

AT THE THEATERS

Barney Bernard
Pearl Sindelar
Alexander Carr
Mignon McGibeny
At the Orpheum

Isabel Irving
Ritz Stanzwood
Sylvester Schaffer
Billie Hill
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WHAT \$60 a minute for a vaudeville performer? This question about Sylvester Schaffer, who heads the bill next week at the Orpheum, has been repeatedly asked Manager Byrne. And this is now the inquiry is answered:

"To people outside the show business I know how incredible it sounds that an entertainer should draw a salary of \$5,000 a week. It amounts to the same as saying that Schaffer earns enough in a year to pay the salary of President Wilson (\$25,000); the salary of the ten cabinet officers (\$120,000); and also the salary of the ambassador to Germany (\$17,000).

"How much it that? Makes a total of \$250,000, doesn't it? Well, Schaffer could pay that, and then have \$38,000 left over, out of his annual spend.

"How can the Orpheum circuit afford to pay such a salary? I'll tell you. It's for prestige. It's a publicity event, and not a money-making proposition.

"Theatrical papers say that the tour of Bernard in vaudeville at \$1,000 a week was a money-losing piece of enterprise. If that were true, it would still have been worth while on the ground of prestige.

"It is by these big events that advanced vaudeville establishes its standards. The merchant, you know, sometimes sells goods for less than the good are worth. Why? In order to get his store talked about."

"The same thing holds good in the show game. So, on these terms, the Orpheum can afford to present the highest salaried star in the amusement field—the man who actually receives \$50 a minute."

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formia in "Daddy Long-Legs," will come to the Brandeis theater for three nights beginning March 4, with matinee Saturday. Mr. Miller's play is the biggest success now running in New York, and it has proved just as great a sensation in California, where it was offered for the first time, with Henry Miller in the title role. At the time the comedy was produced in Chicago more than a year ago Mr. Miller was unable to make his appearance in the role written for him. Even without the advantage of his own acting, "Daddy Long-Legs" proved a tremendous success. It ran all last spring and summer at Powers' theater, Chicago, and when the Chicago company was transferred to New York last August, the fascinating stage story achieved a new triumph and settled down for a run that is certain to continue throughout this season and next. Because of this fact Henry Miller agreed a few months ago to assemble a special company and make a special midwinter tour of the Pacific coast.

As the stellar event of the Orpheum this week comes Sylvester Schaffer, the highest salaried performer in vaudeville and acknowledged as the most versatile performer in the world. He is known as "the man who does everything." Ten headline acts are combined in the work of this single performer, who is so unique a figure in the world of amusement that he draws \$5,000 a week. Card and coin manipulation, feats of horsemanship and juggling, marksmanship, music, painting, pantomime and athletics are features of his act. For somewhat over an hour he holds the stage, and there is never an in-breath when he does not grip the attention of his audience. This will be his first visit to Omaha.

"Surgeon Louder, U. S. A." as presented by the trio of funmakers, Imhoff, Conn and Coreene, is a clever bit of farce. The sketch is a sequel to a former sketch known as "The Doctors of Dr. Leader." Roger Imhoff, as Private Casey, carries the principal burden of the comedy. Described as "America's foremost harp virtuoso," Genevieve Warner, assisted by Charlotte Frances, violinist, will offer one of the most pleasant concert numbers ever presented on the Orpheum stage. Miss Warner's singing is a special feature of the act. Whirling dancers are Sascha Platov and Kitty Glasor, and their act is said to be as graceful as it is novel. Lucille and Jimmy Lucas are to contribute one of the most diverting features of the bill, and Alfred Bergen, baritone, will prove his ability as an unusual singer. Once again the Orpheum Travel Weekly will exhibit elaborate motion picture views of strange places over the entire world.

At the Boyd this week "Seven Days" will be played, with Mr. Bliss in the leading role, that of James Wilson, the fat

Most of the big popular successes on the American stage came unexpectedly. Some of them have gone begging for managerial recognition, while others were thought of so poorly in advance that it was hard to find who wrote them. Among the latter is "Potash and Perlmutter," the comedy founded on the Montague Glass stories, which A. H. Woods will present at the Brandeis theater for four nights and a Saturday matinee, beginning Wednesday evening, February 24, with the same identical cast that played the George M. Cohan theater, New York, for fifty-six weeks, and the Olympic theater, Chicago, for close to thirty weeks. The company includes Alexander Carr and Barney Bernard, who created the famous parts of Abe and Mawruss. Charles Klein, the well known author, was invited to make the dramatization of "Potash and Perlmutter." He drew the ground plan, so to speak, and then begged to be excused. He said that the material of the Glass stories was so disjointed that it did not promise well for the stage. Jules Eckert Goodman and a number of others were asked to take up the work, but declined. Hugh Ford, who had been engaged to stage the piece, finally took it in hand, and, it is said, whipped it into its present shape during the rehearsals. It is admitted, however, that the dramatic features which have made the play so pronounced a success were included in the draft supplied by Mr. Klein.

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Headlining the bill at the Empress this week is "The Majestic Musical Four" the other merry men of melody. A secondary headline attraction is the "Three Imperial Japs," royal entertainers from the orient, who close their act with a sensational slide for life. Rose and Williams offer a comedy singing and talking bit interspersed with laugh-provoking parodies. Holden and Herron, the messenger and the lady, will complete the vaudeville bill. The photo-play attraction for the week is that uproarious melodramatic farce, "Officer 666." This play held the heads of the biggest comedy success of three seasons, and from all reports the picture promises to exceed the popularity of the play.

Famous plays are offered as film features at the Hipp theater this week, with such master producers as Daniel Frohman, David Belasco and Jesse L. Lasky presenting their stars and stage successes in perfect motion pictures. As a special attraction for today only, Manager Schlank will show the Famous Player films of the Frohman stars, Paul McAllister and Jane Fearnley, in John Reinhardt's great success, "The Scales of Justice." Jane Grey, another well established Frohman favorite, will be seen Monday and Tuesday in films of Channing Pollock's famous play, "The Little Gray Lady." For Wednesday and Thursday, Jesse L. Lasky, in association with David Belasco, offers a paramount pictureization of the great civil war classic,

"The Warrens of Virginia," written by William C. De Mille and originally produced by Belasco with tremendous success. The Lasky star, Blanche Sweet, appears in this realistic production, which teems with compelling heart interest and stupendous war scenes. The natural and appealing comedy, "The Country Boy," an immense hit when played on Broadway and by ten road companies, is offered in Lasky feature films for Friday and Saturday, with a splendid cast supporting Marshall Neilan in the title role.

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Mrs. G. H. White is the first woman in Omaha to apply for a license to operate a jitney bus. Mrs. White has received permission and will immediately start jitney service from Thirty-sixth and Harney streets to the depot. She will operate the car herself at first, but will probably soon employ a driver.

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