At the Brandeis





Lulu McConnell At the Orpheum

HALF-PAGE display advertisement by the Brandels theater one day last week called attention of the local readers to a condition that has been casually touched upon several times in this department. It is that all first-class attractions playing Omaha are years or longer. This meant that a piece now booked for the Brandels theater, that a great many of the latest and best exploited in the name of some star, would with the best of American actors. are to be presented at that house during haps perfectly capable, but made up of the season, and that it is for the people actors little known or not known at all; of Omaha to decide if they want this folks in the "provinces" came to assoclass of amusement at the theater. If clate the name of the play with that the season should be prosperous the man- of the star, and very generally resented much langer and more vigorous preach-

ment than is now to be indulged in. Ten years ago Omaha was listed as betions were competing for bookings here. the Boyd theater was packed night after night, and the management rejolced in the popularity and profit that followed on the presentation of a wonderful round of attractive pieces. And then came the change. It was the "golden era" of the theater in America in a literal sense, at send everything he had to Omaha; it fortunate owners, any manager who had is recalled that on one occasion he a Pixley and Luders musical comedy, or brought his "Woodland" company here a Clyde Fitch comedy, or something of from Chicago for a single performance, that sort, was a veritable Midas. This and took it directly form here to New state of affairs brought attention from York, no other town in the country getthe outsiders as well as from the insid- ting to see the production until after its Certain clashes of interest took metropolitan engagement. Mr. Savage place, quarrels between men whose fore- sent but one commany to Cumaha last seasight was cut off by the profits they son, "The Girl of the Golden West." This were counting up occured over those very was not because he did not have comprofits; Belasco split with "K. & E." and panies traveling. It is also recalled that Monday night. The story is from an This led to a war the effects of which York to get "Florodora." Messrs. Relliey written by Edith Ellis, Cary Duncan prohave not yet been fully determined, but and Fisher opening the tour of the counone result of which was the building of try with their great show at the Boyd Charles J. Hambitzer, a musician whose many more theaters in the United States theater. Nothing of this sort has hapthan the country had need for, and pened of late. The purpose of this ex-Omaha suffered in common with all the are somewhat to blame for the condition other cities. With the multiplication of tractions for them, and unworthy plays they now complain of. In the last three and unworthy players were sent forth years effort studiously seems to have to draw the money needed to support all the theaters that had been builded. Within the last three years the answer has been heard. The unwisdom of the This is not hard to do, and it has succourse pursued by those who ventured their money on the uncertain sea of the show business is evidenced by the losses back the clientele that formerly gave that have been taken, by idle theaters such loyal support to the theater in all over the country, by theaters being Omaha. The producing managers in New converted into picture shows, or rebuilt York, the men who really control the

Worse than this, though, has been the ruinous competition, and will cease the other and more direct effect of the policy experiment of trying to make the public of the New York magnates of the stage. In establishing theaters along Broadway the number of fifty-odd, while increasing the total in Chicago, Philadelphia. Washington, Boston, Cleveland and Ft. Louis, they forced on themselves the to share the heat with the higgest. From condition of being compelled to keep the New York comes the word that no longer

for other business purposes.

Bertha Gibson-Atthe Krug re the big stars to be kept there season EMMA CALVE

At the Brandeis V

hibition is to prove that the managers

been made to convince the folks of

Omaha that they can find excellent

amusement other than at the theater.

Now an effort is to be made to win

situation, have come to an understand-

ing which virtually means the end of the

support two theaters where one is ample.

Omaha has been put back on the map in

the New York booking houses, and the

list of offerings set down for the Bran-

dels is as good as can be found in any

theater in the country. We are again

ceeded very well, too, thank you.

fter season. The country at large is have a chance to see them. Omaha. share in the benefits of the Frank-Athe Hippodrome ew policy, and it is not unreasonable think that this city will be restored to former place of importance in the howman's books. The experiment of "No. 2" has been given up; the best is to be shown in hope that the people will again take up the theater as a place to spend at least one evening in the week. ctars of the stage in these theaters, many Omaha is big enough to give good support to one first-class theater, presenting He agrees to find husbands for all of of the former well known visitants to the west have not been away from New York, save on vacation, in the last three to support two,

successfully produced on Broadway and be sent on tour with a company, per-Man." parce-comedy, will be the bill Miss Leona three kisses as well as the charming agers of the high-grade productions will the substitution. No. 2 companies did not | Slater is to be the new leading woman, feel encouraged to return another season. | meet the demand; so the complaint came and Mr. James Cunningham the new And heroth may be found a text for a out from Broadway that this, that or leading man. These players come with the other town in the interior was losing good records, and the management is its standing as a "show town." Merely confident they will soon be established for the reason that the people wanted as the favorites. The policy of the house the stars, just the same as Broadway will not be changed in any degree, and United States; the very best of attrac- wanted them. And Omaha was on this the plays will be presented with the same care and attention as has been the tule during the season. The new players It would be tiresome to undertake to will all be in the bill for the new week, tell the number of good shows Omaha which begins with the matinee this afterhas not had during the last three years; noon, and which runs all week, with and this without the man in charge in other matinees on Thursday and Satur-Omaha being in the least responsible day.

For example, Henry W. Savage used to "Madame Sherry" holds over at the Boyd this evening, in order that the popular demand for this delightful musical piece might be satisfied. The company handling the piece this year is

Fritzi Scheff in Joseph M. Gaites' production of "The Love Wager," a new opera of Hungarian origin and atmosphere, will appear at the Brandels theater "independents" came into existence. Omains was the first city outside of New Hungarian farce and the libretto has been viding the lyries, and the composer to

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Some of the gowns in A. H. Woods gorgeous production of the Franz Lehar comic opera, "Gypsy Love," which is scheduled to be presented at the Brandels theater Tuesday, January 14, for three nights and Wednesday matinee, are remarkable creations which excite and interest the feminine patrons. Phyllis Partington herself, wears one of the most unusual of these costumes in the second act, when she appears in the restaurant scene attired as a Gypsy girl. Indirectly the costume suggests a Turkish cozy corner, but upon examining it care by an unsteady hand and there are (Continued on Page Ten.)

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