

Dramatic AND Musical

THE Hawaiian band and the circus will make next week a busy one in amusement circles, but Manager Pyper proposes to take no back seat in the contest for public patronage. He relies on the strength of Mr. Mayall, the popularity of the fine play of "The Wife," the advent of the new leading woman from San Francisco, and the popular scale of summer prices to enable the theater to obtain its share of the going business.

"The Wife" has not been rendered here for many years, as it belongs in the expensive class of royalty plays, which makes it impossible for the cheap theaters to render it. Oldtimers remember the impression left in it by Herbert K戮cey, H. L. Herbert, George C. Moore, and Wheaton, and other fine players of that superb organization. Mr. Mayall and Miss Ellsmere, who played together a long time in San Francisco, made "The Wife" one of their principal successes, and there is every indication that it will not fall behind the favor which has been bestowed upon similar productions at the Orpheum during the past few weeks.

Miss Edna Ellsmere, who will lead the Indian forces in the brief stock engagement at the theater, is a San Francisco girl said to be a tall, stately and beautiful blonde. When Mr. MacLean organized his company for the summer, she was the leading lady he tried to secure, but she was suffering so greatly from her experiences during the earthquake, that she was unable to accept an engagement. Now, however, she has fully recovered, and in the part of the wife (Helen Truman) she has a character that will give her ample opportunity to display her talents. Another new member of the company will be Daniel Giffen, who will essay the part of Senator Rutherford. Mr. Mayall will, of course, have Kelcy's old part of Matthew Caver.

The curtain will be rung down on the company for good and all at the Orpheum with tonight's presentation of "Alabama." After Monday night's presentation of "The Moon Queen" the house will go into the hands of the decorators, who will monopolize it until the regular opening of the Orpheum season in August.

Jules F. Bissell, manager of the Orpheum, who is now in St. Paul supervising the erection of an Orpheum theater, writes to a friend in this city, and among other things he says: "While in Chicago I looked over the bookings and I want to say that Salt Lake is certainly coming in for its full share."

Under the big vaudeville merger, Mr. Bissell says that the Orpheum circuit will, in conjunction with Keith & Proctor's, comprise 27 big vaudeville houses throughout the country, and in the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Salt Lake, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, Memphis, Washington, D. C., Boston, Providence, Pawtucket, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Columbus, Portland, Manchester, Lowell, New York City, Jersey City, Newark, Troy and Albany.

Harold Best, who is now enjoying his vacation in this city, will leave for the east at the end of July to commence rehearsals with Ned Royle's "The Squawman," in which he will have his old part—the very fat one—of Big Bill. The coming season begins at the Powers theater, Chicago, and the play will be so successful in that town that there is no likelihood of its being sent to the west for at least another year.

Next week's attraction at the Grand by the Ethel Tucker Stock company will be the sensational melodrama, "The Jailer," the well known play, said to have been founded in the life of the famous bandit character. This was one of the big successes when last seen at the Grand, and in the hands of the Ethel Tucker Stock company should lose nothing by repetition. Special new scenery is announced as the attraction.

Next Thursday the Grand will have another melodrama on the western border line—"Deadwood Dick," to be written around the famous scout. The original of the story died last month in Cradle Creek, and before his death a story was written of his life among the Indians, outlaws, and other inhabitants of the west in the early seventies. It is claimed that "Deadwood Dick" is not a blood and thunder play, but that it has a number of well-written comedy parts.

The management of the Casino Park report that the first week of melodrama has proved a success, and that the same line of plays will be followed for the season.

Opening Monday night the James Keaton company will render the play, "In Sunny Tennessee," new scenery and electrical effects being prepared and new vaudeville acts being rendered all the week. Monday and Friday are free days for ladies, as usual, and it goes without saying that on those nights the resort is crowded.

"The Old Heidelberg" quartet, which this week and a couple of weeks ago en-

tained Orpheum and Saltair audiences, is composed of young singers who have sung their banes to the public and won the admiration of the James Sneddon first and John Lyon, second tenor; Arnold Poulton, first, and Leslie Isom, second bass. They are being coached and managed by Fred C. Gahan.

Miss Judith Anderson and Joseph Poll are artists engaged for tomorrow afternoon's sacred concert at Saltair.

Ed Kimball, the assistant Tuba-major, gave a largely attended and thoroughly interesting organ recital yesterday afternoon. The following is his program:

March Patriotic Kettner Offertory in G Major St. Claire Andante Connotti Guillot Enchanted Bells Haberber Death Song Schubert Old Melody Gaumer Pontificale Gaumer

Mr. Kimball will officiate at the organ at the fast day exercises in the

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