

THE THEATRE

"Town Topics" suggests all kinds of humorous possibilities, and they are found in the farce comedy of that name at the Funke opera house on Tuesday evening January 24th. The scene opens in Mrs. Quick's boarding house. The American boarding house has always something to promote fun and indigestion. Messrs World, Garnella and Mack, who play the principal parts in the comedy, declare that indigestion is an unknown quantity there, however, there is too much laughter for the prunes and corn beef to lie heavy on your chest. Burglars break into the boarding house and steal silver ware and a coat. Then the husband of the presiding goddess of the house goes to New York to look for the burglars and you can imagine what happens to him. The second act shows Broadway, that part known as the "Rialto." Here the husband meets some nice gentlemen, who give him the glad hand and lead him into all sorts of escapades. He thinks he is smart, but he is not smart enough. He meets some beautiful girls, too, and they help the fun along. They sing, they dance, they kick, and there is a rip-roaring time. In the last act we find the husband home again, and he has to settle matters with his wife. The story is straight and to the point, but it is interrupted frequently to allow of musical and terpsichorean numbers. These specialties all grow out of the action of the play, and are not lugged in awkwardly. Mr. Garnella has rewritten the comedy entirely, and it is right up to date, with all the new things that have created sensations in London, Paris and New York deftly woven into the action. Prices 25, 50, 75 and \$1.00. On sale Monday 9 a. m.

The third Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at the Oliver, Monday, January 23rd.

The attractive play, "Darkest Russia" will be the attraction at the Oliver theater matinee today at 2:30, tonight at 8:15. It is from the pen of H. Grattan Donnelly and produced under the personal management of Sidney R. Ellis. It introduces a very large and expensive



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company, unequalled scenic effects and beautiful costumes. "Darkest Russia" is one of the most interesting dramas that has been seen in the past ten years. Its story abounds in romance, love and realism and the scenes and incidents are faithful illustrations of the vast empire which stands today so prominently before the world as one of the most peculiarly governed nations of modern times. Mr. Donnelly tells a dramatic story in a clear and cheerful manner and has instilled throughout the play a happy vein of humor. The

characters Septimus Cobb, the American colonel from Kentucky, and the Baroness Von Rhineberg a young French widow are comedy creations that delight by their drollery, repartee and sparkling wit. Matinee prices 25, 50 and 75 cents. Evening prices 25, 50, 75 and \$1.00. Seats now on sale.

On Monday evening, Jan. 23, the third Philharmonic orchestra concert will be given at the Oliver theatre. The orchestra selections are mostly of a popular character. March, "Love is King," by Innes; "Rosamond;" Overture, Thomas; American Patrol, Meacham; are some of the numbers. Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, contralto; and Mr. Will B. Richardson, trombone, are the soloists. Seats on sale now. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

The many friends of Mrs. E. Lewis Baker are looking forward with much anticipation to hear her sing the grand Scena and Aria "Ah Perfido" by Beethoven with the Philharmonic orchestra on Monday January 23rd. at the Oliver.

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