

IN AMUSEMENT LINES

"The Still Alarm" was presented at the Lansing theatre Thursday night. This melo-drama is very familiar to Lincoln theatre goers. It made the usual impression this week, being presented with the customary effectiveness. The play is stirring, with much more real dramatic interest than is usually found in the modern melo-drama. Any way it pleases the audiences that assemble to see it produced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—[Special Courier Correspondence.]—The following are this week's important attractions in New York: Vaudeville at Tony Pastor's; "A Temperance Town" at the Madison Square theatre; vaudeville at Proctor's; Francis Wilson in "Erminie" at the Broadway; L. R. Willard at the

coln many times, and is very pleasantly remembered. She is a very lively person, and will be a very attractive feature at the Lansing for the next two weeks. Monday evening ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by an escort with a cash ticket.

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He therefore relighted the gas, and found that the coin was only a copper of the value of 1 penny sterling. Putting it in his purse, he hurried out of the room and quickly locked the door, for it was just striking 9, and his train left at 9:15, so that he had only just time to catch it. Eight months later Glimmermann, on his return from Italy, unlocked the door of his room and went in. Ha! what is that? The gas was burning merrily just as he left it after lighting it to seek the dropped coin, he having forgotten to turn it off again in his hurry, and a couple of days later he was presented with a gas bill to the amount of £1 5s. 3d.

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Coming Attractions.

Next Wednesday, December 13, "Friends" will make its second appearance in Lincoln at the Lansing theatre: In "Friends," Mr. Royls has written a play that deals with various phases of life, from the highest to the most lowly—that is, of American life. The burden of his theme is the great love of two chums, who have roughed it together and smilingly parried the buffetings of fate, hand in hand. In such a case there can be, of course, but one great disinterested affection, and the author has most beautifully portrayed that sterling quality. It may tax the credulity of an audience in general to the utmost to see a man give up the woman he loves better than anything on earth to a friend for whom he has the highest regard. But, isolated as such cases may be, there are high-minded people yet left in the world who are capable of such a noble sacrifice. The author has cleverly softened this blow to credulity by making the woman in question regard this man only as a true and noble friend, never suspecting his love. Mr. Royls has planted his flowers in the fresh soil of youth and not on the dried surface of soured experience, and the blossoms he culls are the sweeter and purer for their nurturing. There is a freshness and originality about him that is charming. His characters are drawn from life and they are well drawn, too. There is but one repulsive feature about the play—the delirium and death of the opium smoker—but that can be forgiven for the strong moral it points. There is nothing in "Friends" that can give offense—nothing that a girl just graduated from school could not listen to. It teaches a pretty lesson, and increases one's wavering faith in humanity, for it is a beautiful thing to think that such people exist in the world. There is a villain, but his character is kept well in the background until the supreme moment, and his villainy ends almost as soon as we are made aware that it exists.

Commencing Monday December 11, the Holden Comedy company will open a two week's engagement at the Lansing theatre, presenting a repertory of suitable plays at popular prices. The initial performance will be an original melo-drama, entitled "True to the Core" written expressly for the company by Mr. Harry Jackson the principal comedian of the organization. The Holden Comedy company is conceded to be one of the strongest repertory companies on the road, including among its members many well known and really competent people. Miss Kittie De Lorme is the soubrette. She has been seen in Lin-

grown tired of this intolerable snubbing, and to give vent to his chagrin, he has erected a palatial residence on Fifth Avenue, right in the midst of the Anglomaniac swells. He thereby imparts the fact that he thinks it about time his family name is transcribed in the blue-book of the 150. Much to his satisfaction, New York society began to cast admiring glances on this ostentatious young man, and for a short period, it looked as if the exclusive Empyrean might be accessible to him and the members of his family. But, if current reports are true, once more, the Goulds are one peg removed from the circle of *la haute noblesse*. Society does not altogether express sincere admiration of Miss Gould's choice. The "smart set" consider it a pitiful misalliance. Harry Woodruff is the clever chappie who impersonated the army physician in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," company, which played here this summer. Harry is a handsome, dapper-like youngster, but he can't act a little bit. His acting was mere assumption, and his ranting tendencies were something par excellent. This young man could make more noise in a single minute than any other member of the company could in one hour. However, this may not prevent him from being a model husband to his million heiress bride. Miss Gould has been heralded as a truly magnanimous and intelligent girl, giving largely to charity. And indeed, she is doubly generous to her betrothed. She will give him a year's education at Yale, at the expiration of which time, a wedding trip to Japan is anticipated. Happy Harry! Once before, the Gould family allied itself to the stage. Mrs. George Gould was Edith Kingdon, an exceptional actress of her day.

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