

DRAMATIC AND LYRIC

A Sketch of the Play "The Middleman."

WILLARD AND HIS COMPANY

Albani on Opera and Artists--Last Night--Gilbert's Death--The Mandolin Ball--Notes.

Mr. E. S. Willard, who in London is esteemed as "the hope and promise of the English stage," opens his Salt Lake engagement, aided by Mr. A. M. Palmer's company, on Wednesday evening, in Henry Arthur Jones' play of "The Middleman."

Mr. Willard is playing two pieces this season, both from the pen of Henry Arthur Jones. These are "The Middleman" and "Judah," both of which will be presented here. They are widely different dramas and will give our audience a new and interesting view of the world.

Madame Albani, who is now singing at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, contributes the following article to the Journal: I am a believer in a universal operatic language. The Italian, because of the ease of its delivery and its softness, is the most readily adaptable.

who said she had never heard "The Messiah" sung. Such a thing would be practically unheard of in London. I was very much pleased with the chorus, and think that oratorios will in time be popular here.

Everyone remembers J. W. Gilbert, the actor, who with his wife--clever little Belle Gilbert--played "A Messenger From Jarvis' Section" here with the Home Club last April. The news has reached Mrs. Guy Willis, sister of Mrs. Gilbert, that poor John died in New York on December 29, and was buried next day from "the Little Church around the Corner."

The concert and ball to-morrow and children's matinee Tuesday by the combined Ladies' and Spanish Mandolin and Guitar clubs promises to be well attended as there has been a good number of tickets sold by the members and an excellent program has been arranged.

To a Successful Actress. No buds that I know of will reach you. The lessons of prudence and prudence. No flowers would live till they reach you. In the battle of travel and trains.

The actress replies. 'Tis late or 'tis early--the hour And Gertie has hid to her bow. To muse on her greatness alone; I can't say I'm a goddess, my goal; My art is my goddess, my goal.

Wonderland, the popular place of amusement, has been drawing large crowds the past week and the attractions have merited the large attendance. The laughable cyclone in the theaterium, "Ginger Snap," by the stock company, has proven a drawing card.

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the company is \$3,000 in debt. The unpaid salaries to actors mount up to a large sum. Hon. Heber J. Grant writes Dramatic and Lyric from San Francisco that he stood up at the "Judah" matinee, that he had been unable to get seats at all to see Willard, and that "standing room" only had been the role at the California for two weeks, though the seating capacity of the house is 1,700. He regards Willard as a wonderful actor.

Charles Frohman's comedians, presenting "Mr. Wilkinson's Widow," jumped from New York on Sunday last to the Grand Central theatre, San Francisco, where they will fill a three week's engagement and then visit Salt Lake. It is Mr. Frohman's intent to keep a comedy company constantly before the public, presenting high class comedy.

Large Rollers. Although the matter cannot be of great interest to the citizens in general of Salt Lake, I want to mention it as a specimen of the accuracy and reliability of your morning contemporary, the Tribune.

The Church Funds. In reading your valuable paper this morning I find that the master in chancery has decided just as the courts had done in regards to the disbursing of what is known as the church funds.

Questions to John H. Smith. I read a short time since some letters written by Elder Stevenson to the News, stating that he and John H. Smith, one of the apostles, were traveling through the southern settlements, preaching righteousness to the people.

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