

AUDITORIUM IS TO BE A THEATER

Work on Building to Commence
Within the Next Thirty
Days.

MAY BE A BURLESQUE HOUSE

Effort Will Also be Made to Land the
Hippodrome Shows Coming West
To San Francisco.

Improvements to the value of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 will begin within the next 30 days on Richards street property owned by the Auditorium association, and when the work is completed Salt Lake will have another theater—and a big one. Plans for the improvements have been drawn up and the work of construction is to be undertaken within the time mentioned by the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company. Within the time specified a new company will be organized, called the Auditorium Theater company, and will separate the place from other holdings of the association, consisting of the Ogden rink, Mahlin's Heights and other property.

The new company to be organized will be headed by Phil S. O'Mara, president of the association, and the building is to be used for theatrical purposes during the summer months and the late fall and perhaps for the year round. The building is to be made into a theater with a seating capacity of 2,500. It will be built on the main floor and the seats, stage, etc., will be portable. The interior of the place will be so arranged that there will be exits from the four sides and the boxes will be arranged so there will be a full view of every part of the stage.

WHAT CHANGES MEAN.

In speaking of the project this morning Mr. O'Mara said:
"It is our purpose to make the place first class in every way. We shall cater to big attractions and, especially those of a spectacular nature as we will have a theater large enough to take care of them. The seating capacity will be 2,500 and at least 100,000 people will be able to see the show. The 'Wheel,' owned by an eastern syndicate, and it has 72 companies at the present time. Then, I understand, the New York syndicate is to put on Hippodrome shows in the west, going to San Francisco. The jump from New York to San Francisco will be a big one, and with Denver in the field we will have the best of electrical effects and the whole thing will practically be on one floor.
As to the roller skating business Manager O'Mara stated that, with an interior practically portable, it will be easy enough to arrange the building for that sport if necessary. The present season will close probably before April 15.

WORK IS RESUMED.

Rio Grande Machine Shops Start Up
With Two-Thirds Force.

After a layoff of 10 days, two-thirds of the men employed in the machine shops of the Rio Grande Western railroad have returned to work, the schedule of wages being the same as when they were laid off on Feb. 14. The temporary cessation of work had no significance, according to an official of the road, except that the plans for readjusting the shops and the work required such action. The full complement of men when the shops are running full force is 100, and this number will be employed again just as soon as conditions warrant.

The readjustment referred to included the transfer of the machine shop to a new addition built on the west end of the present structure, and the installation of \$150,000 worth of new machinery. A 2,000-horse steam hammer is now being piped, which alone cost \$3,400 to install.

STOLE A HORSE.

As a Result Alfred Brockman is Under
Arrest in Ogden.

(Special to the "News.")
Ogden, Feb. 25.—Alfred Brockman, alias Roy Swenson, a young man who resides at Ogden, will probably have to face a serious charge, as the result of apparently a foolish dissipation. Brockman hired a horse from the Williams livery stable yesterday morning and rode it away, with the explanation that he was going out in the country after a herd of cattle.

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Eden that a man giving the name of Ray Swenson had tried to sell a horse there, offering it for \$50, then for \$30, and finally lowering his price till it was bought by Stewart Eddies for \$15. A description of the horse showed it to be the animal taken from the Williams stable, and the arrest of Brockman, who proved to be using the name of Swenson, was made. Deputy Sheriff Seymour Clark and Constable Gould took the young man into custody, and he will be returned to Ogden for trial.

TILTS ENLIVEN COURT

Male and Female Doctors Cross
Swords in Damage Case.

A series of interesting tilts between an attorney and a witness occurred today in Judge Ritchie's court, during the trial of the case of Alice Robinson against the Utah Light and Railway company.

Miss Robinson is suing for \$30,000 as damages for personal injuries alleged to have been received by her May 11, 1907, through negligence of the defendant company.

One of the witnesses for the plaintiff is Dr. Grace Stratton, an osteopath, and she was under cross-examination during most of the forenoon.

Atty. George Smith, counsel for the defense, tried repeatedly to confuse the witness with a series of technical questions. At his elbow sat Dr. J. A. Luedenberger, who prompted many of the interrogations and acted as coach generally.

Mrs. Stratton proved to be a match for the lawyer and the other doctor. She showed herself to be thoroughly conversant with the technicalities of the profession, and adroitly avoided being led into any traps or entanglements. Spinal trouble, from which plaintiff claims to be suffering because of the accident upon which the case is founded, was the chief topic under consideration, and the ready and vivacious responses and discussions of witness much enlivened what would otherwise have been a dry and desultory proceeding.

FEDERAL COURT.

The taking of testimony in the equity suits filed by the United States against the Utah Fuel Co. and Pleasant Valley Coal Co. to set aside patents to coal lands, was begun this morning before S. H. Lewis, master in chancery.

Marcus E. Jones was placed on the stand by the government attorneys, and he occupied the morning session. The taking of testimony in the case was discontinued in December, 1907, Dist. Atty. H. E. Booth and Pres. A. M. Allison representing the government and John M. Zane and E. M. Allison representing the defendant companies.

LECTURE TOMORROW.

Tomorrow the genealogical section of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers will be held at the B. Y. Memorial hall, room 21, and the lectures on "Salvation for the Dead" will be resumed. The section is under the direction of Mrs. A. W. McCune, chairman, and Mrs. J. M. Sears, assistant.

GEO. M. CANNON SUED.

Oncida Irrigation District Seeks to Recover \$33,370 in Commissions.

George M. Cannon, president of the George M. Cannon company, was made defendant in a suit filed in the federal court yesterday by the Oncida Irrigation District, for \$33,370 alleged to be due the irrigation company on an agreement. Plaintiff company is an Idaho corporation, and in its complaint it is alleged that Cannon entered into agreement with its then treasurer, George C. Parkinson, and Arthur Cannon, to sell the Oncida Irrigation stock of the corporation, he to receive a commission of 10 per cent of the sales. The agreement was carried out, and the company is suing for the return of the commission and for the return of the Idaho statute under which the company was organized says that none of the capital stock shall be sold for less than its face value, and hence the agreement for 10 per cent rebate was illegal. The suit is an outgrowth of the litigation which has stirred the Oncida company for the past few months.

PERSONALS.

Edward E. Hoffman has gone to Idaho and Montana on a mining trip.

Mrs. Julia Taylor has returned from a month's visit to Los Angeles.

Mayor and Mrs. William Edwards, of Logan, are in Salt Lake for a day or two.

J. H. Brady, chairman of the Republican state committee of Idaho, is registered at the Wilson.

Capt. W. H. Cavanaugh of the Fifth United Infantry has gone to Delaware on a leave of absence.

David Breckenridge, a well-known Tourist livery ranchman, is a patient at the Holy Cross hospital.

Fred Wild, Jr., general freight agent on the Rio Grande railroad, is in town today, accompanied by his daughter.

Pat Moran and Tom Euterill have gone to Los Angeles in connection with the big aqueduct proposition there.

J. B. Whitney and his sons, Newell and John, left from a two-week enjoyable trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clegg of this city and Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Clegg of Springfield have just returned from a two-week trip to the coast.

Atty. Brigham Clegg and wife have returned from Los Angeles, where they accompanied the Clegg expedition from this city. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg took in all the leading cities of the coast before returning home.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—Florence Roberts revisits us in an entirely new play entitled "Sham," a society comedy, totally different to anything she has yet presented. The fact that the play was entirely unknown, is responsible for the absence of the large audience which Miss Roberts invariably draws, for in these days, it takes a player of note in a play of note to attract attention. Her new offering, though not a great production from the literary or dramatic standpoint, is healthy, interesting and well narrated. Its finish, with the hero's allusion to a somewhat misty past, is rather confusing, but it is all so delightfully acted by Miss Roberts and her clever company, and its moral is so good, that it forms a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. The lady herself gave evidence of ability along comedy lines, which we did not think she possessed. The play gives her talents no big opportunities, but in what she does do, she is very effective, and natural. Mr. Bergen again showed his strong artistic instinct as a leading man and equal words of praise can be pronounced on the work of a number of the other players. Miss Daly as the poor cousin, and Kate Jepson and George Woodthorpe as the aunts. The mounting was admirable and again the company rigidly adheres to the best standards. The play will run tonight, and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

By way of suggestion to Miss Roberts, who seems to be in need of a strong vehicle, since she laid down "The Strength of the Weak" and "Zira" (though it is refreshing to find her getting away from the problem dramas with which her name has been so long linked)—why does she not look into the play "The Girl of the Year," which old play is new to the present generation of westerners, but it is in style and spirit, strictly in accord with the times, and the part of Zira is one in which Miss Roberts should shine. Equally fine would be the chance Mr. Bergen would have in Julian Beauchamp, while Georgia Woodthorpe would make an excellent Mrs. Beauchamp. The company might need a little recruiting for some of the other roles, but Miss Roberts herself in the central character should be almost "to the manner born."

Orpheum—Laughter that comes in floods instead of ripples is the order at the Orpheum this week. Last night the storm broke with the very first number, and it left the audience feeling so good that other numbers less attractive were accepted without a shadow of complaint.

Herrmann the Great, with a name so mystical that nothing mediocre could be expected from its owner, closed the bill with a series of dazzling tricks that included everything from producing full grown chickens from supposedly fresh eggs, to changing the personnel of box seats owners. He was a subtle and clever clown, and opened by such good fun makers as Bailey and Austin's "American Beauties" in their acrobatic feats.

Virginia Pierce, announced to be the Grand champion of the Grand Old Man of the Manhattan company, sang a few songs in a voice that was only fair at best. Sidney Deane and company, in a musical "novelty" entitled "Christmas Eve," sang a series of songs, the makings of an act that with a heavy trimming of the jokes might succeed much better. Their songs, in excellent voice, are interspersed with jokes that must have been heard a dozen times. Joe Carroll, monologue artist, is an ordinary sample of the people who live by that sort of thing, while Ralph Johnson, a trick bicycle rider, does things never heard of before on land or sea and carries himself easily out of the beaten paths of entertainers. His final leap and somersault on his tricycle, carried to the point of hair-raising.

The orchestra as usual is excellent while the kinodrome presents its share of the fun in three good offerings.

Grand—"A Girl of the Streets" is the bill for the week at the Grand, and last night's performance was witnessed by a fairly well filled house below, while the gallery was crowded. The play depicts in detail, life in the slums of New York, and there is something of a startling character doing through out each of the four acts. Guns, knives and other weapons are used freely, and there are abductions, murders and attempted suicides abound, and all in all the piece is decidedly melodramatic, and the level of the sensationalism is high. The three characters worthy of mention are Berna Reinhardt, as Kit, the girl of the street, Dorothy Woods as Nan Meadows, and little Vera Ludlow as the child, who is especially well for one of her years. The piece is not such as to give much opportunity to any one in particular, but it is a play that will hold the average of its kind, and it is a long coming to the Grand for all of next week.

Lyric—"The Power of Truth," the comedy drama presented by the Lyric in the Utah State company, is a clever five act offering and is well given. Miss Agnes Johns has an emotional part in the play, and she is a teacher, and does it better than she did Camille, which won her considerable attention a few weeks back. W. R. Abram as Brian O'Neil adds to the smoothness of the production as only a member could. Frank Hallett, member, made his bow as a comedian, and from his work last evening is a valuable acquisition to the company, which now has 12 members. A good house turned out to see the first performance of "The Power of Truth," which goes through the entire week. The old folks of this city are invited by the management to attend the matinee tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon free.

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SPECTACULAR RUNAWAY.

Horse With Wagon Following Makes a
Dive for a Window

While the horse attached to a delivery wagon of the Singer Sewing Machine company was being relieved of his bridle this noon preparatory to being adorned with a nosebag containing a peck of oats, in front of the Main street warehouses, the steed became frightened and made a dive down the street. The wagon followed him, as a natural sequence, and the combination chattered pretty much over the entire street, caromed across Mr. Hartman's street railway gridiron at the intersection of Main and First South street, and boomeranged back to Goebel-Pitts drug store. After smashing a \$5 pane of glass, the horse concluded he'd had enough fun, and quit.

There were the usual "hair breadth escapes," one of them being that of a baby in a carriage, who was quickly pulled out of the way, by an employee of the Independent Coal company. The owner of the horse named Alexander, is an agent for a number of local businesses, and is congratulating himself that the damages are so light.

ACQUIRES GOOD PROPERTY.

Board of Education Purchases Tract
For Location of School Building.

The city board of education yesterday acquired title to a building site near Walker's field. To be more exact, the ground lies between West Temple and First West street, immediately south of Ninth South.

The purchase was made from the Walker estate, and the consideration was \$3,000. It is generally conceded that the parcel is worth, however, considerably more than that amount.

The board is considering the matter of erecting a commodious school building upon the premises. As at present planned the structure will consist of from 12 to 18 rooms, and is to be the next undertaking of the school authorities in the way of building.

PAT LYNCH FINED \$50.

Judge Diehl Warns Gamblers That
Law Will be Enforced.

Judge Diehl this afternoon passed sentence on Pat Lynch, one of the men found guilty of gambling in the so-called Argonaut club, an account of which appears on another page. Lynch was fined \$50, while E. A. Grooch, Pat Hogan, S. Monroe and John Doe were released.

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SHEETS TALKS FOR HIMSELF

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himself. "I thought McWhirters lost \$2,000 and he had offered \$1,000 back."
"No."
"Didn't you see a receipt McWhirters had for \$3,000?"
"No; the first time I saw the receipt was in Judge Armstrong's office."
"Didn't McWhirters tell you Bell had posed as an officer and took \$3,000?"
"He said two men had come in, but this was after Bell had gone."
"Didn't he tell you Bell was one of those men?"
"No; when he spoke of the gang he said Bell was one of them."

HAD HAD EXPERIENCE.

"What made you think Bell an outside man?"

"From similar affairs. I thought Bell was a grifter but that didn't excite my suspicion. I didn't know one was a crook and the other a Scotch tourist."

McWhirters talked all right. For a while I thought both were grifters. Grifters come in to settle their troubles over in awhile. I had no reason to believe any more a grifter than McWhirters."

"Didn't the younger McWhirters tell you about it earlier?"

SIMPLY STARTED TO TELL.

"No; he started to. I told Hempel to go out with him and see what he could do. Serg. Hempel was the one who said, 'You've been bamboozled; the chief knows about such things, not I.'"

"After the long time when the McWhirters had been in the county jail, had I had any experience with them?"

"I had learned nothing of the kind."

THEM SCRIPTURES.

H. D. Simmons, a young fellow, was called and said he was in the county jail recently and while there he had read a transcript of testimony and discussed its contents. A laugh was created when Simmons referred to the transcript as "them Scriptures."

"The chief's objection against further testimony from the witness was sustained. Under cross-examination Simmons said he is 21 years old, is an inmate of the county jail, covered four months. About nine months ago he was on trial another time, but could not remember the offense on which he was convicted. He was in the reform school three months for running away from high school, and the two offenses were committed while the young fellow was out on parole. After bringing out these facts the state excused Simmons.

Officer Joseph W. Burt was the first witness called this morning. He denied that in the telephone message sent to the police station, anything was said about the boys going out to New England addition.

PHILLIPS TESTIMONY.

E. A. Phillips, the newspaper man who came to the chief's office on the evening of the McWhirters robbery, was next called. He said he had heard something about the story and asked the chief if he was sure he knew little about it at that time and referred Phillips to the Scotchmen.

THOUGHT IT QUEER.

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Simpson said he telephoned to Detective Burt about it, but had said nothing about it, and was going to New England addition. Detective Dick Shannon told of arresting Bell and giving him a chance to make good his promise, that if he released the various states, he would not talk to the press. He said Bell had not talked to the press, contradicting Bell on that point. Adjournment was taken early.

TO INSPECT B COMPANY.

Major W. G. Williams of the First Infantry goes to Ogden this evening, to inspect B company. The major says all of the company commands of the regiment are going well; mentioning one company, H, which turned out 25 men at last night's drill, out of a possible 42. The interest in the guards appears to be increasing. The battery held a fine drill last night, with 50 men, which number the commanding officer expects to augment to 75, if not more, by December 1st. The major is making the number around 100 as soon as possible. Officers of the guard are much pleased with the reorganization of the militia of the various companies. He said, and as a part of the regular army, and believe the aim and purpose of the framers of the measure will be successfully carried out.

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED.

While the weather appears threatening, the weather office predicts fair weather, as an high barometric area obtains over the country west of the 95th meridian. The minimum thermometer was moderately high this morning, 35 degrees, and the maximum 40 degrees. True temperature, 40 degrees. The country, prevailing "a" conditions strongly suggest a "c" spring, and no more to speak of. The first day of the first spring month comes next Sunday. The robins have sent in their cards, and birds generally are busy building their nests.

GIROUX STOCK INCREASED.

(Pollock's Special Wire.)

Boston, Feb. 25.—At a special meeting of stockholders of the Giroux company today, the capital stock was increased by 300,000 shares. Stock will not be issued, but will remain in company's treasury, to take care of contingencies. The increase was authorized by directors and stockholders at last annual meeting.

CHURCH NOTICES.

The regular monthly meeting of the home missionaries of the Granite State conference will be held at the state temple on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:45 p. m. Every home missionary is expected to be present.

The high priests