

ABOUT PLAYS PLAYERS AND PLAYHOUSES

Out of the dreary monotony of the before-holiday theater offerings, the Clyde Fitch play that came to Omaha for the first time on Friday night lifts its head like a handsome rival from the sea...

Clyde Fitch has long been a source of wonder. His plays have had a vogue entirely out of proportion to their merit; but entirely within keeping of the general spirit manifested by the American people toward the theater during recent years...

In "Nathan Hale" Mr. Fitch sought another field of dramatic effort and the single experiment indicates that his forte does not lie in that direction...

In "The Girl With the Green Eyes" we have what may be really termed the first serious play from the Fitch pen...

"About the play itself, much might be said," as the French say, and that you expect from him plays set to rank with those of writers who think with his capacity for dramatic construction...

portrayal of the leading role of "Aria," but that Miss Katherine Willard possesses this ability is firmly believed by the leading dramatic critic of the country...

The eight features, beginning the week with a matinee today, at the Orpheum, being the attraction for matinee and evening performances...

Gossip from St. Paul. Elizabeth Kennedy, who presented "Captain Jinks" in Omaha last season, is receiving much praise for her performance of the role in "As You Like It" through the south.

Omaha is to suffer because of Mrs. Leslie Carter's determination to appear in Omaha, although her route to the Pacific coast called at St. Paul, Minn., Dr. Clarke Gagen, once city physician of Omaha...

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

At this time of the year musical interest universally turns to the composer and compositions concerning the Christmas tide...

George Frederick Handel is a pretty good illustration of the oft-told tale that work seldom kills anyone, as he lived to the good old age of 74...

In any biography, no matter how unpretentious, Ferris, one of the Handel writers, tells us that Handel, senior, looked upon music as an occupation with very cross-grained eyes...

Of Handel's personality there has been much written, and it is all interesting. Many stories of him are told that are quite authentic...

The December number of the magazine, "Masters in Music," which is given over to Handel and his works, has the following interesting account from an essay by Mr. H. Heathcote Statham...

Last any one of ultra-religious tendencies should be conscientiously opposed to hearing the music of a man who had a good repertoire of naughty "swear words," I will quote the following from another biographer...

Time and space would not permit of the narration here of the many-voiced things told about Handel in his professional life. He was a master of plainness of speech...

Europe has four and a half miles of railway for every 10,000 people; the United States has only one-third as much...

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