



condition of the public purse at length of theater goers' purses, are well indicated by the results of the month of January at the theater. The programs of late theater show that the theater was open for performances during that month as follows: "A Trip to China," two; "Haverly's Minstrels"; James & Ward four; "Coronation"; "Richard Carvel" one; "Shore Three"; "The Man from Sweden"; "The Amazons" one; Gordon Shay Co., four; Florence Roberts and "Princess Chic" four. Nearly all attractions played to good business, and when it is remembered that the Grand was going nearly night with matinees Wednesday and Saturday, it is evident that she has recovered her old reputation of being the best show town.

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MISS JENNIE ELIASSEN OF LOGAN.

Miss Eliasen is a young Logan pianist of considerable promise. For the past year or two she has been studying in Boston and at a recent public recital there acquitted herself with marked credit. Prior to going east Miss Eliasen was a member of the Thatcher orchestra and was known as a devoted musical student.

THEATER GOSSIP.

Rocky Mountain "ship of the desert" called over, and Mr. Robinson reached the bottom of the mountain first. He is suffering in consequence from a fractured knee, and much to his disgust is obliged to wear full length trousers, to protect the injured limb from climatic incompatibilities.

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SHORTH'S UNIQUE EXPERIMENT.

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Other items bringing the total value of his estate up to \$332,256. His debts amounted to \$376,000, of which Mr. Daly owed \$293,000 in America, and \$33,000 in England. Among his creditors the most notable is his leading actress, by the appraiser's accounting, it seems that Ada Rehan not only could not collect all her salary, but that she also lost \$15,000 cash to Augustus Daly out of her savings. There may be a lawsuit over her claims against the estate, in which case some interesting revelations are expected. This is a tragedy with its complications, and now when it is established that the old debt exceeds his assets, Mr. Daly's numerous benevolents to charity and to his actors have an amusing complexion. However, that is not the matter so much as his failure to make good art as remunerative bad art is to his competitors and successors in management. High art is pleasing but illusive. Edwin Booth and

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TYRE FAILS.

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THE OPERA OUTLOOK.

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A Dull Monday Night in New York—Short's Unique Experiment Comes to Grief—Daly's Estate—The Famous Old Union Square.

New York, Feb. 4, 1895.—Once more a Monday night in New York without any change of program at the theaters. This is a strange town. When high art exists in the drama we are in a continual state of unrest; when low art reigns we are placid as kittens that have quenched their thirst. Let Mrs. Patrick Campbell open with a serious play by Sudermann, or Southern attempt "Hamlet," or Mansfield put forth his extraordinary ideas of "Julius Caesar," and critics and audiences alike become uneasy. But with a dozen of our principal theaters devoted to sheer nonsense entertainments and their patrons purr prosperously in a chorus of content. In this particular New York is coming to resemble London, where the grimy shares of Irving's Lyceum theater are selling for seven pence apiece, while for the 45 shilling shares of the Alhambra three pounds are offered with a smile. The only plays of serious purpose poetic and dramatic fancy in the metropolis are present are Mrs. Fiske's "Mary of Magdala" and Belmont's "Farding of the Gods," unless, indeed, in the limited list included the queer performance of Shakespeare at Mrs. Oberon's playhouse. Our other places of entertainment are filled with foolish things in the song and dance line. Give the average New Yorker a show made up of comic songs, pretty ballet girls, souffléed jokes, acrobatic comedians, doggerel rhymes and rag time melody, and he is happy. On frequent occasions we have eloquent arguments concerning the beauty and healthfulness of art and how very yearning and tender are the classics. Yet if Herr Courtois puts on Schiller's "Robbers" at the German theater, or if one of our chief actors revives Shakespeare, the critics fall into contention over the demerits of the performance, and the public, crying like Mardonio, "A plague o' both your houses," flees to cards, billiards and music comedy.

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