

Amusements

The last week was almost too hot to allow people to even think of the theater, let alone seek amusement in one.

Down east the actor people are busy in preparation for the coming season, which will open the latter part of August.

Manager Odell of Lake Manawa offers the patrons of his resort Mr. and Mrs. C. George Hamilton, the celebrated entertainers, and MacSweeney's famous comic opera company, thirty people, headed by Miss Marie Bell, supported by Julius Cluzetti, James McSweeney, Ed Kerr, R. Breen and Miss Louise Lewis.

Attendance at Krug park has been very much increased since the hot weather began. The street railway company now runs every car on the Walnut Hill line to the park in the evenings.

The male stars will make some changes of leading ladies. Otis Skinner, N. C. Goodwin, Willie Collier, R. L. McLean and a few others equally as well known have wives who act in that capacity for them.

On paper the season promises to be a brilliant one from every standpoint. Omaha is to have one of the best lists of attractions that its theater-goers ever saw.

It looks as though the old-time players are likely to crowd out the young aspirants for stellar honors the coming season if this series of revivals keeps up.

Stuart Robson's impersonation of Bertie the Lamb in "The Henrietta" made so

lasting an impression that the comedian has yielded to the popular demand for a revival of Bronson Howard's play next season. The production will be given on a grand scale. The supporting company will be the strongest that has ever been associated with Mr. Robson, whose tour will be under the direction of Daniel V. Arthur, who has successfully managed the comedian's affairs for several seasons.

The latest theatrical personage of prominence to appear on the roll call of the Makewas Louis Aldrich, an actor who has until within the last five years been prominent in the drama since 1855. He died at his home in Maine last Monday of apoplexy.

Last week witnessed the popularity of the Ferris Stock company, as attested by the attendance at the Boyd, in spite of the untoward circumstances. Torrid heat and cooler attractions were not enough to keep people from attending.

Well, this is a digression, this little tribute to the venerable Knocker. Let us return to Mr. Reedy. He says: "Christ knocked on paganism and heartlessness; Luther knocked on privilege and proprietorship of salvation; Cromwell, Hampden and their fellows knocked on Divine Right, as did Marat, Danton and Robespierre."

London has fifty-eight legitimate theaters. Houdini is the chief of a circus bill in Germany. Mascagni and his orchestra, for eight nights in America next season, will receive Miss Maude Granger will be a leading member of the company supporting Blanche Wald.

An English adaptation of Bronson Howard's "Benandazzo"—to be renamed "Lady-Strife"—has been announced in London shortly. The cast will include Maude Jeffries.

Richard Mansfield opens his next tour in October at Brooklyn, N. Y., presenting "Monsieur Beaucaire," which will be his principal production. He will spend the summer at Southampton, L. I.

The will of the late James A. Herne was filed for probate last Thursday. The estate is valued at \$29,500. Mrs. Herne is appointed executrix, as well as trustee of a fund of \$15,000, the interest on which is to be devoted to the education and support of Herne's four children, and an equal share of the principal paid to each child at the age of

twenty-five. Mrs. Herne receives the rights to all her husband's plays, productions and copyrights.

Lilli Lehmann, the prima donna, is the latest foreigner to announce an American tour. She will open a concert tour in October of this year in New York which continues throughout the United States until March, 1902.

Corinne, now in England, is having written a new musical play, based upon Spanish life, in which she will open in August.

Mr. Steckelberg, the popular violinist, will leave this week for Lincoln, where he will visit his parents for a few days, previous to his departure for Chicago, where he will engage in professional work.

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