

GOSSIP OF THE DRAMA.

FORTH-OXING ATTRACTIONS AT THE ST. PAUL T.M. LES OF THESPIS.

UNUSUALLY STRONG KILLS.

Return of "The Hustler" to Repeat its Success—Mr. Willard at the Metropolitan—Littie Emmet in Her New Sensation—Dramatic Notes—Prominent Attractions.

One of the managers most interested in knowing what effect the financial tightness was to have on theatrical business this season was Thomas H. Davis, the partner of Jacob Litt in several enterprises. This gentleman's theatrical interests cover a half-dozen attractions, one of which is the popular farce-comedy, "The Hustler." "We sent 'The Hustler' out very early this year," said Mr. Davis the other day, "as a sort of feeler," to test the well-known assertion that theaters prosper in times of financial depression. We have found the assertion thus far to be quite true. Never has "The Hustler" fared better during the few weeks it has been out. The facts that the piece is largely new and that it has a remarkably strong company this year may have something to do with its success. But the play's prosperity before the public had time to find out these facts proves that the people are more than usually desirous of being entertained, and more than usually inclined to patronize good farce-comedy. I have already said that the same is true in regard to melodrama. "The Hustler" is soon due in St. Paul.

Following are the dates of "The Hustler" after the close of its St. Paul season:

Sunday, Sept. 5, (week), Minneapolis, Minn.
Monday, Sept. 11, Duluth, Minn.
Tuesday, Sept. 12, West Superior, Wis.
Wednesday, Sept. 13, Eau Claire, Wis.
Thursday, Sept. 14, Wisconsin, Minn.
Friday, Sept. 15, La Crosse, Wis.
Saturday, Sept. 16, Oshkosh, Wis.

AT THE METROPOLITAN.

E. S. Willard to Appear in His Famous Representations This Week.

During the past ten years Manager Scott has opened his regular season with a great many of America's best attractions, but never has he presented such a strong attraction as the one which will begin this fourth regular season at the Metropolitan opera house tomorrow night. The attraction, E. S. Willard and his excellent company, played an engagement here last season to a tremendous business, and gave most excellent results. Mr. Willard has just finished a three months' run at Hooley's theater, Chicago, where he has played to the capacity of that theater throughout the entire summer. He will present during his engagement at the Metropolitan the following repertoire of plays: Monday and Tuesday nights, "The Middleman"; Wednesday night, "Judith"; Thursday night, "A Fool's Paradise"; Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday matinee, "The Professor's Love Story." During his engagement here, he presented "The Middleman," "The Professor's Love Story" and "A Fool's Paradise," and scored a great artistic success in all three of the plays presented. During the engagement this week he will present Wednesday night another of his great successes, "Judith," which has never been seen before in this city.

The Willard opera company will finish the third annual summer operation at the Metropolitan Opera house tonight, and for this occasion they have selected the opera which they opened the summer season in June, the ever popular "Erminie." The demand for seats for this performance is already very large, and the summer's farewells performance will no doubt be greeted by an overflowing house.

SENSATION AT THE GRAND.

Katie Emmet to Appear in "The Waifs of New York."

This afternoon the Grand will begin the current week with "The Waifs of New York," which may be said to be of the sensational sensational. It is a play for the masses, as is evidenced by its long continued and successful career. Its Lulu Dark, dramatic editor of the Chicago Globe, Aug. 6 says:

"The attraction was a favorite one—Harry Williams' 'The Waifs of New York'—and it is only fair to say that the melodrama has seldom been presented in a more satisfactory manner. Everything went with a 'zip' which was refreshing, and which evoked applause from every portion of the house. Some of the more sensational scenes were very many and cool-provoked storms of applause.

"The company is a good one throughout, and each member seemed to vie with the others in the determination to make the opening a success.

"Miss Florence Roberts, a capital comedienne, assumed the leading role and made much of it. Her impersonation of the arduous role of the mother of the waifs, which was a capital success, was clean cut, exceedingly clever and free from the oute crossness which might be introduced into such a characterization.

"Andrew Annand was very funny as the Dutchman, Schneiderkopf, and a clever piece of character acting was made of the Mrs. McShane of Mrs. Eastard Clifford. The child actress, little Virginia Gray, 'a wee mite,' made a pronounced hit and received great applause. She is exceptionally clever.

"The scenery was all that was promised, and the great fire scene, which introduced the genuine water, which brought down the water. The bridge scene and the view of Castle Garden were very realistic. The story of the waifs, and the lovers of plays of this kind will be able to fully gratify their desires, and the box office at the Grand will without doubt feel the influence of the advent of 'The Waifs of New York.'

Mlle. "Queen of Sheba."

Mlle. Itha's preparations for the production of "The Queen of Sheba" are now complete. The models of the scenery designed in France were found to be somewhat cumbersome for practical use, and have been modified to suit American theaters by H. L. Hayley, who has undertaken entire charge of the scenic portion of this production. H. L. Hayley is associated with Mr. Hayley in the painting of scenery. The dramatic treatment of the subject is entirely original with Adrien Barbusse, and Mlle. Itha is to more happily fitted in the character of Tamat, Queen of Sheba. W. S. Hart, who has recently France, will play the part of Hiram, the descendant of Tubal Cain, a character well known in history and in Masonic law.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Whereabouts and Doings of Leading Actors and Actresses.

The following news concerning Bettina Gerard, a popular lady connected with Manager Litt's stock company in St. Paul will prove of interest to local theater-goers. Some malicious person lately reported that this most reputable actress was morally deranged. Gen. Ordway, her father, is justly indignant, and it would, no doubt, go hard with the author of this statement could

the general lay hands on him. Miss Gerard has been engaged to play the leading part in the new production of "In Old Kentucky," which will be seen shortly for the first time in Pittsburgh. She is in full possession of all her mental faculties, and never looked better, brighter or prettier.

Preparatory to opening his tour on Sept. 4, Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. Y. Keene has called his company for rehearsals. Two leading ladies will this season support the tragedienne, Misses Emma and Henrietta Vaders. Two leading men, Edwin Arden and Frank Fleming will also with the company. Mr. Keene's repertoire will include "Othello," "The Merchant of Venice," "Macbeth," "Richard III.," "Romeo and Juliet," "Louis XI.," "The Fool's Revenge," and "King John."

Thomas W. Keene begins rehearsals for his tour on Sept. 4, Pittsburg, Pa. Two leading men, Edwin Arden and Frank Fleming, and two leading ladies, Emma and Henrietta Vaders, will be in his company. The tour will begin his second tour in "Othello" on the 25th, and after a week in the large city, he will return to his company are Frederick Butler, Rene Perselle and little Dot Clarendon.

Della Fox cables from Paris to a friend that she will return to this country within a fortnight. When she resumes her place in the Y. Keene's company, it is quite likely that "Claretella at School" will be revived, with Miss Fox and Mrs. Edna Wallace Hopner in the leading parts. The role originally played by A. A. Rehan.

Clarence O'Brien, one of Manager Augustus Plott's attractions, will open his tour on Sept. 25 for a week, after which the company will make a tour of the large towns in the state previous to beginning an engagement at the Harlow opera house. Frederick J. Butler and Rene Perselle are recent additions to the company, which will also include little Dot Clarendon, the popular child actress.

Logie Collins is to have her own vaudeville company this season, and although St. Paul was disappointed in seeing her last year owing to her illness, she will not only be here this year, but will have an excellent company with her in a high class vaudeville entertainment, and will beyond a doubt rest the capacity of the Grand, where she is to play.

Louis Alrich proposes that 25 percent, or any percentage fixed upon the net profits of every musical production whatsoever, shall hereafter be turned over to the actors' fund. Should this suggestion be adopted, Mr. Alrich further proposes to send blank checks to members, in signing which they agree not to appear in any benefit unless this condition be complied with.

"Innocent as a Lamb" is being rehearsed by Roland Reed and his company. They open tomorrow night at the Boston museum for the seventh consecutive year, where they will play a three weeks' engagement. For the coming season Mr. Reed's tour calls for engagements in every important city in the country, and is to continue until May 1.

It is said that by actual count and comparison there are more serious situations and narrow escapes in the new Litt & Davis drama, "In Old Kentucky," than in any other theatrical melodrama produced in the past four years. The new play has its first production Aug. 28 at the Bijou theater, Pittsburg.

More than one far-seeing manager has predicted lately that this will be a profitable season for the Metropolitan opera house. With such a prospect in view, Litt & Davis have bestowed special pains upon the new engagement, and other theatrical companies are taking notice of the "Innocent as a Lamb," which opens its sixth consecutive season in Cincinnati Sept. 3.

All complete are Mlle. Rhea's preparations for an elaborate production of "The Queen of Sheba." Models of the scenery designed in France have been found too cumbersome for the American circuit, and will be modified by H. L. Hayley. The dramatic treatment of the subject is entirely original with Adrien Barbusse and Mlle. Rhea.

"Yon Yonson" newly equipped cast, will open Aug. 25 at the Grand opera house in Brooklyn. The company will continue this season to personate the character that he created, returning last week on the City of Paris from a refreshing visit to Sweden, the land of his forefathers.

The great interest recently aroused in naval affairs makes "The English" one of the most timely dramas that will be on the stage this season. Perceiving this fact, its managers, Litt & Davis, have taken care that its cast and scenery shall be even better than they were last season.

"The Hustler" comes to the Grand after "The Waifs of New York." This farce-comedy has been seen in this city a number of times, and this year is said to have been given a new impetus in public favor with new songs, dances and strong specialty features.

Harry Williams, the manager of "The Waifs of New York" and Katie Emmet in "Killarney," has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness and is again giving his personal attention to the affairs of Miss Emmet, who opens her season at Columbus, O., Monday night.

Tim Murphy, so long a member of Hoyt & Thomas' companies, has signed a contract to star under the management of Sieve King, now treasurer of De Wolf Hopper's company, for a tour of five years, beginning in September, 1895.

At the Bijou theater, New York, Manager John H. Russell is in daily attendance, where he is superintending rehearsals of Russell's comedian troupe, the World's Fair City Directory, which opens the season at this house Sept. 2.

Paul Bourget, the distinguished French novelist, who since the death of Guy de Maupassant, has become one of the foremost literary figures of Paris, was a visitor last Wednesday at the Madison square theater, New York.

The Grand announces the strongest list of bookings for the coming season it has ever presented. This season, and only embracing many of the former successes but also a number of the best organs, "On the Road," and "The Power of the Press" company make their first appearance at this house, Oct. 9, at the Columbus theater, Harlem, Louis A. Mabb and May Staundrey have been engaged for important parts in the play.

NUGGETS OF CITY NEWS.

The regular meeting of the Lady Somerset W. C. T. U. will be held at Mrs. Valentine's Monday at 8 o'clock p. m.

Col. A. F. Storey, of the collector of customs office, has gone to Alexandria to fish in the lakes, where Gov. Nelson has angled so often with good success. The members of the National Guard companies are requested to be at the armory promptly at 11 o'clock Monday to participate in the reception of the Minnesota Boat club.

Judge Willis will on Monday hear the petition of Charles Johnson for discharge from the workhouse on a writ of habeas corpus. He was sent to Combs for ninety days on a charge of disorderly conduct, and now claims a defect in the writ of commitment.

The board of county commissioners meet in regular session Monday morning at 10 o'clock. It is expected that the matter of county funds in the suspended banks will be discussed with a view of arranging for continuing the deposits in such banks as are about to resume.

A reunion of the Sixth regiment, Minnesota infantry volunteers will be held at Minneapolis Falls Saturday, Sept. 2. A meeting to arrange the details of the reunion will be held at Capt. Steves' office Friday evening next, to which all survivors of the regiment are invited.

Capt. Bean, of Company D, has issued the following order: The members of this company are hereby ordered to assemble at the armory on Monday, Aug. 21, at 11:15 a. m. sharp, in full uniform and white gloves, to participate in the reception to be tendered the St. Paul Boat club.

"Spot" Flynn, a youth who has had considerable trouble in one way and another with the police department, was arrested last evening, charged with burglarizing a residence on Marshall avenue. The police claim that Flynn and an accomplice, who was brought from the house of M. D. Hill, 881 Marshall avenue, Wednesday afternoon, and carried away a load of clothing and small articles.

Charles Clark, arrested by Patrolman Meighan Friday night for robbing the boat of John Lunde, at East Seventh street, had his case continued in the police court yesterday to Aug. 28, in default of \$15.00 bail, was committed to jail. Clark talked to a detective who was passing the saloon and managed to keep the "fly boy" from seeing his companions, who were inside the place going through the cash register. The officer on the beat was not easily fooled, and a few minutes later discovered that the saloon had been broken into. He made a search for the thieves, and happened to see Clark, started after him, but he was shot from the policeman's revolver called the detective back to the scene, and Clark was captured. His companion, who had touched the cash register for \$24 and carried off a bundle of cigars and liquor, escaped in the confusion.

Future trouble.

Detroit Free Press.

Freddy is a bad boy aged six, and his brother Charlie is four. Freddy was at his usual game of teasing and pinching and outwitting his brother when his mother intervened.

"Don't you know," she said, reprovingly, "that you are laying out trouble for your mother by doing this?"

"May be I am," he replied, defiantly, "but Charlie is getting his now."

A Great Little Path.

New York Recorder.

"Honest farmers" who are swindled by the green-coats claim deserve no sympathy.

Harvest Excursions.

Aug. 22, long round-trip excursions to Northern Minnesota and Dakota points, via Great Northern.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. O. U. PICNIC POSTPONED.

Notice is hereby given to friends and members that, owing to the sad death of Lieut. Michael Clonan, of the St. Paul fire department, a member of the order, the annual picnic of the A. O. U. of this city has been postponed to Saturday, Sept. 10, at which time the event will take place at the Fort Snelling grounds.

JAMES H. BURNS, County Delegate.

T. F. KELLNER, County Secretary.

THE RETAIL GROCERS OF ST. PAUL.

Paul has a credit business feel compelled, as they must pay their bills spot cash or weekly, to ask and demand of their patrons to meet all bills promptly, thus insuring the necessity of adopting a prepayment cash business. Would many of our patrons be ready to do this? The lines of credit have been drawn so fine it compels this request, which is in honor of all consumers who appreciate and acquiesce in it.

DIED.

O'HALLORAN—In St. Paul, on Friday, Aug. 18, at the residence of his parents, 309 Grove street, Francis, aged three years and two months, only son of Patrick and B. O'Halloran. Funeral from above residence, at 2 p. m., Sunday, August 20. Service at the cathedral at 7:30.

COOPER—At 509 Wabasha avenue, Englewood, Minn., 2581 Henry Cooper, of St. Paul, Minn., aged sixty years.

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