

Mento Moores Stage Door Johnnies - At the Empress of the type of "The Traffic" is not espe cially hard to locate. Right here it may not be out of place to say the Omaha Social Service board exercised good judgment in not pressing its case against this play any more vigorously; while the play has some revolting aspects, it is far from being distinctly immoral, nor does it show more of the unworthy than has frequently been presented under the guise of genuine drama. It merely follows with modified realism the downward course of a girl who has foolishly taken a mistaken But the condition that leads to the concourse of action, illuminating each step along the pathway with a discourse against the industrial and social conditions of the day, suggesting the conclusion that when all other evils have vanished the vicarious victims of tuberculosis will no longer have to sell their bodies in order to gain life for another. It would have been a mistake to suppress this play, because suppression would have armed its protagonists with another count against the "capitalistic" system, which is so roundly denounced at intervals during the unfolding of the drams. As for the cause of such dramas, it may easily be found in the wake of the wave of pseudo reform that has been sweeping

A couple of years ago the country was shaken by the disclosures made by the report of the Chicago vice commission. Unspeakable things were shown to exist, and some very sweeping charges were made. Then came the inquiry in New York, under the so-called Rockefeller grand jury. Then this phase of the quesand analytical study of scientific investigaters, determined on getting at bottom themselves into shame, that industrial their own volition and knowledge. and commercial conditions are responsible for the dreadful facts disclosed by the original survey made by the "vice" commissions, and legislative committees made general and cursory inquiry for the purpose of establishing the truth of the assertion that low wages and the social evil are inseparably connected. While or a handkerchief to be pressed momen the men and women who were fetermined to get at basic facts did not go hunting with brass bands. One reliable inquiry,

over the country for many months.

at present, and then head of the Bedford knows how absurd such stories are Reformatory for Women; Mary M. Barteleme, assistant judge of the juvenile prominence. In a more recent report on Medical Association, may be found in the original. The ludicrous moments when entertainer of the bewitching type who is tice conditions in New York, Mr. Kneeline policoned needle stories which have the two important are dodning each the sartorial pride of the American been going the rounds of the press reother and when a chesty old army officer, stage. Her present vehicle is an extrava-

cause in Europe.

slanders against the womanhood and girlhood of the nation, not to speak of the drug, hypodermically, which produced unmanhood is still to be reckoned with Popular beliefs on scientific subjects apparently run in waves. Many will renember the interest in hypnotism which followed the publication of "Trilby." Svengali with his "hypnotic eye" at once became a real and possible personage in the public imagination. The newspapers were full of stories of girls and women who had suddenly been fixed and paralyzed by the hypnotic gaze of some mysterious stranger with piercing black eyes and who had been compelled by his will to fantastic acts which they were powerless to prevent. Fiction writers took up stantaneous anesthesia. Popular beliefs view. Grand opera stars of international the idea, and stories contering around travel in waves, and hysteric and excited fame were engaged by Mr. Arthur for hypnotic influence became common. It | imaginations help them along. The hiswas used as a plea in criminal cases, va- tory of popular delusions, from Salem an all-star cast, a gorgeous scenic investirious culprits alleging that they had been witchcraft to present-day vagries, is full ture and picturesque costuming. "Robin hypnotized and compelled against their of such instances will to perform unlawful acts. All this occurred in spite of the fact, frequently stated and known by every scientific tion was passed over to the more careful man, that the limitations of hypnotism are definite and well recognized; that no person can be hypnotized unknowingly facts. While this study has been going or against his will, and that few persons on, much shouting has been heard that are so susceptible as to be capable of girls are forced by low wages to sell being compelled to perform acts beyond

Another popular fiction which later on took the place of hypnotism was that of philosophy. Therefore, in the name of bott of the Metropolitan Grand Opera instantaneous anesthesia. Stories ap- all the socialist leaders, from Mark to company of New York, for whom Maspeared in the newspapers of women who Morris Hillquitt, from Liebknecht to carni wrote "Ysobel;" Henriette Wakehad been accosted by strangers and, un- Victor Berger, from Ferro to Max Hayes, field. Ralph Brainard. James Stevens. der some pretext, had permitted a cloth we protest against its nonsense. the results of these inquiries were being tarily over their mouth and nose. Imdiscussed, scientific inquiry was being mediately unconsciousness was said to whose management claims for it that its have followed, resulting in a period of aggressive young author is not unmindful insensibility and irresponsibility, varying of the fact that the most radical politi-from a few minutes to hours or even cal and industrial doctrines of Socialism that made in New York by the Civic Fed. days. Chloroform sprayed into an open fifteen-and even ten-years ago, have window by means of an atomiser, anes-We therefore hold that it has not been satisfactorily demonstrated that low wayes are a direct cause of the loss of virtue by working siris. It is our general belief that low wayes of working pieteral belief that low wayes of working pieter thesia tied to a rag on the end of a pole ite and most popular "planks" in the plat-This report is signed by a long list of and nurses who see every day the adthe best known sociological workers and ministration of anesthetics, such stories Messrs. Rowland & Clifford. The play students of the United States, among only excite mirth. Any one who knows gets its name from the painting of the tion in her fight to clean up West Hammade the report for the Chicago vice consciousness through the use of anesission, and who has written other thetics, even under the most favorable Plastric, owner of an art studio, who similar reports; Katherine Bement Davis, conditions and with every possible means claims to have been the painter. Of head of New York's reformatory prisons of restraining and controlling the patient.

A latter-day variation of these popular actress who has instructed her press

and shows that in thousands of cases she sees, close beside her, our old friend bers within its ensemble some fifty peostudied, so-called "white slavery" the "mysterious stranger," with the ple. The dancing numbers are many, the amounted to less than 2 per cent. Dr. pieroing black eyes and the compelling various styles of the Tango being intro-Simon Flexner, in a very comprehensive manner. At the same time, she feels a duced in attractive forms. Maud Potter and exhaustive study of conditions in sting and knows that she has been is seen in the newest dances. Frank Europe, published since the beginning of stabbed with a poisoned needle. She imthe present year, reports that wages are mediately becomes unconscious, dated or parts. Arthur Gillespie wrote the book not a contributing nor even a secondary irresponsible for a greater or less period and lyrics; Aubrey Stauffer composed the of time, during which she experiences a music and Frank Tannehill fr., staged number of marvelous adventures or hair- the production, which comes to Brandels breadth escapes. tinual repetition of these groundless It is not possible to say that no woman 10 and 11. Matinee Saturday.

was ever without her knowledge given a very positively that there is no drug known to scientific men which could be De Koven Opera company will be heard administered in the manner or which in an elaborate production of "Robin would produce the effect described in re- Hood," the famous opera by Reginald de cent newspaper reports. One of the laws of hysteria is that when

any peculiar phenomenon is reported. similar instances immediately appear throughout the country. We may now Daniel V. Arthur is managing director, expect a spring crop of magazine stories and popular novels based on the poisoned revive the glories of opera comique and needle as a motive. Scientifically, to restore to the American stage a style of thing is as ridiculous and impossibe as entertainment which in these days of song hypnotism of an unwilling subject or in- and dance has almost disappeared from

All this discussion has but little to do with the drama as such; no more than has "The Traffic," for, as set forth at the beginning, it has ceased to parade as a play and has come forth as an episode in the socialistic propagands. If it should be suppressed for any reason, it will be because it not only slanders American tale that chastity is for sale, but because it is an affront as well to the common sense involved in the best of socialistic

Rachael Marshall's play "The Traffic," been appropriated and are now the favor-

same name. The story of the piece has to do with the aspirations of one, Rudolph

New York, as well as from prison records, caught in the press of a crowd. Suddenly for six musical plays. The company num-Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 9. Bates will play a sketch entitled "Half

> A musical and operatic event of the onsciousness. It can, however, be said first magnitude is announced at the Brandeis theater April 12, 13 and 14, when the Koven and Harry B. Smith, which for twenty-two years has been the recognized American light opera classic. The De Koven Opera company, of which

was brought into existence in order to the De Koven Opera company, and with Hood" was produced at the New Amsterdam theater in New York last spring. with plienomenal results. For six months the opera drew capacity audiences. Then the De Koven Opera company inaugurated a tour of the principal cities, which has been most successful, the music loving public having shown its enthusiastic appreciation of this remarkable offering. womanhood by repeating the oft-exploded It is a grand opera production, yet it is given at prices within the range of all. Note the remarkable list of grand opera singers included in the cast: Bessie Ab-Helena Morrill, George B. Frothingham who is playing his original role of Friar Tuck, in which he has been seen upward of 5,000 times; Joseph Parsons, Jerome Daley, and from the realms of light opera have been recruited such well-known singers as Phil Bransom, Tillie Salinger, Sid Braham, Lorena Carmen and Homer Burres. A most capable chorus and an augmented orchestra are special features of this production.

"The Little Lost Sister" comes to the Brandels for three days, April 16, 17 and 18, during which time matinees will be given daily. This is a dramatization of the work by Miss Virginia Brooks, the girl who established a national reputamond, Ill. It was dramatized by Edward E. Rose and Arthur James Pegler.

Valeska Suratt, described as "a riot of course, Rudolph does not even know how | clothes," comes this week as the headline to paint a picket fence. The model of attraction for the Orpheum. With five "September Morn" is laid claim to by an assistants she is to present "Black Scayelly Daily Mat., 15-25-50c Evage., 15-25-50c Evage. Crope and Diamonda." a tantasy by that were under observation at the Hedford institute when Dr. Davis was at its time theater, enters a crowded circuit, and from other reformatories in a street car, or circuits train, or is wife's, creates enough laughter and plot in white, spangled with eliver and further when Dr. Davis was at its time theater, enters a crowded circuit, or is wife's, creates enough laughter and plot in white, spangled with eliver and further was a street car, or circuits the last of the model of the setting is an odd scenic effect, a sort of tent all plots and from other reformatories in a street car, or circuits the last of the model of the model of the setting is an odd scenic effect, a sort of tent all plots and from other reformatories in a street car, or circuits the last of the model of the mode

nished with a snowy.staircase and a Bank Robbers Flee thrushing voice" on account of the clarity and freshness of her messosoprane. Sophye Barnard is to contribute a singing feature that will give the entertainment one of its chief elements of distinction. Lou Anger, who is known as the of descriptive and character songs Sidney The final act is to be an eccentric novelty? to be contributed by Frank Parish, and, as usual, the Hearst-Sellg pictorial review of world events will be shown.

The patrons of the Gayety theater are coking forward with pleasureable anticipation to the forthcoming engagement of Mollie Williams and her own company of musical burlesque stars, which opens this afternoon for the week. Three sets of scenery are used and they are said to be revelations of scenic art. The first shows the country; the second the entrance to a lobster palace on Broadway; the third a great cabaret scene on the Gay White Way, The book is by Richard Goodali and its theme concerns the tribulations of a German and a ruralite; the first impersonated by Harry Sheppell and the econd by Ted Burns. Madge Darrell assumes the character role of the German's wife and her averdupois creates laughs upon her entrance. Selina Seymour, the juvenescent blonde, is classed as the queen of syncopated melody. Miss Mae Meek, chic as a Dresden doll, has a peculiarity that is all her own. Mollie Williams announces that as she desires more than merely an across-the-footlights acquaintance with her patrons, she will preside as hostess in fact each day, standing just inside the door and extending her hand in cordial welcome to every visitor.

The second big Menloe Moore offering of the year will be staged at the Empress theater this week. "The Bachelor's Dream," which appeared earlier in the season, made such a hit that the management arranged to have two more Menlos Moore attractions during the season. The offering this week is known as "The Stage Door Johnnies" and is a complete miniature musical comedy, staged with the true Menloe Moore fidelity to detail. Trix Oliver, who is well known to the musical comedy stage, is being featured with this production and is a typical character for the part. A male quartet is included in the cast, which adds variety and novelty to an act of this kind. Billy Kinkaid, a Scotch juggler and strong man, will offer his cannon ball novelty. Dunbar and Turner present their vaudeville surprise called "The Bowble Holdup," and Harry Leslie, "the twentieth century entertainer," will complete the program. A regular booking of the Pathe Weekly for Thursday, Friday and Saturday has been arranged, along with many other photo-plays, including comedies, dramas and educational subjects. Four complete shows are given daily, beginning at 2, 3:20, 7:30 and 9 p. m.

The date for the first presentation of the photo-play drama, "The Squaw Man," in this city is April 14, 15 and 16 at the Hipp theater. "The Squaw Man," Edwin Milton Royle's international success, produced by the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play company of New York, staged by Cecil B. De Mille, under the personal direction of Mr. Lasky, and with the aid of the author, and with Dustin Farnum, the popular star, playing his original role, of the most gripping virile and potent silent dramas ever shown on the screen. It is composed of 264 scenes and was played by a cost of 127 people.

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### Jury in Callahan Case Fails to Agree

bandits blew out the front of the building occupied by the Glendora bank at Glen- in the case of Thomas Davidson, charged German soldier, has a monologue that dora, a suborb, early today, but were with complicity in the murder of Edward Callahan, former sheriff of Breathitt county, reported to Judge Benton today that it could not agree and was discharged. Judge Benton immediately set the case for trial again on June 29.

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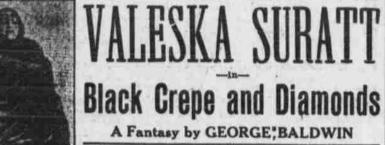
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