

Amusements

Last week, the final one of the winter season at the local theaters, will long remain green in the memories of theatergoers who saw E. H. Sothern's splendid production and excellent performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

made more bitter by his love, yet softened, too, by his love. "If this be insanity it is that sort which the law recognizes as emotional insanity, and which may seize the sanest man at an overwhelming crisis."

To many the news that Mr. Sothern's success in "Hamlet" has led him to believe that the public will accept from him a higher class of drama than has hitherto been his particular bent, and that he hopes to devote his attention especially to Shakespeare hereafter will come as something of a blow.

Mr. Sothern acknowledges that there is some truth in the New York criticisms which describe his methods as conversational. "I have sought to get away from the conventional methods of the actor."

"I believe that it is a bad thing," he said during the course of a conversation last week, "to become associated with one particular class of drama. It limits, it restricts one's range and in public conception one will never reach high objects through this course."

There are few people who possess such a noticeable individuality as the popular actor, romantic drama. There is in Mr. Sothern's style of speech and address of the stage something of the magnetism that has won for him so many friends over the footlights, though he is anything but staid.

This week marks the opening of the stock company season in Omaha and we are to have for the summer what promises to be a really good one. The performances given by the Redmond Stock company, which held forth at Boyd's theater last year during the hot season, were hardly up to the standard set by its predecessor, the popular Woodward company, and probably had the effect of somewhat dampening the public's ardor for popular-priced stock company performances.

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Speaking of Hamlet, Mr. Sothern said: "Some people say that 'Hamlet' plays itself. I have, however, found it the most arduous work that I ever undertook and I don't know now whether I can play it."

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Every man who plays Hamlet to his credit, lend something of himself to his interpretation. No two actors have played the part alike. Whenever two men discuss the play there will be two opinions. And, while it is, of course, wise, and even necessary, to study carefully the best standards and to observe the best actors before essaying the character in one's own hands, the conclusion of these players appearing to have made a deeper impression than the arguments of the commentators, and the champions of each actor defending that actor's interpretation as violently as though the work had been his own.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the opening of Krug park on Thursday, May 30, as a first-class summer resort. Mr. W. W. Cole, who is known as an experienced and capable amusement director, will be at the helm of the new enterprise. The park is well located and is well grown with the trees and pretty shrubbery and flowers. A large amount of money has been expended erecting buildings and equipping the park in an up-to-date manner.

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traction at the opening and for the first four weeks will be W. W. Cole's show, allied with Morris Bros' pony and dog show. Over 100 trained animals will take part in the performances, two of which will be given daily.

Commencing with the matinee today, the "Are You a Buffalo" Burlesquers open for a week's engagements at the Theater, presenting two entirely new extravaganzas, entitled "The Black Statue" and "The Diamond Palace."

It is always interesting to know how a man wrote a popular book. In fact, the money paid for an article on how I came to write the "Bonnie Bridal Brough" or "Red Porridge," or "When Night Hoops Are in Style," is quite an incentive to a man to write something.

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Mr. Meyer was the recipient of a very handsome presentation while he was gone. The action on rag-time music will not be of much power, I fear, because there is so much of it to be played at dances and other festivities, and the band that will not play it will not get the engagement, as a rule. It all depends on the people.

There are women who will go to a meeting and prate by the hour on the cause of music is flourishing in their various sections of the country who will bring in report this and report that and who will turn up a hypocritical smile and pose and talk of art for art's sake, but it will not occur to them to stay at home and keep the rag-time music from the piano rack teach their children to learn some common chords.

A good story is going the round of the friends of Mr. E. D. Keck as to a recent rehearsal of one of his classes of young ladies. Scene—A studio. Time—Common time. Mr. Keck, (to a young lady) try that once again. Together—One, two, three, sing.

previously been a member of the class, but was absent on this occasion. Mr. Keck tells me that it is the most remarkable case of vocal "twin-ness" he has ever had brought to his notice.

Mr. Gahn, the eminent local pianist, will give a concert on Tuesday evening at the Koutze Memorial church and will play on that occasion a number of his own compositions. Mr. Max Baumeister will play a concerto by David and Mr. Keefer will assist as accompanist.

On the same night a program will be given at the First Congregational church under the auspices of the Union Pacific Council of the Royal Arcanum and under the direction of J. H. Simms. Mr. Simms has secured enough people to make a most excellent showing, but it was very unfortunate that no other night could be chosen than the one on which Mr. Gahn's recital had been announced.

At the 11 o'clock service at All Saints' church today the choir will sing a Dudley Buck Te Deum and Benedictus and will present The necessary music. Epitaphs and Finale from the cantata "Christ the Victor." In the afternoon Wood's Magnificent and Nunc Dimittis and Dudley Buck's "The Lord is King" will be given.

At the Westminster Presbyterian church today the quartet, "The God of Abraham Praise," by Pontius, and the octet, "As Pants the Hart," will be sung. Mrs. Sypberd will sing "The Plains of Peace." And that reminds me that a good many people use the word octet when they mean double quartet.

Mr. Clement B. Shaw's studio will be open during the summer. Special rates to all who desire daily or tri-weekly lessons. Mr. Shaw returns to London and Paris September 1.

The newspaper fight in Central Labor union, which has divided it into two camps under the leadership of the friends of the Workers' Gazette, the official organ of the union, and of Frank Kennedy, the editor of the Western Laborer, has broken out in Council Bluffs.

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AMUSEMENTS. CONCERTS 53 CONCERTS JUNE 1st to 29th Inclusive At the Pavilion, 15th and Capitol Avenue, Bellstedt's Concert Band Consisting of 43 Artist Performers. Fourteen Soloists, New Repertoire, New Solos, New Classics, New Popular Music, New Musical Novelties. Coupon Book Tickets, 20 Tickets \$5. Transferable. Good for any Concert. Regular Admission 35 cts.

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18th AND DOUGLAS STS. AFTERNOON at 2:30— NIGHT at 8:15. FOUR DAYS Starting Monday, May 27th. GENTRY'S FAMOUS Trained Animal Show. The world's best trained animal exhibition. Everything new this year. See Pinto, Nero and Tribby, the smallest performing elephants in captivity.

BOYD'S Woodward & Riggs. OPENING SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 28. S. M. Bear presents Ferris Stock Co. Friends. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday Matinee. Carmen. Extra Matinee Thursday, Decoration Day. Matinee—10c and 20c. All seats reserved.

The Science and Art of Singing. STUDIO-RESIDENCE: Davidge Block, Corner 15th and Farnam Streets.

Agree to Sell Rich Mines. LOWELL, Mass., May 25.—By a unanimous vote the stockholders of the Boston & Montana Mining and Smelting company have voted to dissolve the company and sell the properties. This is the result of an offer of \$20,000,000 for its mining properties.

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