ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

W. H. Steen of Braidwood, Ill., royal chief of the Order of Scottish Clans, has submitted the result of the investigation of the books and accounts of late Royal Treasurer Archibald McLaren of Cleveland, O. The shortage in the funds amounts to $15,165.74. The statement which Royal Chief Steen has submitted is as follows:

Cash balance in bequeathment fund June 30, 1897	$11,250 00
Cash balance in general fund June 30, 1897	3,960 00
Collected on assessment 246, July	4,200 00
Collected on assessment 247, August (estimated)	1,000 00
Total	$20,350 00
Cash taken to Montreal	$3,000 00
Checks turned over to Mr. Hill	200 95
Cash in banks	1,893 31—5,184 26
Delinquent	$15,165 74

The security to the order for the apparent shortage is a bond of $5,000, secured by a fraternal society, and a mortgage on Mrs. McLaren's property, with the consideration named as $5,000, but conditioned to cover all loss the order may sustain to the full value of the property mortgaged.

At least a portion of this shortage is on deposit in banks in McLaren's name and can be drawn by no one but himself. Checks were then prepared, and the officers, accompanied by Mrs. McLaren and a son, went to the ex-royal treasurer, explained their mission and asked him to sign the checks. This he refused to do, "and he acted like a man who had lost his reason or was playing a part. Every means was used to get him to say where the money was, but he only continued to insist that he had the money and would settle with the order when he got able to attend to business."

The shortage was discovered at the late session of the royal clan. Regarding this Royal Chief Steen says:

"When the treasurer was called upon to explain why his report was not accompanied with the certificates, he pleaded illness when leaving home to attend the session, but assured the Royal Clan that he was ready to settle with his successor as soon as he would return home to Cleveland. When the Royal Clan adjourned its session Brother McLaren was sick in bed. He was left in the care of Brother Fraser, delegate of Clan Grant, Cleveland, O., who attended to him to his home in Cleveland, where he remained under the care of a physician until the 8th of September. In the meantime demands had been made on him, through his wife, to turn over all his books and money to John Hill of St. Louis, Mo., who had been elected to succeed him as royal treasurer. On the date mentioned his wife wrote to me to come, or send Mr. Hill, 'to get what belonged to him,' as Mr. McLaren's successor. I at once notified Mr. Hill and we got to Cleveland on Sunday, September 12."

The result of this visit is indicated heretofore.

Independent Order of Good Templars.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska grand lodge adjourned at Lincoln last Thursday night after a session of two days. The session was attended by 125 delegates. South Omaha was selected as the place for holding next year's meeting.

Reports of officers showed that there has been a small decrease in the membership of the lodges during the last year. There are now 3,000 Templars in the state, with twenty-five lodges in good standing. Notwithstanding the dropping off of the membership during the hard times there is more money in the treasury than at any time in the history of the order in Nebraska. Lodges are in good condition.

It was decided that the Nebraska lodges should take the initiative in a step to place a window in the temperance temple in Chicago in honor of John B. Finch. The Lincoln lodge took a prominent part in inducing the grand lodge to take up this work and father the proposition.

The District Templar of Cozad was ordered enlarged and denominated the official organ of templary in Nebraska. Its name will probably be changed, and it may be removed to a larger place.

The following officers of the grand lodge were elected for the ensuing year: Grand chief templar, Rev. J. O. Staples of Omaha; grand counsellor, W. H. Hamilton, mayor of Albion; grand vice templar, C. E. Hedges of Lincoln; grand superintendent of juvenile templars, Annie Ellermeier of Swanton; grand secretary, Emma J. Hedges of Lincoln; grand treasurer, Burton Rice of South Omaha; past grand chief templar, J. B. Hughes of Cozad; grand electoral superintendent, Judge G. B. Chase of Elwood; grand marshal, J. M. Deweese of Swanton; grand deputy marshal, E. Rowland Smith of South Omaha; grand chaplain, Mrs. Arthur Bennet of Lincoln; grand guard, Miss Shives of Bloomfield; grand sentinel, S. Kershner of Blue Hill; grand assistant secretary, Miss Vinnie Pursley of Lincoln; grand messenger, L. O. Westcott of Swanton.

Rev. J. O. Staples of this city delivered a couple of addresses during the session. Interesting remarks were also made by Miss Annabel Saunders, right worthy grand vice templar of the world, recently elected at Zurich, Switzerland, who is here. She is a Nebraskan, but is now temporarily located in Missouri.

Knights of Pythias.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week the state grand lodge was in session at Lincoln. There was no very great attendance of delegates, as there were no matters coming up that promised strife.

The reports indicated a fair condition of the order. There are now 155 lodges in the state, one less than last year. Three lodges were reorganized during the year and four lodges surrendered their charters. The total membership in the state on June 30, 1897 was 5,778. Subordinate lodges had a balance of $15,886 on hand June 30, 1897, and owned property and investments valued at $69,896; total cash on hand and invested, $85,782. The financial statement of the grand lodge shows receipts during the year amounting to $5,622. Total expenses were $5,827. Cash on hand October 1, 1897, was $1,633. The board of trustees estimates that expenses for the ensuing year will amount to $7,773. The Board of Trustees includes the grand chancellor, grand keeper of records and seals, together with F. A. Miller, S. S. English and D. Rees.

Two quite important matters were decided. The initiation fee was reduced from $20 to $15. This matter has been up before the grand lodge at previous sessions. There has been a general demand for a reduction in Nebraska since in the states on all sides the initiation fee is only $15.

The grand lodge also abolished the payment of compulsory sick benefits. The matter was left so that each subordinate lodge may decide this matter for itself and need not pay the sick benefits unless it wishes to do so.

The following officers were elected: Grand chancellor H. M. Boydston, Nebraska City; grand vice chancellor W. N. Young, Stanton; grand prelate, George E. French, North Platte; grand keeper of records and seals, Will Love; grand master of the exchequer, John B. Wright, Lincoln; grand master-at-arms, G. W. Wiltse, Randolph; grand inner guard, E. H. Grist, Tecumseh; grand lodge trustee, S. S. English, Eagle; supreme representative, Will L. Seism, Omaha.

Independent Order of Foresters.

Court Omaha, Independent Order of Foresters, has increased its membership 60 per cent in the last ninety days and some smaller courts have done even better. All anticipate a genuine boom during November and December because of the supreme court's having granted a dispensation to initiate at charter rates during the aforesaid months.

The members of Court Omaha sprung a very complete surprise on T. L. Combs, their court deputy, also high secretary of Nebraska, at 1432 North Nineteenth street, Tuesday night, and presented him with a magnificent upholstered parlor chair and elegantly prepared card of congratulation on his recent marriage. Mrs. Combs received a handsome Foresters' bouquet. The party was entertained at cards and cigars, with light refreshments.

Fraternal Union of America.

At the last meeting of Mondamin lodge, No. 111, the entertainment committee arranged for a public entertainment to be held on October 27 in Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets. A large attendance is desired at the next regular meeting on Wednesday night, as there will be thirty or forty initiations, after which the entertainment committee will introduce some new features. The lodge has ordered the altar flag, jewels and badges and has bought a complete outfit for serving refreshments, etc., from another organization.

Banner lodge, No. 11, met Thursday evening, and after disposing of a lot of general business, passed the evening in the different amusements the entertainment committee provided. This lodge will endeavor in the near future to give an original evening, each member on hte program playing, singing, acting or reading something he himself has composed. The lodge is arranging for a grand entertainment, the date of which will be announced next week.

Frater Howard of Omaha organized a lodge of 125 members at Beatrice two weeks ago, and one at Wymore last week with fifty members.

Miss Maud Z. Thompson organized a lodge at Blue Hill Tuesday evening.

The advisory board of the supreme lodge will meet in regular session next Tuesday. Supreme President F. F. Roose left Friday evening for Denver to be present at this meeting.

Daughters of the Revolution.

Omaha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held the first meeting of the season at the residence of the regent, Mrs. H. S. Jaynes, last Monday afternoon. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presentation to the chapter of a very handsome gavel by the regent. The gavel was a gift to her from Mrs. Philip Hichborn, vice president general, in charge of organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the wife of Chief Constructor Hichborn of the United States navy. The head of the gavel is made from a piece of wood from the old frigate Constitution. The handle is of wood from the Hartford. The gavel is beautifully carved and polished, and the mallet and handle bear silver plates engraved with the names of these famous ships, which were known as being singularly lucky. An interesting program followed the regular business meeting. Mrs. E. L. Alexander read a brief paper on "Early Explorations," and Mrs. Anna Fitch Skinner followed with an entertaining account of the first settlement. Miss Ellenore Dutcher gave the history of Paul Jones' starry flag, of which a photograph has been presented to the chapter by Mrs. Harriet Perry Stafford of Cottage City, Mass., who has the original first stars and stripes in her possession.

It is Mrs. Stafford's intention to place the old flag in the Smithsonian institute this fall, as she has grown too old to longer feel safe in retaining so priceless a relic. It is the first American flag saluted by a foreign power. It floated from the masthead of the Bon Homme Richard during the engagement with the British ship, Serapis. During the battle the flag was shot away and fell into the sea. A young lieutenant on the Richard, James B. Stafford, leaped overboard and recovered it. When the Richard was sinking, Paul Jones transferred the flag to the Serapis. In recognition of Lieutenant Stafford's service the marine committee in 1784 presented him with the flag, together with Paul Jones' sword and a musket captured from the Serapis. Relic hunters have clipped away two yards of the old flag. The flag was exhibited at the Centennial exposition and at the World's fair.

The annual meeting of the Omaha chapter for the election of officers was held Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Wood. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. H. S. Jaynes, regent; Mrs. A. P. Tukey, vice regent; Miss Ellenore Dutcher, secretary; Mrs. A. C. Troup, treasurer; Mrs. Lyman E. Ware, registrar; Mrs. N. F. Crane, historian; Mrs. A. P. Wood, Mrs. M. B. Lowrie and Mrs. C. W. Lyman were elected to serve on the advisory board.

Order of Redmen.

The big war dance given by the tribes and councils of these hunting grounds on the sleep of the twelfth Sunday, traveling moon, was a success beyond their expectations. They succeeded in raising almost enough wampum to defray the expenses of entertaining the great council of this reservation, which convenes here on the sixteenth sun, traveling moon, in Redmen's hall Continental block. The Drexel hotel has been selected as headquarters for delegates and visitors. The tribes and councils of these hunting grounds will entertain the visitors in a way that will reflect credit to the city of Omaha and still add to the reputation of our fair city as a desirable place to hold conventions.

One of the pleasant fraternal features of last week occurred on the sleep of the ninth sun, traveling moon. A runner from the tepee of White Fawn council, Degree of Pocahontas, brought an invitation to the degree team of the Alfaretta council to meet with them in their wigwam and conduct five palefaces into the mysteries of the order. On receipt of this invitation the team took the trail for the tepee of White Fawn. The Alfaretta's degree team is easily the banner degree team of this reservation and their perfect team work did not suffer any on this occasion. The sisters of White Fawn council are capturing palefaces for adoption at a rate that is very gratifying. The visitors were given a very pleasant reception. An excellent lunch was served after the work. The last hour of the ninth sun was given over to dancing.

Knights of the Maccabees.

Arrangements have been perfected for a grand time among the Maccabees of this city and vicinity on October 26, the occasion of their grand ball at Metropolitan club and of the entertainment and dance November 11, when Supreme Commander Markey will be in the city and favor those who attend with one of his noted talks. His record as an entertaining talker has preceeded him and he will be well worth hearing. The tickets of admission to this entertainment have been limited.

Mrs. Louise M. Bouk has been appointed deputy supreme commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees for this state and will probably visit all the hives of the state.

Gate City tent No. 60 gave the first of a series of winter socials last Thursday evening. Mr. Bouk read a very interesting article, while Hewitt and Hayes did the "coon" turn, to the admiration of the audience. Prof. Hubbard told a few funny jokes and Mr. Kelly of Minneapolis related his experience in Omaha the past week. Dancing and refreshments followed.

It is the intention of the Maccabees of Omaha to make the November entertainment the banner one of the season.

Commander Kelly of Minneapolis has been giving the Omaha tents good instruction during his stay here. He is to be presented with a gold-headed cane.

Order of the World.

The social and dance given by Myrtle lodge No. 399 on Friday evening last was a grand success. The attendance was large and all report having a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

On Thursday evening last the members of Teutonic lodge No. 262 entertained a large company of friends in a social given at the close of the business meeting. Refreshments were served by the female members.

On Saturday evening, October 30, a grand ball will be given by Myrtle lodge in Myrtle hall, Continental block. The committee of arrangements will endeavor to make this one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

The members of Myrtle lodge No. 399 will hold a sociable on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Rockfield, 806 South Eighteenth street.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Hebrew camp, Modern Woodmen of America, gave a reception last Wednesday night that was attended by representatives from all of the Omaha, Council Bluffs and South Omaha camps. The address of welcome was delivered by Venerable Consul Schoenstadt of Hebrew camp. Mayor Moores responded and stated that he was pleased to be numbered as one of the guests of the evening. He said that he regretted that he could not be an active member of the order. The mayor has passed the age limit and consequently he cannot become a beneficiary member. J. W. Houder, Mr. Muller and others delivered interesting addresses. A fine musical program was rendered. Martin Cahn presided at the piano and Miss Lillian Ensile sang and recited. Refreshments were served during the evening, the reception concluding with a dance.

B. & M. camp, No. 2722 gave an informal "stag" party at Labor temple last Friday evening. A large crowd was present, including many Woodmen from other camps in this city and Council Bluffs. Refreshments and cigars were liberally served, and with songs, instrumental music, stories and speeches, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Shriners Go to Fremont.

Tangier temple held one of its most successful ceremonial sessions at Fremont on last Friday evening. The official caravan started from Omaha at 3:30 p. m., accompanied by the Twenty-second Infantry band, which played the lively air, "The Girl I Left Behind Me," as the train pulled out from the station. On arriving at Fremont the caravan was largely increased by the presence of the local nobles, who escorted it to its headquarters at the Masonic hall with the assistance of the traditional rope. At 7:30 the Arab patrol, in new and elaborate costumes, preceded by the band and accompanied by the nobles, paraded the streets of the city amidst a brilliant display of fireworks. After the parade the ceremonial session began and fifteen sons of the desert were conducted across the burning sands.

While the nobles were holding their secret session the Twenty-second Infantry band entertained the people of Fremont at the opera house with a number of its choicest selections, which were listened to by a highly enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

At 11:30 about 250 nobles sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed and relished by the nobles, but more especially by the novices, whose appetites seemed to have been increased by their long journey over the sands. On the production of the cigars Illustrious Potentate Henry Hardy introduced in a happy manner Noble S. Wright Butler, toastmaster for the evening, who in turn called upon Nobles Matthews of Fremont, Breckenridge of Omaha, Vaughan of Fremont, I. R. Andrews of Omaha, F. H. Sanderson of Omaha, and on behalf of the novices Nobles C. M. Williams, J. C. Cleland and A. R. Oleson, all of whom did ample justice to their various subjects.

This enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with great enthusiasm at about 2 a. m. The caravan then returned on a special train, arriving at Omaha about 4 a. m., thoroughly pleased with its entertainment.

The following novices furnished the food for the initiatory work: Andrew R. Oleson, William C. Evans, E. N. Morse, A. E. Littlechild, David Franklin, J. M. Kraeder, C. M. Williams, J. C. Cleland, J. A. Shank, H. J. Butler, O. E. Lamberson, Arthur Truesdell, Fremont; N. J. Johnson, Ames; N. C. Sears, Wisner; George T. Kennedy, Long Pine.

Secret Society Notes.

Union Pacific council will give a dance and card party at Metropolitan hall on the evening of November 24.

At the last meeting of Nebraska lodge 354, I. O. B. B., a committee consisting of C. Brandeis, S. Bloom, O. Hochman, H. Rothholtz, A. Kalish and John Merritt were appointed to arrange for a ball to take place on Sunday evening, October 17, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the lodge.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, A. O. U. W., will convene in Philadelphia during the coming week. Some 250 delegates will represent the 204 lodges and 14,000 members in the state.

Union Veterans' Union.

The department officers of the state of Nebraska were duly installed last Friday evening by Colonel Dunlop of the national commander's staff. This order is rapidly increasing in the state, there being now eight commands. As it is the intention and duty of the national corps to take especial interest in the matter of pensions and correspondence of the old soldier and sailor, the order promises to become very popular and have a large membership.

Royal Highlanders.

At a session of the high prudential chiefs at Aurora last Monday the resignation of J. L. Rose as most illustrious protector was accepted, and W. E. Sharp, supreme deputy, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. Arrangements were completed for the organization of the ladies' auxiliary and other matters of business were transacted.

TWO HORSES GET ON A LIVE WIRE.

Instantly Killed While Passing Through an Alley.

A couple of horses belonging to the W. J. Lemps Brewing company were electrocuted in the alley back of the Continental building yesterday. At the time stated Driver Plottenberg urged his team up the slight incline leading from the street into the alley and as he did so, one of the horses shied slightly. Thinking little of this, the driver forced the animals ahead and in an instant one of them dropped to the pavement. It was followed an instant later by its companion. Just about the same time Plottenberg received a shock which nearly threw him from the wagon. He, however, recovered sufficiently to get down, discovering the agent which had wrought havoc with his team.

A piece of the heavy wire which carries the power currents of the Thomson-Houston company had fallen from the network overhead and had come into contact with the pavement.

The horses did not move after they were struck, their death being instantaneous. Plottenberg telephoned the electric light company and the current was shut off. When the horses were removed, it was found that great seams had been made in their sides where the wire had come in contact with their skin.

The linesman who was sent to repair the wires stated that the one which had broken loose had been torn from its support by the wind. It was of the alternating current and was charged with 2,000 volts. The horses were valued at about $300.

RAINFALL IS QUITE GENERAL.

Fully an Inch of Moisture All Over the State.

All the railroads in the state yesterday reported colder weather, general rains and some snow along their respective lines. The Union Pacific reported a cold, drizzling rain throughout Nebraska, from Omaha to Cheyenne. West of Cheyenne clear through to the west terminus of the line at Ogden there was snow ranging from one to three inches in depth. The snow from Cheyenne to Rawlins was light.

The greatest fall of rain in Nebraska along the line of the Burlington in the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was at Plattsmouth, where a little more than one inch of rain fell. There was an inch of rain at Schuyler, a heavy rain at Hastings. Throughout the state the fall averaged about three-fourths of an inch. The temperature at Nebraska points ranged from 36 to 48 degrees above zero. In the western division there was snow, the heaviest being near Denver. In the Wyoming division there was light snow also, and the temperature at several points fell to 20 degrees.

The Missouri Pacific, the Rock Island and the Elkhorn roads also reported good rains in the eastern and southern parts of the state, with snow and extremely cold weather in the western and northern sections of the state. The rain Friday and Friday evening was general all over Nebraska, and varied from one-half inch to one inch in depth.

Mrs. Derrington's Condition.

The doctor in attendance upon Mrs. Nellie Derrington, the woman who attempted her life Friday by taking a dose of strychnine, stated yesterday that his patient was steadily improving. He said that barring accidents she would recover, although the shock to her nervous system had been a terrible one. It is now said that the attempted suicide of Mrs. Derrington was not due to sorrow caused by the death of a favorite uncle or upon the approaching marriage of her first husband, but that she had been suffering from nervous prostration caused by overwork.

An Honest Remedy.

"We could not say too much in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. About three years ago one of our children had an attack of croup and we were afraid that we would lose him. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised, we decided to give it a trial. It gave almost instant relief and we believe it saved the child's life. Since then we have never been without a bottle of this remedy in the house and we recommend it to every one as being an honest cough remedy."—L. W. Nichols, East New Market, Md.

AMUSEMENTS.

The past week, like several of its predecessors since the reasonable expectation of cooler weather began, has furnished no criterion of what the normal attendance at the local theaters is to be this year. Managers and public, after more than one distressing season, took heart of grace from reports of abundant harvests and approaching material prosperity, and expected at last a remunerative and enjoyable period of theatrical entertainment. They should not be cast down by the rather untoward beginning which has been made. The public can find little fault with the managers, who have certainly provided attractions which rank with those offered during a similar period in any past season. Neither can the managers justly contemn the theater-goers for their non-attendance, for the cause is beyond the control of either public or manager. Some people will go to the theater in hot weather, as was abundantly demonstrated last summer during the long Woodward engagement. But the $1.50 folk will do as little of it as possible, preferring to spend the same amount, or more, in a cool spot, if such can be found. Wherefore, it is unquestionably the weather, and nothing and nobody else, that has been chiefly responsible for an apparently apathetic opening of the theatrical season in Omaha. Given cool nights, people will not hesitate to avail themselves of the excellent opportunities afforded them to go to the play. The weather bureau, with a shameful record of prophecies unfulfilled, has shown itself utterly incompetent to deal with a Nebraska drouth. But signs are not wanting, which ordinary laymen may read, that cool weather has come to stay; and this being the case, managers should not be discouraged until the improved climatic conditions have a chance to do their beneficent work.

This week some very good entertainment is offered to theater-goers, especially at Boyd's. It is difficult to say much that is new or complimentary about the attractions announced to appear at the Creighton, but at least two notable events will occur at the other house. The coming of "The Heart of Maryland" has been long delayed, but it is not unlikely that the Omaha public will flock to see it with that charming unanimity which it is wont to display both in going to the theater and in staying away. Many have seen the play elsewhere and are aware of its merits and its weaknesses; and almost every one is familiar with its story, at least by hearsay, through the exertions of the indefatigible press agent. Such familiarity might furnish excuse for a suspension of The Bee's unvarying rule against criticism in advance; but as a comment, favorable or otherwise, would have the least possible influence in determining the action of the public, it is as well to let "The Heart of Maryland" beat unaided and unhindered.

As to Madame Modjeska, there seems little doubt that Omaha may look forward to a genuine artistic treat in her two appearances. She has ever been a prime favorite, here as elsewhere, and there is no reason to expect that her long absence from this city and from the stage has in any way lessened her popularity here. She has surrounded herself with an excellent company for the brief tour which she contemplates. Joseph Haworth, John T. Malone, Wadsworth Harris, Anna Proctor, Anna Daily and others are in it. Madame Modjeska herself seems to be in excellent health and spirits, and it is believed that she has been entirely restored to her old-time strength and activity. There was talk at one time of her joining forces with Otis Skinner, who was so long her leading support, and this would seem to be an admirable arrangement. The scheme contemplated a sort of joint starring tour, with the time divided between the two luminaries as chief attraction. Perhaps this may still be accomplished, although nothing has been heard of it recently.

Madame Modjeska will be seen here in "Magda," which has never been presented in Omaha, and in "Mary Stuart," with which and her impersonation of the Queen of Scotts local theater goers are familiar. It is learned that a movement is on foot to effect a substitution of "Macbeth" for the latter, in the interest of certain young ideas which are being trained to shoot at the Shakesperean target. It is not likely that such a change can or will be made, but in case there are students of Schiller in sufficient numbers, it is suggested that a counter petition may be useful in securing the retention of "Mary Stuart" in the Omaha repertory.

E. Burtan Holmes of Chicago, who has gained an apparently well deserved celebrity as a lecturer on the characteristics and beauties of foreign lands, will give a series of lectures next week at the First Congregational church. "The Yellowstone" will be the subject of Mr. Holmes' first address, to be delivered on Tuesday evening, October 26. This will be followed on Thursday and Saturday nights by lectures on "Cycling Through Corsica" and "The Cities of the Barbary Coast" respectively. Mr. Holmes' lectures are illustrated with original colored moving pictures and are thoroughly enjoyable to eye, ear and artistic taste.

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, who has not been seen and heard in Omaha for several years, will give one of his unique and interesting readings from his own works here somewhat later in the month. Mr. Riley and his poems are so universally known and admired that detailed description of either is unnecessary. More definite information as to time, place and program of this entertainment will be given next week.

The Bee has seldom found occasion to criticize the programs or bills of the plays provided by the local theaters. There was a time when they habitually contained advertisements of lotteries and of various drugs and medicaments which were better left undescribed. All this has been changed, partly through the modest efforts of The Bee and the pamphlet offered at present to play goers, although by no means a model of artistic beauty, is handy, useful and generally unobjectionable. It is a question, however, whether any of its good qualities are enhanced by the persistent appearance of the wood cut of a bearded monstrosity which embellishes one of the inside pages. The advertisement which accompanies this horror is legitimate enough, but it is not believed that any one will buy the nostrum which it holds out any the more readily after a contemplation of this whiskered freak. It certainly is a shock to all except bearded ladies to find it always before their eyes, immediately below the cast of characters.

Coming Events.

This afternoon Primrose & West's minstrels are to begin a short engagement of two nights and one matinee at Boyd's. Primrose & West have been regular visitors to Omaha for a great many years and on nearly every occasion they have had some novelty to present. This year they are to have several new features.

In the first place they have secured the services of one of America's most popular entertainers, Ezra Kendall, of whom every one knows. His specialty consists of a monologue, in which he treats in humorous style of the general topics of the day. Another popular comedian now with Primrose & West's company is Carroll Johnson, who has been styled "The Adonis of Minstrelsy." We are promised that in addition to a lot of new jokes that Mr. Johnson is also well supplied with the very latest of comic songs.

Of the other members of the company there are Trovollo, a ventriloquist, who will present a novelty in the introduction of life-size automatons, that not only appear to possess the power of speech, but are also able to walk about in human fashion. Falke and Semon are a pair of musical comedians who may be remembered by some of our theater-goers. The Schrode brothers, acrobats and pantomimists, have been seen in Omaha with one of the Hanlon productions. A new style of dancing, called note or melophrase dancing, is to be introduced by George W. Lewis. The Freeze brothers will be seen in an exhibition of tambourine spinning said to be of a very novel character. William H. West's latest production, "The Zouave Patrol," is to be one of the features of the performance. The vocalists are Charles Kent, Alex Cameron, Lewis Pritzkow, Lawrence Diamond, Joseph Garland and others.

The minstrels are to arrive today about noon on a special train from Denver and will give their street parade, starting from the depot.

The announcement that the Hanlon Brothers are to come to the Creighton theater for four nights and two matinees, opening with a matinee today, should be received with pleasure and anticipation by all classes of theater-goers, for such is the quality of the entertainment that all will be interested in the announcement of its appearance. Since the Hanlons' last visit they claim to have gotten up, under the old title, a complete new production of "Superba," which will be given here in its entirety. Fresh from the artist's brush but a few weeks since all the paraphernalia of the piece was sent out on the road and it will therefore be seen here in spick and span condition. All the tricks and illusions are said to be new; the ballets have been specially composed and will be seen for the first time in this city, and the costumes which clothe a score or more of charmingly pretty girls should be in the nature of a surprise to those even who know the prodigality of the Hanlons in this regard.

Chief interest will perhaps be aroused in a number of new mechanical tricks introduced. One of the cleverest is where several valises are transformed into a demon, who chases the clown with such rapidity that he jumps into the mouth of a cannon, from which he is exploded a second after into space and his dissected body and limbs caught on the bayonets of the surrounding soldiery. Notwithstanding the fact that the audience sees him in six or eight pieces, he turns up a moment or two after, sound in body, wind and limb, and fresh for a new encounter.

David Belasco's latest popular and critical success as a dramatist will be given its first performance in this city at Boyd's theater on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, when our play-goers will have an opportunity to judge for themselves whether there is any exaggeration in the liberal praise so universally bestowed upon its performances elsewhere.

"The Heart of Maryland" is cleanly in expression, the characters are typical of the living humanity that forms the social surroundings and the theme of the story never "overreaches the modesty of nature," nor is the story itself, either in incident or action, other than possible.

In "The Heart of Maryland" the author has sought to give dramatic emphasis to that quality of dauntless courage and heroic self-sacrifice with which love inspires woman when danger threatens the one upon whom she has bestowed her affection.

The company is said to be one of the strongest in artistic reputation that has been included in the cast of any play at present on tour in this country. Mrs. Leslie Carter, who represents the heroine and central figure of the play, Maryland Calvert, it is said gives a boldly drawn virile realization of the author's ideal. She has the advantage of a graceful, attractive presence, mobile features, an alert mimetic intelligence, a forceful, independent method in her conception of her task, involving nothing of staginess or conventionalism, and withal possesses the charm of personal magnetism. Other members of the company are James E. Wilson, Frank Mordaunt, Theodore Roberts, Grant Stewart, Henry Weaver, jr., J. H. Hazelton, Herbert Millward, Helen Tracy, Angela McCaull and Virginia Tracy. The advance sale of seats, from present indications will be large and bring to the theater throughout the too brief engagement a series of numerous and fashionable audiences.

The return of Madame Modjeska to the stage after her retirement caused by serious illness two years ago is an event of which all those who take an interest in the poetic drama will be delighted to learn. It is said that she has completely recovered her health and will play a limited number of engagements between now and the holidays. One of these will be in Omaha, where she appears on Thursday and Friday evenings, October 21 and 22. It is announced that she will hereafter play but short seasons and hence it is not unlikely that this may be the last opportunity to see this gifted and distinguished actress. She will be seen on the opening night here in "Magda," a play which she presented a few times before she last left the stage, but which has never been done in this country in English by any one else. Duse and Bernhardt have both played it and it is ranked among the great Italian artist's most remarkable impersonation. The drama is by Herman Suderman, and is said to be a powerful and most interesting play. The story is that of Magdalina Schubert, a willful and independent young girl who refuses to marry a man chosen for her by her stern and narrow-minded, but loving old father. She leaves home and twelve years after returns to the humble village a great and famous opera singer. The unrelenting parent refuses to see her, but at the solicitation of the village rector a reconciliation is about to be effected when the father hears of an event in Magda's city career, which according to his stringent ideas, has cast an indelible stain upon her character and he again closes his doors and his heart to her. The real nobility and sublimity of Magda's character, however, are at last made clear to the old father, who dies with forgiveness on his lips. On Friday evening "Mary Stuart," a play which Modjeska has made peculiarly her own and a play of which her auditors never weary, will be given. Joseph Haworth, an actor of excellent ability and fine reputation, plays the leading roles with Modjeska on this tour and in addition to him the company contains a number of other competent legitimate players, among them being John T. Malone, Lester Lonergan, Wadsworth Harris, George Sylvester, F. H. Kendricks, Anna Proctor, Anna Daily, Grace Fischer, M. E. Northam, Mrs. H. J. Sargeant and others.

Stage Notes.

Robert Taber will remain in London this season.

Lottie Collins is expected to arrive in New York this week.

John A. Ellsler, the veteran manager and actor, is ill in New York.

David Henderson has leased the Great Northern theater in Chicago.

Joseph Jefferson opened his short season in Portland, Me., last week.

Rudyard Kipling is said to be writing a play based upon life in India.

Francis Powers' Chinese play, "The First Born," made a hit in New York last week.

James F. Hoey, a brother of the late "Bill" Hoey, is seriously ill in Sayville, L. I.

Frederic Warde produced his new romantic play, "Iskandor," in Lancaster, Pa., last week.

May Irwin has just closed a very successful engagement in Boston in "The Swell Miss Fitzswell."

Thomas Whiffen, one of the brightest and most able comedians on the American stage, died last week in London.

Mabel Eaton is giving good satisfaction to Denver theater goers by her work with the Broadway Stock company.

E. J. Ratcliffe and Edith Chase Sprague, granddaughter of the late Chief Justice Chase, have taken to vaudeville.

Sol Smith Russell is still delighting large audiences at the Garden theater in New York with "A Bachelor's Romance."

Mrs. George S. Knight, after an absence of several years from the stage, is appearing in vaudeville in New York.

E. J. Henley, who was last seen here as leading man with Margaret Mather, has opened a school of acting in New York.

W. J. Scanlan, the manager of "Lost, Strayed or Stolen," is a cousin of the unfortunate Irish comedian of the same name.

It is rumored that Sol Smith Russell, W. H. Crane, Francis Wilson and Nat C. Goodwin will combine to acquire a New York theater of their own, and to divide its time among themselves.

Julia Arthur made her debut October 4 in Detroit in "A Lady of Quality." On the night of the 7th the theater was completely destroyed by fire, inflicting a heavy loss upon Miss Authur at the beginning of her stellar career.

"Secret Service," which is now playing a long engagement in Chicago, drew $1,530 more during its first ten performances in that city than during its first ten in New York, $1,827 more than in Boston, and $535 more than in London.

Chauncey Olcott was married a fortnight ago to Miss Margaret O'Donovan of New York. He has persistently denied the rumors of his matrimonial intentions, and now excuses himself by stating that the rumors concerned the wrong women.

That Man from Chicago.

OMAHA, Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have noticed in your paper several charges made against Mr. Geraldine, criticising his method of letting contracts, and other trifling charges brought forth against this eminent man from Chicago. Don't you know he is the great man who so successfully planned and executed the World's wonderful exposition in Chicago?

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Now I hope you won't interfere or criticise the acts of this Chicago genius. I hope you won't be offended with me for differing with you in my views in regard to the conduct of this Chicago a rara avis.

PETER BROPHEY.

Meeting of the King's Subjects.

There will be a general meeting of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben in the rooms of the Omaha Commercial club on Monday evening next to consider matters of great importance concerning the future existence of the association. Before taking any steps for the future the board of governors desires to consult with the knights themselves.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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