

AMUSEMENTS.

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Since Mrs. Leslie Carter gave David Belasco's "Zozo" its first presentation in Washington less than a month ago, the eastern newspaper critics have been showering her with praises, publishing column after column about her fine artistic work.

In speaking of Tim Murphy recently, an article wishing to emphasize that he is an artist and not a farce comedy performer, wrote of his comic work in the following manner: "It is not an Irish comedian. Some people may think that an actor who has for a trade mark a name long associated with the land of Erin and its principal and succulent product of the soil—the potato—should be consistent and do not out for theatrical exhibition Irish witticisms and slap-stick exhibitions in lieu of brilliant comedy achievements."

The question has often arisen during the past few years as to whether or not vaudeville is on the wane, and whether or not it is but a fleeting fancy of theatergoers that will some day in the very near future drop as quickly as they did the old-time stock companies.

Has it? When this form of entertainment was introduced to Chicago—it was a craze from the start. From that point to the Pacific coast it spread with lightning speed, absorbing everything before it.

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Leo Koller, a prominent New York teacher and choir-master, has furnished a thoroughly good work on "The Art of Breathing." In it he recites a notable case of lost voice which was restored that might affect some persons who may feel that their vocal powers are not what they used to be.

There are several volumes from the critics which are interesting. Flack, Henderson, Hueffer, Krehbiel and Matthews have each at least one volume.

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TROOPS FOR FORT CROOK

Sixteenth Infantry to Take the Place of the Twenty-Second. Regiment Now Stationed at Huntsville, Ala., to be Distributed Among a Number of Posts.

More troops are coming into the Department of the Missouri to take the place of those which have been ordered to the Philippines. Orders have just been received here from the War department that the Sixteenth Infantry, now at Huntsville, Ala., will be sent into the department to take the place of the regiments leaving.

The Sixteenth took part in the battles in Cuba, and suffered greater losses than even the Twenty-second. It received the brunt of the fight and its losses were heavy. It is this fact which saves it from assignment to the Philippines, where more fighting is possible.

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TIM MURPHY Special Scenery! DON'T FAIL TO SEE IT! TIM MURPHY. Omaha's Society Vaudeville Theater. Week Commencing Sunday, Jan. 22. MATINEE TODAY—Any Seat 25c.

Important Engagement. First Time Here of Society's Favorites—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew. In their Big London Success "WHEN TWO HEARTS ARE WON".

Creighton Ophelion. BERT MARTIN. Sings with Stereoscopic Effects. LANG & KEELER. Descriptive Vocalists and Comedians.

Premier Attraction. Acrobatic Bears. Greatest Animal Act on Earth. POWERS AND HYDE. Singers, Dancers and Acrobats. VISIONS OF ART. NEW SERIES OF ART PICTURES.

Close of the Ehrhart Trial. Judge Gordon Withholds His Decision in the Case Until Next Monday Afternoon. The trial of the case in which Ira H. Ehrhart is accused by Van Alstine of having obtained three horses, valued at \$130, by misrepresentation, has been completed and the court has withheld his decision until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

City Tax Levy is Discussed. Mayor Moore, City Attorney Connell, the members of the city council and several of the heads of city departments held an executive conference over the 1899 tax levy. Nothing very definite was determined and the amount of the levy was not decided upon, but a gathering party will be held understanding that the forthcoming levy will be under 30 mills.

Dr. Wilson in Omaha. Dr. Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Annapolis, Md., who is making a trip through the western country has been induced to stop over in Omaha and will preach this morning at the First Presbyterian church. The doctor's reputation as a pulpit orator has preceded him and an interesting talk is expected by the friends of the church.

Mail Enroute to Australia. The semi-weekly shipment of mail from England to Australia, passed through the local office this morning. There were 234 sacks, which go direct from London to the colony. The mail business between England and Australia is something tremendous when the distance is considered, and great pains are taken to get each shipment through in the least possible time. The mail is forwarded in New York and shipped across the continent to San Francisco, where a ship is waiting to carry it across the Pacific.

Best Dining Car Service. Only Depot in Chicago on the Elevated Loop. CHICAGO. Great Rock Island Route.

Lazy Liver. I have been troubled a great deal with a liver ailment, which produces constipation, and secured such relief from the first trial, that I have used it ever since. It is a sure cure for all cases of liver trouble. CURE CONSTIPATION. The Woodward Stock company opened the new Auditorium theater in Kansas City last week.

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