

CURIOSITY.

For The Courier.

Curiosity is a trait which is thought to belong to the feminine gender alone, But that this is not so, was fully proved clear, When election returns were made known.

When Bryan so trustingly smiled on the crowd Who thronged him wherever he'd be, Little thought he, Curiosity simple and pure Brought most, just the great man to see.

This trait more developed may cause them to take His paper, at least, for a year 'T would give it a start which is all that it needs I doubt not will be made to appear.

Burpee's Farm Annual for 1901.

"Quarter-Century" edition. Published by W. Altee Burpee & Co., Philadelphia.

This is more than an ordinary seed catalogue. It is a comprehensive book of 220 pages, besides four colored plates, showing leading varieties in vegetable and flower seeds; bound in a beautiful lithograph cover printed in ten colors and gold. The book is noteworthy from the fact that every description, even of the standard varieties, as well as directions for culture, have been entirely rewritten from the most recent notes taken at Fordhook Farm. The first sixteen pages (printed on enamel paper with photoengraving illustrations) are devoted chiefly to a record of progress during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Three pages are devoted to the results of contests in different states for the Burpee Premium, which is offered annually at every state and county fair.

While too costly a book to send free, it is mailed for ten cents, together with a fifteen cent packet of either Luther Burbank's Floral Novelty, or the new dwarf Burpee "Quarter-Century" tomato. In this way the catalogue really costs nothing, but Messrs. Burpee & Co. publish another catalogue of ninety pages, entitled "Seed-Sense," which is mailed entirely free.

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At the time of year when thousands will take advantage of them, the Burlington Route makes sweeping reductions in its rates to the West and Northwest—to Utah, Montana, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

Dates: February 12, 19 and 26.

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To Ogden, Salt Lake, Butte, Helena, Anaconda and Missoula.....	\$23
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J. FRANCIS, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebr. (3-23)

Hobgen—Does he stutter very badly? Stecher—Oh, no; he's quite an expert at it.

THEATRICAL.

THE OLIVER.

"The Village Parson," will be seen at the Oliver theatre for one night, Monday, February 11th. The play is of intense human interest, true human pathos with the comedy characters cleverly interwoven, throughout the five acts. The incidents are effecting, the simple yet absorbing theme of a woman's love, rendered supremest in adversity, touches a tender chord in the human heart.

That there is no villain in "Old Jed Prouty" heightens the interest in Richard Golden's idyl, which will be the attraction at the Oliver theatre, Tuesday night, when "Old Jed Prouty" and the rest "on em" will hold the boards. No one can breathe with Old Jed and be a villain. Jed's face reflects a spirit that is self sacrificing, pure, and from his heart an ever-bubbling spring of tenderness flows. In the presence of this kindly old man, we forget our vexations, and are quieted and charmed by the bright influence of his quiet contentment.

The public having clearly demonstrated its disapproval for tragedy and having shown a tendency to patronize the more modern productions, Mr. Robert Downing to withdraw on his entire repertoire, and will be seen in an entirely new production, "The Seventh Commandment." While Mr. Downing has never attempted anything in this line of work before, his versatility as an actor is sufficient to carry him through the role admirably, suited to his physique and resonant vocal powers. There is not a vulgar situation or line throughout the piece, and the comedy element is well supplied by a French maid and an Irish valet. The engagement is for one night, Wednesday, February 13th.

THE FUNKE.

The Jossey Stock Company in all new plays will be the next attraction at the Funke, opening next Monday for a week's engagement. Mr. Jossey has surrounded himself with a strictly first class company and gives a complete production of each of the following plays: Under Two Flags, A Soldier's Daughter, Sapho, Quo Vadis, The Signal of Liberty, Moths, The Devil & Co., and the funniest of all, The Hustler. Monday will be ladies free night is accompanied by a person holding one paid reserved seat ticket.

Wednesday afternoon a special ladies' matinee will be given when Sapho will be presented. Prices to this matinee, 25c to everyone.

He Knew Her.

Mrs. Benham—Of course, it's none of my business, but—
Benham—But you'll make it your business.—Town Topics.

"Is your fiance a talented man? I suppose he is."

"Oh, my yes! You should see him lead a cotillion."—Town Topics.

"Why do you call Mr. and Mrs. Would-be-Swell the Breezes?"

"You know what breezes do, don't you?"—Town Topics.

Freddie—What's the difference between a portrait and a photograph, dad?

Cobwigger—Sometimes a photograph looks like you.—Town Topics.

OLIVER

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF O. T. CRAWFORD & F. C. ZEHRUNG Corner 13th and P. Phone 354

Monday, February 11.
MR. W. E. NANKEVILLE,

Proprietor of "Human Hearts," "Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels," etc.—presents

The Village Parson.

A play of intense human interest; a beautiful domestic story well told, genuine comedy skilfully interwoven; admirably acted by a well-balanced company; elaborate special scenery for each act; the entire production complete in every detail; the crowning dramatic triumph.

Prices 25c to \$1.00. On sale Friday.

Tuesday, February 12.

Maine Folks Visit Nebraska Folks—Engagement of

RICHARD GOLDEN

In the best of all New England plays

OLD JED PROUTY

Humor and pathos, laughter and tears; original company; splendid new production; the sweetest story ever told.

Every living member of the original cast will positively appear in the roles created by them.

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Wednesday, February 13.

The Eminent Actor,

MR. ROBERT DOWNING

And complete company present his new comedy romance in four acts,

The Seventh Commandment

By Edwards Davis, M. A.

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In a repertoire of all new plays.

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Quo Vadis, The Devil and Company, The Hustler.

SAPHO--Special Matinee Wednesday--SAPHO.

Wednesday Matinee, 22c to every one. Night prices 10c, 20c, 30c and 50c. Saturday Matinee 10c and 25c. Ladies free Monday—usual conditions. Sale opens Saturday morning.