

AT THE THEATERS.

Murphy's Last Week at the Baldwin.

QUEEN OF SHEBA DRAWS.

The Spectacular Treat at the Grand Opera-House.

C. L. DAVIS AS ALVIN JOSLIN.

"The Black Hussar" - "Belphegor" at the Alcazar - "The Mariner's Compass" at the Grove.

Mr. Joseph Murphy's third-week opening, like all the Mondays that have preceded it, was light in its attendance. This comedian has the very pleasurable characteristic, so far as his audiences are concerned - similar to the terede navalis in entering a wharf vile - of going in small and coming out large. The remainder of the week will fill out to the usual numerical proportions. "The Donagh," however, is not Murphy's best piece. It is sad and serious nearly all the way through. It deals with hidden crime and mental punishment. But in the course of the business there are opportunities for a great deal of solid acting. In this scene, for example, where, under the disguise of Dennis's mother, Lanty sneaks from McMurrigh's creature the secret of the murder, the acting was most impressive. Murphy played Lanty Killaly and Mr. W. T. Sheehan Dennis. Sheehan is an actor who has been associated with Murphy for years, and he sent for him to New York for support in this engagement. His good judgment was thoroughly justified last evening. Sheehan made the feature of the piece in the Irish stage in the United States. Murphy has good reason to be proud of Sheehan as his protegee. It will be borne in mind that this is Mr. Murphy's last week at the Baldwin. The engagement originally stood for a month, but the spectacle of "Sinbad" opens at the Grand on Saturday next, and it is understood by the Hayman-Frohman syndicate that the Baldwin remains closed during the run of that great presentation. Mr. Murphy retires in good order with all his camp equipment, including a well-filled purse, as the result of a very successful three weeks.

Next Saturday evening theater-goers may expect a spectacular treat in the production at the Grand Opera-house by the American Extravaganza Company of David Henderson's extravaganza, "Sinbad, or the Maid of Balsora." As a spectacle and comedy the piece is said to be ahead of anything that this organization has yet put on. This "Sinbad," except in the general outline, is not in the same entertainment that was given here two years ago. All the scenery, costumes, old jokes and old music of the other piece were cast away, and the revived "Sinbad" comes in as a new and entirely different production. The favorite members of the other piece are in this, including Eddie For. Joseph Dunet, Jack Guilford, Joseph Raymond, Fred Dangelhoff, and the beautiful scenic pictures of "All Baba" and "The Road," is said to have furnished the scenery for the new piece. The new piece is now on sale at the box office of the Grand Opera-house.

Mr. Charles L. Davis, better known by his play name, "Alvin Joslin," opened at the New California with that play a fair attendance. Joslin says his play was written to make people laugh. It is but fair to affirm that he fulfills his purpose in this respect. But it is not a play that will bear criticism. The first act is burdened with business, and it chiefly consists in bunko-steering and the panel game, with Joslin getting the best of the New York fancy men who conspired against his money, and if needs be, his life. The whole play is, in fact, the experiences of an old Vermont farmer (Joslin) who has come to the Empire City to be his nephew, and as a "hayseed" is regarded as a fair target for the criticism element that infests its streets. When this is told, all is told. The whole gamut of vice is run through as it is in "Under the Gaslight," "The Streets of New York," "The Dance of the Genies," and "The New-fangled Man." It is Joslin's business to defeat his machinations, and he does this in the most comical manner.

The "Queen of Sheba," adapted from the French of M. Adrien Barbusse by J. L. Kimbley, affords an excellent opportunity to re-introduce Rhea to our city audiences. Stockwell's, though not crowded, held a very intelligent and appreciative gathering. Following closely upon the Davenport production of "Cleopatra," it is only fair to say that from a scenic standpoint it almost rivaled its predecessor. The star, as Tamara, Queen of Sheba, retains the same dramatic instinct, excellent stage presence and general knowledge of her art that almost caused one to consider her rival as a second-rate actress. Her leading man, W. S. Hart, is a good actor, free from rant and affectation, and that one thing - a desire to be necessary to plays of this sort; he performed in a way that immediately brought him to life and made him come before the curtain with the star. Of the rest of the support not so much need be said. Consider the role of the field, and the gentleman who played Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed artistically like one of them. Miss Edith Mack played Balis, handmaid to the Queen, acceptably, and the introduction of a dance of the "Sphinx" order secured an encore. As a spectacular production the piece is a great success and should do an excellent business.

The play by the German company at the Baldwin last evening was Erkemann-Chatrin's "De Ranzans," and those who failed to attend missed a very good performance. The plot is simple, but strongly written, and the dramatic personae distinguished themselves in their respective assignments.

Next Sunday the company will produce a well-known farce, "The Pretty Hungarian," by Manstadt and Weller, which has had a 400-night run in Berlin, and will have the talented sourette if the company, Miss Gartner, who has been a favorite with her talents. The piece is full of pretty music and songs.

The Alcazar held a large audience to greet Clay Clement in his first performance here of "Belphegor," the mountain-bank, and his various scenes were rewarded with hearty and well-merited applause. Mr. Clement is obtaining a firm hold upon San Francisco theater-goers, and the business of the Alcazar is increasing accordingly. McKee Rankin in "Zephyrina" displayed her remarkable versatility by jumping from such a role as "Carrot" in "49," to that of the danseuse, Fannie Young, who reappeared after a long absence from the local boards, and Minnie Young, as she is called, who is excellent. Lorimer Johnstone assisted greatly in the support. "The Mount-

bank" will undoubtedly do a large business during the week.

"The Mariner's Compass," a nautical drama of much interest, attracted a large audience to the Grove-street Theater. The present stock company is in excellent training, and in a performance of this description feels perfectly at home. Considering the prices of admission their productions are really marvelous.

A strong man, who breaks cobblestones with his fist, seven Arabs, who do wonderful feats of tumbling, Dr. Merlin and Mile. Marguerite in a mind-reading act, and a very clever variety company served to pack the Orpheum last night. The Hungarian orchestra, under the direction of Valentine Huber, is a very attractive feature of the performance.

Of Milloche's operas none are more musical and interesting than the "Black Hussar," and the Tivoli Company presented it in excellent style, the ensemble numbers being especially well rendered. Robert Dunbar in the title role, one of his old roles, sang and acted better than in anything he has yet done in this house, and Hartman and Branson in the comedy parts sustained their reputation as amuseurs. Gracie Plaisted, Tillie Sallinger and Fannie Liddiard worked as acceptably as usual.

On Tuesday evening, December 12, Mr. Louis Crepeux, barytone, member of the Grand Opera, Paris, will give a concert at the Metropolitan Temple, assisted by Mrs. Alfred Abbey, Miss Charlotte Gruen-hagen, Miss O. J. - pianist, and Mr. F. S. Guterson, cellist. Mr. Crepeux sings the classic aria, "Emelien," by Winter, and other selections by Charles Hess and Saint-Saens; Mrs. Abbey, "La Reine de Saba," "The Awakening of Brunhilde," from the "Siegurd" opera, will be given by Mr. E. Ryer. The duet of "Il Flauto Magico" (Mozart) will also be given.

The Amateur Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Louis C. Knell, will give its third concert at the Metropolitan Hall this evening. The orchestra, which is composed of sixty young musicians, will be assisted by Miss Ruth White, soprano; A. A. Solomon, violinist, and Miss Tressa Brooks, pianist. The Neapolitan Mandolin and Guitar Club, under the direction of the Misses Theresa and Lily Sherwood, will play "Alpenlieder," by Weiss, a grand march, "The Trumpeter," by Mr. Knell, will be given for the first time.

Notes. Professor Richard A. Luchesi's Serata musicale will take place at the Kohler-Chase Music Hall, 28 O'Farrell street, tomorrow evening, December 6. An important programme.

Miss Ethel Brandon and Mr. Lorimer Johnson will organize a company and make a tour of the interior.

It is said that the "Laughing Girl" people intend to sue Mr. M. B. Leavitt for cutting short the contract engagement one week.

ARGONAUTS FEAST Banqueted by President Holland.

They Will Incorporate and Then Start Auxiliaries in Every Part of the State.

The Society of California Arzonauts, which was organized on September 9, enjoyed a banquet at the Commercial Hotel last night, the table being supplied by the lavish hospitality of mine host Edward Holland, who is the society's president. There were California fruits, flowers and liquors in abundance, singing by the California Quartet of a fine quality, and characteristic argonaut oratory. It was a highly gratifying occasion.

It was the first real meeting of the young organization since its formation, and before retiring to the dining-room some important matters were discussed in the parlor upstairs. The Arzonauts among other things decided to incorporate.

What suggested the idea of incorporation was a letter by Thomas C. Russell of ten acres of land in San Bernardino County, as an offering for the benefit of the home the society proposes to build, "in which aged and indigent Arzonauts may spend the evening of life free from worldly care." It was felt that it would be to receive such donations the body must incorporate.

This led to another idea: In the bright future there was a prospect of rapid growth for the society, and it was felt that a vast organization, because it takes in all who have been in the State twenty-five years the number of people who will have been in the State that length of time will ever be on the increase. It was concluded that the best thing to do would be to so broaden the scope of its constitution as to enable the Arzonauts to spread all over the State. With the San Francisco body as the nucleus auxiliaries will be started in every part.

There are about a hundred members already in the society, and the long table in the dining-room was hardly adequate, so the side tables had to be pressed into service, too.

S. K. Thornblom was chosen to preside over the feast, which was very gratifying to him, he said - forty years in California and never so much cause for gratification. The banqueters would drink to the only regular toast on the programme, he announced, which was "The Arzonauts of California." Rev. W. E. Smith, the secretary, who was called to respond, which he did in a very happy style.

THE INNES LIBEL.

An Editor Who Has Been Held Innocent.

An Ex-Cowboy Creates a Scene in an Alameda Lodging-House. The Poulsons Reunited.

OAKLAND.-The examination of E. L. Marshall, editor of the Alameda Telegram, on a charge of libeling Justice Alexander Innes of Alameda, was held yesterday before Justice of the Peace Cliff. The complainant quotes the following from the Telegram as being the libelous article on which the suit is brought:

An exhibition of news-gathering by the reporter of our neighbor has been dealt out in a masterly manner, and purports to be the result of an interview inflicting a spigot in the head of one Tappan, a slim-jim attorney-at-law, who has more time than briefs to engage his attention, and who has taken a contract to furnish Justice Innes with brains. The contract might be suited to any good, but the reporter, Smith to produce the best results. The most part of the interview was in ignoring the "Tall Georgian" for reasons that need not be mentioned and heaping the whole matter on the leather-weight addition of the Telegram. Now that is the pink of meanness, for whatever may appear in this paper, good or bad, the reporter, has the sanction of the editor who directs the policy, and the policy of this paper is to lash the rascals wherever it finds them.

Edward Bruner appeared and argued the case for the defendant, Marshall, while Assistant District Attorney Melvin acted for the people. Mr. Bruner held that the article was not libelous. He said that the statement that "Tappan had contracted to furnish Innes with brains" was not libelous in more than the statement that he (Bruner) had contracted to furnish the defendant with brains. He said that if anybody was libeled it was Tappan, Tappan or anybody. Mr. Bruner was followed by Attorney Melvin, who defined a libel as something published and holding a person up to ridicule. He thought the article in question did this in the case of Justice Innes. In his decision discharging Marshall Justice Cliff said that he did not think the article libelous Justice Innes. If any one was libeled, he said, it was R. B. Tappan.

The Council's Main Labor. According to an opinion rendered by City Attorney Johnson yesterday, the labor of the Special Committee of the City Council on Water Supply has all been for nothing. It has been the desire of this committee to secure for the city its own water supply by distributing a plant. Councilmen Manuel, Capell and Dalton make up the committee. The scheme upon which the committee had been settled as being the best proposed was to have a water supply furnished to the city at the city limits for a term of years. From the limits the city would take it and distribute it over the city by a system of piping that should belong to the city.

This proposition was so far matured that the committee advertised for bids from parties who would bring the water to the city limits. Now comes the City Attorney and announces that under the State law the Council cannot make a contract for a period exceeding one year. The point is that the water rate has to be fixed annually, and it is manifestly beyond the power of the Council to bind other councils years ahead.

Mr. Johnson said he was aware that a ten-year contract had been made at Sacramento, but he regarded that as not binding.

The Poulsons Reunited. The difficulties that have separated the Count and Mrs. P. W. Poulson, although not yet finally settled, will no longer come between the pair. The two have been reconciled and are at present living in Los Angeles, where they will return to Oakland in a few days.

It is reported that soon after returning to this city the Count will attend an extended tour of the East. The matter of Poulson's not paying his wife alimony, as directed by the court, came up yesterday in Henshaw's court and went over one week.

A Final Distribution. The final hearing of the matter of the settlement of the estate of Margaret Noblett, deceased, came up before Judge Henshaw yesterday. An order was made that Edward Noblett receive \$500, a half of ten acres of land in San Bernardino County, as an offering for the benefit of the home the society proposes to build, "in which aged and indigent Arzonauts may spend the evening of life free from worldly care." It was felt that it would be to receive such donations the body must incorporate.

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The Supervisors. The County Supervisors met yesterday. Little beyond mere routine business was transacted.

ALAMEDA. A Lively Scene in a Lodging-House on Park Street.

Frank Beck of Alameda is in serious trouble, as a result of a too free exercise of his pugilistic tendencies in an endeavor to reform the domestic relations of Professor Stehli, a writing teacher, whose office is on Park street and whose living apartments are in the same building.

The professor met Beck on the last boat leaving San Francisco on Sunday night for Alameda, and they became quite convivial on the way over, taking an occasional drink in a very friendly way, and upon their arrival at Park-street station the professor purchased a bottle of beer, which was intended as a nightcap to be taken before they should separate. Shortly after they had gone upstairs into the building in

which the professor's apartments are, there was heard a wild tumult, which brought Officer Denny Welsh to the scene of trouble. Beck had broken in the door of the professor's room and was endeavoring to batter Stehli into a shapeless mass, and the professor's wife was out of bed screaming for help.

The policeman grasped the situation at once, and also grasped Beck by the coat and had been endeavoring to subdue him, when an exchange of blows did considerable

damage to the faces of each other, succeeded in landing the belligerent Beck in the city jail.

In the morning bail to the amount of \$300 was furnished and Beck was released. By way of vocation Beck occupies himself in the care and training of horses, and also acts as janitor of the Park-street building in which the professor's writing school is located. He is a retired cowboy, but not of a retiring kind, however. He has placed himself prominently before the Alameda public on several previous occasions.

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SPORTING NOTES. Amateur Handball Contests-Tug-of-War and Swimming.

The Reliance Athletic Club of Oakland has scored a big success against the Olympic in football. Now comes the handball tournament and the Reliance boys say that at this game they will more than duplicate what they had accomplished last Saturday at Central Park.

Those who will enter for the handball games from the Reliance Club are W. Berry, M. Jelliet, J. Jelliet, G. Mahoney, F. Cairn, C. Smith, J. Creley, J. Smith, C. Bates, J. A. Young, H. Knoll, S. Wilson, A. Pope, J. Wilson, J. Roberts and C. O. Musser. There is no doubt that some of the athletes, who are first-class players, will make matters look decidedly interesting for their opponents in the final games. The trouble with the Olympic players is that they have no ambition and imagine that because they belong to the Olympic Club they cannot defeat everything that comes before them.

This idea has been knocked out of the Olympic football players' heads in good shape, and the lesson should prove of value to the handball players, otherwise they will go on just as they are before the Reliance team. Practice makes perfect, and without plenty of it the Olympians will not excel in anything excepting laziness.

Since the first big tug-of-war contest at the Pavilion, there have been several small matches held at places of amusement, all of which were hippodromes of the worst kind. In fact, those small side issue affairs have killed the tug-of-war as a feature of sport. The sporting people, however, have taken the measure of the anchor-pullers, and it is a good wager that in future the attendance at "tug-of-war" will be no longer a feature of the fair.

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Frank St. Clair, alias James Edwards, the king of purse-snatchers, is safely behind the bars of the City Prison with three charges of grand larceny booked against him yesterday.

Complaints were recently received at police headquarters of ladies having their purses snatched from them on the cable-cars, and Detectives Charles J. Cody and R. M. Silvey were detailed on the case.

The first complaint was received on November 13, the victim being Miss Nellie Herron of 17 Cole street.

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A committee of seven was appointed to consider the advisability of holding a show and report to the directors. As such committee the following members were appointed: Alfred H. Cohen, A. P. Hatch, John F. Boyd and F. W. Kelly.

Election of officers was deferred until Wednesday, the 13th inst.