THE LOUNGER IN THE LOBBY.

"The Rivals" and "The Beir-at-Law" at the Grand.

ATTRACTIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK. A Huge Joke on Charles Hoyt While

Doing the West-A Student's Recital-Musical and Dramatic.

When I looked over the brilliant audlence When I looked over the brilliant audience assembled at the Grand last evening to do honor to those veteran actors Jefferson and Fiorence, I could not help but wonder if "imre was anyone in that representative assemblage of the wealth and fashion of Omaha, present at Mr. Jefferson's initial performance of the part of Dr Pangloss in Colman's comedy, "The Heir at Law" which account at Lawr Keene's theatre in New occurred at Laura Keene's theatre in New York in August, 1857.

A good long time ago that! In former days the piece was a great favorite and the names of John Sleeper Clarke, William Warren, John Brougham and others equally famous, occur in the history of the piay, but of late years it has not been seen.

For that matter mighty few of the good old comestes remain on the boards. Possibly be-cause the people have outgrown them and then again there are so few actors now enjoyjoying the smiles of the public who have the ability to dominate the roles which were successes a generation ago, made so by the ability of the men who have since quietly dropped from the bough. The play itself affords a fair sample of the

minitions and artificialities of the comedy of a hundred years ago.

a hundred years ago. Designed to satirize the existing system of education among the rich the play presents a broad surface for the work of the actor and the part of Dr. Pangloss, L. L.D., A.S.S. Oxon, can be done much less daintly than Jefferson does it and with much here where a first end with such the less refined effect without doing violence to any apparent intention of the author. It is fortunate that Jefferson's conception of the part confines itself within the limits of scrious study, for how easily could it be made a burlesque or broad farce, just as the humor of theactor might suggest. The part itself is one little in sympathy with modern times and unless invested with something more of human interest than its author perhaps intended, would appeal but feebly to our feelngs today.

We are almost too far removed from the times of which it treats to fully appreciate the satire as a satire only and it needs some-

the sature as a sature only and it needs some-thing to awaken our sympathy in order that the inpersonation may hold our attention. And this is exactly the quality that Jeffer-son throws about the personality of Dr. Pangloss. He makes him a real man actu-ated with real impulses within the narrow line of his training. It requires no great stretch of the imagination to picture the actual mental condition of the worthy pro-feesor stunned into helpessness by the cofessor, stunned into helplessness by the co-lossal ignorance of his noble patron, and his scene with Daniel Dowlas bring him to a knowledge of the true position which he holds toward his employers.

Of course Pangloss is a very weak and very flexible creature, but one cannot help but feel that if he lived today his rewards would have cen ampler, his position one of much greater dignity.

It is in these points that Jefferson's con-It is in these points that Jenerson's con-ception of the part approaches greatness. It is to this spring, high up in the moun-tains that we must go for that consummate art of which this great comedian is master. In all the details of Jefferson's work, whether shown in Rip, in Mr. Golightly, in Bob Acres or in Dr. Pangloss, we recognize the master hand that has lost nothing of its

mning, though its owner may be

"Standing with reluctant feet Where the brook and river meet." Florence has a throughly congenial part in Zekial Homespun; nothing half so good has been done in the line of character work in the past decade.

the past decade. Until I saw him as the farmer I thought Billy Florence's Cap'n Cuttle the most de-lightful impersonation I had ever seen; now I don't know which I like best. There was no sophistication or obtrusion of the individual in Florence's Homespun. He was actually the honest yeoman him-solf

self.

There was a heartiness in the personation, a naivete so unconscious of the actor, so des-titute of the set device, so clearly and un-mistakably played out of the heart, that one was who could take up the mantle of Flor ence when he lays it tenderly down at the signal of Old Age. Mr. F. C. Bangs, another of the old timers played Lord Dauberly, and played it very well. So well, indeed, that one could not help but congratulate one's self in being resent to witness his success. Frederick Paulding, who is to become a buildes. Captain Balatwin, the anness painter, can well be termed the armiess Bouguereau, so well does he execute his paintings with his pedal extremeties. He was born without arms and has educated himself to dispense with those useful memstar next year, gave a clever bit of acting as Dick Dowlas, while Viola Allen invested the part of Cicely with interest. part of Cicely with interest. Mme. Ponisi who played Lady Dauberty, is to New Yorkers what Mrs. Drew to Philadelphians, the most de-lightful old lady in the world. Her presence in a bill is, sure of bringing out a housefull of friends, who applaud her en-trance with even more favor than they do the star star.

famous ride of General Phil Sheridan to FAST IN THE WILDERNESS. famous ride of General Phil Sheridan to Winchester, "twenty miles away." The scene depicting "Fighting Phil," as he rode down the line "amid a sterm of huzzas," is one of the greatest features of the perform-ance. But it is not the grim glimpses of war that are given in it that have popularized "Shenandoah." It is the sweet human na-ture, the tonder heart touches, the appealing love of a soldierly how making that is introlove of a soldierly love-making that is intro-duced at proper points. The wooing of Ger-trude Ellingham by Colonel Kerchival West goes direct to every woman's heart, and the letter scene just before the retreat of the union forces from Winchester is a full revclation of the coverses and cleverness of the sex under the circumstances. There is abundant humor in it, too, and it possesses all the qualities of a successful and great play.

At the Grand opera house this evening Mortimer's extract of jolity and fun, in the form of the brilliant musical farce comedy, "Larking," will be given full sway. During a recent highly successful engagement at the Warder grand, the leading theater at Kansas City, the Times of that city said: "Lark-ing' the new musical farce comedy present-ed at the Warder Grand has night is a good ing the new musical face comedy present ed at the Warder Grand last night, is a good deal better than its unpromising pictorial printing would indicate. It has the one es-sential of farce comedy success-clover peo-ple. They are all clever, and there are several very successful merrymakers. The pro-ectors of this enterprise, both as to its writ-ing and its management, had nothing in mind but aspecialty dish for the present popular taste, and in that object they seem to have succeeded, as most of the features were enred last night and some of them several mes. Two 'Larking' husbands, one with times. a trusting wife and one with an exacting better half a mischevious servant girl and her butcher lover, and two policemen are the principal characters in this gallopade. The play is introduced with a topical song by Miss Dollie Foster, entitled, "I Wouldn't Have You Know for the World." It is new here, but it is reminiscent. It made a very exceptional hit, con-sidering that it was the first feature pre-sented. But Miss Foster, who is costantly

sented. remindful of Kate Castleton, is a particularly pleasing soubrette and unmistakably the star of the company. She has a good voice, as has also Miss Lida Wells, who plays the trusting wife. Miss Nellie Asherton is an extremely handsome woman and dresses well. Mr. H. J. Mortimer does some very acceptable work. Mr. James McAlpin makes a hit with puglistic tendencies." Reserved seats at 50, 35 and 25 cents, will go on sale at 10 o'clock this morning. The engagement of Maggie Mitchell, who

The engagement of Maggie Mitchell, who has long been one of the prime favorites of Omaha's theater-going public, opens tomor-row evening at the Boyd, the bill being "Fanchon." Tuesday she will play 'Lorle' and on Wednesday evening "Ray," the play in which she has emphasized her former suc-For years Maggie Mitchell has been Amer-

ica's leading soubrette in the widest meaning of that much abused word. Her creations are all life-like and, in their way, just as dis-tinct as those of Jefferson and Florence. They are full of vivacity and innocence and they depict with equal vividness the humorous and pathetic. Miss Mitchell is a great lover of animals,

miss Antenen is a great lover of animals, especially horses and dogs, and at her sum-mer home at Elberon, N. J., she has an ex-tensive stable, in which eight horses, well cared for and finely groomed, await her or-ders. Attired in a close fitting habit, she is up and across the country long before the rest of the household, and it is by taking so much exercise in the open air that she gets a complexion that is the admiration of all who know her, while it gives her rugged health

and an unusually strong constitution. Cora Tanner who comes to Boyd's opera house Thursday, Friday and Saturday next, was filling an engagement last week at the Columbia theater, Chicago. The reception

tendered Miss Tanner, as she stepped upon the stage, was one of a naturenever to be for-It was in Chicago that Miss Tanner, gotten. as a girl of fourteen, made her first appear-ance as an actress. There were many warm with pride and pleasure the gradually brightening star of this brave Chicago girl.

brightening star of this brave Chicago girl. Miss Tanner commenced her theatrical edu-cation in the days of the stock, with that su-perb disciplinarian, J. H. McVicker of Chi-cago. It was under his tuition she had the opportunity of studying with such mistresses of the dramatic art as Cushman, Adelaide Neilson, Lucille Western and others. Her close attention and devotion to the simple duties of the beginner, attracted the attenclose attention and devotion to the simple duties of the beginner, attracted the atten-tion of the great Cushman, who on one oc-casion called Miss Tanner to her side and spoke thus encouragely to the young girl: Child," asked Miss Cushman, "do you wish to become an actress!" "Oh! of all things," product Com. "I say you are attentive." said

Its Annual Commemoration Will Be Inaugurated the Present Week.

LENT AS OBSERVED BY VARIOUS CHURCHES. The Methodist Hospital Project and the General Conference-Work

for the Mission-News of Local Churches. The forty days season of fasting and

prayer known as the "Lenten Season," begins this year on February 11, which is next Wednesday. This event was originally a time when Christians abstained from eating anything but the very plainest of food and gave up to a great degree all secular and social pleasures and occupations. The time was called 'Lent," it is said, because the days begin to lengthen and because the ancient Greeks lived through that season principally upon the lentil plant. Modern society has y much modified the formerly strict rules for observance of the lenten season. It is intended, of course, to commenso-rate the forty days fasting of the Lord in the wilderness and is Lord in the wilderness and is made a time of special sorrow for sins com-mitted and of fervent and sincere supplication to God for simplicity and purity of heart. Many of the evangelical churches have ceased to observe Lent in the manner of its early observance and others simply make it a season of partial relaxation from the luxurious and fashionable enjoyments of the age. There are a grant machine ber the age. There are a great many people, how-ever, in the churches which hold on to the observance of Lent as a part of their creed who spend much of the time during these and in self inspection, seeking earnestly and honestly to free themselves from the natural sinfulness of the flesh and acquire more of the pure and unselfish mo-tives that characterized the life and labor of the model and labor of the guest and second

tives that characterized the life and labor of the meek and lowly Nazarene, who prepared himself for the trying scenes of nis eventful life by a forty days' fast in the wilderness. The call sent out by the Episcopal church for its members to prepare for the lenten season contains the following as its more prominent injunctions: "Again our mother church sends forth the lenten call for ber

children to fast in regard to seusual gratifica-tions, worldliness in every form and all earthly pleasures. She calls you away from these to a feast of spiritual things, to solemn the uptual of a spiritual things. thoughts of repentance, to a more fervent faith in our suffering Saviour, to a more fre-quent and earnest use of the means of grace, to a closer walk with God in Christ, to a re-"Seek to understand yourself. Set apart some period of each day for the resolute seru-

tinty of your own character. Trace your motives to their source. Test yourself by Christ's teaching. Take his precepts one after another, in turn, and ascertain to what extent you are living them out. Lent is a time to search not for the 'mote' but for the

"Alms-giving is linked with fasting and prayer by our blessed Lord. Lent is a time of special self denial and gives, therefore, increased means for the exercise of alms-giv-ing. Paying our debts, providing for our own necessaties, whether spiritual or physical, expending money for our comfort, whether at home or in church; none of these things are giving of alms. Remember this Lent the poor and the needy with larger gifts for the Master's sake, and he will repay you with block of means the same set.

with richer gifts of grace." Bishop Patricks lays down the following rules for Lent: "Let every one of us lay aside on this Lent our fine clothes, and let us retire ourselves as much as possible, making no visits, nor willingly receiving any, if nothing but civility

oblige us to it, "Let the time be spent in this retirement, in reading and prayer; in examining our con-sciences, and bewailing our offences; in taking a view of the miscrable state of mankind, and imploring the Divine mercy towards them, in laying to heart the sufferings of many of our Christian brethren, and such like

"Let the rich, especially those who live deliciously, deny their appetites, keep a slen-der table, and punish their excesses with a barder fare.

"Drink no wine nor strong liquors without necessity: make no feasts nor accept of in-vitations to them.

tellar street Presbyterian church last Sun-There are 1,616 Sunday selled scholars in the ten Sunday schools of the Congregational

churches of Omaha. Rev. Charies G. Sterling of Pine Ridge agency preached last Sunday at the Lowe avenue Presbyterian church,

The Knox Presbyterian church is experi-

on the know resolution in spiritual interest and many are joining the church. Dr. S. P. Merrill lectured before the Omaha commercial college last Friday afternoon upon the subject of "Manhood and its Possihitities."

The St. Mary's Avenue church Chautau-qua class (free to all) meets every Monday evening at the Manse, on Twenty-seventh street near the church.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge still continues the special services at the Newman Methodist church and many are leaving the paths of sin to east their lot with the church,

Rev. A. W. Lamar of the First Baptist church has been requested to go to Fremont and assist in a union meeting to be held by the Baptist and Presbyterian churches of that city.

The Hanscom Park Methodist church is in the midst of the most encouraging revival that has ever been known in that part of the city. The church has been remarkably quickened and scores are joining for the first time.

Rev. H. L. House of the Beth-Eden Baptist church will probably go to Minnesota next May when he relinquishes the work of his present pastorate. He is troubled some with throat difficulty and thinks a change of climate will be a benefit to him,

Tuesday evening, February 10, the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist Episcopal church will give a Jap-anese tea at the church, Twentieth and Dav-enport streets. Young ladies in Japanese ostumes will serve refreshments.

Evangelist N. S. Hoopingarner is holding a meeting at the Seward street Methodist church and is meeting with marked success. He is a young man of great carnestness and has considerable unctuous power that wins his hearers to the gospel he expounds.

Rev. S. M. Ware of the Second Presbyter-ian church is meeting with remarkable success in his revival services which have been in progress for several weeks. Thirty-seven people have united with the church and still the good work goes.

This is the day upon which all the Congregaional churches in the United States are expected to make the annual contribution to the home missionary work. The four mission churches in Omaha will be supported by the three self-supporting churches of the denomination. It will re-quire \$1,200 to assist the four mission churches, which are Saratoga, Cherry Hill, Hillside and Park Place. The greater part of this amount will be raised by the First and the St. Mary's Avenue churches.

The Omaha Christian Endeavor union hele its regular semi-annual business meeting last week and elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, T. P. Cramer of the Second Presbyterian P. Cramer of the Second Presbyterian church; vice-president, L. E. Lucas of Seward street Methodist Episcopal church; recording secretary, Mr. L. E. Roberts of the First Methodist Episcopal church; corres-ponding secretary, Miss A. Hathaway of Hillside Congregational church; treasurer, E. G. Jones of the First Christian church. The union is in a flourishing condition, both spiritually and financially. materialism.

spiritually and financially. There was a house full of children at St Timothy mission Thursday night to attend a phonographic entertainment. The man with the talking machine failed to appear, how-ever, and Rev. Reedy, who has charge of the stor, and was obliged to arrange a programme of songs and recitations right on the spot to fill the unexpected vacancy. With the assist-ance of May Eilberry, Effic Eilberry, Peter Peterson, Louie Peterson, Gundy Olson, Frances Eilberry and Miss Lou Reedy, Rev. Reedy madaged to give the children very enjoyable entertainment, and notwith standing the disappointment on account of by him

the non-appearance of the phonograph, the little ones went home well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Mr. Junor of New York city has made a sort of religious census of that town. He estimates that there are in New York 225,335 heathens.

Rev. W. E. C. Wright of Kontucky, field superintendent of the Boston Missionary so ciety, has been looking over the ground at Helena, Ark., with a view of establishing a normal school for colored people under the suspices of the society.

Rev. Neville Fanning of the Oak Park hurch at

every shape and form of earthly life, is the representation of a ray of this light of life which, in them, are personified. So that rays of consciousness become imprisoned in material bodies which thus become inprisoned in ma-terial bodies which thus become potential Gods. Theosophy, therefore, when it tries to unravel the mysteries of nature is brought more and more into contact with these captive

essences and explains ever more fully the workings and the wisdom of "the Gods." Theosophy has often met with undeserved rebuff from people who might otherwise have been tempted to study it, through an initial understanding suggested by the meaning we understanding suggested by the meaning we attach to the word. Divine wisdom (its literal translation) does not mean the wisdom of God in the sense attached in our day to the term, but rather that of "the gods" ac-cording to the ideas possessed on the subject by the Alexandrian school of philosophers, and this suggests to us either the belief in a mythical mythology; or else, if explained, the explanation seems too far fetched to be seriously entertained. That this latter seriously entertained. That this latter should seem so is not to be wondered at, since before we can understand what is meant by "the gods" sufficiently to realize the practical realty of their existence, we must undertake a thorough analysis of the nature of physical and psychic life, and learn how these blend and psychic life, and learn how these blend in a spiritual union more or less latent in every form of matter; endowing them with a godlike potentiality. In the age of faith which characterized the rise and decline of Greek etbical philosophy, when the word theosophy first came into use, the existence of the gods was an accepted fact; and this blind acceptance first vulgarized and then entirely destroyed the delicate conceptions which underlay their raison detee. It is to which underlay their raison detre. It is to be hoped that in these days of criticism and of reason, no such fate awaits the revival of these ancient truths, a revival which gives them all the added significance due to our

present knowledge of nature. Still it must be admitted that faith is nec-essary at the outset of theosophical inquiry (an inquiry which rewards the student with conceptions of life far surpassing the dreams of the most enthusiastle votaries of modern science). And this is surely not too much to science). And this is surely not too much to ask, for many of us give an unquestionable faith to the operation of the existence of a personal God. While even the skeptical are necessarily compelled to make use of this faculty. For just as no religion can get along without a little faith, so no action in more averaged without to account of the second sector. even everyday life can be successfully under-taken unless we have faith in power to earry it out. Therefore, theosophy pleads for that faith which precedes the first act of inquiry. It says, "You need only to have enough to carry you through the work required by a study of the facts and theories which I shall present to you, and then if you have used your reason, faith will become knowledge." your reason, faith will become knowledge." But these are not the only difficulties with which theosophy has to contend with; there is one obstacle woven into the very spirit of the age, and which pos-sesses a powerful deterrent influence. It is the prevailing spirit of monotheism. If we look at hife from a materialist's point of view we feel sure that there is but one "first cause." while theosophy secures to tails of cause," while theosophy seems to talk of of many. If we are believers in church dogmas, we recognize the propriety of but one God, while here we have a plurality. We shall, in fact, put up our hands in virtuous horror, whether we are saint or sinner, a professed follower of the churches or of

This determined monotheism would indeed prove fatal were it not that theosophy is in strict agreement with this idea. True, it offers to teach us the wisdom of "the Gods," but it also recognizes one, the cause and the Father of all, before whom it bows in silence, refusing even to name Him. on this distant apex of the universe, both philosopher, materialist, and churchman may meet in one common bond of union. For here is the ultimate idea which rationalists arrive at, the one God monotheisn claims as the source of all.

Fellow Theosophical society, Holly Lodge, England.

A contributor writes that any questions bearing upon theosophy, submitted to him through THE BEE will be cheerfully answered

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

In a recent interview Mrs. Thurber said she would revive her operatic scheme next

season. Marie Van Zandt is singing with great suc cess at St. Petersburg, and is said to earn \$1,000 per night.

Mrs. McKee Rankin, Kitty Blanchard that was, has been engaged to appear in a great revival of "The Two Orphans" with Kate DR. B. B. BIRNEY. Clax ton.

A New South Wales critic ungaliantly re nograph doll.

often upsuccessful and the speaker devoted grades. He favored having small classes of his attention to the causes of this failure and twelve or twenty in the lowest grades. According to the modern idea, the teacher was expected to do all the work and trans-form the pupils into educated beings without any effort on the pact of the pupils. If the classes were made smaller, the teacher might be able to influence her pupils by his person-ality, but with the present system of large classes in the lower grades, such personal in-fluences were impracticable. twelve or twenty in the lowest grades. the best means to overcome them. The failure was often the lack of co-operation on the part of the pupil. Failure often resulted from a lack of interesting features in the school mask.

school work. The speaker said he could easily conceive The speaker said he could cash, concerve that a teacher might delight in teaching and contemplate with pleasure the results of work well done. He spoke of a well known teacher in Beston who had a class of twelve pupils. These were boys who were easer to pupils. These were boys who wated with the develop their minds and co-operated with the teacher. When a boy showed a failure to reteacher. When a boy showed a failure to to spond to the teacher's effort, he was sent away and his place filled by another. This method, the speaker remarked, This method, in a public school, but was impossible in a public school, but it served to illustrate his theory that a teacher could only be successful when the pupils co-operate with him. The public school system was organized "wrong end first." A teacher would begin with the lowest grade and gradually could be ach lowest grade and gradually enlist each of the pupils who were willing to try their best. "If we enable the teacher to do that work

successful system had been based on a roli-ance on the honor of the pupils. "If we enable the teacher to do that work which is accessary in the first grade, there would be less need of it in the second and still less in the third. If the co-operative principle could be instilled grades there would be less necessity for such work in the higher grades. If the schools were properly organized there should be small classes in the lower grades so that the teachers may be able to work upon the sensi-bilities of the pupils; then the higher grades could be as large as needed."

At the conclusion of the plipils. At the conclusion of Dr. Duryca's address the association proceeded to the election of officers with the following result: Prof. H. P. Lewis, president; L. J. Blake, vice-presi-dent; Miss Mattie Powell, recording secre-tary; Miss S. Bunker, corresponding secre-tary; Miss Conner, thereas the provided secre-tary in the secret provided secretary, Miss Cooper, treasurer; executive committee, President Lewis, Treasurer Cooper, Miss Valentine, Miss Bruner, Miss McCarthy.

fluences were impracticable. The only hope of any change in the system was through the people and the doctor thought the teachers could do great good by instilling into the minds of the boys the necessity of having good and intelligent men at the head of school matters. These boys would be

voters before very many years and it was thought then that a change must be wrought.

In closing he dwelt at some length on the good to be derived from influencing the sense of honor in the pupil. Through this the most desirable results might be attained. In the

course of his experience he had had occasion to correspond with the leading educators of Europe, and had been informed that the most

fluences were impracticable.

McCariny, The regular meetings of the association will be held on the first Saturdays in Octo-ber, December, February, April and June. The speaker denounced the system of giving a teacher fifty small pupils in the lower





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Her performance was delightfully pleasing was a real treat to see her in so thoroughly a congenial part.

The rest of the cast were quite in keeping with this rare copartnership of art.

Yesterday afternoon the Grand h ld a notable audience, assembled to witness the production of "The Rivals," by the Jefferson-Florence company. The company is much the same as it was

last year, and the performance as highly en-joyable as that of a year ago.

Mr. Jefferson was an initiable Bob Acres, not only representing the Bob of Richard Sheridan's cabinet, but the world he lived in. As a critic once said: "There is lavender in his clothes, camary on his lips and chivalry in his boots, though all imaginary." Mr. Florence's portraiture of Sir Lucius O"Frigger groups motion mallow and more

O'Trigger grows more mellow and more unctuous with the years. There is no question that Mr. Florence fully illustrates the spirit of Sir Lucius, as it fluttered in the mind of Sheridan.

What more need be said! Of Mr.s. Drew's highly seasoned Mrs. Malaprop nothing better can be said than what has been said by the critics of this country. It is so great a portraiture that one cannot help but marvei at the versatility of this, the help but marvel at the versatility of this, the youngest old woman on the stage.

Mr. Bangs played Sir Anthony in a very refined manuer, probably he is not so humor-ous as his predecessor in the role, Mr. Var-rey, but still he makes it a much more de-

rey, but still ac study. lightful character study. The Lydia of Miss Allen could have been The Lydia of Miss Allen the least have de tracted from her piquant loveliness.

Mr. Paulding plays Captain Absolute re-markably well and emphasizes his claim to being one of the very best young actors now on the stage.

One can hardly believe it, but Mrs. Drew and Mr. Florence played together in a stock company at Providence forty years ago. Yes and Mrs. Drew played in "The Heir

stock company at Providence forty years ago. Yes and Mrs. Drew played in "The Heir at Law" with Joe Jefferson's grandtather. This grandfather of the present comedian, another Joseph Jefferson, from whom the present takes his name, was born in 1774 and died in 1832. Ho was a native of Plymouth, England, and came to America in 1705. Mrs. Drew was also born in England Janu ary 10, 1815. She was therefore scenate

ary 10, 1818. She was therefore seventy three years old last month. As a child be tress she was known as Louisa Lane. She came to this country when a mere baby with her mother Mrs. Kinlock, who, up till her death which occurred in Philadelphia three years ago, was a great first nighter and never missed an opportunity of seeing her daughter on the stage.

daughter on the stage. After a tour as a juvenile star Louisa Lane joined the bowery theater and next came west and married Heary Hunt. After he died she became Mrs. George Massop. Her second husband was a fine singer and elever comedian whe died suddenly and a year later his widow married comedian John Drew.

The latter is also dead, Drew's theater in Philadelphia having been owned and man-aged by him previous to his demise. His Widow now owns and manages the property. Mr. Florence was born in July, 1831, and Mr. Jefferson in 1829. The Lounder.

Bronsen Howard's Deautiful and nopular play, "Shenaudoah," which closes a success-ful engagement at the Boyd this (Sunday) evening, is founded on certain incidents of the late war, principal among which is the

oplied Cora. "I see you are attentive," said the great tracedienne, after a careful sur-vey of the giri. "I believe you have talent, "Give alms liberally, and frequent the public prayers; forbear music and dancing, and tudy and try to forget you are pretty."

such like pleasures, "Finally, let there be a general abstinence "Finally, let there be a general abstinence from all manner of recreations, unless the preservation of health make them necessary, and then use them privately. Leave the playhouse quite empty, and make the churches full; go to no public shows, nor meetings, but spend the time when you come from church, in setting things right at home." Manager Lawler of the Eden Musee again manager Lawter of the Eden Musce again this week presents a fine list of specialty, vaudeville and variety attractions, together with a number of freaks, curiosities and oddities. Captain Baldwin, the armiess

The General Conference.

Bishop John P. Newman of the Methodist pers. The Nebraska triplets will be put on bers. The Nebraska triplets will be put on this week. These wonderful little children were born in Howard county, Nebraska, seven months ago, and are healthy, fat and cunning. Their father is a noted Grand Army man, well known throughout the state. The children will delight the many mothers who may visit them. In the two theatrees a special program.me has church returned last Tuesday night from a professional tour of eight months. During nis absence he visited the Sandwich islands and Japan and held conferences in Oregon, Washington, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. He attended the semi-an-nual meeting of the Methodist bishops in In the two theatres a special programme has been arranged and a number of first class performers secured. The Korten sisters in Washington and the annual meeting of the church extension society in New York. He conferred with the late Secretary Windom regarding the proposed force bill and the necessity of the republican party giving carnest attention to the financial condition of their descriptive song, "The Lone Grave," are quite a novelty. Paul La Drew, the won-derful female impersonator and burlesquer, is a fun maker of the first water. The Anderson brothers are singers of national repu-tation, especially Master Perry, who, it is as-serted, can sing three notes higher than the country.

Speaking of the work necessary to secure the Methodist general conference for Omaha in 1802 Bishop Newman said : "All that is necessary now is to get a reli-able guarantee that the \$25,000 needed to en-

The New York circus opens a month's en-gagement at the Coliseum next 'Tuesday tertain the delegates will be forthcoming when evening. There are twenty people in the company, many of them having been con-nected with Barnum's and Forepaugh's alled for, and I anticipate no serious difficulty in that respect. There will be delegates here from every civilized nation on the face of the earth, and Omaha can well afford shows. Winter circuises are a great feature in eastern cities, and it is to be hoped they to pay for their entertainment and reap the great benefits that must come from bringing so many people to Omana." will prove as attractive in the west. The company is an unusually good one, and will no doubt prove a great attraction during

The Methodist Hospital. "It would have made your bones ache,"

said a well known Methodist minister to

THE BEE, "to have heard the deliberations of

our minister's meeting last Monday morn-

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Democratic Clerks are Getting the Benefit of Them.

Madame Patti.

"There will be a new man coming to take your place, tomorrow," was the wording of several notes that were left on the desks of republican clerks Friday.

The slaughter commenced in the office of Plumbing Inspector Dennis several days ago, when Chris Boyer and Henry Dunne, two-of his inspectors were let out and their places filled by democrats. Friday evening Ed Taylor, who served as an inspector under Duncan and one year under Dennis, was told Duncan and one year under Dennas, was ton that he need not report for duty yesterday or any other day, and yesterday morning a democrat was in his place. The war was carried into the city clerk's office and Ed Cone, the journal clerk of the

the ministerial association should legislate some upon the management of the hospital. past three years, removed to make room for Charles Mattheisen. Harry Counsman, late deputy city clork, was also told to stop work "This hospital scheme has been talked over and over again and all their talk has amounted to nothing. But when the ladies on the tax list, a job he was placed at by Clty Clerk Groves. This raised quite a row, as Groves promised Counsman work until the got hold of the scheme it began to move. The ministerial brethren are bubbling over now with advice and proposed rules and regula-tions for the ladies' hospital." tax roll was completed. "The work has been aid out and fairly started by Counsman, and his democratic successor will have an easy time of it. Both Counsman and Cone blame Groves for their removal and claim that there

At the members' reception on Monday even-ing, February 9, in addition to the business to be transacted, an attractive programme will be rendered, including the following numwas no cause for it at all. In Dennis' office, Phil Smith, who was

In Dennis' office, Phil Smith, who was Chaffee's opponent in the councilmanic fight in the Seventh ward, has succeeded Boyer and A. Murphy of the Second ward has taken Taylor's place

e has been put on the tax list in Counsman's place, "McDonald, the new police court clerk, is a

republican," said one of the removed clerks yesterday, "and Groves still has one republican working for him and I suppose they insure the success of the reception and an in-teresting time is expected. Refreshments will be served. None but members admitted. will soon join us.

Omaha lodge No. 11 of the Switch-The general secretaries of the Nebraska associations will meet in conference at Ne-braska City, February 13 to 15. A full atmen's Mutual Aid association of North America will give its fifth annual ball at Exposition hall on Monday evening. endance is expected. The New York Symphony club will give a The switchmen are the happiest lot of all the labor organizations, and their entertainments are always enjoyable

affairs. Mr. Ovide Musin, the celebrated violinist has been created officer of the order of Nisham Tftickar, by the bey of Tunia. taken suddenly ill at the conclusion of the morning sermon last Sunday and died soon after of acopiexy. The subject of his text was: "Is Life Worth Living?"

Archbishop Williams of Boston will cele-brate on March 11 next the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopate. It will be a grand event for the Catholic church as there are 120 parishes, aggregating half a million people, to participate in the celebration.

Rev. Silas Wright, a colored preacher of the African Methodist Episcopal church, who is quartered at Rock Springs, Md., where there are many colored miners, is a typical negro, and will some day be as famous as "De-Sun-Do-Move" Jasper. He is bright and speaks fluently.

Among the delegates appointed by the bishops of the Methodist Episcopai church, south, to the coming Ecumenial Methodist conference, are Governor Seay of Alabama, and Jarvis of North Carolina, Senator Col-quit of Georgia, Judge A. D. Bright of Tennessee, Chancellor Garland of Vanderbilt university and General R. B. Vance of North Carolina.

The great congregation in the Church of the Unity, in Boston, broke forth in hearty applause last Sunday when Rev. Minot J. Savage, their pastor, announced his deter-mination to remain with them rather than go to Chicago. Mr. Savagels in his seventeenth year in the Unity pulpit. He said that he could serve the cause of free thought and of true religion as well in Boston as anywhere

Of the 8,579,367 Catholics in the United States, according to the official directory of the church just issued, the number in this section is put down as follows: Province of St. Louis St. Louis, 180,256; Cheyenne 7,000; Concordia, 12,000; Davenport, 56,000 Dubuque, 150,00 ; Kansas City, 28,431: St. Joseph, 17,591; Leavenworth, 60,000; Lin

Joseph, 17,591; Leavenworth, 60,000; Lin-coln, 20,000; Omaha, 60,000; Wichita, 8,000, Province of St. Paul-St. Paul, 160,000; Duluth, 48,304; Jamestown, 20,000; St. Cloud, 30,000; Sioux Falls, 40,000; Winona, 56,000.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg. THEOSOPHY.

It is astonishing to note how few people have a clear notion as to the meaning of the heosophical movement. Some look upon heosophy as a new dispensation with Madame Blavatsky as its pope and prophetess. Others again seem to be possessed by the idea that it is a kind of a hanky-panky business for the propogation of insanity and the production of phenomena. And yet as a matter of fact this grand old title covers a system of philosophy more profound than any now existing, and more subtle than even the meta-

physics of moden German thought. But it is not alone to its ideas that theosophy owes its pre-eminence, for it is intensely practical, being founded on an intimate knowledge nature. Modern science viewed through a theo-

sophic lens assumes a beauty and a depth of meaning which no lover of knowledge can afford to lose. But it is not with science that theosophy has principally to do, but with life in all its various forms of manifestation. And it may with perfect truth be called "the science" of life explained by a transcendental idealism which may be called the science of light. This latter term seems probably more vague and poetical than is suited to practical tastes of our age, but it s due to the fact that from a study of the sublime teachings of a wisdom religion, into which theosophical writings claim to form themselves, we emerge with a clear conception of the existence around us and in us of an ethereal something similar to sunlight, but which is active for us only as an invisible presence, and which is aptly called the light

f consciousness. This all-pervading energy of self-perception concert in the Star course of the Omaha Young Meu's Christian association on March transforms everything, whether organic or inorganic, into conscious existence. To this This club has a very excellent reputation conception of a universe of light begot of the activity of an infinite consciousness may be traced the explanation of the word theosophy. It means, accurately translated, "the wisdom of the Gods." Every atom and molecule, Twenty-three persons united with the Cas-

Miss Helen von Doenhof, formerly of the Boston Ideals; Louis Lablecne and Emma Abbott's Montegriffo have gone to England o join the Carl Rosa company.

"Shipwrecked" (i, e. "Schiffbruchig") is the somewhat sensational litle of a new opera just completed by Paul Geisler, and to be brought out by the indefatigable Hamburg impresario, Pollini.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of "The Henrietta" in London in the spring at the Avenue theater. The part of Bertie will be played by an English comedian, Mr. Robson not caring to go abroad

Colonel J. H. Mapleson will be Henry E. Abbey's right hand man during the operasea son next year. At present he is a musica agent in London, but what he does not know about Italian and French opera isn't worth knowing.

Justin Huntly McCarthy and F. C. Burn and, each of whom had conceived the idea of writing a play founded on the story of "Carmen," have agreed to work in concert. Their piece, when completed, will be produced by Mrs. Langtry.

There is something sublimely funny in Al vin Jostyn's unconsciously egotistical remark that he has "had all the glory there is in reaching the topmost rung in the ladder of dramatic fame." This has been discounted but once—when John L. Sullivan made that httle speech about "me 'n Booth.

That vecalist who caused so much curiosity and some anxiety as to her fate—Miss Laura Schirmer-has come to the surface again parently none the worse for wear. If were, as the stories went, in the sultan's harem, she has withdraws therefrom, and alharem, she has wrendrawn through halling from Constantinople, is now safe and sound in Paris, where she is renewing her studies in music.

We are accustomed to thinking of Edwin Booth in tragic parts, but there are still "a few of us left" who love to recall his triumphs as Don Cæsar, as Benedict and in other classic comedy roles, says the Detroit Free Press. One of the most delightful of his lighter impersonations was Petruchio. He grasped the subtle humor of the part and portrayed it, from first to last, with uncomnon brightness. He seemed not only to be controlling a lovely but too high-spirited wife, but to be reading her and his auditors a moral lesson in a pleasant voin. His ex-pression of tenderness, in voice and manner, oward the penitent Katherine was delight fully natural, and in the very midst of his apparent brusquerie there was a softening sorrow about his speech, as if he really was heartsore at having to appear coarse and commanding toward a woman whom he nged to take in his arms and pet like a spoiled child.

"WRONG END FIRST."

Dr. Duryea's Criticism of the Public School System.

The second meeting of the Omaha Teachers' association was held in the high school building yesterday morning. There were about sixty of the teachers present.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws made its report. The constitution was adopted in detail, with some amendments, among them being one pertaining to membership, making any one in the city interested work, eligible to membership in the association.

The membership fee was fixed at \$1 per

Dr. Duryea was introduced by the chairman, and stated that his understanding of the aim of this association was the increase of power in the work of teaching. He was afraid, he said, that his hearers had too often met with resistance in the administration of their powers, but he had nothing to say, pariculariy, on that point. The true aim of the association as he un-

derstood it, was to promote the growth and development of the mind of the pupil so as to bring out its best features in order to make it strong to fight the pattle of life. Most of his earers, he said, had attended normal schools and had varied experience in the methods of

uccessful work. The best efforts of the best teachers were

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ing. It was the regular, weekly meeting, and the hospital scheme came up again. This time it came up in a new form. There This time it came up in a new form. There were several ladies present, and they informed the clergy that were almost ready to proceed with the hos-pital. They had secured a very favorable option on a home and had secured the dona-tion of enough furniture to furnish four rooms complete. They had secured subscrip-tions for almost \$1,000 beside and they had only begun to canvass. They felt sure that only begun to cauvas. They felt sure that they could soon secure enough assistance to open the hospital and begin to treat patients. Now the ministers were pleased to know that the ladies had been successful in soliciting funds for the hospital but they thought that