



CLARA QUALITZ
Premier Danseuse in "The Isle of Champagne."

Wednesday night the doors of the Lansing were thrown open to a large and expectant audience of Lincoln's theatre going people who came to witness the opening performance of the opera "Neta," given for the benefit of the Women's Relief Corps, and once more the efforts of our home talent were crowned with the usual measure of success.

The audience was composed of the class of people which usually patronizes a home talent performance and the number of vacant seats could be readily accounted for when, after the overture by the orchestra, the curtain rose on over a hundred of the more or less familiar faces which were missing from the audience.

The opening tableau, the central figure of which was Mrs. C. S. Lippincott as Titania (queen of the fairies) and surrounded by her maids of honor and a host of subjects all fairies, indeed, singing praises to their beautiful queen and dressed as they were in their bright and attractive costumes, presented a most charming effect. The crowning of the queen, her departure to earth, and the closing tableau of the first act brought forth generous and well-deserved applause.

During the intermission between the first and second acts Miss Alford presented the popular skirt dance, in which she displayed the same skill and grace which have marked her previous appearances.

Miss Clara Louise Smith was particularly well adapted for the part assigned her, and played the role of Lolo in the most approved manner.

Mrs. W. R. Dennis in the title role was all that could be wished, and acted with the ease and grace of a professional.

The appearance of Mr. Frank Burr as the Prince of the Realm near the end of the second act brought forth a round of applause, and he caused much merriment in his various disguises.

The duet by Mr. Burr and Miss Smith closed the second act and their appearance before the curtain was necessary to quiet the enthusiasm of the audience.

The excellence with which Mrs. Lippincott rendered her solos needs no comment, as her ability is well known and appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of listening to her.

Miss Dena Loomis deserves credit for her success in the part of Eudora (Queen of the Naiads). She gave prominence to the part by her ease, grace, and vocal talent.

Particular mention should be made of the duet in Act 3.

Lack of space prevents mention of all the points of excellence in the rendition of the opera. What the music itself lacks in attractiveness was more than made good by the able manner in which it was rendered.

Following is the cast:
Neta..... Mrs. W. R. Dennis
Titania (queen of the Fairies)..... Mrs. C. S. Lippincott
Eudora (queen of the Naiads)..... Miss Dena Loomis
Lolo, a proud and haughty maiden..... Clara Louise Smith
Prince of the Realm, in various disguises..... Frank S. Burr
Princess of Realm..... Mrs. Rudolph Heiler

ally strong one, in many respects one of the best that has been seen in Lincoln this season. The performance was substantially the same as that given two months ago. Mrs. Stetson was the same bewitching Mrs. Eastlake Chappelle, and Mr. A. S. Lipman gave additional evidence of his cleverness. The tour of the company came to an end with Tuesday night's appearance, the players separating to fill other engagements in the east.

"Hazel Kirke" was presented at the Lansing last night, with Effie Ellsler in the title roll. This is the last season of the familiar play, and it was staged and performed last night with unusual excellence. C. W. Couldock and Frank Weston and many other familiar faces are seen in the company, and the audience derived much genuine pleasure from the artistic rendition of the play. "Hazel Kirke" has been seen a great many times in the city; but in capable hands it is always attractive, and last night's performance was thoroughly enjoyed. The same play will be given at the matinee today. Tonight Miss Ellsler and company will present Robert Droue's new play "Doris," of which so many pleasant things have been said by the press of the country.

The engagement of Effie Ellsler at the Lansing Opera House closes tonight. Effie Ellsler and her company are well established favorites, and are deservedly so. The performances of this organization in past seasons have earned great praise for their finish and artistic merit. If the performances of the new drama, "Doris," are as good as they are reported, Miss Ellsler and her support will eclipse their previous records in the presentation of Robt. Droue's successful play. We quote the following from an extended criticism:

"There is admirable work in this play. The atmosphere of the first act is exquisitely done, and the close of the first act is artistic in the highest degree. The domestic scene at the opening of act third—a refined and charming passage of leave-taking between the young wife and her husband in the library at Ashleigh Hall is conceived in the mood and in the good taste of Bronson Howard, and worked out in a way to compel honest admiration. The character drawing is excellent. One would not care to change a liniment of the old rector, Mr. Merrigood, and his good wife, and as for Dr. Byron O'Neil, he is an inspiration, one of the best light comedy figures in any recent drama. Mr. Beette is of the type of parish beadle which Dickens first made us acquainted with, and the giggling Miss Bisbee is found in every community. Doris belongs to us all."

We append the cast:
Mr. Merrigood, the rector..... Mr. G. W. Couldock
Kenneth Ashleigh, the young Squire.....
Mr. Robert Droue
Brian O'Neil, the prison doctor..... Mr. Frank Weston
Stephen Brand, the convict..... Mr. George Farnon
Simon Craskley, the snave..... Mr. Chas. Bates
Mr. Beette, the church warden..... Mr. Jas. Castle
Wilkins, the innkeeper..... Mr. E. Opperman
Mrs. Ashleigh, the Squire's widow.....
Mrs. Fanny L. Burr
Miss Bisbee, the village gossip..... Miss Lulu Porter
Mrs. Merrigood, the rector's wife.....
Miss Rose Anthon
Janette, the maid..... Miss Annie Anthy
Doris..... Effie Ellsler
Choir boys, school children, villagers, etc.

At the matinee to-day the farewell performance of "Hazel Kirke" will be given, and this evening "Doris" will be the bill.

Circus Day is Near.
The rapid approach of circus day gives an added interest to the many remarkable new features announced for Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Shows, and as these famous circus managers have heretofore never failed to keep their promises, the public may confidently count upon witnessing an extraordinary exhibition of ethnologic, zoologic and arenic features. The troupe of Royal Japanese acrobats embraces twelve remarkable performers from the Mikado's own company. The leaders are Tiokichi, Aisimota, Sankichi, Yan, and a wonderfully clever Japanese woman, named Okeo. Their performance is marvelous beyond description. A troupe of genuine desert Arabs, who give a remarkable exhibition of agility and strength, is also a striking ethnologic feature. A grand ballet militant by a hundred superbly comarisoned horses is a novelty entirely new to the circus. A school of twenty Mexican horses go through a performance almost human in the trained intelligence exhibited. The brothers Vernon give a wonderful performance on the flying trapeze; Charles W. Fish and the famous Reno sisters exhibit the best features of modern equestrianism; the four Walton Brothers give an unequalled series of acrobatic feats; scores of other high-salaried performers add to the excellence of the program; a giant giraffe, a bi-horned gnu, a mammoth hippopotamus and whole herds of elephants and interest to the zoological display, and a glittering street procession ushers in the event at 10 o'clock in the morning. Ringling Bros. Colossal shows will exhibit for two performances only at Lincoln, Tuesday, May 30th.

Return of the Lindons.
Frank Lindon's company of players come to the Lansing for a four night's

engagement, Wednesday evening opening in "Monte Cristo." The usual matinee will be given Saturday, and there will be a change of bill at every performance. Wednesday evening ladies will be admitted free, and the entire engagement will be to popular prices—10, 20, and 30 cents. The Lindon company is exceedingly popular in Lincoln, and as it will not be seen again in this city for over a year it is sure to draw big houses. The personnel is substantially the same as on the last appearance here. Edna Earle Lindon will be seen in attractive roles, and the support throughout will be strong.

At Lincoln Park.
The people of Lincoln will remember with pleasure the season of summer operas which Manager T. J. Hickey gave the patrons of Lincoln Park last year, and the announcement that similar arrangements have been made for this summer will be received with general satisfaction. Mr. Hickey has just concluded a contract with F. A. Wade, the manager and principal comedian of the Boston Opera company for an all summer's engagement commencing July 1. The company will consist of twenty people, carefully selected, among whom will be Mrs. Bates, formerly of Beatrice, who has just completed a tour to the Pacific coast and who has an enviable reputation as a singer. All of the popular operas will be presented. Mr. Hickey also announces a great many improvements at Lincoln Park, including a quarter mile bicycle track, one of the finest in this part of the country, a race track, an electric fountain, etc., etc. The park will continue to be Lincoln's popular summer resort.

Local and Personal.
Gov. Thayer has gone to La Porte Texas.

Mr. J. M. Knox has returned from Texas.

Miss Nellie White is visiting in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Buckland are in Chicago.

Mrs. Joseph Bigger spent Tuesday in Beatrice.

Mrs. John P. Maule left Thursday for Chicago.

Mrs. W. E. Leach left Monday for Indianapolis.

Mr. Fritz Westerman has returned from Denver.

Mr. J. R. Lemist, of Denver, was in town this week.

Mr. H. J. Whitmore was an Omaha visitor this week.

Mrs. C. A. Baker and Miss Lulu Baker are in Chicago.

Mr. Bert Wheeler, of Omaha, was in the city this week.

Mr. Wood Allen, of Omaha, was in the city this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Robb departed for Chicago Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cady, of St. Paul, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. W. Farnam Smith, of Omaha, spent Sunday in this city.

Colonel W. W. Wilson left Wednesday for Pittsburgh, Penn.

Mr. S. H. Burnham is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Prof. and Mrs. Mahler and child, of St. Louis, are at the Lincoln.

Miss Leila Shears returned Tuesday from a week's visit in Omaha.

Miss Price, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leonard.

Mr. G. P. Faucon is in attendance upon the World's Fair this week.

Mr. M. M. Morrill, of Kent, Wash., formerly of Lincoln, is in the city.

Miss Nettie Wentz, of Chicago, is visiting her brother, Mr. Harry Wentz.

Miss Mary Faucon, of Milton, Mass., is visiting her brother, Mr. G. P. Faucon.

Mr. John D. Knight and Mr. James A. Knight left Thursday for Albany, N. Y.

Miss Dyasie Robinson, who has been very ill, is reported to be greatly improved.

Mrs. F. W. Collins has gone to New York, where she will make an extended visit.

Mrs. R. E. Giffin left Wednesday for Colorado Springs, accompanied by her children.

Miss Flora Hitchcock, of Tecumseh, is the guest of her brother, Mr. H. E. Hitchcock.

Mrs. H. A. Tebbits has gone east, intending to visit in Cincinnati and Fountain City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr will entertain their friends Wednesday and Friday evening, May 10 and 12.

Miss Margaret Cook, of Omaha, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Oakley, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clements of Holyoke, Col., were guests of Major and Mrs. G. Bohanan, Wednesday.

Miss Post, of Columbus, visited her father, Mr. Justice Post of the supreme court, at the Windsor hotel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burlingame and daughter, of Omaha, were entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Bell.

The friends of Major John L. Carson will be glad to learn that he is speedily recovering from his recent severe illness.

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Mr. John McManigal returned Tuesday from Chicago, where he attended the opening exercises of the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Morrison and family left Tuesday for Chicago, where they will remain during the month of May.

The Lincoln Light Infantry company will give a public drill Monday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Mr. W. E. Clarke, of Omaha, who was the guest of Mr. Charles L. Burr for several days this week, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Reimers returned to Lincoln Thursday from Colorado and the west, where she has been sojourning for a year past.

Mrs. Richard Murphy entertained the Christian Endeavor Society of the Plymouth Congregational church Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Howell attended the concert at Boyd's theatre, Omaha, Wednesday evening, in which Mr. Hagenow participated as solo violinist.

Mrs. C. E. Bradt will give a May party at her residence this afternoon for the children of the Second Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Emma Herriek, of Ogden, Utah, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carder, renewing old acquaintances.

The various fraternities of the state university were given a delightful reception last evening at the residence of Miss Anna Broady.

Mrs. Cobb, of Galveston, Texas, formerly Miss Mary Smith of this city, who has been visiting in Lincoln, has returned to her southern home.

Mrs. R. S. Carey, of Ft. Worth, Tex., is visiting at the home of her parents, Professor and Mrs. Jones, and will remain in Lincoln several months.