



**T**HE very pleasant engagement of "A Gentleman From Mississippi" ends at the theater this evening. While the play will never make as much money for Messrs. Grismer and Brady as "The Man of the Hour" or "Way Down East," it can always be relied on to do a steady profitable business, and will please everyone who likes the clean cut, high class drama which teaches more while it entertains. The artistic work of Mr. James Lockett alone makes the presentation worth while.

It was last year at election time that "The Man of the Hour" paid Salt Lake a visit, and the amiable Hance in his character of Phelan, read the election returns between acts; he will do the same thing next Tuesday evening, and the author and his company expect to give the receipts from 50 per cent, as they did on election night last year.

Others in the cast are Arthur Maitland, John Moore, Paul Byron, Madeline Winthrop, Anna Reader and Florence Mack.

Whoever respects the dignity and decency of the stage, or is disposed that the dramatic manager of the high places among the little arts will rejoice in the continued success of "The Man of the Hour," which has now started in upon the fourth year of its career. It opens for three nights with a Wednesday matinee at the Salt Lake theater Monday. Plays of the standard of "The Man of the Hour" encourage the belief that the American stage is pressing into new and wider pastures open which the present day conditions have created to come and its managers. Wm. A. Brady and Jos. R. Grismer are to be congratulated upon their ability to appreciate the theatrical appetite with such high class material.

The famous singer and actor, Chauncy Olcott, comes back to us again next week after an absence of several years. His vehicle this time is "Ragged Robin." It is written by the successful playwright, Rita Johnson Young, and Mr. Olcott himself has written the songs which adorn it. The story is a love tale of Irish peasant life, and the scenery we are promised, especially that which illustrates the fairy part of the story, will be unusually beautiful, in fact the claim is made that the entire production is somewhere near the playhouse's greatest spectacles.

Mrs. Young is author of "Brown of Harewood" and other well known plays. The Olcott season opens Thursday night, and will run up to Saturday with the customary matinee.

"Circumstantial Evidence," an intense dramatic playlet, will be the principal offering at the Orpheum next week. The plot seems to be the interest of a jury room. Twelve men have been selected to try a man for murder. After being out 24 hours, 11 of the 12 vote for a conviction. All this time the twelfth juror has refused to be swayed by the arguments advanced by the others. He insists that the defendant is innocent, though admitting that the weight of the evidence against the prisoner. When the 11 set out to different diversions, including a poker game, asserting that the deadlock will continue until all are unanimous. The twelfth sits aside for a time, then in an impassioned appeal he tears to pieces the evidence that was produced during the trial and finally convinces the 11 of the prisoner's innocence. There are 12 men in the company.

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Mudge recently returned from a two years' engagement abroad.

Katchen Loisset, chanteuse, is an original attraction, appearing with a novel offering for the first time.

Low Wells, the monologuist, is playing a return engagement. In addition to his verbal entertainment, Mr. Wells has a new line of saxophone solos.

Special music by the Orpheum orchestra and new motion pictures complete the bill.

All next week at the Colonial, theatergoers of this city will be offered the musical sensations of the day, that lively song show, "The Sunny Side of Broadway," over which New York and Boston critics have written in the most enthusiastic manner. It did not seem possible, says one paper, to notice at how bright and gay "The Sunny Side of Broadway," when it was first produced, that any new organization could come into the field and at once assume the lead and be unanimously called the best musical performance of the season. Yet such a thing has come to pass, and today "The Sunny Side of Broadway," with Max Bloom in the principal role, is placed by the press and public of every city so far visited in that proud position.

The company numbers in all 45 people; there is a chorus of handsome singing girls, and the production is complete in every detail.

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settings will be up to the best standards. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

The Leon Morris company, including La Belle Helene, and her hirsute greyhounds, which was to have been the headlining act at the Bungalow theater this week, have arrived in town, to be on hand for the opening of the show next Thursday evening, which they will headline. The bill this week is pleasing the audiences at both the matinees and evening performances.

To be off for next week, announces the Third, Ruthie, Smith, Evans and Williams, Roberts and Downey, wooden shoe dancers, Frank O'Brien, late of "Ham Tree," Sutton and Sutton, and Capt. Nat Besser and company.

The management wishes to announce that from now on there will be no breaks in the show, as it will come intact from Frisco and in that way avoid the difficulty that it has had this week through one act failing to appear.

The new bill next week opens with a Thursday matinee.

#### THEATER GOSSIP

William Collier's illness is said to be palling upon him. When a friend asked him the other day how he was enjoying his rest he said that he was tired of being retired.

Charles Frohman has secured the English and American rights of "La Papillon" (The Butterfly), recently produced at the Ambassadors in London. Mr. Frohman has decided that the piece will first be acted in London, with Cyril Maude in the principal part, and later in America.

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version is as tensely interesting as the story. It narrates the adventures of an English nobleman on a cruise through Norway, where he meets the girl Thelma. The episodes that follow his marriage with the innocent child of the north, her introduction into London society, and her discovery that "all that glitters is not gold," with her final return to Norway, where her husband later follows her, form the theme of the interest of the prisoner's innocence. There are 12 men in the company.

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Lewis Waller has secured the English rights of a new play by C. M. S. McLean, which deals with the eternal conflict between labor and capital. The hero represents the one side and the heroine the other, and the curtain falls upon an amicable agreement between the two.

Mr. Forbes-Robertson has taken in hand the project to direct a bust of Sir Henry Irving in the foyer of the New Theatre in New York by subscription of English players who have acted in America or who are acting here. He has chosen a bust by Frampton, the English sculptor, and he hopes within a few months to collect the necessary funds to purchase it.

The Orpheum circuit announces that it will spend during this season \$125,000 more for its orchestral music than heretofore. Organs and pianos have been purchased at a cost of \$8,000; orchestra drums have cost \$2,800 more, and instruments as each orchestra leader is entitled to purchase, and play \$200 worth of new music each season, an additional expense of \$4,000 is noted.

Eleanor Duse, who makes no secret of her years, passed her fiftieth birthday a few days ago, and the press journals fail to make any reference to the actress—the more so as the anniversary almost coincided with another that of her earliest appearance in the play in which she first gained international

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