

IE long talked of and widely talked of play, "The Clansman," reaches us Thursday next and will run out the week with a Saturday matinee. As most people

way Ben Welch is sometimes intro-duced; he is no stranger here, as he is remembered well and and favorably from former visits, when his work would

cameraphone attractions he has yet secured. The leading feature is "The Lady and the Cowboy," one of the best western comedies recently produced. The story is that of an eastern girl who becomes infatuated with cowboy life and whose lover, to cure her, dons coyboy attire, disguises himself, and announces that he is the great Buck, with whom his lady has fallen in love from reading of his adventures. His outrageous conduct quickly cures her of her infatuation.

Other features on the program are Samuels and company in "O'Brien Has no Place to Go;" Madeline Lack in a new song, the sensational feature entitled "The Salome Dance;" Fisher and company, in "O'Brien's Automobile," and a number of "still" pictures of more than ordinary merit.

know, this play is founded on the fance of the new former visits, when his work won and "The Clansman," and its first production was on Sept. 22, 1905. Ever since then it has been widely advertised on account of the negro problem with which it deals, and the fact that is remembered well and and favorably from former visits, when his work won him a legion of admirers and a host of friends.

A musical number well worth while will be given by Mr. Chas. Wayne of comic opera fame, who is assisted by Miss Gertrude Des Roche. The veriet's comedy which is the reigning suc-

Third American Dancer Pleases London

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, Oct. 14.-Although London doesn't always appreciate American plays, its interest in American dancers seems to be inexhaustible. Its welcome to Ruth St. Denis on Thursday night was just as hearty as the welcome given to Maud Allan and to Isadora Duncan. The third to arrive in London of this American trio, who have made such a commotion abroad before being well-known at home except by hearsay, has made a brave venture in taking at herown expense for several weeks one of the most spacious and beautiful—and least successful—theaters in London. It is too early yet to say whether she will manage to carry so heavy a load on her slender young shoulders, but if the enthusiasm of the first night audience at the Scala on Thursday, and the discriminating praise of the critics is any criterion, she is going to win out, in spite of the fact that her dances are rather more serious-minded than any we have seen before.

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ty times as much money as part of a vaudeville entertainment; but I can't express the sentiments I want to express except in the right surroundings, and if I go to New York I want to appear there in the same way, even if it is not so profitable.

"Miss Allan and Miss Duncan chiefly convey musical ideas in motion, and I try to convey another kind of idea, but it is significant that in every case to reach what seems to be the highest expression of the art of dancing, one must always represent an abstract idea, rather than represent some particular

make a tour of the provinces after her Palace season is over; but it can be announced here that she is now defi-nitely considering a particularly at-tractive offer she has received from America, and may go to New York sooner than she had expected.

England heralds the advent of a new girl playwright—Miss Gertrude Robins. She has written a successful one-act comedy. "Makeshifts." She conceived the plot of this play when acting in

ject a special endorsement with the following telegram from London:
London.—The determination on the part of certain New York theatrical managers to abolish what they call "the death watch" at first performances has aroused considerable interest among London managers.

The managers here would like to do the same thing, but it is impossible, as their hands are tied. The nulsance here is much more pronounced, the audience is much colder and more hypercritical, for the simple reason that the London first night audience is almost entirely made up of "deadheads."

In New York the habitual first nighters, "the death watch," may be hardened and blase as to stage productions, but they pay for their seats, sometimes a year in advance. In London they are even more hardened and blase, but they do not pay for their seats, and they would consider it a terrible insult if they were expected to. A first night to a New York manager means a large financial profit; to a London manager it means a big loss.

This abuse is the growth of a century. There are many families in London who consider it part of their birthright to have free tickets for every first night at certain theaters.

If they did not get the tickets they would be mad all through and boycott the theater, neither recommend the show to their friends nor themselves buy tickets for other performances from the libraries—generally on a yearly credit. They look upon those free tickets as a sort of commission they are entitled to. Everybody expects a commission on anything they do in England.

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The people who have the right to give away free tickets for first nights at London theaters are numerous. To begin with, there is the overlord of all, the man or estate owning the ground on which the theater is built. He wants his, a dozen or so.

Then comes the man who leased the ground, with his list. Then the man who built and owns the theater, then the half dozen or so men who form the syndicate who finance the man who leases it, and finally the manager of the show and his partners. It's like the "House that Jack Built." There seems to be no end to the people who have authority in the running of the London theaters. They all demand free tickets, and their lists are sacred.

The result is that the whole house practically is given away, and the public that would buy tickets is barred out. On a number of occasions in the last year I have been unable to buy a seat for a first performance, and frequently have had to take a poor one in the balcony. So deep rooted is this custom that there is no chance of it being broken.

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In addition to this "death watch" in London, the theaters send one free ticket each to all the London periodicals, daily, weekly and monthly, and also to the newspapers in the hundred and one cities and towns near by London, as well as to the correspondents of the papers in the north of England, Scotland and Ireland. No wonder there are no seats to sell.—Music Courier.

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The famous court scene in "The Clansman," the great Southern reconstruction Drama coming to the Salt Lake Theater Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Matinee Saturday. in some places its production was prohibited. Of course, no better means of advertising could be conceived.

The scenes are laid in the hill country of South Carolina in 1867, when white civilization was in danger of betting overthrown by the carnet hargers.

In some places its production which they appear is called "The Morning After," which is full of all Miss Adems, previous successes have been distanced by her work in the new play. The company requires, for the presentation, 75 people.

The interesting little book entitled travesty extensions. "When Knights Were Bold," at Wynd-Miss St. Denis is a slim, lithe, "When Knights Were Bold," at Wyndham's theater. Miss Robins has had a career sufficiently varied to satisfy even people in stage-land. She began life as a poultry-farmer in the Midlands, from which she "incubated" herself—

try of South Carolina in 1867, when white civilization was in danger of being overthrown by the carpet-baggers and their dupes, the ignorant negroes.

Southern chivalry and manhood comes Southern chivalry and manhood comes to the front in the person of Ben Cameron, a leader of the Ku-Kux Klan. He is in love with the daughter of a northern fanatic, but he will not sacrifice his principles to win her love. Instead, he tears down the "Social Equality" proclamation which the commanding general of the district has ordered placarded. The northern party that it is all out the Cameron homestead

orccred placarded. The northern party try to sell out the Cameron homestead for fraudulent taxes, but Elsie Stoneman, Ben's sweetheart, buys it in.

At last the critical moment arrives for the assemblage and work of the Ku Klux Klan. They gather at midnight in a mountain cave to perform their awfu' ritual and execute the solemn functions of a high court of justice. Ben, their leader, is arrested by the carpetbag government and sentenced to death. Elsie, his sweetheart, is promised his life, if she will ally herselt with the mulatto lieutenant-governor of Scuth Carolina. She faints at the with the mulatto lleutenant-governor of Scuth Carolina. She faints at the follows proposal, and her father, learning that his protege has thus abused his confidence, denounces the mulatto. At the end of the play and in the nick of time the Ku Klux enter. They have rescued Ben from the clutches of the farcical court martial, and led by him they level their revolvers at the ylliainous lleutenant-governor, making villainous lieutenant-governor, making him their prisoner and freeing Elste Stoneman, who falls into her lover's

arms.

The play is interpreted by the original company from New York and Chlcago, including such actors as Frank-Iln Ritchle, Eugene Hayden, Charles J. Wilson, M. J. Jordan, Maude Durand,

travesty gymnasts.

A dancing novelty called the "Dancing Waiter and the Guest," is what Chas, DeHavon and Jack Sidney present. Theirs is a little act in which

perity. The cast is claimed to be made up of talented people who, whether they are singing, dancing or exchanging their quaint dialogue, never fall to "catch on" with the audience. The management claim that the fun in the play is all of the clean variety.

they produce in pantomime and dance the ordering of a meal and the serv-

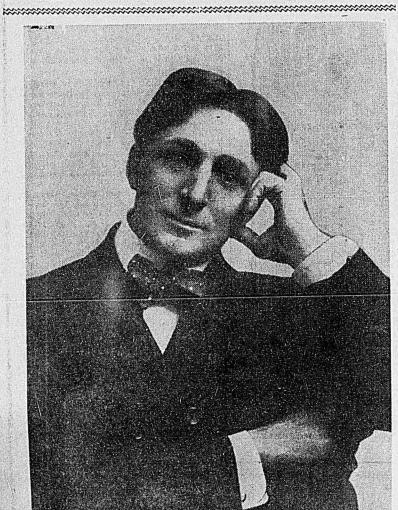
ing of the same.

The orchestra under the direction of Willard Welhe will play three artistic and tuneful selections; and two new subjects will be displayed by the kino-

The new bill which opened this after-neon at the Lyric and which will run

Next week's bill at the Grand introduces two attractive bills, the first Bud Hicks in "The Yankee Doodle Boy," and the second entitled "A Millionaire Tramp." "The Yankee Doodle Boy," will run the first half of the week and "The Millionaire Tramp" the second, opening Thursday night. "Yankee Doodle" is a Powell and Cohan production, and in the character of Bud Hicks, its authors think they have created a piece of work as clever as anything else they have turned out in the dramatic line. The song hits with which the play is crowded are all new. The usual matince will be given Wednesday. As everyone knows "A Millionaire Tramp" is in its sixth year of prospority. The cast is claimed to be made up of talented people who, whether

all of next week, is announced by Manager Clark, as one of the best



JHARLES WAYNE AT THE ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK

The interesting little book entitled "The Mormons and the Theater," by the late John S. Lindsay, enjoys a steady sale from theatrical people who visit Salt Lake from time to time. No better review of pioneer theatricals has been written, and the book is a most interesting one to all who desire to be ported on early theatrical events. The Deseret News Book Store has the rgency for the work.

THEATER GOSSIP

"The Lion and the Mouse" is now being played in Germany, France, Italy, Norway and the United States.

Miss Maude Fealy has been engaged as leading woman for Mr. Nat Good-win to replace Miss Edna Goodrich, Miss Fealy starred last season under the management of Mr. John Cort.

Victorien Sardou, who has long been ailing, has taken a turn for the worse and his condition is considered serious He is 76 years and 1 month old. J. M. Barrie has presented Miss Maude Adams with his original manu-script of "The Little Minister."

A Boston dispatch says: Suffering from a nervous breakdown, brought on by playing the leading feminine role in "The Thief," Margaret Iilington, in private life Mrs. Daniel Frohman, has been forced to retire from the company. Her illness, which was considered only slight at first, has been found to be more serious than was supposed. For the last two days Mr, and Mrs. Frohman have been stopping at the Teuraine. They will return to their New York house Saturday and Miss III-New York house Saturday and Miss Ill-ington will go to a place in the coun-try to obtain the quiet her physicians demand for her.

Salt Lake friends of Nance O'Neil will regret to read the following from a New York paper:

"The fact that 'Agnes' has failed to score a success at the Majestic theater and is to be withdrawn after tonight, gives no cause for surprise. There are, of course, many playagers who delight. of course, many playgoers who delight in extravagant sentiment and sensa-tion, but in this case the sentiment was at once so trite and so false and the sensations so absurd that they could the sensitions so absurd that they could not impose upon even the most silly or the most credulous. The brightness of promise in Miss O'Neill's career has faded somewhat rapidly of late, and soon will be extinguished utterly if her natural applifactions are to be wasted and abused in such demoralizing exercises as these."

In announcing the representation of "The Servant in the House," which the Henry Miller Associate Players are to give before the faculty and student body of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Michigan Daily, the official student newspaper, says:

"It is not often that the entire university body is the recipient of a benefaction so valuable in an educational way as the one about to be so generously bestowed upon us in the presentation of "The Servant in the House." With calls from every metropolis of the country, daily reaching the management requesting engagements we should have felt honored to have had ment requesting engagements we should have felt honored to have had the opportunity to witness so noble a play here at Ann Arbor at almost any price. But to have the performance presented to us gratuitously makes our debt of gratitude doubly large."

The Empire Bill—Another unique feature is being introduced at one of the moving picture houses of this city. Besides the usual motion pictures, the Empire theater, just south of the Orpheum, is presenting a number of familiar scenes with living models. The following were given this week: The Water Girl: Beauty and the Skull: Down on the Farm. The great historical conflict at Gettsyburg will be one of the features for next week: others will be Summer and Harvest Time.

Miss St. Denis is a slim, lithe, thoughtful girl who takes her art seriously, and has original ideas. No pirouetting and conventional flouncing for her! "I want," said she to 'he writer, "to express in terms of rhythm and gesture the real spirit of the Orient, and especially Oriental religion. The Hindu dances I give now are only the beginning of what I want to do in the future in representing eastern religious ideas—for it is in the Orient that the dance is recognized as one of the the dance is recognized as one of the highest expressions of religious feeling. It is necessary for me to be, for the time, a devout Brahmin or I cannot do justice to such of my dances as are of

a religious nature.
"Although I have never been in In-

"Although I have never been in India, I have studied everything, and everybody, I could reach that would help me to get into touch with the Hindu spirit and I am told that I have succeeded. My friends here told me I had gone mad to take a big London theater, when I could have made twen-

using poultry farm terms—into an artist's model. This latter career did not suit her, and she went to Oxford where she secured a triumph and took honors in modern languages. All this, mind you, while in her 'teens. The process of incubation continuing, she achieved her first stage success with Wilson Barrett and won her way up to leading lady in what is considered his finest drama, "Lucky Durham." On coming to London she appeared in legitimate drama and considerable dis-

JOHN WILKES BOOTH AS I REMEMBER HIM.

(Wriften by Louis James for the Saturday News.)

There is a time in every man's life Knowing the man thus much my interest in his performance of what was his greatest character, naturally served when recollection becomes one of the most fascinating of pastimes; the sucesses or failures in life, the conuests or defeats, the joys and sorrows, and above all the lasting impression made by one act, courtesy or event that has become so indelibly imprinted upon your mind that "Time cannot efface or custom stale."

It was my fortune once to witness a dramatic performance that so imis as impressive as upon the day of the enactment.

It was while in Baltimore, and hav-

ing a night off I went to see John Wilkes Booth play "Richard III," and little did I think that a few weeks later this same man would have been the cause of so much national consterna-

tion.

Booth was a handsome fellow, raven black curly hair, flashing eyes of a piercing black that in anger fairly turned blood red, a most magnificently rounded voice that uttered lines in a manner that made the other members of the Booth family jealous. Wilkes was the actor of the three brothers, Junius Brutus was the poorest actor of the trio, Edwin was the student player, great reader of blank verse, profound thinker and naturally of a morbid disposition. John Wilkes was the remantle actor, impulsive, erratic, daring, a 'delightful companion, generous, charitable, and a perfect "Man's man."

to induce me to view his performance with a critical eye, and as such I did.
Nover in my life have I seen a performance that depicted so much of the formance that depicted so much of the real Richard as I saw that night by Booth's portrayal. He seemed to live the character for the time being, and while I personally do not believe in such methods, in his characterization, it seemed to fit the man. If I mistake not, Ed Tilton was his Richmond (and the night prior to my visit), in the cembat, Booth backed Tilton clean over the footlights so aggressive and cembat, Booth backed Tilton clean ever the footlights, so aggressive and realistic was he that night; each was an excellent swordsman and a theroughly trained all round athlete. If the histrionic art was ever handed down from sire to son then John Wilkes Booth inherited every attribute embodied in his great and gifted father, who was in his day the greatest actor in this country.

I have known many of the old time players who have been in the same companies with John Wilkes Booth, Ed Tilton, Sam Chester, Harry Langdon,

Tilion, Sam Chester, Harry Langdon, Owen Fawcett and many others, and they all had a good word for this poor they all had a good word for this poor misruided genius, for such he was, and nothing but an erratic impulse or an over zealous desire to gain fame (if only for a moment's duration) would have caused him to plunge his family and nation into the calamity that he did, for deen at heart in a normal rame of mind, he did not possesse one vicious trait.

Deadheadism a Fixed and Deadly Institution in Europe

No doubt many of our readers have een, to say the least, amazed at certiful statements made by me to the effect that no money is paid by Europe or art, particularly for music, and nat for that reason the artists are of capable of showing an income or any possessions unless these are developed from a younge to America or year from a younge to America or concert tickets. The only tickets sold been, to say the least, amazed at certain statements made by me to the effect that no money is paid by Europe for art, particularly for music, and that for that reason the artists are not capable of showing an income or any possessions unless these are derived from a voyage to America or from American pupils or American licenses or royalties on European literary or musical products. Even if a musical artist secures here a decent fee it is only on "occasion," as it is here called, and not as a steady engagement.

Early this year my statements were endorsed through the publication of a meeting of Parisian theatrical persons, who attempted to formulate a plan that would enable them to do away with the various "systems" under which their theaters were pre-amated by the their theaters were pre-empted by the "deadhead" or invited guest. I learn

pay for theater tickets and never for concert tickets. The only tickets sold at theaters to inhabitants of these towns are for cheap seats; the other seats are sold to strangers, and those occupied by the native are dead. A singer well known in America a few days ago confirmed my statements about London concerts by telling me that the two recitals she gave the past season in London costs she gave the past season in London cost her \$200 each, and not one shilling was taken in for either, and she challenges the other singers who appeared in London last season to prove any better results. Yesterday's New York-Paris Horald, however, gives my remarks on this sub-