Dramatic and Lyric.

Conference Season at the Theater.—Last Night—The Silver King Tonight—Soares's Coming—Next Attractions at the Theater.—Gilbert and Sullivan's Utopia.

Another evidence of how deep an Irve king the monetary depression has was furnished at the Theater last night. Before, it was, before, how the flight of the Conference season opened, to see from a few hundred dollar audience—from a five hundred dollar house would be located rather small than large. But last evening there was a wilderness of empty chairs in all parts of the house, and even the gallery, which are never into such to accommodate the conference visitors, looked rather lonesome than populous. It was a pity too, for the entertainment was a unique and clever one, and well worth the patronage of country visitors. The charming one act drama of Texas, Ice Tears by the Home Dramatic Club was the first thing on the bill, and as it has been criticised before, it only needs to be said now that it was given with all the effectiveness of its original production. Mr. Wade and Miss Edith Clarence Knowlton repeated the decided hits they previously scored. The tuneful, merry and amusing operetta of the Crimson Scarf formed the main part of the program, and it was with the same hilarity as ever. Scott Irwin is one of Spencer's star parts and he shines as brightly as ever last evening. Mr. Young is scarcely taking solos. Both Miss Winston and Mrs. Woodrow looked and sang as charmingly as before, and won the same hearty applause. Mr. Cypert's song, "Jim is Me," was better than ever before, and he showed a marked improvement in action, while Messrs. Westcott and Clawson made of the remainder a very amusing medley. Mr. Knauss and Mr. Wade were unfortunately unpleased for their work in the crescents.

The Saturday night at conference week is always the busiest one, and this evening the Home Dramatic club in the Silver King sets out to make up for the efficiency in last night's audience. A new scene, new costumes, new music and a new cast, which promises to be the best one in several respects, all the old strength of the Home club, will be given in the Silver King, which goes both tonight and Monday. The full cast of characters is as follows:

Wilfred Denver, The Silver King.....Mr. Walter Eagle Cotton, leader in Denver Society.....Mr. Stewart
Cyril Jaikes, Denver's fancy dancer.....Mr. Young
Herbert Jaikes, known as "the sporty".....Mr. Westcott
Geoffrey Ware, an engineer.....Mr. Young
Dick, a bookmaker.....Mr. Clawson
Tom Sparks, a sporting man.....Mr. Knauss
Harry Gerrard, back in Wales.....Mr. Cypert
Dennis, a newsboy.....Master Wade
Frank Jones, a gentleman.....Mr. Knauss
Cecil, a gentleman.....Mr. Wade
Lucy, (Mrs. Denver's sister) } .....Mrs. Woodrow
Polly, } .....Miss Winston
Jessie, (Mrs. Denver's sister).....Mrs. Knauss
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Mrs. Denver.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Gerrard.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Jones.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Cotton.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Jaikes.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Sparks.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Ware.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Cecil.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Dennis.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Frank.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Cecil.....Mrs. Wade
Mrs. Dennis.....Mrs. Knauss
Mrs. Frank