

characters are rapidly consecutive. There is, however, as in all American plays, more or less pointless conversation and patriotic and other platitudes coined for immediate recognition. This is more than atoned for by bits of characterization in themselves strong enough to redeem even a conventional plot.

Taking the play roundly on its merits it is full of tenderness, of gentleness and genuine pathos, brimful of wholesome sentiment. There is hardly any strained situations, save perhaps in the inability of a large family to recognize a son and brother after eighteen years. While much of the presentation lies in the strength of the play itself, let me put it down right here that the company was a most excellent one, made up of actors and actresses of refinement. Mr. Clement Bainbridge has not only retained some of the original cast, but seems to have exercised excellent judgment in the selection of all members of the company. Coarse or careless acting would readily ruin this play. These people brought out its full value. For this reason it would be unfair to individualize

As usual with southern plays it was replete with "Colonels." One of them is given lines to speak which I resent. "Girls raised under southern skies have more poetry and music in them than those of other parts." This is slander pure and unadulterated. A neat bit of acting was done by one of the ladies, the beauty of whose mouth and smile caused one of the boys to remark that her mouth bore nature's inscription: "These lips for kissing only." And this judgement stands approved.

TOBY REX.

The Bittner Company has had a very successful week at the Funke. Since they were here the company has been strengthened and they presented good plays very creditably. The vitascope is thrilling. On Wednesday night when the policeman caught a runaway horse just before it leaped into the parquet, hose on the front seats gasped with fear for the magnificent creature had almost reached them when the policeman stopped him.

Mr. Eittner is a good comedian and the company as a whole, is worthy of the patronage it receives.

THE FUNKE.

All the week the Bittner Theatre Company has broken all records at the Funke Opera house. The excellent way in which the company stage their plays has made them more than popular in Lincoln. The Vitascope has drawn a large number of people to the theatre that do not usually attend. On Friday and Saturday some new and astonishing pictures will be presented, including "The Empire Express," Mr. Bryan's speech in Orange, N. J., showing the arrival of the train, the speech and the departure of the special train. Also the nine rounds of the Corbett-Courtney fight will be given in its entirety including the knock out—10, 20 and 30 cents. Engagement extended Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The engagement of Frederick Warde at the Lansing Theatre on Saturday, January 9th, with a Ladies' bargain day matinee promises to be one of the most brilliant successes of the theatrical year. There are few entertainments upon any stage that give the complete satisfaction and are so wholesome for the mind as this excellent actor's performance. A thorough and consistent student himself he brings out all the nice points and niceties of the characters he portrays and imparts the same spirit and idea to the company supporting him. In addition to all these traits he mounts his plays with scrupulous care and attention to detail and has spared neither money nor time for the past three or four years

to give all his plays a scientific investiture that adds largely to the charm of the whole performance. The supporting company this season is exceptionally good and includes such favorites as Chas. Sutton, Beverly Turner, Ernest C. Warde, Harry C. Burton and Chas. Clarke. Among the new members are Darrell Vinton, Lionel Clarke, Thos. Adson Smith, Mildred Sherwood, Moreton Bakers and the Misses Florence Wilburham, Reta Villers, Marcia Treadwell, Helen Baker, and Phyllis Ashcome. Mr. Warde carries all the scenery for his production of King Lear and it has made a big hit all over the country.

For the Ladies' Bargain Day Matinee Mr. Warde and company will present "The Merchant of Venice" and in the evening "King Lear." Matinee prices 50 cents all over the house and children 25 cents. Evening prices \$1.00, 75, 50 and 25 cents. Seats on sale for matinee and evening Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Lansing Theatre box office. Don't forget the matinee.

Murray & Mack, the well known and popular Irish Comedians will pay us a visit on next Friday evening, January 8, when they will appear at the Lansing Theatre.

Unlike some players who are greeted cordially by the public at an early stage of their professional labor, they do not presume upon their friendship and settle down into lazy acceptance of popularity. Instead they have taught the public to regard them as prolific and ardent workers in their profession, who are always sure to present a program of novel and individual charm.

This season the comedians will bring forward an entirely new piece called "Finnegan's Courtship." It is from the pen of George H. Emerick the author of two of their former successes, "Irish Neighbors" and "Finnegan's Ball." The title is rather bold, though considerably chosen in this time of intense competition and general surfeit, and will illustrate in various and humorous forms all the name implies.

All the scenery, mechanical effects and costumes will also be new. Messrs. Murry & Mack have always kept faith with the public and in the present instance they will endeavor to justify the kindly feeling and liberal patronage which has always followed their professional efforts. Seats on sale Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m. at Lansing Theatre box office. Price \$1.00, 75, 50 and 25 cents. Secure your seats early and spend an evening with the funniest of fun makers.

thence north sixty (60) feet, thence east twenty (20) feet to the place of beginning known as lot B in the subdivision of said block.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December, A. D. 1896.

John J. Trompen, Sheriff.

Fourth publication January 2.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of William J. Johnson, 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 1st day of May, 1897, and again on the 2nd day of August, 1897, to receive and 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 1st day of February, A. D. 1897, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 1st day of February, A. D. 1897.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court of said county court this 5th day of December, 1896.

Jan 9

S. J. COCHRAN, County Judge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

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 Ward S. Mills is plaintiff, and Aaron K. Seip, et al defendant, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1897, 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 real estate to-wit:

Lots nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12) and thirteen (13) in block one (1). Lots two (2), three (3), four (4), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), in block nine (9) and lots eleven (11) and twelve (12), in block eleven (11), of Mill's addition to University Place, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December, A. D., 1896.

John J. Trompen, Sheriff.

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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 George H. Clarke is plaintiff, and Caroline Richards and John Richards defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 2nd day of February, 1897, 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 real estate, to-wit:

Lots twelve (12), thirteen (13), and fourteen (14), in block thirty (30) in College View, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December, A. D., 1896.

John Trompen, Sheriff.

Jan 30.

First pub. Jan. 2. SHERIFF SALE.

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 Charles M. Hautbaway is plaintiff, and Major G. Bohanan, et al defendants, I will at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 2nd day of February A. D. 1897, 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 Real Estate, to-wit:

Parts of lots two (2) and three (3) in block fifty-four (54) in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point on the north line of said block fifty four, forty-two and one half (42 1/2) feet west of the northeast corner of said block and running thence south sixty (60) feet, thence west twenty (20) feet,

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