

READY FOR THE PLAY

All the Pittsburgh Theaters Renovated and Redecorated for the

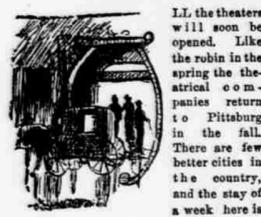
OPENING OF THE SEASON.

Large Sums Spent in Making Many Important Improvements.

THE BIJOU'S NEW DROP CURTAIN.

Duquesne and Grand Fixed Over and the Alvin Completed.

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS BOOKED



The theaters will soon be opened. Like the robin in the spring the theatrical companies return to Pittsburgh in the fall.

Very refreshing to comedian especially after a siege of one-night stands in Ohio or the wilds of West Virginia.

Preparing for the Winter Season. Every theater in Pittsburgh will be in full blast in another month.

When the different houses are thrown open this fall patrons will be surprised at the changes and improvements that have been wrought.

able experience on the road with companies, and has made a study of theater-going people in all the large cities.

"In this city," he said, "the largest attendance is not on the first night. I have been puzzled to account for it, but after judging the merits of a show for themselves they wait for the verdict of the newspapers and those who have been there.

Everybody is Treated Alike. "No favoritism is permitted in a first class theater, and with us in the sale of tickets the first come are the first served.

It was at the close of a lovely summer's day that a girl was seated on a grassy knoll in a garden in Devon, gazing pensively and with just the suspicion of a tear in her eye at the scene before her.

It was a beautiful prospect. In front were green pastures sloping down to the yellow sands, over which the creamy waves ran smoothly to their own sweet, rippling music.

"The girl colored faintly and replied: "It depends upon you whether I do so, Cynthia."

"Upon me?" "Of course. You cannot pretend not to have seen my feelings for you—not, I may say, to have given me a little encouragement in return.

"What a perfect summer we have had," said Cynthia presently and with a little sigh, "there has not been a single centrepiece to mar our happiness, has there?"

"Not one," replied Granville Mostyn, and Mr. Needham will see that Captain O'Neill does not annoy you further."

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busy plying the brush and expert paper hangers covered dingy walls with their brightest colors. New seats have been put in some of the auditoriums, the latest devices and machinery have been added to the stages and much has been done to please the eyes and make people comfortable.

Worked Through the Hottest Term. The managers haven't had much of a pleasurable summer. They always have plenty of work to do and little time for play when the doors are closed.

On the Favor of Pittsburghers. This will be E. J. McCullough's third year in Pittsburgh as manager of the Duquesne. He is a very intelligent, courteous young man, and has grown up in the theatrical business.

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"And you think nothing of me, apparently," said young Mostyn, turning away with a look of offense.

"Oh, indeed I do, Granville. More, a great deal, than I ought. I am a very unhappy girl," replied Cynthia, weeping.

"If I only could," sighed Cynthia. "There's nothing easier. No one can compel you to marry a man against your will."

"Write and say you're sick of waiting for him, and want away as long as I can. If he's got any pride he won't worry you after that."

"Oh, Granville, you tempt me so hard," she began, when the voice of her father was heard calling her name.

"Hullo," he exclaimed, in a most particularly cordial voice, as he caught sight of her. "You look lovely."

"Cynthia," he continued, to his daughter, "say goodbye to your friend and go in to your mother. She's been waiting for you for the last hour."

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town, one of the best for population in the country." The Duquesne Theater will open early in September. The exact date or the production have not been decided upon.

Three Very Important Changes Made. Three changes will be made in the lighting in the auditorium and on the stage. The electric lights will be made everything brighter.

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old Library Hall has there been such a thorough renovation made in the house. Not only has the auditorium received particular attention, but the stage has been cared for in every possible way, and it is today one of the most convenient and thoroughly fitted up stages in the country.

Old gold and Maroon Upholstering. The boxes and proscenium arch were re-done in unison and old gold. The walls of the auditorium are covered with paper of white, blue and old gold tints.

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will be removed, and he will spend \$5,000 in decorating the house from top to bottom. Fine decorators are now at work. A great feature will be a lot of wax work, costing \$5,000. The figures are being prepared by three wax workers. Mr. Davis has established a similar museum in Harrisburg, Altoona and Johnstown. By this arrangement a better class of attractions can be secured, and they will be shown at all the theaters on the circuit.

The World's Museum in Allegheny will be replaced next spring by a theater with a seating capacity of 2,500. On this account the owners will be spending much money on the house this fall. The inside will be repapered and repainted. The Museum will open August 1st. Additions to the management will be made and a number of automatic novelties will be placed in the curio department. More combinations and some spectacular companies have been secured, and they will be shown at better than last year. An artist is at work touching up the scenery and painting new pieces.

HOUSES AND LIVES SWEEP AWAY. A Remarkable Flood Covers Several Acres in St. Paul 35 Feet. ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 4.—Four acres of water, averaging 25 feet deep, gathered during the recent storm on Page street, above Concord, in West St. Paul. The city engineering department have been at work letting the water out, and started a sluiceway. People in the vicinity noticed water running around the sluice last night, but there was nothing to stop it. At 10 o'clock the bank gave way at the sluice, and the water came rushing down the ravine and carried four houses away, some of them two blocks. A three-story brick building was torn to pieces.

August Williams, his wife and father-in-law, Gollick Horns, were in the block, and Mrs. Williams was drowned. Williams was severely injured, his leg and arm being broken. Horns had his leg broken, received a scalp cut, and will probably die. Charles King was injured, how seriously is not known. His house was carried away and demolished. His little son, Freddie, was found down the valley, in his nightgown, tangled in a tree with his leg broken. The house of Phillip Stoebers was carried down the ravine. Mrs. Stoebers and her son received a bad cut on the head and internal injuries. Mr. Stoebers and his 5-year-old son were fatally injured. Fred Kroeger's house was carried away, and he is missing and supposed to be drowned. The house of William Knapp, occupied by Mrs. Knapp and two children, who were in bed, was killed by its contents, but the occupants escaped unhurt. Mrs. J. Horn and William Kreger were killed, and Paul Keuk, Henry Ludwig and John Wiley fatally injured.

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