

STAGE NEWS AND GOSSIP

Bill Nye's "Cadi" has come and gone, and the diversity of opinions as to its merits are curious. Many people pronounced it the best thing they ever saw, and some said it was no good at all.

The "Cadi" as a reproduction of Nye's great, His rendering of the Prodigal Son is very funny. Mr. Mack's bass solo and his piano monkey business brought down the house.

"A Knotty Affair," with John C. Rice as its star, is one of the farce-comedy successes of the year. It will be seen at the Opera House Thursday night.

GUS HILL'S WORLD OF NOVELTIES. On Tuesday evening Gus Hill's World of Novelties will commence a two nights' engagement at the Grand and give a grand matinee Wednesday afternoon.

That a large audience will be present at the Opera House on Friday evening to witness the reappearance here of Fowler & Warmington's clever company in "Skipped by the Light of the Moon" is a well assured fact.

THE Soubrette BACKED OUT. The dialect farce-comedy, "Yon Yonson," and "The Stowaway" drama were both in Brooklyn recently. The other day the leading soubrette of the Yonson company—an extremely vivacious, good-nature young woman, by the by—called on Manager Davis and said she wanted to change places for one night with the soubrette of "The Stowaway."

A GOOD STORY FROM RICE. "Farce comedy's a funny thing," said John C. Rice, the comedian of "A Knotty Affair." "You can never tell when you're going to strike a winner. It's like playing a 10 to 1 shot at the races. It may win and it may be left at the post. I remember an occurrence I had years ago. It was with a farce comedy of my own composition. I thought I had the hit of the ages, and so did everybody who read it. In fact, things looked so bright that I decided to give up acting and take to managing and writing. Well, the comedy was first produced in Louisville. It was a dead frost. Wednesday night between the second and third acts I was standing in the lobby, gazing through the open doors into the auditorium at the hundreds of vacant chairs, when from the gallery came a boy, crying as though his heart would break. 'What's the matter, my little man?' I asked. 'Boo-hoo!' was his reply. 'I want my money back.' 'Why, don't you like the show?' 'Oh, yes; I like the show—boo-hoo-hoo—all right—boo-hoo—but I'm afraid—boo-hoo-hoo—to be shut up there by myself.' He got his money back."

Mr. Rice can afford to tell these stories now for "A Knotty Affair," as everybody knows, is one of the greatest money winners on the road.

HARRY KERNELL'S SECOND DIVORCE SUIT. Gossip in theatrical circles has started up afresh over the announcement that Queenie Vassar had brought suit against Harry Kernell, the Irish comedian, for a limited divorce on the ground of cruelty. Mr. Kernell has passed through one divorce case. There is one allegation that he threatened to shoot her.

Harry Kernell fell in love with Queenie Vassar in a remarkably short time when she first appeared five years ago at Tony Pastor's Theatre to exhibit her skill as a dancer. Kernell had just come out of the divorce suit brought by Kitty O'Neill, in which she won, when he went to New Jersey and married Queenie Vassar. She is now playing in "A Trip to Chinatown" at the Madison Square Theatre. Her cleverest parts have been male characters.

Kernell's "Sidewalk Talk" at Tony

Pastor's was famous. For the past year or two he has embarked on a venture of his own, playing in farce and comedy roles. They have two children, and until within a few months they were supposed to be living happily together. Then it became known that each had one of the children, and they had not met except perhaps for a quarrel. The petition asked for an injunction restraining Mr. Kernell from interfering with his wife and children. The case will be heard on March 17. The plaintiff, who appears in the case as Cecelia Kernell, alleges in her petition that her husband is worth \$40,000, and is earning from \$300 to \$380 a week. They have lived off and on at Asbury Park, where Mr. Kernell owns a house.

STAGE SNOWFLAKES.

Gossip of the Plays and Players—Late Stage Intelligence. Mr. Fred Powell, of this city, has purchased a half interest in the Carrie Standley Dramatic Company, which is now playing in Pennsylvania. Mr. Powell has been with the company part of the present season, but he will not rejoin them until the end of the present season. The company plays a repertoire, Miss Standley being the only lady who does the part of Edmund Dantes in "The Count of Monte Cristo."

The Elks are seriously considering giving an out-door performance of "As You Like It." This is a good move and Wheeling park would be a splendid place to have it. It is safe to say, with a caste headed by Keene, or James, who could probably be secured, thousands would be attracted.

Manager Adam Hammerly, of the London Theatre, Steubenville, Ohio, received notice from a firm of Chicago lawyers that, through the death of an aunt of his in that city, he is sole heir to an estate of over \$10,000. Mr. Hammerly has gone to Chicago to attend to the matter.

Miko Nolan, the comedian, musician and author of "Annie Rooney" and "I'll Whistle and Wait for Katie," was a prisoner in the police court of Hartford, Ct., Tuesday morning on a charge of petty larceny. He was convicted by overwhelming evidence, and sent to jail for thirty days and fined seven dollars.

The Boston Post says: Mr. Keene was ably supported by Frank Hennig as Ingo, and that gentleman contrived to infuse much cunning and venom into his lines, particularly in his scenes with the Moor and with Cassio.

Frank Hennig is expected home today. Mr. Keene's season having closed in a blaze of glory at Boston Saturday night. Mr. Hennig's own starring tour does not open for a week yet.

Tom J. Jeavons is home after a good season, and reports having received good offers for next season. Some pretty pictures of Agnes Huntington, who comes a week from tonight, are already displayed.

William Gray, in advance of the Agnes Huntington Opera Company, is at the McLeure.

Bill Nye and A. P. Eurbank will be here when April is a third gone.

"Blue Jeans" will return for one night the last of next month.

Henry Irving has passed his fifty-fourth mile post.

"The Cadi" people put up at the Windsor.

Transfers Recorded.

The following transfers of real estate were left for record at Clerk Hook's office on Saturday: Deed made February 15, 1892, by Thurston H. Rowles and wife to L. H. Hupp, of Marshall county, for 10 acres and 111 poles of land in Triadelphia district. Consideration \$1,400. Deed made March 5, 1892, by Elisha Connelly to Mary I. Bassell, for half an acre of land in Richland district. Consideration, \$60.

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Neither Mr. Springer, who is supposed to have framed the wool and woolsens bill, nor any one of his associates or supporters, appears to be able to meet with fairness the question which that bill raises at the very threshold of discussion. These questions are two: Who is to be benefited by the proposed changes of duties, and how shall the revenue be raised which it is proposed to cut off by these changes? Not the least trace of an intelligent answer to either question can be found in the report of the committee recommending the bill, or in the arguments of its supporters thus far.

In any other self-governing country those who propose a measure of this sort are obliged to meet such questions as these at the outset, or to see their bill thrown into the waste-basket. Imagine, for instance, that a measure reducing the revenues by many millions had been offered in the British Parliament. It would not be supported by anybody, even by the political associates of those who proposed it, unless accompanied by a clear statement of the benefits to be derived and of the mode of raising the revenue to be cut off. If such a statement were refused, the party in power would instantly decline to consider the measure, and ministers would be forced to offer explanations both intelligent and fair, or get out of office without delay. Is there any reason why a similar responsibility should not attend the proposal of a bill to greatly reduce revenue in this country?

There is no room for dispute as to the fact that the bill would reduce the revenue. It is plain enough that it would cut off all the revenue at present derived from the duties on imported wool. It is also plain enough that, unless the importations of woolen goods should enormously increase, a reduction in the duties from more than 80 per cent to less than 40 per cent would cut down the receipts from imports of such goods very largely. But it is declared by the supporters of the bill that it will not expose American manufacture to more severe competition, and it is a necessary consequence, if this be true, that the bill would not increase importations of woolen goods. If it would not, more than half the revenue derived from imports of such goods would be cut off, besides all the revenue from duties on wool. The duties on wool last year were \$9,562,267, and the duties on woolen manufactures were \$34,837,453, and including only half of the latter receipts the reduction would be about \$24,000,000. No man can study official reports of the treasury without learning that this revenue cannot be spared, especially if Congress is to pass a river and harbor bill appropriating \$24,000,000 or more. From what quarter, then, is the loss of revenue to be made good if the wool and woolsens bill should be passed? There is not a word of reply, nor is there even an attempt to explain, for the obvious though very discreditable reason that it is never intended the bill should become a law.

The question regarding the purpose of the bill is not the less pertinent. Its supporters assert that wool is cheaper now than it was before the duties were increased. If so, no benefit would be conferred upon woolen manufacturers by taking off the duty. It needs no assertion by them, for it is known to every buyer of woolen goods, that is, to the whole people, that the cost of woolen goods is, on the whole, less than it was two years ago. If this is so, what benefit can be conferred upon purchasers of woolen goods by the change of duty? Again, there is not even a respectable attempt to answer the question. The people are expected to believe that the manufacturer will somehow be benefited by a reduction of duties which have lowered the cost of wool, and that consumers will somehow be benefited by a reduction of duties which have lowered the cost of woolen goods. Again, this is for the obvious but discreditable reason that it is never intended that the bill should become a law.

The men who offer this measure would never dare to do so, while making no other provision for revenue and no corresponding change of duties affecting other interests and sections, if it were not understood to be a mere trick of partisan tactics. The bill is intended to please certain class of voters, but is never expected to be tested by actual results. Yet it must in fairness be admitted, in the light of the responsibility of a majority in the house representing the people, that a measure cannot be honorably proposed for which members would not venture to vote if it could at once be passed. It is in the last degree disgraceful to propose a measure for which no decent defence can possibly be offered. Rightly considered, it is one of the most convincing proofs that the Democratic party is entirely incapable of government and unworthy of responsibility, that it ventures to offer for purely partisan ends a measure which it does not seriously attempt to defend because knowing that it cannot be defended.

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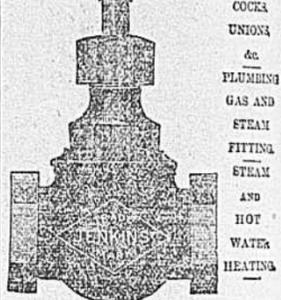
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