

THE THEATRES

Ed A. Church and J. F. Lansing returned from New York and Chicago several days ago. They were east in the interest of the Lansing theatre, Mr. Church giving some incidental attention to the bookings for the Griffith-Church company. It was still somewhat early when the gentlemen left New York, but most satisfactory progress in the way of securing attractions for the Lansing is reported. Some of the managers are disposed to be cautious in arranging tours for the coming season, the experiences of the season of '94-95 having been a more or less costly lesson. On the Rialto in New York western crop conditions are watched with almost as much interest as that felt by the Wall street speculators and bankers. The managers like to come west well enough, but the companies are compelled to make big jumps and are at a heavy expense generally; so that there must be considerable patronage in the towns visited to make the income approximate to the outgo. However, the agricultural season is now sufficiently far advanced to allow of some certainty in figuring on next year's business, and the conditions are generally so favorable as to hold out the promise of a fairly bright theatrical season. It is no secret that the crop failures and general depression in the section west of Chicago, in the last two years, rendered it impossible for many companies that had formerly played in this territory at a profit, to make expenses. Some companies played at a loss; and the many cancellations left the theatres dark more than half the time. It is hoped that there will now be a repetition of the season of three years ago, when nearly all the good companies took the road and made the Pacific coast, stopping in Lincoln, with very few exceptions. Both Lincoln theatres will have their formal opening early in September.

Mr. Church's date book, which I was permitted to look over, is remarkably well filled for this time of the year. A complete announcement of the season's attractions will not be made for some weeks yet; but an idea of what the future holds in store may be formed from the small number of bookings I have singled out. There was much disappointment in the latter part of the season now agone that "Trilby" did not make the projected western tour, necessitating a cancellation of the date at the Lansing. This time "Trilby" will surely come, and Mr. Church is assured that the company will be a strong one. A good performance of the dramatization of Du Maurier's book will draw as well in Lincoln, if not better than any attraction that could be secured. Since Frank Daniels was last seen in Lincoln he has shelved "Little Puck" for comic opera, and in the "Princess Bonnie," by Willard Spenser, the author of "The Little Tycoon," he made one of conspicuous successes of last least season. The "Princess Bonnie" will come to the Lansing. Eddie Foy will come again and present "Robinson Crusoe." When Joe Jefferson was last in Lincoln, several years ago he announced that he would never come this far west again. He has renounced this determination and will make one more farewell tour, probably appearing in Lincoln in "Rip Van Winkle" or in the double bill "Cricket on the Hearth" and "Lend Me Five Shillings." It will be remembered that Mr. Jefferson was not pleased at the reception accorded him at Omaha on his last western trip, remarking that he would not under any circumstances play in that city again. I wonder if he will give Omaha the go-by this time. The chances are that he will forget and forgive.

It must be four years now since that vociferous tragedian, Tom Keene, visited Lincoln and left in high dudgeon because, according to Mr. Church, of certain remarks in criticism in a daily newspaper, the particulars of which have been discussed before and which I will not repeat—for personal reasons. I hope Mr. Church will convey to Mr. Keene, in advance, the assurance of THE COURIER'S most particular and distinguished consideration. Surely, everybody will wait for Tom Keene.

Robert Mantell, the handsome actor, known prominently for his performances of "Monbars" and "The Corsican Brothers" is booked for appearance at the Lansing. Of course he will be supported by the pretty Charlotte Behrens who figured in the Mantell divorce proceedings of a couple of years ago. "Mme. Sans-Jene" in English, will also be pre-

sented by the same company that appeared in New York last winter—this on the authority of Mr. Church. Sol Smith Russell, who has a large and enthusiastic following in Lincoln, will come again. It is not known what play he will produce.

"Too Much Johnson," which ran all last season in New York, is booked, as is also "Pudd'n Head Wilson," the dramatization of Twain's story published in the Century last year. Louis James who was seen at the Lansing last winter with Frederick Warde, will star alone the coming season, and will again visit

"The Fatal Card," a successful play, is booked for early presentation, and Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag," together with other Hoyt attractions, will come. James O'Neill, who has not been in Lincoln since the season of '93-94, will come once more, and "1492" will make its second appearance. An adequate performance "Wang" is promised, and Stuart Robson, last seen in Lincoln in "Two Dromios" will be in evidence on the Lansing stage. Other attractions that will come are "The Old Homestead," "DeWolf Hopper," "Charley's Aunt," "Limited Mail," "War of Wealth," "Fantasma," etc. etc. The Lansing will play the Frohman and Litt and Davis companies.

Within the last few weeks the Lansing has been thoroughly renovated, and patrons of the house will find on the opening of the house, a pleasing improvement. The hangings have all been taken down, cleaned and re-draped, and with the addition of some new material, a much better effect is produced. In the foyer, where the curtains were formerly so low as to be in the way, there is a new scheme of drapery, giving more freedom and the effect is, if anything, more striking. The hangings in the boxes have been rearranged in an attractive manner, and every piece of carpet, drapery and upholstery of all descriptions has been cleaned and brightened up. The interior is rendered particularly fresh and bright. An iron railing is to be placed in the foyer making a division between the entrance to the balcony and the entrance to the parquet and dress circle, and a number of other changes and improvements are contemplated.

It was Mr. Church's intention when he left Lincoln a few weeks ago to add "The Merchant of Venice" and "Richard III" to John Griffith's repertoire, and it was partly to make arrangements for the production of these two plays that he went east. Upon consultation with men who have managed Mansfield and Keene and other actors who have appeared in these plays, he changed his views somewhat, and has now about abandoned the idea of having Mr. Griffith appear as *Shylock* and *Richard*. He is considering "The Iron Chest," a stirring old time piece and the well known "Fool's Revenge" and at this time it seems probable that these two plays with "Faust" will constitute the Griffith repertoire. Last season "The Bells," noted for its production by Henry Irving, was occasionally produced by the Griffith-Church company with considerable success, and it may be made use of the coming season. These details will not be completed until later in the season when Mr. Griffith and other members of the company all of whom will be new people come on. Mr. Church has nearly all of the company engaged, being able to make very satisfactory selections while in New York. Miss Nadine Winston will be the *Marquise* in "Faust". She was leading lady in the Wilbur Dramatic company for four years, and was lately a member of Daniel Frohman's company. Miss Carrie Strong will take the part of *Martha*. Miss Strong has played numerous engagements with the Frohmans and was last year with the "Lost Paradise" company. *Valentine* will be played by a competent actor Thayer, by name. The *Faust* has not been selected as yet. Mr. Church negotiated with Frederick Paulding, who will be remembered in Lincoln for his appearance in "The Power of the Press" and more recently with Maida Cragen in "A Duel of Hearts" and other plays. But Mr. Paulding has now contracted for the coming season, and the chice is between two other well known actors.

This company will open in Lincoln September 10, going thence to Omaha for an engagement at Boyd's and from there starting for a tour that will extend throughout the season.

The wife of Sir Henry Irving, who lives in seclusion in London and who shares the actor's title if not his society, is described as "taller than Ellen Terry, and more slender than Terry's daughter."

Henry E. Dixey will star next season in "The Gentle Savage" by Nym Crinkle.

Sol Smith Russell and Nat Goodwin are having Augustus Thomas write plays for them.

Gladys Wallis, the bright young ingenue formerly with W. H. Crane, will commence her starring tour in Chicago next month. Miss Wallis will present "Fanchon the Cricket," revised by Clay M. Greene. She will be supported by Frederick Paulding.

You'll never realize what "real good bread" is until you have made it of "Shogo" flour.

AN ORDINANCE

granting permission to the Nebraska Telephone Company to construct and maintain a stairway in the alley between "N" and "O" streets, which adjoins the building said company is now erecting. BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Section 1.—The Nebraska Telephone Company is hereby granted permission to construct and maintain an iron stairway which shall be attached on the alley side to the building now being erected by said company on the alley at 13th street between "N" and "O" streets in said City. Said stairway to be used as an entrance to the second story of said building. Said stairway not to occupy in width more than 3½ feet of said alley. Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Introduced by Councilman Wm. Lawlor. Passed, July 15, 1895. Approved July 17, 1895.

F. A. GRAHAM, Mayor. Attest: J. W. BOWEN, City Clerk.

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Att'ys at law.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Alexander Lederer, et al

vs

Sarah A. Latta, et al. The President and Directors of the Insurance Company of North America, defendants; will take notice that on the 27th day of June 1895, Alexander Lederer and Moses Strauss, partners doing business as Lederer & Strauss, plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the District Court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants, Sarah A. and William S. Latta to the defendant, the Clark & Leonard Investment Company upon lots nine [9] and ten [10] in block eighty-eight [88], in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, to secure the payment of one promissory note or bond in the sum of \$6,500; dated July 10, 1888, and due and payable in five years from date thereof which note or bond after date and before maturity thereof was sold and endorsed by the defendant the Clark & Leonard Investment Company to these plaintiffs and the mortgage securing the same assigned to them, and these plaintiffs afterwards and on or about the 1st day of July 1893, agreed to extend time of payment of said bond or note for a period of two years from date thereof upon the fulfillment of certain conditions but which conditions have been broken and forfeited and by reason thereof the whole sum of \$6,500, and interest from January 1st 1895, at eight per cent per annum is now due and payable upon said note or bond and mortgage.

The plaintiffs herein pray that said premises may be decreed to be sold to satisfy the amount due thereon and that the defendants and each of them be foreclosed of all right, title and equity of redemption in and to said premises and foregone relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 5th day of August 1895.

BURR & BURR, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs. July 27.

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COUNTY COURT. NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

First Publication July 12.

In the county court within and for Lancaster county, Nebraska, May term 1895, in the matter of the estate of Austie Lowry deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 15 day of November 1895, and again on the 15 day of February 1896, to examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 14th day of August A. D. 1895, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 14th day of August 1895.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four consecutive weeks in THE COURIER, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 10th day of July 1895.

I. W. LANSING, County Judge. July 27

COUNTY COURT

First publication July 20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In county court within and for Lancaster county, Nebraska, July term 1895 in the matter of the estate of George J. Blodgett deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Lincoln in said county, on the 15th day of November 1895, and again on the 15th day of February 1896 to examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 14th day of August A. D. 1895, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from said 14th day of August 1895.

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Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 16th day of July 1895.

I. W. LANSING, County Judge. [SEAL] Aug. 10

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SHERIFF SALE.

First publication July 20.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska within and for Lancaster county Nebraska in an action wherein Mrs. I. Putnam is plaintiff, and Richard C. Outcalt et al are defendants, I will at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 31st day of July A. D. 1895 at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described goods and chattels to-wit:

One hundred shares of the stock of the Lincoln Gas company as evidenced by certificate numbered one hundred fourteen (114), each share being of the face value of one hundred (\$100) dollars. Given under my hand this 16th day of July A. D. 1895.

Fred A. Miller, Sheriff. July 27.

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SHERIFF SALE.

First publication July 20

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Mrs. I. Putnam is plaintiff and Charles W. Mosher et al are defendants, I will at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 31st day of July A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska offer for sale at public auction the following described goods and chattels to-wit:

Two hundred fifty (250) shares of the stock of the Lincoln Gas Company as evidenced by certificate numbered thirty six (36), fifty six (56), and forty-nine (49), each being of the face value of one hundred dollars (\$100). Given under my hand this 16th day of July A. D. 1895.

Fred A. Miller, Sheriff. July 27.