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and almost extraordinary en-The last half of the week at the Grand will be taken up by E. E. Kid-der's comedy drama "Weary Wille." under the management of U. D. New-elt. The same author wrote for Sol Smith Russell "Feaceful Valley" and "A Poor Relation." The one to be seen at the Grand is said to outclass of the of the other two. "Weary Wil-lie" is noted for his high quality of wit and deep touches of pathos inter-woren in the plot, which deals with the doings of a man of rags, but whose heart is genuine and true, and the misdoings of a millionaire, whose gold gagement of Miss Nethersole at the Salt Lake theater. Coming as it did on the heels of a protracted crush business, the attendance has been

remarkable. No one, except an artist of her stamp, could have maintained the interest that she has done throughout the entire week. By a full and complete knowledge of all the minute and manifold expedients of her art, built upon her own native capacity to built upon her own native capacity to portray and please, she has made a reputation for herself here that cannot be casily erased. The announcement that she is to return in the early fail to present other plays of her repertoire, not seen during this engagement, "The Labyrinth" included, will be pleasing news to theater patrons. "Sapho" was given to another large house last night and it furnishes the bill for this after-near and evening. noon and evening.

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noon and evening. For next week's theatrical menu at the Salt Lake theater, Manager Pypel announces two bills, "The Itagged Mes-senger" and "Susan In Search Of a Husband," respectively. The former will run for the first half of the week, with Creston Clarke at its head, and the latter for the remainder, with Isabel reing in the principal role. Mr. Clarke is touring the country under the management of Jules Mur-ry, and this season he is making his journey in "The Ragged Messenger," that being regarded as affording him even greater opportunities for expan-sion and achievement than was possi-ble in "Monsieur Beaucaire." Mr. Clark is considered a decidedly clever and dashing young actor of the heroic and progressive type, and his Salt Lake riends will doubtless have a hearty welcome for him in his new play.

welcome for him in his new play. Isabel Irving, the charming American actress, who for two years headed "The Crisis," and who was last seen here in that production, comes to us this year' in Eleanor Robson's popular and suc-cessful play, "Susan in Search Of A Husband," in which she found such favor in New York. We are informed that Miss Irving is to be supported by the same company which surrounded Miss Robson. The cast includes Has-sard Short, Ernest Mainwaring, Her-hert Standing, A. H. Andrews, Maria Wainwright, Jessie Izett, Essex Dane and E. W. Lyong, all of them Broad-way favorites.

way favorites. For the week following, beginning on Monday night, Nance O'Neil, the tall, majestic and beautiful tragedienne, will occupy the boards at the theater, under a new management. It it now some years since Miss O'Neil was seen in this city, and during her absence sho has had a tremendously varied experi-ence on both continents. "The Sorcer-ess," Sardou's great spectacular drama of the Inquisition, and "Magda," in which she made so marked a hit here on former visits, will constitute selec-tions from her repertoire this time.

During the week Manager Pyper closed a contract for the appearance at the Theater early in April. of Annie Russell in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Miss Russell is starring in the east under the banner of Wagenhals

will be presented by the Lyric stock company, headed by Frederick Moore stock The play will be put on with special scenery, and will doubtless prove a drawing card, as it is a story of southern life during slavery days and seldom fails to please an audience. The usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees will be given, and a special matinee for Washington's birthday.

Constance Crawley will soon depart for Italy, where 'she will present Shakespeare and D'Annunzio dramas, and negotiations are almost complete for her to present Ibsen and Bjornson in Norway and Maeterlinek and Shakespeare in France and Germany. Her experience in California has not been pecuniarly encouraging.

Arthur Bourchier, one of the best known of London's actor-managers, has produced "Macbeth" as an after-noon bill, with himself as Macbeth, and his wife. Violet Vanbrugh, as Lady Macbeth. The production was dignified and interesting, but scarcely successful, for neither Mr. nor Mrs. Bourchier seems fitted to the heavy tragic roles they have set themselves.



ISABEL IRVING





YUMA, "Europe's Greatest Sensation" at the Orpheum Next Week

THE PLAY IN NEW YORK.

BY CHANNING POLLOCK.

part, including Ben De Bar and John Bass. He is now appearing in the same character with Louis James.

In the new play that is gradually fomenting in the seething brain of G. Bernard Shaw, the theme will be the system of English law, the chancery courts especially being made the butt of his shafts. Thes play will be broad-er than mere satire—Shaw has con-fessed it to an intimate friend— for it will be unqualified, candid bur-lesque. Poking fun at the conventions is Shaw's regular pastime and regular business, but in this instance he will make no attempt to disguise his mo-tives or his methods.

Louis Mann is going in for the clas-sics at special matinees at the New York Casino. Among the plays to be produced in this way are works by Sudermann, Hauptmann and Moliere. In the course of his regular work Mr. Mann will appear in a comody with

I EW YORK, Feb. 12 .- Some five or six centuries ago the drama of the world was made up chiefly

intended to convey abstract conceptions theatrically for purposes of moral instruction. It is possible that they did convey something of the sort to the

mediaeval mind; the modern intellect,

used to having a spade called a spade,

or miracle plays, mysteries and moralities. These were narratives written, for the most part, by priests, and

Special Correspondence.

music, book and lyrics by Roderick C. Fenfield, with music by Gustav Ker-ker and D. W. Brady, which is to fol-low Jaula Edwardes in the "Princess Beggar" at the Casino. The play is an original work, and not, as an-nounced, the adaption of a play from the German entitled "Hensee Klin-der."

While Charles Frohman, who is now in London, has not come to any positive conclusion, as yet, it is likely that when Miss Ethel Barrymore goes that when Miss Ethel Barrymore goes to London next spring to appear at the head of an all-American company, her first play will be Rachel Crother's "The Three of Us," now running in the Madison Square Theater. New York, the English rights of which are owned by Mr. Frohman. Miss Earry-more, who is now on a tour, saw the play several times while she was play-ing near New York recently, and liked the role of Rhy MacCresney, now be-ing played by Carlotta Nillson.

so, following that spirit of nature and freedom which truly can show to its devote worlds of unsuspected treasure. The thought of conventional duty, habit bred, still holds to the genius, however, crying, with the voice of the vicar, against the spirit of freedom. Finally, submerged conscience, the sunken bell, rings out above all other sounds, and genius abandoning work and dreams and liberty, goes back to slavery. Af-ter a time, genius attempts to assert it-self again, but illusive nature, which is true art, has grown weary of waiting, and forsaken him. For all that I have said of allegorical drama, a play like "The Sunken Bell,"

Mp to plans and specifications. That is to say, they could be fitted into a three-hour evening without lopping over at either end, and they had com-partments for a comedian, a tenor, a basso and a soprano. Anybody with a working knowledge of comic operas could identify "The Girl and the Gov-ernor," because it contains scraps of all the other comic operas that were over written.

ernor. because it contains scraps of all the other comic operas that were ever written. I can't think of a barder task than felling you the plot of this offering. The girl was English and she got shipwrecked in a precocious Spanish set tlement, where, in 1590, they already takked of "handing him a lemon" and knew that Roosevelt would try to simplify spelling. The girl. (Flease don't ask me why?) The girl. Who loved a tenor (this time I must positively refuse to answer), pretended to have a fearful temper, so that she might get rid et the governor. The scheme proved fruitless, and the governor was about to marry the girl when the tenor came on with a singing army and rescued her. Mr. De Angelis and his company worked hard the night I saw the piece, but utterly without inspiration. Perhaps they were tired. Some comic operas do affect one that way.

eras do affect one that way. It is hard to say how good an enter-tainment "The Rose of the Alhambra." now running at the Majestic, might be in the hands of a competent organiza-tion. In the present cast the level of ability is so jow that utter mediocrity, such as that of Agnes Cain Brown and Louis Casavant, is made to seem true genius by force of contrast. The aver-age of the company is represented by a hard, unfunny comedian named Eddle Heron, and an anemic youg tenor named Ley Vernon. At one stage of the proceedings it becomes necessary for Mr. Vernon to kiss Miss Brown, and when he did this on Wednesday evening the beholders laughed. Never before has a New York audience seen so Com-stockian an embrace. It lent color to the growing the start of the the beholders laughed. Never before has a New York audience seen so Com-stocklan an embrace. It lent color to the growing conviction in natural his-tory that tenors do not kiss; they pinch. Charles Emerson Cook's libretto con-tains several very bright and clever ideas, and his lyrics are many degrees above the average. Lucius Hosmer's score, too, has six or eight delightful numbers, notably "Weaving," "Slap. Dash, Bang," "Marana" and The Nightingale and the Rose." The story concerns the eccentricities of Philip V of Spain, and Mr. Cook, who is in close touch with David Belasco, has adopted the Belasco trick of getting versimili-tude by printing, on the program cor-roborative evidence supposed to have been taken from old books. I am still looking for the "Early History of Cali-fornia," from which came the quotation used with "The Girl of the Golden West." Philip, according to Mr. Cook and "Del Castillo: Historia de los Reyes de Espana," had a way of de-creeing himself dead, and out of this, together with a legend by Washington Irving, a pretty love story, and a band of handits, Mr. Cook has constructed his libretto. As I have remarked, the performance might be thoroughly pleas-ing, but for one thing. That one thing is the performers.

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CRESTON CLARKE, In "The Ragged Messenger."

THEATRE GOSSIP

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Miss Lena Ashwell is going to Egypt recuperate after the trials of her American tour.

Alice Johnson has joined the Fraw-by Stock company in Minneapolls and leading woman.

Ann Warrington has been engaged in support of Henrietta Crosman in All-of-a-Sudden Peggy.

Blanche Walsh leaves the Astor, where she has been giving Clyde Fitch's latest, "The Straight Road."

Beerbohm Tree, it is said, is soon to produce Comyns Carr's dramatization of Charles Dickens' "Edwin Drood."

Richard Mansfield will devote thre consecutive weeks to "Peer Gynt" at the New Amsterdam theater, New York, beginning on Feb. 25.

Thomas W. Ross begins his tour as a star under the management of the Messes Shubert in "The Other Girl" in Warren, Pa., next Thursday.

George Broadhurst's political play, "The Man of the Hour," according to present indications, will have a long and prosperous run in New York.

The American tour of Forbes Robert-son and Gertrude Elliott has been ex-tended for ten weeks, giving them in all twenty-six weeks in this country.

Jerrold Shephard is occupying Daniel Sully's country home in the Catskilla. and will remain there until he has fin-lshed writing the new play which Mr. Sully will produce in the spring.

Our plays are for the most part over-dressed, with extravagance, vul-garity and inappropriateness obtain-ing in place of artistic fitness. The new costumes have to some extent frequently undone the results of un-dress rehearsals, the actress no longer representing the drama as they did before the dressmakers sent home their gowns, while the variety of their impersonations is swamped by the niformity of their fashions - A. W. Pinero.

James Bernard Fagan, one of the most promising of the younger British most promising of the younger British dramatists, is writing a new comedy for George Alexander. The scene is laid in Florence, in medieval times, and the story deals with the pursuit of a rich widow by two suitors of rad-ically different temperament. The whole subject is treated in humorous fashion, with no hint of the tragedy which Mr. Fagan's friends expect him to write some day. to write some day

Miss Mary Hall, the actress, w reated the part of Lycabetta who created the part of Lycabetta in "The Proudward Prince," with Mr. Sothern, and after played the queen to his Hamlet, has been engaged by David Belasco to play the title role in "The Girl of the Golden West." The original company, headed by Miss Blanche Bates, will be seen only in the larger citles, playing engagements lasting from one to four weeks, while the second company will tour the smaller cities. created the part Proudward

The Ben Greet players will be seen in New York during the early spring. They have just completed a tour of the south and are now visiting the universities and cities of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana. Ohio and New York states. The whole of "Hamlet" will be given soon at Ann Arbor, and New York or Philadel-phia will have it upon Shakespeare's birthday. Mr, Greet is arranging to give a few Lenton revivals of "Ev-erymen" and a revival of "Masks and

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Our brains being more or less out of training for this sort of guessing, the "mystery" in name becomes a mystery in fact, and caviar to the general

in fact, and caviar to the general public. Now and again an exquisite symbolic poem, like "Peter Pan" or The Sunken Bell," gets a hearing, and then the measure of its success depends upon the measure in which it is under-stood. "Peter Pan" is making money; first, because it is an interesting play, even without its under-meaning; sec-ond, because it is an interesting play, even without its under-meaning; sec-ond, because anybody with an ounce of mayonnalse dressing in his or her brain pan can understand that under-mean-ing; and, third, because an erudita management was careful to elucidate for the benefit of persons without the mayonnalse dressing. "The Sunken Bell," which is quite as beautiful as "Peter Pan," has never been produced profitably. It is charming and mystic when taken at its face value, but great only when one comprehends what the author, Gerhart Hauptmann intended to express. This comprehension is not easy, and the key printed on the pro-grams at the Lyric theater, where Julia Marlowe and E. H. Sothern have re-vived the play for a week, only com-plicates the characters and muddes the mind. It is as though a layman asked what makes a locomotive go, and were told. "The exhaust from the small

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which he was mastered he seemed Ideal, during the one act in which he feit himself master he did not quite ex-press the bigness of the author's con-ception. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne was impressive as a witch, and Roland Buckstone and "Mr. Eric" most excel-lent as the spirit of the waters and the mischlevous sprite. The scenic inves-titure afforded a delightful treat to the over impressive as a witch, Buckstone and "Mr. Eric

where in New York.



