DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, OULODER 18, 1902.



The Bonnie Brier Bush" is having a onderful reception at the Theater. Last night the house was again packed, the receipts running far in excess of those of the opening night. Everything about the beautiful delineation was applauded more vociferously than before and the immense reception tendered Mr. Stoddart and the favorite singer Mr. Easton, was not less pronounced than on the first night. The playing of Mr. Stoddart is one of the strongest and most touching instances of fine acting that will be afforded for many seasons to come, and no one should miss the opportunity to see it. The engagement closes this afternoon

and evening. After last night's performance Mr. Stoddart and most of the members of his company accepted an invitation from Mrs. R. C. Easton to assemble at her home, nearly opposite the Theater. An hour or two was spent in social conversation and discussing refreshments, the players being introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Easton to a number of their intimate friends.

Mr. Easton received a handsome tribute yesterday afternoon at the Tabernacle, when 600 or 700 people assembled in his honor. A rarely beautiful program was offered, Mr. Easton himself singing six or eight Scotch songs in his most charming style, and being handsomely applauded for each. being nanosomery appliated for each. One of the features of the afternoon was his duct from "The Bohemian Girl" with Miss Gates, a difficult num-ber, which Mr. Easton had not sung since he appeared in the opera here since he appeared in the opera here with Mrs. Pugsley many years ago. Such old time favorites as "Bonnie Prince Charlie," "Annie Laurie," "Bon-nie Doon," and others, rendered in the singer's most beautiful style, were spe cially applauded. His rendition of the "Linden Tree," accompanied by the Pyper, Whitney, Patrick, Spencer quartet, was recalled, although it was the closing number. After the concert Mr. Easton rendered "O my Father" by

special request. Other numbers on the program were "The Pearl of Brazil" by Miss Gates, and "O Ye Mountains High" for an encore. Prof. McClellan gave "The William Tell" overture on the organ The whilam ten overture on the organ, and was so vociferously applauded that he rendered "The Old Kentucky Home" for an encore. The choir sans one number, "The Spring Time," in excellant fashion. The receipts of the afternoon were divided between the choir and Mr. Easton. At the conclusion of the recital Mr.

Easton was surrounded by the members "The Bonnie Brier Bush" company who fairly swamped him with their congratulations, Mr. Stoddart specially saying that he never knew before what kind of a tenor he had in his company.

Emma Lucy Gates and her

a reproduction of the "Dismal Swamp, and the burning of an old cotton mill. "Down the Mobile" will run three nights and a Saturday matinee.

THEATER GOSSIP.

Joseph Jefferson began his 43rd sea. son in Boston lately and is as well and hearty as ever.

Kyrle Bellew had a big opening in Newark in "A Gentleman of France." Eleanor Robson as the heroine. being mere curiosity.

The widow of Jack Haverly has lost An admirable article lately published her sult to enjoin W. Nankeville from in the San Francisco Examiner, gives using the name of Haverly Minstre's in connection with the show of this so much information regarding the kind that he has dn tour in the west. grand old actor's alms, his reminiscences and his views of the beautiful play

At the opening of the Belasco Thea-ter in New York, Charles Warner, the he is now presenting in this city, that we reproduce it entire. English actor, sat in a box. The orches.



LOUIS JAMES AND FREDERICK WARDE.

tra played "My country 'tis of thee." "As I knocked at his door I do in the best to clog my usually bounding spirits best to clog my usually bounding spirits with a feeling of awe. "No matter how vigorous his acting, he is very old." said I to myself, "and I must be very said I to myself, "and I must be very

A dramatization of A. C. Gunter's last degree." Indeed, I said more than en by the Fifth Avenue Theater stock company next week, with Minnie Selig-man and James Wilson in the principal roles. George Evans is the principal feature of the vaudeville. Prof. L'Oiselle, the ballet master whose training of the dancing girls in "Corianton" has been so widely com-mented on, has returned to Salt Lake with the intention of settling down here. Prof. L'Olselle has leased the Ladies' Literary club room and will open a dancing academy there.

young ladies wisely decided to return ! to hear something other than "rag home The Johnson-Parr male quartet is still in Kansas City.

No other movement in musical circles has caused the comment occa-sioned by the success which seems to he attending the work of the Salt Lake Symphony orchestra, under Mr. Shep-herd's direction. There are a number

time" music, and the work of the Sali Lake Symphony orchestra will no doubt lift the general taste to a higher class of music. We are all fond of popular of music. music, rag time occasionally, but there are times when something better and

more uplifting is required in our mu-sical menu, and this seems to be a good time to change the diet. Success to of people in Salt Lake who would like 'Mr. Shepherd's new organization.

STODDART AS ACTOR, RACONTEUR, MANAGER, MAN

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An acquaintance of 20 years or more , have long since passed over the river but their names are as familiar toda, as the names of the most successful with Mr. Stoddart, has made Salt Lake feel almost a proprietory interest in as the names of the most sector moderns. And the companies, too, were great. Year after year we band-ed together in New York to play the works of Shakespeare and Sheridan, and out of that close association we him, and everything that concerns him, whether as an actor, a writer of bookshis reminiscences are being published grew to an understanding of one by the Century company this monthother. The performances sparkled: they were informed, charming. Verlor as an individual, is read with an af. fectionate regard that is very far from imilitude and ensemble were words of full meaning."

Yet even in those days, Mr. Stoldart, you must have had opportunitle to 'go out on your own' and star."

And if it should not las

"But I preferred the association and atmosphere of the big companies. is always my ambition not to fallell, we'll say, behind the times. So rather than be the prominent one in some provincial place. I preferred to stay among those people that stood for the truest and the best; doing my most for any part, big or little, that came my way

"And now, in the absence of such

"And now, in the absence of such good company, you've been driven to the center of the stage in a play writ-ten for that purpose?" "No, no," he laughed; "I shouldn't put it that way. For 20 years I played with Palmer's companies and consid-ered it an honor. The last time you saw me I was here with Henry Miller's company, and considered that an honor too Miller is an actor-manager with too. Miller is an actor-manager with the true spirit; he knows the value of harmonizing every part. No; I became the featured one of this company be ause Kirke La Shelle wanted me (the venture is his, not mine); because Dr. Watson was good enough to let James MacArthur dramatize "The Bonnie MacArthur dramatize "The Bonnic Brier Bush' (and I assure you we had to promise a good job all hands round before we got the dergyman's consent) tecause the part of Lachlan Campbell made a strong appeal to me; and be-cause, between you and me. I was tired of studying new parts, and fancied that in this one I could spend the bal-arce of my working days. Twe tackled everything from vaudeville to---"" Tell me about the vaudeville," I in-

terrupted. "There's not much to tell. I jumped into it for a brief season about four years ago, when Barrymore and Rozz loghlan and a number of good people uccumbed to the high sums offered. layed a condensed version of long Strike,' and liked it very well, all

vent on: "Otherwise vaudeville at Keith's in not at all unpleasant; you are delight-ully treated, and my engagement of we or six weeks was just short enough not to wear the novelty off the experi-

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'Most assuredly. In even the minor "You are kind to say it. England has always been loyal to her old play ers. I've seen Heisn, Faucet and Mrs tall of make-up I've held to my natal self as far as I consistently could Keely play the youngest parts long af-ter they were-shall I say a bit passe? I've seen Charles Matthews at seventy remember how Dion Bouckcault used If. My son, too, talked in the same rain when 'Alabama' was about to be playing Dazzle, the role that he create in 'London Assurance.' In Englan there is an old saying. 'Once a favorit yed. I used to make up at home in In England se days; and on the opening night always a favorite, but in the Unites States, where I have spent the greater part of my life, the cry is for beauty to depict beauty, and youth to depict youth. I suppose the English are sen Umental and the Americans are sensi-ble." insisted so strongly on a mustache the old southerner that I put it on. s Thomas, who wrote the play, came my dressing room before the cur-was ruised and wanted to know hat I was doing with all that fur on y upper lip. I told him I was only bla He mused a moment and then said,

half to himself. "Did you ever hear Mario sing?"

trying to metamorphose myself, and he said, 'Take it off. Why, God bless you, it's just your old face we want to see.' So I took it off. Thomas is a I did not answer. I was trying to re-all those lines by Owen Meredith. onderfully persausive fellow, and onderfully clever. It was he who put "Mario sang as no other man ever sang," mused Stoddard; "and actede dual touches on 'The Bonnie Brier ush' after we had tried out the first I shall never forget his death scene i 'Lucia.' fifty-how many years ago?dition with indifferent success." "The play may have its faults," said I was a young man then and he was in his prime. I never heard him afte I, "but certainly the modern drama has given you no other part so that, but when I was old and be older, and I was off in Springfield horoughly characteristic of your hest company that was doing very had -that must have been in the call

"I like the part of Lachian Campbell and it seems to like me a bit." said 16, with a twinkle, "It has been given seventies-the manager said to me night, 'Our house isn't much, but ought to see the rettor's, not enough money at the concert to pay for the lights.' The tenor was Mario." I had the stanza new, from Aux Ital out as my last Mart, and If the play lasts the season or two that is left of my stage life it shall be the last."

The twinkle died out of his eye, and lens, and I gave it to Stoddart: was sorry I had asked. "Then I must find me another-al-Of all the operas that Verdi wrote

"Then I must find me another-al-hough it will be hard work funding and harder work learning it." he said juietly. "Like most actors, I ought to be, but am not in the best of financia: The best, to my taste, is the "Tro vatore: And Mario can soothe with a tenor note

The souls in purgatory. indition. I had saved a decent compa-"My dear boy, if you had heard Mario

ency-I was always liberally paid as a tock actor-but I did what many anyou would know all that those lines mean, and all that it meant to me to know that he, who had had the world at his feet, was little better off that a other actor has done, speculated in things of which I knew nothing, and—" He broke off abruptly, and bracing himself and me with a smile, went on, beggar. But perhaps he could no long-er sing: perhaps sense after all was better than sentiment. Surely no man would like to feel that he is only a pen-'But I have every confidence in the ece. It will last long enough. They by that that big situation is 'Hazel sioner on public favor. In this country he would rather earn; he must earn." At the door I said: "I hope that the irke' over again, that this is not the st daughter to be driven out into the 'Bonnie Brier Bush' lasts and that your ht-but what of that? The heart in-

farewells may be as numerous and as profitable as Adelina Patti's," and "Old est of that situation is eternal. Good eing old." Man" Stoddart smiled They don't make finer actors, they don't make finer gentlemen, than "Old Man" Stoddart,

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every night of the engagement the stage manager used to knock on by door and shout, 'Now, Mr. Stoddart, your turn after the bear!' "

He chatted for an hour, and I an

Long Strike," and need it very stell, and except the dancing bear." "I don't remember a dancing bear in "The Long Strike," "No: he gave a little performance by himself at Keith's in Boston. In fact, I followed him in the bill, and come wight of the engagement the

He chuckled at the recollection, and

father and mother, all of whom were to have left for New York on Friday morning, deferred their departure till last night, in order that Miss Gates might sing at the Easton recital. Im. mediately after rendering her three numbers. Miss Gates jumped into a hack and was whirled to the R. G. W. depot. She met her father and mother at Provo, and the three took the train for New York last night. Miss Gates will stop over in Indianapolis Tuesday evening, where she will be the guest of Mrs. May Wright Sewall, at whose house a reception will be tendered her. On arriving in New York she will at work under the distinguished teacher, Madam Ashforth.

Louis James and Frederick Wards have tried starring alone and starring together. In their individual capacities they have made successes which ranked from fair to good. As joint stars they have always been among the eavlest money makers traveling. This fact has brought them together again this year, under the management of that enterprising firm, Wagenhals & Kemper, and in Salt Lake Monday evening they open another engagement in Shakespeare's, "The Tempest," a play so rarely seen that it will amount to a positive novelty. The two actors are surrounded by a big company, and the whole production is said to be a fascinating spectacle, in which music, scenic dancing. pictures wedded to the entertaining verse of the mmortal master. The big feature, nowever, after the two stars, will be mmortal the scenery and the mechanical ar-rangements, which are said to be the most startling of anything produced in recent years.

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The scene which puts the ingenuity of Managers Wegenhals and Kemper to the greatest test is the stage picture of the storm and shipwreck which occurs at the opening of the play. Every this scene realistic, and at the same time to maintain an atmosphere of the supernatural. A multiplicity of gauzes is used to effect the gradual change from darkness to dawn, the most intricate color scheme has been evolved, that hues of sunshine and shade in forand ocean wave, may assume tual shades of color: musical their act and other instruments of tone were to mimic the sounds heard in the made to a woods, of the roar of the waters and swish Costumes were made to form the most artistle contrasts both design so as to keep the fairies and elves and goolins of the en. chanted fund a separate and distinct reation rough sailors who make it polary home. In fact every Sers and one concthe man who makes the imitation flowthe man who makes the initiation is the torest, the carpenters, scenic painters, musical composers, every one up to the actors who speak the jines, each and all were painters of the lines of study well the lines of the play itself for their inspiration. The scheral effect of the spectacular scenes will be enhanced by the assistance of a competent ballet and a well trained

. . . Bob Fitzsimmons, the famous heavy weight has abandoned the ring and taken up with the theater. A play has been written for him entitled "The Honorritten for him entitled to the Honest Blacksmith," and a novelty is introduced in the shape of a smithy in which the redoutable Bob makes a horse shoe and shoes a horse. Needless to say the playwright finds means to introduce a purilistic scene in which Bob and his partner spar four rounds. and their son Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr. The engagement opens at the Grand Monday night.

The latter part of next week the Grand anounces "Down the Mobile," another of Lincoln J. Carter's up to date offerings. It is announced as a ro-mantic emeet. mantic com mantle comedy drama of southern life and the two special features on which Mr. Carter relies for his sensation are

Charles Warner, the English actor, is to star in this country next season, appearing first in his well-known charac-ter of Coupeau in "Drink." This is the part on which his reputation chiefly depends. His performance of it is said to be powerfully realistic, but it is rather an old story now.

David Belasco has announced the name of the new play in which Blanche Bates will star the season. It is "The Darling of the Gods," and is written by Belasco and John Luther Long. Belasco expects it to make as great a hit as the one-act "Madam Butterfly," in which Blanche Bates was so successful. Robert T. Haines will be leading man in the new play, and the veterans. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walcott, will have good parts.

Miss Maude Adams's engagement in New York, which was to have been played at the Empire Theater, having bene postponed, her place will be taken by William Faversham, who will ap-pear in the middle of November, under Charles Frohman's management. John Drew's engagement will continue until For Mr. Faversham Mr. Frohthen. man has selected a new comedy by H.

V. Esmond. It is in three acts and is a play of today. The manuscript has arrived, and rehearsals will begin at once. MUSIC NOTES.

Marguerita Sylva was handsomely received in San Francisco in "The Strollers.

Sousa gives six concerts in San Francisco, but does not call at Salt Lake this year.

The Eugene Cowles Concert company gave its first performance of the sea-son in Springfield with success.

James H. Love the well known Pacific coast manager died in San Francisco last week. Mr. Love was local manager of the Tabernacle choir on its first visit to San Francisco.

Director Stephens of the Tabernacle choir celebrated his twelfth anniver-sary as leader of that organization on Thursday. His friends all hope he may be waving the baton over the choir at the end of the next twelve years.

The First Regimental band under Prof. Christensen has been engaged for the coming week at the Boise state fair. Mrs. Rosemary G. Whitney will accompany the band as vocal soloist, and appear at a series of concerts in Boise during the week.

The Boston Handel and Hayden soclety announces the first American per-formance of Dubois's "Paradise Lost," on February 8. This work requires seven soloists, five of the parts being important. Schirmer is issuing an edi-tion of the work, with English text, es. pecially for this production.

Misses Mabel Cooper, Ruth Wilson, Aura Rogers and the other ladies of the Corianton company who remained behind in Kansas City, have returned home. They stayed over to receive an offer made by them to form a chorus for Melbourne McDowell's per-formances in Kansas City, but the terms were not satisfactory, and the

that to my trustful young self: said that I should humor him. Oh, youth with its pouted chest and self-complacent goodness of heart! I can see legions of bright young men smugly humoring J. H. Stoddart-I do not think.

All my kindly prearrangements were squeezed away in the first grip of his hearty hand. That strong, splendidly ugly face glowed with his magnetism. I may say here as well as any other place that there is no disenchantment in a talk with "Old Man" Stoddart. He is as vivid, virile and strong off the stage as on. With him you need not affect a reverence for mere years which is not in your heart. He will meet you on your own youthful ground. Today is as real for him as it is for you. He is contemporary to the last minute, ev-en though that minute be his seventy-

fifth year. He is full of fine old yester days that trail back into the times of Forrest, Macready, Cushman, the elder Keane-but they are vesterdays, well remembered but not blotting out the present. On the table that stood between our chairs were the newspapers of

morning containing the accounts of his first appearance in San Francisco as a star. A younger man in his debut season as a star would have hidden them-would perhaps have effected not to have read them. But this new star is different-superbly different. There is not an actorial pose in his whole manner. He had read the papers, had liked the notices. He said he liked

them. "They cheered me," he said, WWO never get too old to like a kindly thing said of us-do we? Nor"-with a droll smile at me-"too young to like to hear that the kindly thing for the old gen-tleman has been well said?" Can't you see me "humoring" Stoddart?

He smiled again when I asked him how it felt to be a star, and he referred me to Joseph Jefferson for expert testimony. "Mr. Jefferson is my junior by six or

eight months," he said, "but he has been doing this sort of thing nearly all his life. And his success has been won-derful. For years and years the critics have been after him for devoting his whole life to one part, but his Rip Van Winkle is more successful now than ever. I have started a few score years later in life to do something same sort; that is, to identify myself with a single role for a few seasons

that are left before my retirement." "Why did you wait so many years? Stars were springing up on all sides of You." "Not until I was an old man," he cor-

rected. "When I came to America from England in '54 to join the Wallack com-pany our featured players-or stars, as they are now called-were such people as Forrest and Cushman and, later on, Edwin Booth. There was no royal road to the front. I played all kinds of parts then--and since. We were all ex-cept the very great ones, soldiers in the ranks, and soldier-like, a man rose

according to his worth. It was a fine system; it made for ensemble and harmony; and even a player of no par-ticular brilliance was taught at least the soldier-like repose that is invalu-able to a career on the stage." "And in contrasting the past and

the present-?" "You must remember that the conditions are altogether unlike. Maybe there is just as much ability today as yesterday: but everything is altered. There is no longer a school. The thea-ter is now a purely commercial institution in which the manager finds it to his advantage to feature a great many players that in former days would hardly have been considered ripe to



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tried to be natural. People sometimes say I'm not audible and emphatic enough in Lachlan Campbell's pathetic enough in Lachian Campbell's pathetic scenes-buill can't shout pathos; I simply can't do it. It isn't natural." "But you are: so is your friend, Jo-seph Jefferson. That's why you and he can succeed today in plays whose value lies solely in their exploitations of your natural personalities. "I've always been a believer in a personality, even when people have said. The only trouble with Old Man Stoddurt is that he's always the same man.'

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because I've noticed that the great people never completely sank their person-alities, no matter what the parts, Henry Irving has the same choppy manner of speech that marked Macready Mansfield has something of the same. I'm not putting a premium on mannerisms, but on originality, out of which mannerisms possibly may spring. I had the pleasure of acting for two years with

