles Richmond, as a young Colt, with an ancestral estate and a delightful wit, is notable from the fact that he presented one of the few Irish roles which have been well acted. Mr. Richmond's Teddy Blake is a very

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Bijou-Vandeville.

A round dozen of good specialty acts and a bright musical burlesque is the Bijou's offering this week. The program includes several old favorites and a half dozen newcomers, who were well received. Those who appeared were Florence Moore, who has a beautiful voice and uses it to advantage; Marie Heath, who returns to give another work of her entertaining specialty; De Forrest and Lester, a bright comedy team; Silvers and Emire, acrobats; Gerald and Geraldine Glee, who play on all sorts of instruments; Hawley and Leslie, in song and dance; Miss Carrie Fredericks, serio-comic; Phil and Carrie Russell and their trained dogs; Riley and Hughes, and Miss Annie Carter.

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