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## At the Theaters

**Boyd: "Girls."**  
**Brandels: "The Chimes of Normandy."**  
**Gayety: Extravaganza.**  
**Hippodrome: "Wanderer."**  
**Krug: Burlesque.**  
**Orpheum: "Vandeville."**  
Kittiness today at the Gayety, Hippodrome, Krug and Orpheum theaters.

**"The Chimes of Normandy" at the Brandels.**  
"The Chimes of Normandy," an opera comique, by Robert Planquette, book by H. B. Faurie and Robert Rouce, under direction of Milton and Sargent Aborn. The principals:  
Marquis Henri de Cornville.....William Major  
Gaspard, the miser.....Charles Wolff  
Balthazar de Cornville.....W. H. White  
Gobo, the notary.....Johnstone Flynn  
Jean Grenecieux, a fisherman.....Carl Hayden  
Christophe, a sea cook.....Inez Barrington  
Serpolette, the girl for nothing.....Daisy Leon  
The story is the story of a miser who is under contract not to reveal her identity while she is on the Orpheum circuit.

**First Train Ever Run Into Macksburg Makes the Journey**  
CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The first train over the new Creston, Winter-est & Des Moines railroad to Macksburg left Creston Tuesday morning, carrying officials of the road and trustees of the different townships along the right-of-way which have voted taxes for the building of the road. The line, which is two-and-one-half miles long, was completed on the evening of December 31 and Tuesday morning farmers and people along the line gathered at Macksburg to welcome the train, the first one to enter the town in the fifty years of its existence.

Regular passenger and freight traffic will not be commenced for some time yet, as there is still considerable construction work and grading necessary to put it right-of-way into shape. Irregular freight traffic, however, will be commenced at once. A quantity of freight is now on hand awaiting transportation and President Richard Brown today secured permission from the State Railroad commission to handle it.

**Promises of the Press Agent.**  
Only three more performances of Clyde Fitch's comedy, "Girls," will be given at the Boyd theater, the run closing Saturday evening. Another treat is in store for next week when Director Curtis will offer his company in Henry Miller's and Marc-Antoine's success, "The Great Side."

**Trapeze Performer Killed in Fall from High Gate**  
PONTIAC, Mich., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Emily Sawyer, a trapeze performer, fell fourteen feet through an unfastened gate at a local theater this afternoon and was instantly killed. Her neck was broken by the fall.

**Officer 666.** With his swift check and counter-check detective story, will be the attraction at the Brandels theater beginning Sunday, with Wednesday matinee. The play moves rapidly, its atmosphere uncharged with surprises, and its various complications sufficient to keep the well managed and interesting.

## GETTING ON THE SUCKER LIST

How the Con Men Keep Tab on the Boobs with Money.

ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE LISTED

Bank Presidents Difficult to Reach, but Classified as the Peach of Easy Marks—Variations in the Sucker List.

There is a case now going on in the United States circuit court in New York city in which a group of men are charged with using the wiles to defraud by the sale of worthless stock.

One of these men, it is alleged, has the reputation in the financial underworld of being the originator of the "sucker list."

You should know what the "sucker list" is, dear reader. For you are on it and I am on it. In a decade it has grown like an endless chain, until now it includes everybody. The "sucker list" is graded and card indexed, and covers names and addresses as it according to what we "have fallen for" in the past. And your name and my name in classified lists of from 10,000 to 1,000,000 are hawked and bartered and sold.

There is a list of extra edition book "easy marks," a list of Florida and western buy-land-sight-unseen "easy marks."

When you send your name to buy or to inquire regarding almost any article, except in the case of reputable firms, your name becomes an asset, and is worth with other names and addresses, from 10 cents a name to one mill, or 10 for a cent.

List of investors purporting to have been surreptitiously obtained from the books of the Steel trust, the Standard Oil company and J. P. Morgan's office, are bought and sold, as well as lists of the simpatons who fell for fortune telling schemes or quack cures for all the ailments flesh is heir to.

Convenient Lists.  
With the "sucker list" goes the "sneak book list." You see by the names to avoid, the names of people who have been once or more bitten and are twice shy, the names of people who complain to the Postoffice department and to local authorities when they receive literature of what they suspect to be swindling propositions.

There is, therefore, a positive and a negative "sucker list," and the brokers in these lists often deal in both sorts, and the same names appear on both lists. Hence, one list gives your name and address as a good prospect of one or more commodities—and by this I mean legitimate commodities as well as green goods and worthless stock—and on another list your name may be set forth as "a squawker," who will make trouble if swindled.

There are reputable lists of prospective customers of honest goods, of course, but the "sucker list" in its majestic magnitude numbers 1,000 names to the other's one.

It is an axiom among swindlers that nine men out of ten will try to recover by keeping quiet and not interrupting the performance, are very funny. The entire entertainment is clean and wholesome and is doing one of the biggest week's business in the Gayety's unusually prosperous season. Ladies' dime matinee daily.

At the Hippodrome Earl, Wilson and Neal have a comedy offering that contains enough variety to please the most critical. The animated weekly of current events is part of the program on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It is a professional secret among swindlers that a bank president once reached is as easy, if not easier, to reach than any other man. Bank presidents are generally prim, dignified, respectable men, who have been born and raised in the neighborhood of the world. That is why so many guards are thrown around them in the way of secretaries, assistants and office boys.

"Let me get to a dear old bank president," said "Paper Collar Joe," "and I can lift him off the next and take the golden eggs from under him, and he will only be going to put ten lines as many golden eggs of double the size back under him in a short while."

"When he finds no golden eggs return," continued "Paper Collar Joe," "he never catches. He can't. It would ruin him and run the bank."

During the last week three reputable and leading citizens of western cities were slayed at the pits just as they were on the point of embarking for Spain to put up \$4,000 to find the hidden \$40,000 treasure of the dying political prisoner, with a beautiful daughter, in a dungeon cell in Madrid.

simp and a come-on, shortly, to be "trimmed good and proper!"

**Wire-tapping Game.**  
The Gondorf brothers are in trouble for allegedly swindling a doctor and a lawyer of a big southern city on the hoary old wire tapping game. But sneer not at the residents of "Jay towns." Scores of smart New Yorkers, business and professional men, who should know better, are "trimmed" right along in fake poolrooms, and they haven't the courtesy to equal as many out-of-town victims do.

The wire-tapping swindle brings us to the greeters you meet when you come on to get rich quick.

You can "come on" from Amsterdam avenue as well as Seattle. You can be a boob from Broadway as well as from Birmingham, Ala. If you have been "put wile" in a scheme to beat the poolrooms by standing in with the "racing wire superintendent" of the Western Union, who will hold up the results till you can get bets down on the winner, you come on to meet the "racing wire superintendent."

You will meet him in the corridor of the Western Union building. He wears a green eye shade; he is in his coat sleeves. "My brother-in-law, David McCusky, superintendent of the racing wire of the Western Union," whispers the steerer who has you in tow.

"S-a-sh!" whispers the man in the green eye shade in equally mysterious tones. "Jack, you shouldn't have come here with your friend. I'll meet you in half an hour at Billy's cafe! Hist! We may be watched!"

Then he disappears. He disappears around a corner, where he may have hidden his coat and satchel hat under the fire hose, or in a rubbish closet. Half an hour later he meets the "steerer" at the "come-on." Next comes the busy scenes and excitement of the crowded fake poolroom. The boob puts up his bank roll—and loses. Maybe he goes back home for more and tries again, the first loss being through a mistake, a miscue or a "bonehead" error in the code, he is told.

**The New-Found Friend.**  
Then there is the man your prosperous new-found friend is rushing down to Wall street to meet to get his "bit" of a Wall street "killing." This is a friend or a relative of the steerer. He is in a confidential capacity in J. P. Morgan's office, or in the corridor. "Hist!" Here is your ten thousand! But beat it, we may be watched!" The steerer takes the roll of beautiful yellow backs. Easy money! Easy money! Will you, dear boob, be in on the next killing? Will you? Oh, say!

And then there is the man arrayed in purple and fine linen and dazzling with diamonds that you meet on the Chicago limited. His valet drops a valve on your toes. Hang his stupidity! Gracious apologies, a cigar that is good enough to eat uncooked. Then confidences and gib stories of easy money in sure thing sport promotion. Fixed races, fixed prize fights. Are you on? Are you in? You are.

This man travels in the drawing room of the Pullman; his toilet articles are a solid gold; he tips the porter \$10 for a roll that chokes you to glimpse. You go to the "fixed" midnight horse race or "fixed" midnight prize fight. A jockey is thrown, a prize fighter is knocked in, a steerer after they have been bunched in our auto, unless we want unpleasant notoriety! And the swindlers flee and the boob's bankroll flies with them.

In these "fixed" sporting event swindles it is estimated that \$1,000,000 a year is taken from the sporting scene throughout the land. These swindlers are well capitalized. Their promoters have money invested in their plants. No small pickers, they.

But there are the big killings, the grand cons. You all over the land the mail swindlers grind away, using their sucker lists. Did you buy Friede Globe Tower stock? Did you invest in Air Line Florida orange plantations? Do you still get "literature" on "new industrial propositions"? Do you hear from the dying grandee in the noisome dungeon in Madrid, who wants to leave you his duces and his daughter?

Do you get potent, generous smelling high rollers, who take the check from you and tell you in a playful manner, "Your money is counterfeited! Do they offer, casually, to let you in on the good thing?"

Yes! Then, my child, you are on the "sucker list." Then, Harold, you are fated to meet the man with the good eye-shade.

But don't feel lonely. Right in New York more pigeons are plucked in a week than are bagged in the rest of the country in a month.—New York World.

**ALL HER DREAMS ARE LOST**  
Beautiful Girl of "Le Baiser" Now Lonely in Life's Afternoon.  
Who is Anna Warrington? And why should one care who she is, anyway? Well, she was once a beautiful woman and her face was as beautiful by a great painter in a picture that is one of the most romantic ever painted. It is the portrait of a kiss. The artist was Carolus Duran and Anna Warrington was the girl receiving the kiss. It is a beautiful picture.

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## WAGNER SENDS RESIGNATION

South Dakota District Attorney Quits the Service.

## ARISES OVER THE HYDE CASE

Says He Declined to Request Withholding Commitment of Rich Man Pending Hearing on Parole.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Edward E. Wagner, of Mitchell, S. D., United States attorney for that state, and Waco, Texas, resigned today. President Taft accepted both resignations, which it was said at the Department of Justice were voluntary.

The resignation of Wagner is an indirect result of the application to President Taft for the pardon of Charles L. Hyde of Pierre, S. D., sentenced to one year and three months for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the sale of town lots in South Dakota.

Wagner is said to be strongly opposed to the president pardoning Hyde, whose right to clemency is now being investigated by Attorney General Wickersham. The attorney general today said he had been displeased by Wagner's attitude, wrote him a sharp letter and summoned him to Washington for a conference.

Instead of complying with the summons, Wagner tendered his resignation.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 3.—E. E. Wagner tonight made the following statement about his resignation as United States district attorney:

"On the 20th of December last I telegraphed my resignation to the president on account of the attitude of Mr. Wick-

ersham, the attorney general, toward the application of Charles L. Hyde for pardon. The attorney general asked me to request Judge Elliott to withhold Hyde's commitment sixty days pending the consideration of the application for pardon by the president.

"I regarded the request as an unusual practice. It had not been accorded to other persons convicted in the district during my term of five and a half years, in which there has been a great many convictions, and I felt that Hyde was entitled to the same treatment accorded other persons convicted of crime. The case from the beginning has involved a very great struggle. When Hyde was convicted and the conviction sustained by Judge Elliott and the United States circuit court of appeals, I felt that the cause of justice had accomplished something of a victory and in view of the fight Hyde, because of his immense wealth, has been able to make, the final determination of the case in the courts establishes the fact that all persons, regardless of wealth or influence, received the same treatment.

"It is a complete refutation of the charges sometimes made that the courts, and especially the federal courts, favor those with money. Hyde has been dealt with throughout as an ordinary person accused and convicted of crime, and I could not agree with the attorney general that his commitment ought to be withheld by the court pending the consideration of his application for pardon."

## J. R. KEENE PASSES AWAY

FOLLOWING AN OPERATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—James R. Keene, the financier and horseman, died at 2:15 o'clock this morning in a sanitarium here from the effects of an operation. He was 75 years old and had been ill for a long time.



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