OMAHA HAS PATTI'S FAVOR

A Fair Thespian Fever at the Omaha Athletic Club.

MELANGE OF LOCAL MUSICAL MATTERS

Nym Crinkle Gives a Bright Glimpse Into the Life of a Noted Dramatic Editor -Coming Attractions-Gossip of the Stage.

Omaha is now assured of an opportunity for hearing Madame Adelina Patti during her present American tour, and it is particularly nattering to local pride that this engagement was made by the direction of la diva without regard to such considerations as guarantees. The people of Omaha surely have reason above all others for adoring this

famous singer, who thus evinces such a high regard for their city and their pleasure.

Madame Patti and her associates will appear in operatic concert at the Coliseum on Saturday evening, February 20. The diva admits with charming grace and frankness that she has been singer for form reserved. that she has been singing for forty years, and her career is one of the marvels of the age. She remains matchless in her exaited sphere Her exquisite vocalism, as though a special gift of the Divinity, transcends that of all others on earth, and the multitudes gather as

of yore to pay homage at her shrine.

Madame Patti will be assisted by Madame
Fabri, prima donna contraito, M. Guille,
tenor, Signor Dei Puente, baritone, Signor Novaro, basso, and an orchestra under nor Arditi. These are all famous artists, and besides their solo parts they will assist the diva in giving an act or two from one of the

Among the members of the "Superba' company, who were here last week, was one who is possessed of varied accomplishments, and some of the members of the Omaha Ath letic club now have reason for a special in terest in her future career. Reference is had to Miss Mildred Holland, who had the role f Wailalia, the wicked queen, in the great

Hanion spectacle.

Miss Holland is an expert fencer and swordswoman; indeed, she is one of the finest in America, and a recent magazine article mentioned her by name as one worthy of distinction. At the cine house Toesday afternoon she gave an informal exhibition of her art in a bout with Prof. Huegel th fencing master, and quite a number of club members were favored with a view. Miss Holland also took up the foils with two of Omana's best amateurs, gentlemen well known in business and professional circles, found her an antagonist worthy

The lady had no fencing costume and had to appear in ordinary street attire, using her left hand to keep her draperles from tripping her. As she had no plastron to protect he person the gentlemen did not attempt an at-tack, but gave their whole attention to de-fending themselves. Even under these cir-cumstances, heavily handicapped as she was, Miss Holland easily broke through their defense and scored point after point, compelling opponents and spectators to acknowledge her skill with hearty plaudits. This was not a compliment to her sex, because her remark-able ability was clearly demonstrated. Miss Holland's method differs somewhat

from that taught by Prof. Huegel, and they compared the two with the evident satisfac tion that enthusiasts ever display in the dis cussion of a common hobby. The fair fences affected no airs, and showed by her manner how this graceful exercise, rather rare among women, might be enjoyed without a suggestion of impropriety or objectionable anconventionality. She has a number of unconventionality. She has a number of friends in Omaha, who know her to be a modest, educated and altogether charming young woman with none of the forwardness or affectation which some the contribution charge to the profession. In speaking of he unlishment Miss Holland said:

accomplishment Miss Holland said:
"I took up fencing as a part of my training
for the stage, and became so fascinated with
it that I continued to practice it as a pastime.
My instructor was Colonel Monsterey, now of Chicago, who is recognized as one best living exponents of the art. I did not take up fencing with any intention of giving exhibitions on the stage. The object was physical training. This pretty art is not only a fine exercise, but it gives suppleness of body, grace of movement and sureness of footing. During our Chicago engagement house, and sureness of footing. arrange ments were made for a bout at each matinee between Colonel Monsterey and myself. We used broadswords, for a foil contest does not show to advantage on the stage. The public like noise and flashing weapons, and broad-swords are much the better for theatrical effect. These contests seemed to please the sudiences greatly and excited general com-

"I am giad to hear that fencing is become am glad to hear that fending is becom-ing popular among Omaha young men, and i should advise the young tadies to take it up as a most healthful and graceful accomplish-ment. I am not able to practice much while traveling, but the next time I come to Omaha I shall have my fencing costume with me. Your athletic club is admirably squipped and beautifully housed, and I shai always remember the kind courtesies of its

Miss Holland's fencing costume looks like a yachting suit with the skirt shortened two or three inches to afford the feet free move-ment, but she also wears knee trousers as if

for a riding habit.

Miss Holland not only has youth, beauty and a finely rounded figure, but she is the picture of bealth and has a strength and agil-ity that are rare in her sex. She is 5 feet and 3 inches in height. Her other measureand 3 inches in height. Her other measure ments are: Throat, 13½ inches; upper arm tense, 11½ inches; forcarm, tense, 9½ inches waist, over clothing, 24 inches; hips, over clothing, 36 inches; ankle, 9 inches; calf of eg, 14% inches; size of glove, 6%; size of

Miss Holland has won the admiration of number of the athletic club gentlemen, and a visitor's card will always be at her service when she visits Omaha. Apropos of her re-marks, several young ladies of this city are now taking fencing lessons.

In a letter to THE BEE Nym Crinkle (A C. Wheeler) writes in his peculiarly scin-tiliant style of Leander Richardson, who publishes the New York Dramatic News and has just established its mate in Chicago. The itic says, among many other good things:
"I saw him the other night in the cafe at Deimonico's, and couldn't help remarkin that he was the centre of a constantly shift ing group of town notabilities. He hold, in deed, a sort of levee at a corner table, and every man of affairs that came in went over and paid his respects to him. Ordinary, the and paid his respects to him. Ordinary, the editor of a dramatic paper may be said to bedge himself in what is known as the "profesh" and the idie parasites who hang to its skirts. But Mr. Richardson appears to be equally well known to the Wall street men, the social magnates, the sports, the artists and the swells, and equally at home with all of them. Whether this is owing to a remarkable versatility and adaptability a remarkable versatility and adaptability of character or to a distinctly pronounced in-dividuality it is hard to say. Mr. Richardson has done a surprising lot of things, and done them all well, and he must have a wide range of experience. A man who can put on the gloves, write a couple of successful aoveis, edit a paper, manipulate stock deliver a lecture and order a swell dinner is not, perhaps, a specialist in the worst sense of that word. But, while a wide range of ac-complishments may make a popular man, they complishments may make a popular man, they can hardly make a successful man, and I am inclined to think that Mr. Richardson owe esent position to sterling qualities of ster rather than to versatility of ac-

complishments.

"His sanctum has become the court of first resort for the most attractive, the most voluble, the most unfortunate of the great army of professionals, and I have been amazed at the amount of time and the amount of good, hard sense which he affably imparts to these children of the glittering hour. When he gets time to edit his paper I cannot imagine, anless, like less versatile men, he leaves it all anless, like less versatife men, he leaves it all till an hour before going to press, and then locks his door and dashes it all off."

OMARA MUSICAL MATTER.

7.55 less than six years since the first grand musical festival was given in Omaha, and that was the dawn of a new era in the musical advancement of Omaha. Since then the light has been growing stronger, and the lovers of music are growing stronger, and the tovers of music are greatly encouraged by the prospects of a brilliant and everlasting acousted. The secret of the success which accounted. The secret of the success which attended that great festival may be found in the word "unity." Every musician of high and low pretension alike joined heartily in The secret of the success which

the work. To the musicians of today comes the message, "Go ye and do likewise. There is an opening for another rich treat, and

maha deserves one."
Amongst those who have borne the burden Amongst those who have borne the burden and heat of the day must be mentioned Mrs. J. W. Cotton, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Penneli, to whose untiring efforts and perseverance we are indebted for much of the musical atmosphere we have. The Apollo club, of which Mr. Pennell is president, also deserves

Today it can boast of being the possessor of one of the leading directors in America, Mr. L. A. Torrens, a gentleman who, in addition to his great gifts of genius and talent, has had long years of experience in choral work and in the trying, difficult and still sublime work of orchestration.

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In the year that he has been here be has given the "Bride of Dunkerron," "Joan of Arc," "The Crusaders," and Spohr's difficult and beautiful oratorio, "The Last Judgment." In connection with the last named piece, the citizens of Omaha had the pleasure of hearing for the first time a wall executed. of hearing for the first time a well organized and finished orchestra supporting the Apollo club, now a strong mixed chorus, with the prospect of being the finest musical organization in the west.

Mr. Torrens has also established a school

of music, which is daily growing stronger and which boasts of a fine staff of teachers and equipment. This school is supported by the patronage of Hon. G. W. Liniuger, Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, Messrs. W. L. McCague and Thomas J. Pennell, and an excellent fac and Thomas J. Pennell, and an excense witty, comprising such well known teachers as Martin Cahn (plano), Will T. Taber, W. S. Marshall and J. E. Butler (organ), and Hans Albert (violin). Mr. Torrens personally attends to the vocal department. He is assisted largely by Mrs. Torrens, who has studied under some of the best masters in the east. She has a delightfully sweet and telling voice, and as a teacher is unusually

There is also a conservatory of music man aged by Messrs. Cummings & Jones, which is also well equipped and includes in its faculty Prof. Baetens, whose orchestral powers have won for him a wide reputation.

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The increase in the population of the city has, of course, occasioned a corresponding in crease in the number of churches, and within the past two years four new pipe organs have been erected. Two Roosevelts one to Trin ity cathedral and one in the St. Mary's avenue Congregational church; a Wirsching at the church of Saint Matthias (Episcopai) and a Hutchings at the First Methodist Episco-

Trinity Cathedral is said to have the bes Episcopal church choir west of the Missour river. It is under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Cotton and is undoubtedly a strong organiza-tion. The chorus is unusually fline. Mr. J tion. The chorus is unusually fline. Mr. J. E. Butler at the organ is all that could be de-E. Butler at the organ is all that could be de-sired and has occupied his present position for a long time with ever-increasing satisfaction. Supported by such vocalists as Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Jules Lombard, this bids fair to take a prominent place among the choirs of the country. One feature of this particular society is the chorus of ladies' voices, about twenty in number, which mingles with the childish treble of the white robed boy choristers and gives a delightful

and soothing effect, At All Saints' church under Mr. Pennell's directorship a very good musical service can be heard. This choir of boys and men is un-usually advanced and the works which they undertake for special seasons are pieces of great difficulty indeed. Mr. Pennell never caters to the popular taste but tries to keep his choir and congregation up to the highest class of music. He is assisted by two ladies only, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Daisy Higgins, contrailos, and has a very promising and musicianly organist, Mr. W. L. Marshall. There is also at present a number of fine

quartette choirs in our midst and it may not

e amiss to mention a few of their leading soloists. High up among the sopranos we notice the sweet, pleasing voice of Mrs. Sund-erland (nee Boulter), the stronger and fuller tones of Miss Clara Clarkson, the declamando oratorio poweas of Miss Arnold of St. Philo-menoa's cathedral and the biru-like quality of Mrs. Martin Cahn's voice. Grouped amid the altos are the full, melodious and expres-sive voice of Miss M. Elizabeth Amsden, who has just completed an extensive course of study in New York and whose singing shows the effect of hard work. Miss Ogden, with a voice of giorious quality and compasappeals to listeners very warmly and show promise of success when thoroughly culti vated. Miss Bishop reveals also a vocalist for whose lovely voice further cultivation will do a good deal, as her improvement has been very marked. Mrs. Lay has been well known here and has already scored a suc-cess. Among the tenors are Mr. Charles McDowell with a pure English tenor voice capable of much development, sweet, and pleasing and of which great things can be predicted; Mr. I. M. Treynor, an old favorite and a warm friend of the art; Dr. Eddy, who has a very fair quality of tone, and Lieutenant Kinzie with has phenomenal compass. His voice is exceptionally tine and is well suited for heavy opera or oratorio. In the multitude of base re Mr. L. B. Copeland's beautiful voice, full baritone or basso cartarte over which he has perfect control. He has studied a great deal in the east and is largely helped in his singing by the background of an active brain so essential to the true vocalist. Mr. W. A. Derrick, a young basso profundo, is already quite popular. Mr. Will MacCune possesses

very promising heavy voice-baritone-with Omaha has no less than five organized orchestras: Professor Baetens', the Apoll club, Boyd theater, Musical Union and last but by no means last the Albert Philhar monic. Herr Hans Albert, who gives it its name, is a born genius. His soulful playing is acknowledged on all sides and he proposes to do some good works with orchestra in truly artistic style. He has with him Herr Joseph Gohn, a former fellow student and prilliant planist, who has already made quite

Among the piano teachers in the city are such artists as Martin Cahn, whose delicacy and brilliancy combined have placed him in a position of emmence: Mme. Muentefering, a reputation. who is well known to Omaha as a planist and musician of note; Miss Belia Robinson, who must be mentioned, although she lives in the sister city, Council Bluffs, a brilliant, soulfu and poetic artiste, whose instrumentation clearly displays the true musicianly element

in her nature. It is indeed gratifying to hear of musicale: every week, even if obliged to decline invita-tions owing to their frequency. Where formerly there was a dearth there is now as abundance, and Omaha is today surrounde by a delightful musical atmosphere. Let the fuir ladies of society take the matter up warmly, give it their thought and interest, and encourage it by private musicales. Let the artists put aside minor jealousies and unite in golden, glorious harmony, so that the effete east may come to acknowledge that this western country is not all a wilderness but that there is one sweet casis where art is appreciated and nurtured by a united effor of her faithful devotees.

The approaching concert of the Apollo club makes this time opportune to say a few words about this organization, which has for its object the development of the musical interests of this city. This club is the legit-imate successor of a number of organizations which have existed at various times in the city and some of the members of the present city, and some of the members of the present society have been connected with all or nearly all of the societies at one time or

Away back in the '70s there existed th Arions, a male organization conducted by Mr. Felix Blaudenfeld, then as now a prom inent piano teacher here. Then came the original Philharmonie society, a mixed chorus; next the Harmonic society, also s mixed chorus, conducted by that excellen musician, Mr. George F. Moyer, who was musician, Mr. George F. Moyer, who was for a long time connected with the Union Pacific railway, and for a number of years organist of Trioity cathedral; after that the Garfield and Arthur Glee club, which after the political campaign of 1882 was rechris-tened the Omaha Glee club.

Who can forget the boys of the old Glec club! Franklin S. Smith, now of Chicago J. L. Smith, lately deceased; J. Wesley Wil-Kins, Revel France, A. D. Morris, H. D. Estabrook, Jay Northrup, C. E. Burmester, W. B. Wilkins, T. J. Peoneli and many

others made up the personel.

After a few successful years that organization gave up the fight and retired from the field. The Harmonic society chorus formed the nucleus for the first Theodors. Thomas festival ever given here. The prim movers in the affair were Mr. D. Blakele and Mr. C. D. Dorman. They also manage to keep up the organization after the Thoma festival under the name of the Philharmoni restivat under the name of the Philharmonic society and to give a series of concerts dur-ing the next season. After two concerts nad-been given, however, the plan was abandoned on account of lack of patronage, and an at-tempt which promised much fell to the

ground.

The Apollo club was organized in the spring of 1887 as a male chorus, the leading spirits being Mr. C. D. Dorman, the first

president: Mr. Nat M. Brigham, Mr. Brag-giotti, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Weich, Mr. Wilkin, Mr. France, Mr. Pennell and others. Mr. B. B. Young was induced to come to Omaha from New York to accept the direc-torship of the new organization, and for

three seasons continued in that capacity, making many warm friends during his resi-With the fourth season of the club a change was made, the organization being changed from a male chorus to a mixed chorus, it being thought that a wider field in the world of nusic could be occupied by such an organ-

After the removal of Mr. Young's family to Chicago in 1890, the club fortunately were able to secure the services of Mr. L. A. Torrens as conductor, and his work during the last two seasons has amply demonstrated his

einment fitness for the position.

The club now seems to have gotten fairly started in a successful career. It has been very hard work, and at times discouraging. The financial support has never been adequate, and the organization has been kept to gether at the cost of much labor and sacrifice on the part of its members. The necessity of such an organization as

this in Omaha is great, and the good which can be accomplished by it cannot be estimated. If liberally supported the musical sentiment of Omaha will be inlarged and stimulated, local talent among our singers will be encouraged, a permanent orchestra will be organized, which is now a necessity, and the cause of music in its highest and pest forms will be placed uppermost in the

hearts of the people.

If the Apollo club can be the means of stimulating and creating an enthusiastic musical sentiment in Omaha it will do a good service and its members will feel that their

labors have been truly rewarded.

Mr. Martin Cahn is doing fine work in instrumentation. As a teacher of technique he is excellent, and his fine musical temperament must necessarily influence his pupils. He proposes giving a private pupils' musicale in the near future, and judging from some of the selections to be performed he must have a decidedly interesting program.

Most encouraging reports come to us from all sides about the phenomenal success of

Miss Bertha Bayliss, who recently went to New York to complete her studies. certainly the possessor of a glorious and her teacher prophesies a brilliant future

The Trinity Cathedral choir has already begun to practice Easter music. Mrs. J. W Cotton is well supported in her arduous work of directing by her supplementary chorus of young ladies, most of whom are her own pupils, and who in this way obtain a good knowledge of choral works. It has alway been a prime object with Mrs. Cotton to have nothing produced in public until it has been perfect at rehearsal. This is a very good naxim and it is to be hoped that all our city hoirs have adopted it.

Mr. Charles McDowell, secretary of the Omaha Operatic society, reports a very fa-vorable outlook for the season. The first production is to be "Maritana," a gem of English opera, by William Vincent Wallace. It is in Emma Juch's extensive repertoire but has never been played here. Several ama-teur societies in Great Britain and Ireland have presented it with great success. It i expected that the celebrated "Faust ! be taken up as a current study. The Omaha society is fortunate in having se cured the voluntary services of Mr. Mc-Dowell, inasmuch as be comes pool, England, where until quite recently he took an active part in the Liverpool Operatic society, one of the leading musical organiza-tions of the United Kingdom.

The music committee of the First M. E. church has waited upon and secured the following quartette of artists for the services on Sunday evening, February 7: Mrs. Mar-tin Cahn, soprano; Miss M. Elizabeth Amsdemn, alto; Mr. Ralph Breckenridge, tenor; Mr. Lucian B. Copeland, bass. Mrs Cahn will sing the offertory soloin the morn ing and Miss Amsden in the evening. This combination of well known vocalists, to gether with the silver-tounged orator Bishop Newman, who will preach, should prove a strong attraction.

THE THEATERS.

"II and I" the New York Standard thas ter's greatest laughing success returns to Boyd's new theater for two nights commenc ing tonight. This bright sait since its presentation here last year has been entirely re written, new songs, dences, bright and witty dialogues added and in its revised shape is said to be funnier than ever. "U and I" will be remembered as a bright satire on the apartment house system of New York and eals with the incongruous dispo many nationalities coming together within the four walls of a New York flat. It fairly teems with wit and humor. Laugha ble situations follow each other with such rapidity that the auditor's attention is diverted from one piece of nonsense to another only to enjoy another over the many complications of the plot. John T. Kelly, one of the best of stage rishmen, still remains the bright star, and his portrayal of the role of O'Donovan lane is indescribably funny. His originality is marked to a degree, while his versatality is such that his auditors never tire of his pres-ence upon the stage. Dutch Daly, his confrere, is another one of the strong features of the cast, and as Prof. Ungerblotz,he is credited with scoring a most pronounced suc cess. His dialect is artistic and lifelike and very much unlike that of the average stage German, and from this source springs much of the amusement. These two clever artists will have the assistance of Florrie West, the English comedienne from the Alhambra, London; that capital low comedian, Harry Kelly, Flora Veidran, Charles F. Walton, Carrie Mondaine, Charles F. Wilson, Lizzie Ennis, the Fairbank sisters, Josie and Ida and Aimee Angeles, the youngest premiere danseuse in the world.

For the coming week, opening today with matinee, the Farnam Street theater management announces the celebrated Creoles, and is emphatic in stating that the only all-around Creole Burlesque company on the stage is the above named company, organized by Mr. Sam T. Jack, "the father of burlesque," It is composed of fifty young ladies, thirty of whom are the daughters of the sunny south, and twenty fair Egyptian sirens. In addition to the beauties of the south and east are several well known maie comedians, veritable missionaries of manners, whose peculiarly pleasing pastimes and specialties evoke the heartiest applause wherever they appear. The per formance, which consists of a most artisti combination of high class vaudeville and bur-lesque par excellence, makes one of the most pleasing entertainments before the Ameri can public. Gay gavottes, merry marches terpischorean pastimes, sweetest songs, graceful groupings, and other attractions necessary to make it the leading burlesque and vaudeville show of the day. A recent number of the Cincinnati Enquirer thus extend the Creek company. The best expenses tols the Creole company: "The best company that has appeared on the boards of the People's theater for lo, these many years. The New York Sun says: "Sam Jack's Creole Burlesque company, new playing on Broadway at the Standard theater, still hangs out the S. R. O. sign, notwithstanding the fact that this is the third week of tha popular company's stay.'

M. B. Leavitt's spectacular pantomime and novelty combine, "Spider and Fly," will be presented at Boyd's new theater Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 12, 13, 14, with manifold novelties and a host of talented performers. The large company is an entirely new one, and was recruited abread entirely new one, and was recruited abroad for this production, which embraces music, pantomime, comedy, ballet and dazzling spec-tacle. There are forty people in the organi-

The land of the midnight sun, that land of romance and mystery, the Arctic regions, will be represented this week at the Eden Musee. A group of genuine Alaskan Indians will be exhibited for the first time in America. This group of strange people, man, woman and child, were secured for Sackett & Lawley by child, were secured for Sackett & Lawley by M. W. Bruce, the explorer who has been the special correspondent for Tue Bee in Alaska. They have been with Miner W. Bruce for three years. They bring with them the siedges, dog. boat, spears, walrus and seal skins, whale blubber and bone and implements of war. The entire exhibition will be a source of wonder to both old and young. They remain one week only. This young. They remain one week only. This will be your time to see the fur clad deni-zens from northland. See these peculiar belegs, who when on exhibition are continually eating ice. See little black-eyed Kiko in her dances. See the walrus hunt done by Chief Estwart. See the greatest attraction in America.

De Wolf Hopper and his excellent compa of entertainers, presenting the reigning mu-sical success of the season, "Wang" will in-augurate his second annual engagement as a

star in this city, on Monday evening, Febru-ary 15, at Boyd's new issater. The Hopper-Wang engagement is for three performances only and no doubt crowded houses will be the

The thousands of Omuba people who have

The thousands of Omaha people who have read with keen delight that intensely funny book "Jonathan and His Country," and also the new book just out "A Frenchman in America," will be sure to go to the Grand opera house on Wednesday evening next to hear the brilliant author, Max O'Rell, who will tell them of "America as seen through French spectacles." This is not a lecture.

French spectacles." This is not a lecture. It is a bright and brilliant comedy, such as Max O'Rell only can furnish, and which will be fully appreciated to the highest possible degree by all bright and intelligent people. Max O'Rell's success, during his present tour of the leading American cities, has been of the most remarkable character. He spoke on January 77 in one of the tearest Misneanolis churches and many

the largest Minneapolis churches, and many people were turned away unable to get seats

within the building. The receipts were nearly \$1,200, and the large audience was thoroughly well pleased with a well-spent and nost enjoyable evening. The avance sale of reserved seats will open at the Grand box office on Tuesday morning next at 9

The Paris Galety Girls Burlesque company

opens an engagement of three days at the Grand opera house, commencing with a mattnee next Saturday. The company

matinee next Saturday. The compani presents two burlesques, entitled: "The Living Cards," and King Selomon's Wives."

The specialties included in the program are varied and interesting and are in the hands

Chat of Plays and Players.

Scanlan is said to be improving rapidly.

Natural Gas" for seventy-six weeks.

New York is to have three new theaters by

Donnelly & Girard have a tour laid out for

Madam Patti says very frankly that she has been singing in public for forty years.

May Irwin and Otis Harian have been re

Jack Haverly has just finished seven weeks

of ministrelsy in Chicago and says it is no

Miss Julia Officer of Council Bluffs, is mer

tioned by Chicago papers as the pianist of a

Francis Wilson and his opera company will

come to Omaha in May to begin a coast tour and be contemplates a summer trip to Japan

It is rumored that Louis James and his

pretty wife. Marie Wainwright, have become

reconciled. This is good news for theate

It is twelve years since William H. Crane

Lobsters are green before being boiled, but

the imitation in "Superba" failed to attract

attention until painted red. Audiences the

Charles A. Knorr and Richard M. Archer

well known in Omaha, have established the

Chicago Musical agency. They will furnish musical artists for various entertainments.

Howell Osborne is reported to be dying

from injuries received in a runaway accident

" France, and Fay Templeton is said to be

Great Britain has beensed 313 theaters up

o date. London has 45, hardly more than

New York. There are 180 music halls in the

kingdom. The United States has 4,563 thea-

Young J. K. Emmet recently played to

\$3,130 in two performances, matinee and evening, at Albany, His father's biggest business in that city for two such perform-

A series of entertainments are to be given

in Chicago this week for the benefit of a free Keeley institute. Dr. Keeley has offered to

donate the right to use his treatment if the

Augustin Daiy is trying a novel experiment. He is having a French play translated by four different persons. From the best points of all four he will make up an adapta-

The cynics of the east take great delight in

pretending horror at the breeziness of the

Birdville," or when he tells of one singer

"knocking the spots" out of another's per-

ormance! And here is Nym Crinkle speak

As it now stands the New York law pr

vents the employment of any child "in a the atrical exhibition," and managers in New

jurious to the health or morals of such child.

as the present law is one of senseless hard-

Richard Mansfield confided to a Chicago reporter the other day that he never makes

any reply to criticisms on his stage work

but when his character is assailed he strikes back. He also remarked, "The papers make or break a theatrical enterprise. A line of

any sort in one of them is worth many square feet of lettering on the wall."

Young Aubrey Boucicault, who recently

left the Stuart Robson company, owing to differences with his employer, has associated himself with Arthur Rehan, under whose

management he will star. His play will be called "The Squireen," an Irish comedy, from the pen of Robert Buchanan and young

Ada Renan, Augustin Daly's leading lady.

While the "Superba" company were in the city Miss Holland (Wallalia), Miss Midgly (Superba) and Miss Campbell (Sylvia) were visitors at the rooms of the Omaha Athletic club, and made fine scores in bowling. Mention is made elsewhere of Miss Holland's

skill as a fencer. Miss Campbell is also ac-complished in that art, having acquired it as

a fashionable pastime at her home in Boston Miss Midgly, on the other hand, excels a

Alexander Salvini is probably the only

actor now before the public who was born in a palace. He first saw the light of day in Florence at the palace Capranica, which has

since been renamed the Palace det Grillo, and which was also the home of another famous

vini's mother was Clomentina Cazzolo, a young and beautiful actress and one of the leading artistes of the Italian stage. She

Charles Hoyt is going to try the double

stage at his Madison square theater, as an advertisement for his new play, "A Temperance Town." The double stage has not been

used for many seasons. The change will be made from one act to the other with the cur

tain up and the lights out. The lower stage will represent a New Hampshire rural scene with a snow fall, then, a moment after, the same scene covered with a deep snow is to

be displayed, the snow Hakes failing fast and

Modjeska wears about her neck during the production of "Mary Stuart" a most curious chain with a small lamp hanging from it. The chain is of gold and is known as the "Agnes Dei." Of these chains there are only known to be two in existence—the original, which was once the property of Mary, queen of Scotland, and now monog the English crown jewels, and the exact copy which is worn by Modjeska. It was during her recent visit to London that Modjeska was fortunate enough

London that Modjeska was fortunate enough to obtain it. The prince of Wales is a very warm admirer of her genius, and it was

through his influence that the necessary per mission was obtained to have the copy made

Mrs. Kendal, it is and, has mortally of-fended certain Pittsburg people by drawing invidious comparisons between the thin ankles of American women and the thick ankles of the English. The good people of Pittsburg forget that this is the last season of the Kendals in America. When Mrs. Kendal gets back to "dear old London," she will undoubtedly write a book on "America"

will undoubtedly write a book on "America" that will make their hair stand on end. Meanwhile, the thrifty old lady has just pand \$50,000 for the freehold of a bouse in Portland Place, London, and will give up her less aristocratic establishment in Harley street.

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BAPTISTS PLAN A JUBILEE

in Omaha Today. ALL THE CHURCH WILL PARTICIPATE

Rev. Savidge Makes a Hit With the Sinner -Resume of the Week's Doings in the Churches of the City.

The Baptist people of Omaha have been looking forward to the events that are to take place today with a genuine anticipation of great spiritual refreshment and invigora The greatest missionary mass meeting ever

held by the Baptists of this city will prob ably be held today, and as the people of that church are proverbial for their missionary spirit the occasion will doubtless be very in teresting to people of all denominations and to hundreds who are not church members. The leading spirit of the occasion will be Rev. J. E. Clough, D. D., of Ongaie, India, one of the most distinguished missionaries in the world. He will address the people at the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock, and it is expecied that there will be as many people present as the church will possibly accommodate. Dr. Clough has been in the mission work for nearly thirty years, and it is said that the work which he began in India under the most discouraging cir cumstance has resulted in the conversion of over 50,000 of the natives to the Christian re-

In the afternoon there will be an interdenominational meeting, at which ministers of other churches will take part. Bishop New-nan, Dr. Merrill, Dr. Harsha, Rev. Joseph Clark of the Congo, and Dr. Clough will participate in the deliberations of the after-

At the evening service Rev. W. S. Witter M. D., will preside and Rev. S. E. Wilcox, Rev. Thomas Allen and others will speak. Excellent music will be furnished by the First Baptist church choir of Council Bluffs. The Baptist denomination in Omana has been making very commendable progress during the past five years, and today the various Baptist churches of this city have total membership of about 1,100 people. There are twelve Baptist churches and five missions in Omaha. This church is probabl doing more effective home missionary work than any other single denomination in the city. It is very natural, therefore, that a great missionary mass meeting, like that to be held today, should arouse a great deal of enthusiasm among the Baptists of Omaha. Henry E. Dixey says be is going to Australia to join E. E. Rice, who thinks big money can be made in the antipodes by giv-

Superb Entertainments. There will be a series of three entertain ments given at the First Methodist church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of this week. These entertainments will be of exceptional merit and importance. The series will be called Tour de Monde and will be under the guidance of Bishop and Mrs. New-

man. They will exhibit their magnificent collection of stereopticon views of great cities, palaces, temples and shrines collected in their extensive travels in almost every civilized land under the sun. The variou phases of oriental life will be vividly por trayed and explained by Bishop and Mrs. Newman. The tourists seave Omaha via the Union Pacific railway, drop off at Salt Lake then at Sacramento, Yosemite val City, San Francisco and pull Japan through the Golden

to up Japan and rummage around through China the first evening. On Thursday evening the journey will be continued and the excursionists will take in India, the Garden of Eden, Bagdad, Babylon, Ninevah, Damaseus, Jerusalem and the Holv

The excursionists will cross the Pacific ocean

On Friday evening Bishop and Mrs. New man will take the audience through Egypt, Constantinople, Greece, Rome and up to Mt. Vesuvius; then through Venice, Brussells, Moscow, St. Potersburg, Paris, London Liverpool and across the Atlantic to New From New York the route home will west in the handling of the queen's English, but what is to be said when Joe Howard writes that Patti "sang like a bird from take in Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and Council Bluffs. At the close the audi

ence will sing "Home, Sweet Home."
Mayor Bemis will preside the first evening, Superintendent Fitzpatrick the second
evening, and Dr. J. T. Duryea the third ovening. The entertainments will be given on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday even ings, and the proceeds will be donated to the church fund to pay for the splendid stone walk that was laid around the church property last summer. Tickets good for the

course will be sold for \$1.

The Young Men's Journal, edited and published by Messrs. May and Hazleton, has moved into new and much better quarters. ters in the Sheeley block on Fifteenth street This bright little sheet is growing rapidly in public favor and has been enlarged and im-proved very much within the past few weeks. It presents a wide range of entertaining mat-ter of special interest to young people who are religiously or morally inclined.

Rev. Savidge Makes a Hit. Rev. Charles W. Savidge has met with marked success in his independent church movement. He is receiving assistance from all classes, from those who profess religion and those who do not. A very striking incident occurred to him one day last week. visited a well known saloon keeper at his place of business and said: "Mr. — I want to make a bargain with you." "Name your medicine," said the saloon

keeper,
"I want you to pay \$1 toward liquidating the gebt on my church and then I want you to promise that you will come up next Sunday night to meeting and get the worth o your investment."
"I'll just go you one if I lose," said the

saloonkeeper, clapping down a big silve dollar on the counter. Rev. Savidge put the money in his pocke jotted the name and amount down in his book, and said as be went out; look for you at my church next Sunday night."

Sure enough the saloonkeeper went to church and took an ex-pugilist along with him. "Did you get your money's worth!" in

quired the minister after the services were

"Yes, sir; you deal out straight goods," replied the saloon man. "I don't regret my investment." "I hope you were repaid for coming, too." said Rev. Savidge to the man of fistic skill.

"Yes, I was very well satisfied with your style. You are my kind of a man. You strike right from the shoulder and it's a fight to the finish from the very moment you get into the r-, pulpit. If the preachers were all like you, sir, the devil would be knocked

Pasters and People.

There will be a union meeting of the Plymouth Congregational, Knox Presbyte-rian, First United Presbyterian and Trinity Methodist churches this evening in the Plymouth Congregational church, Kountze Place. The T. K. quartette will sing and a very enjoyable time is anticipated. Dr. Thain will preach this morning upon "The Call of the Hour for the Churches."

Mr. E. L. Coub, a commercial traveler, will lead at the meeting for men this afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association. Mr. W. C. Gage, also a traveling man, will speak at the same meeting. Next Saturday night will be Swedish night. Anumber of promi-nent Swedish citizens will be present and

take part.

Next Sunday will be Young Men's Christian association day in the churches of Omaha. Many of the pasters will touch upon the Young Men's Christian association work in their morning sermons and Hishop Newman will address the men's meeting at the association building at 4 o'closes.

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The many friends of Rev. Willard Scott, late of this city, but now of Chicago, will be pleased to learn that he has received the degree of Doctor of divinity from Beloit college, Wisconsin. The Chicago Advance of February 4 has the following to say upon the subject: "A correspondent of the Advance recently pointed out the strange oversight which prevented Rev. Willard Scott of the South church, this city, from decorating his and specify in your purchaser that you want goods made in Nebraska factories and produced by Nebraska soil. All whiskies and spirits of any kind manufactured by fler & Co. and the Willow Springs distillery are made in the state and from Nebraska grain. consuming 3,000 bushels per day. Insist upon your dealer furnishing home made goods, they are causal to the best and cost no South church, this city, from decorating his south church, this city, from decorating his name at the end as well as at the beginning with the dual insignia of his calling. Beloit college added one more memorable incident to its late jubilation by attending to this omission. Dr. Scott has stood in no need of titles to secure him a foremost place in the circles to which he has lately come; but the circles to which he has lately come; but both recipiant and giver are to be congratu-Dr. Cullimore, oculist, Bee building both recipient and giver are to be congratu-

lated when the honor is so worthly be-

stowed The Young Men's Christian association will put the commodious tennis grounds on Harney street near Twenty-fourth all in good condition for the summer tennis season, and will prepare for some great tennis Arrangements for a Big Missionary Meeting events during the summer

Mr. T. J. Hollander of the Young Men's Christian association returned yesterday from Toronto, Canada, where he passed the examination for the work of a foreign mis-sionary, and will leave next fall for China. Rev. J. T. Duryea, D. D., will lecture in Trinity Methodist church next Tuesday night upon the "Instinct and Intelligence in Animals." This is the third lecture in the course, and will doubtless draw a ful

Rev. A. Hedgetts, secretary of the Metho-dist general conference committee, has re-ceived a stack of letters and telegrams asking for accommodations at the hotels during the conference. It is the intention of the en-tertainment committee to find entertainment at private houses for most of the lay delegates. Lawyers will be asked to entertain lawyers, doctors will be requested to enter tain doctors, bankers will be asked to enter tain bankers, etc. In this way it is beneved most of the lay delegates can be taken care off very pleasantly. The most pressing prob-lems fust now with which the committees have to deal are the subscriptions to the \$25,000 fund and the securing of entertain ment in private houses for the delegates.

RELIGIOUS.

There are twenty-nine kinds of Meth-

In all Spain there are only 3,231 children in Bishop Hare of South Dakota is now upon

another trip to Japan. The undertaking was suggested to him by the Episcopal House of The four gospels have been translated into

Uzbek, the language of 2,250,000 people in Central Asia, and published by the British and Foreiga Bible society. In Italy the religious periodicals number 175, of which 159 are Roman Catholic. In Germany the number is 360, of which 245 are

Protestant and 115 Catholic. At a Roman catholic convent at Fort Ber thold, N. D., all the sisters, including the mother superior, are said to be Indians the spiritual director is a priest of the Mo

hawk descent. The schools sustained by the various American missionary societies contain almost 175,000 pupils, and the 12,000 Protestant mission schools are training to Christian intellis gence an aggregate of not much less than 600,000 children and youth.

Rev. Dr. Philpott, formerly bishop of Wor

cester, who died last week at the age of 83, never left the work of his diocese to take his

seat in convocation or in the House of Lords. He had other work than law-making and he kept away from convocations for the reason that he could not stand "theological jabber. Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost declares that there are annually ten times more convert in India than there are in New York, though there are not as many missionaries whole of India as there are ministers of the gospel in New York city. He makes no al-iowance for the toughness of the material on which his New York brethren have to work. Bishop Doane, who made the prayer at Flower's inauguration, affects the ultra-Anglican style of clerical costume. He wears knee preeches and silk stockings, with a closely buttoned coat of broadcloth, and cape of the same material. His head

tied up with strips of ribbon, and suspended from his neck by a thin chain of gold in a goiden crucifix. Lawrence Kip, the young San Francisco lawyer whose reported conversion to the church of Rome has created a sensation in Protestant circles in that city, belongs to well-known eastern family. He is a grand-son of the venerable Protestant Episcopa bishop of the California diocese, and his mother was Miss E. C. Kinney of New York, a cousin to Bishop Coxe of New York. Her half-brother is Edmund Clarence Stedman,

ing is the historic palmer's hat, with the brim

Dr. Cullimore, oculist to Mo. Pa c. Rv

IMPLETIES. A good story is being whispered about co cerning a certain gray-haired and distin-guished divine, whose saintly qualities have endeared him to a wide circle of friends in this city and elsewhere, says the Boston Gazette. Not long ago, while crossing one of our crowded thoroughfares, he became confused and failed to see a heavily loaded team Just at this point, however, an athletic young coal heaver, who was standing near the curb-stone, and had taken in the perilous situation at a glance, sprang forward and fairly swept the astonished old man out of the reach of danger. "There!" he exclaimed, depositing his burden on the sidewalk, and regarding nim with that spirit of impatience which we are apt to feel under such circumstances "There! If it hadn't been for me you'd hav

gone to the devil that time, sure!" Jinks-Dr. Fourthly made a great mistake in preaching his sermon on the parable of the loaves and fishes when he did. Filkins-Why so!

Jinks-Because the church festival suppe that same evening completely outdid the Miss Eastlake-Why! Mr. Crook, what ob

jection could you possibly have to our Epis copal service! Mr. Crook-Too much like gambling, Miss Eastlake.
Miss Eastlake—Gambling †
Mr. Crook—Yes; nearly all chants, you

At a recent church fair in Pittsburg, say:

the Denver News, five handsome young ladies stood with a placard upon their oreasts reading, "You may kiss me for 25 cents. Yet we find church organizations denounce ing the innocent pastime of dancing. A religious exchange discusses "The Ad

vantages to a Preacher of a Visit to Pales-tine." Well, there is one good thing always comes from it, says Bob Burdette; his congregation gets some good preaching while he is gone. The advantages are not all on the side of the parson. Churches in northern New York give "sleigh-ride socials" in aid of charity, which is thus given quite a boom in that direction says the Philadelphia Ledger. The addition

of a full moon is expected to cause a perfect Parishoner-Doctor, that sermon of yours on the existence of the devil was a mos

The Rev. Dr. Fourthly-Yes, I think I preached it just in the Old Nick of time. Usher (at the church door)-Would you like a seat near the front! Mrs. Seldomcome (with some hesitation)-N-no, thanks. A good seat in the parquet circle will do just as well.

"John," said the minister's wife, "he many more times are you going to recite that sermon of yours?"
"Don't nother me, my dear, if you please,"

he returned. "I am practising what

The odor of sanctity, says the New York Herald, is probably the only thing that smells

says "some folks are so stubborn that all they need is four legs and they would pass for a mule." May be it people use more of Haller's Barbed Wire Liniment mules

Mark Twain

Dr. Cullimore, eye and ear, Bee building HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

New basque skirts are fifteen inches deep below the waist-line. Camphor wood chests are preferable to cedar in packing away winter clothes.

Shaded chrysanthemums, yellow brown, are fashionable bridal bouquets. yellow and Some of the handsomest costumes of the season are made up without foundation

The woman who wears diamonds tavishly always seems a vulgar creature to the woman who hasn't any diamonds to wear. There are 21,000 stitches in an ordinary

shirt, but even then eight or ten more are often needed to get a missing button on. The jealous wife usually feels a little dis appointed if she cannot find on her husband's

coat a hair different in color from her own.

Hair-dressing shows little change. Every

woman tries to suit her own style as nearly as possible, and is making a specialty of studying her own points. Exclusive modistes are displaying some very ecclosiastical looking tollets a la chate-laine, which are specially designed for wear

during the Lenten season. Langtry has a new form for a cloak, richly trimmed with jet, and a bonnet to match, She also has a red gown which she wears

with an immense feather boa. The Bertha collar is quite a feature of all the latest tea jackets and house gowns. Even the pretty muslin night robes have broad, turnover ruffles of the colored dimity

Husband-Twenty-five dollars for the trimmings on a bounet! Wife—Yes, and only very plain trimming at that. Husband—Plain! Why I could get a beautiful case of detirium trimmins for \$25. A neat indoor dress is made of green

lainage or beige, with basques forming the corsage, and opening over a waistcoat of the same material. The front of the waistcoat and skirt trimmed with braid. Velvet suits of gown and coat are seen. Velvet for gowns, alone or in combination, is more sought than usual. Long velvet coats

and longer polonaise are combined with silk for reception and visiting costumes. New gowns of corn-colored cloth, cash-mere and French camel's hair, are trimmed variously with brown fur, gold galloon, white marabout feathers, or with black velvet rib-bon. These cresses are invariably in

princesse effect. A plam-colored cloth dress has a waist with the sides and back forms of cloth, the plaited back and full front of silk of the same color. A training of gold and garnet passementerie is set on the front, the shoulders collar, sleeves and edges of the basque skirts. Some of the new bodices and waistcoats are

on the hip, a style quite popular in Bedford cord and fine cashmere tailor-gowns, The jersey comes up again among spring garments designed for utility purposes. This bodice continues in favor on account of its easy, pliable nature, while yet fitting with

fastened with "jeweled" and other fancy buttons. Double fronts button over others,

great perfection, and also because fresh and novel fancies in its garaiture are constantly being devised. Whatever change may take place in the style of the corsage in the near future, there is yet, generally speaking, no such thing as a wholly plain waist outside of Shakerdom or the convent. All are draped or garnitured in some fashion on one or both sides, down

the centre, or combining the three styles on

An artistic velvet gown of decided blue has a street coat cut with a low, rounged front, finished by a shawl collar of ormine turned back from a vest of white satin embroidered with blue, gold and jet beads. There are cuffs of ermine, and the must and toque are of the velvet, bordered with fur. The lady who wears it has blue eyes, sunny brown

hair, and a good color. Mr. Worldlywise-I wonder if these jet ornaments and passementerie on ladies' cloaks and wraps are not made from coal. Friend-Why do you ask! Mr. Wordlywise Because if they are made from coal, and coal goes up to what it was last year, I'll shove my wife's jewelry and dresses into the stove and save enough money to pay for my liquor and cigars.

Very few women who can afford it now wear any but silk-lined gowns. The skirts hang so perfectly and are so light in weight, and bodices similarly lined fit better and are infinitely more comfortable than those made on ordinary foundations. The silk lining is not such a serious matter of expense as it once was, as it now costs only about one-half its former price, and in excellent qualities at

A stylish and pretty effect was lately pro duced by wearing a black and gold striped silk corsage most simply fashioned over a black silk skirt, the lower edge of which was finished with a yellow silk ruche set inside a wider one of black, the edges of both ruches being narrowly fringed. The bodice fastened the arm and on the shoulder and was pointed at the waist and trimmed with paniers of black silk lace.

Max O'Rell continues to say charming things about American women. In his last lecture he points out that by the wedding ceremony the Frenchwoman gains her liberty, the Englishwoman loses hers, and the American woman continues to do as she pleases. He further said that in conversa-tion the American woman, and the American woman only, could make a man forget her sex and lead him to treat her as an intellec tual equal.

Gay smoking pillows are made of the striped Turkish scarfs arranged so that the stripes must run down the center of the pil-low. The edges are then worked with eyelet holes and laced together with cords finished with bright little tassels. The cords are short, requiring several to lace one pill and a succession of the pretty tassels f almost like a fringe down the pillow with odd and pleasing effect. When in doubt concerning what to give a man or woman for a present, it is pretty safe to buy a pillow.

Spoopendyke Has Asthma and he spent thirty-two minutes tryin g to tell his wife to go to thunder and get his bot-tle of Dixon's Asthma Cure, and she (neor thing) fluttered around and brought some broth and a hair brush and things, and Spoopendyke nearly died, but he got the Asthma Cure finally and then—well, I'm sorry for his wife.

An 80-year resident of Androscoggin, Me., has been "published," as they say down there when a marriage license is taken cut, for about the fiftieth time. It is believed the girls get him to engage himself to them for fun and then laugh him out of it. He is an unusually engaging old fellow.



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