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THE THEATER

AMUSEMENTS.
'A Gilded Fool' at Academy, Vaudeville at the Casino.
 The past week's production and presentation of "A Highwayman," have made the standing of the Giffen Company absolute in Richmond, and the Goffs that were expressed at first have given way to wondering questions of "How can they do it at the price?" They couldn't very long, unless the prosperity of which the increased business of the past week seems to have been the advance agent, should arrive upon scudlike time.

"A Gilded Fool," is probably better liked, and for that reason, better known here than any other play ever seen in Richmond. Mr. Giffen has been showered with requests for its production, and as his only object is to please; to do what will best meet with the approval of the public, "A Gilded Fool" is produced at the first opportunity. The play well-deserves the great favor in which it is held here, a favor that is duplicated in many other cities where it has been played by Nat. C. Goodwin, and later by stock companies. Written by an American author upon an American theme, it has none of the obnoxious and none of the unpleasant qualities that are found in so many of the comedies that come to us "from the other side."

The people of the company are now becoming known to the patrons, and it is more a question of what parts they will play than anything else in connection with the announcements. Mr. Pascoe as Chauncey Short will have an opportunity to show his admirers that his acting does not do in serious work only. He has played the role elsewhere very successfully. Mr. Kearney, who has scored so strongly in the previous plays, will assume the character of an elderly gentleman, while Mr. Cary will be seen in a better advantage than he has yet been. Mr. Power as Jack Duval; Mr. Hawkins as Rev. Mr. Howell, "who has a mission"; Mr. Holland as De Pevsler and Perkins; will be a fit bestowal of the various parts of "The Devil's Auction" and the serious character of the comedy and vivacity of "Kitty" in "The Wife" that of Neil Ruthven. Miss Wilcox will have little to do beyond looking pretty and attractive, not a hard matter for her by-the-way. The scenic features of the Giffen productions have created much comment and admiration, a just acknowledgment of merit far beyond the ordinary.

"A Gilded Fool" will play throughout the week, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. The theatre is kept surprisingly cool and comfortable by the "iced air" and electric fans.

At the Casino.
 Vaudeville will be the bill at the Casino at Reservoir Park this week. The new place of amusement is well arranged in fact, that was Manager Wells' idea when he drew the plans for the comfortable play-house.

The first bill of vaudeville to be presented at the Casino is the cream of a large number of acts sent to Mr. Wells from all over the country. With the knowledge of the kind Richmonders like best in style, he has made up a varied programme with no conflicting acts, and has tried to put an act that will suit the fancy of most theatre-goers.

One of the brightest acts in vaudeville is that of the young American Quintette, composed of pretty little Mattie Borum, who is quite a favorite here, and a quartet of boys who are equally well known. The act requires a special drop scene, and will be put on at the Casino in splendid style. Mme. Emery and her troupe of trained dogs, nice little white play things, will contribute an act for the ladies and children, and the men folks who promise to be most delighted. Mme. Emery has exhibited her pets to all of the best treats and summer places in America and Europe.

The Brenon-Runkle trio; a clever comedian, a little girl impersonator, and an excellent juvenile comedian will be one of the hits of the bill. The trio earned much applause at the Bijou early last season, and will be royally welcomed.

Rice and Emmer, the "Rube and Chinaman," who perform wonders on triple horizontal bars, and who blend their act with bright, clear comedy, will "make good" so to speak. The duo has a great reputation and perform a truly marvelous triple bar act.

Lorenze and Halpin, original comedian, promise to furnish plenty of fun, and to execute a neat style of dancing that will make a hit. Miss Zoe Matthews, who is heralded as a pretty and charming comedienne, who sings new and popular songs, will, no doubt, come up to her advance promises.

Manager Wells has determined to keep the Casino Orchestra for the season, and Professor Frank Harris will be the leader. He has arranged a musical programme that will be a treat and will introduce the "Casino March," written by himself.

Performances will be given every evening at 8:00 o'clock, and matinees on Wednesday and Saturdays at 3 o'clock.

Reserved seats may be engaged at the Bijou box office for any performance. The street car service is excellent, before and after each performance.

Theatrical Amusements.
 Robert Mantell is in Europe.
 Della Stacey has been divorced.
 Bob Hilliard's son is 17 years old.
 "Unleavened Bread" is to be dramatized.
 Julie Mackie is to return from Europe in July.
 Harrigan will revive "Old Lavender" next season.
 The Bostonians will revive "Robin Hood" next season.
 Jefferson De Angelis' next season will be directed by his son.
 Edwin Stevens and Anna-Lichter are to join the Tivoli Opera Company, San Francisco.
 Alice Neilson is the only prima donna who will head an opera company next season.
 Julia Arthur's sister, Flora Fairchild,

ALASKA.
 Mary had a little ice box,
 And to fill it, it did take her;
 I asked her one day the name of it,
 She told me "twas Alaska."

Mary wanted ice one day,
 But the ice man he had passed her;
 "Why, ice man!" she cried, "Stop!
 And fill up my Alaska."

The ice man stopped at her call
 And left enough to last her.
 Then, smiling as he turned away,
 Says: "Her box is an Alaska."

Mary was filling the box one day
 When she met with a disaster;
 The lid shut down, and struck her crown,
 "Did it hurt?" Well, I'll ask her.

BRICK PAVING FOR BRISTOL STREETS
 Congressman Rhea Will be Enthusiastically Re-Nominated.

ELECTRIC DYNAMO PLANT.
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BRISTOL, VA., June 16-Special.—The contract was let this week for the paving of sections of the leading streets in Bristol, with vitrified brick, to the Virginia Paving and Construction Company, of Lynchburg, at \$1.35 yard.

The work will be started within three weeks.
 The Archibald Grace Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, this week, elected the following officers:
 Commander—E. K. Bachman.
 First Lieutenant—Commander—W. C. Carrington.
 Second Lieutenant—Commander John H. Caldwell.
 Adjutant—Rhea Crawford.
 Surgeon—Dr. J. A. Delaney.
 Quartermaster—J. W. Mort.
 Treasurer—J. W. Lynn.
 Color-Bearer—George Childers.
 Historian—F. L. S. London.

CONGRESSMAN RHEA.
 Congressman Rhea is home from Washington. At Pearisburg, Giles county, on the 19th day of next month, it goes without saying that the Democrats will nominate Judge Rhea for re-election. There is no opposition to his candidacy and both the old and young Democrats are enthusiastically for him.

IMPROVEMENTS.
 Contracts are being awarded for the erection of additional large buildings in Bristol, and there is every indication that there will be no let up in this kind of work during the year. Delay in receiving terra cotta has greatly retarded the work of constructing the Government building.

Good Planting Season.
 CHASE CITY, VA., June 15.—Special.—Rains have been extensive in this county, and all the farmers are rejoicing at the prospect of a good season for planting tobacco. A good stand is assured. The wheat crop is the best in quality, and the yield will exceed any for many years.

SAW CITY BURN AND SWAM RIVER
 Interesting Letter From a Richmond Boy in the Philippine Islands.
 TWO OF HIS TROOP WERE KILLED
 Americans Face Enemy, Who Fight With Knives and Bolos—Battles and Skirmishes Ensnare—Horses Run Into River.

The following interesting letter has been received by Mr. Henry C. Boltz, of No. 720 West Broad Street, from John G. Wetlin, a Richmond boy now in the Philippines:
 LaOag, Ilocos Norte, Luzon, P. I., April 29, 1900.
 Friend Henry—I cannot find words to express the pleasure I felt when I received your letter and package. You cannot realize what intense pleasure a poor soldier feels when reading a letter from home far away. I suppose I am not different from other soldiers in that respect. I know that a letter from you always brings sunshine to my heart.

If you and others could but realize how the hearts of soldiers long for news from home and friends—how much joy it affords them—you would write oftener. Then, too, one cannot tell which will be the last letter, for when that soldier, friend, brother or sweetheart is gone, one cannot help regretting for not having written.

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 [Signed] WM. H. TAYLOR, M. D., State Chemist.

WORK OF ENUMERATORS.
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