

## AT THE THEATRE.

"Gloriana" is a comedy that can be made or marred by the actors who interpret it. Lincoln people have had the pleasure of seeing actors like E. J. Henley, and actresses Henrietta Croseman in this play—they made it enjoyable. Last Monday night at the Lansing theatre there was an attempted production of "Gloriana" with some second or third rate vaudeville performers in the cast. The play was not only marred—it was mangled beyond all recognition. It is a very easy matter to turn fun into buffoonery, and this company showed a particularly marked proficiency in this respect. Whatever of pleasant memory of "Gloriana" there was left in the minds of Lincoln theatregoers was entirely dissipated by Monday night's presentation. It seemed in perfect accordance with the fitness of things when we read in the daily papers on Tuesday that one of the members of the company had been detected in the act of stealing a bottle of whiskey from the bar of the Capital hotel. The people who gave this latest version of "Gloriana," are, we believe, capable of any act of depravity, even to swiping of hotel whiskey. If the liquor had only been secured by the company before instead of after the performance the several hundred people who gathered at the theatre might have been saved unnecessary torture.

Thursday night at the same theatre that play of which so many echoes from Gotham have reached Lincoln, "Charley's Aunt," was given its first production here—"under the direction of Charles Frohman." Provincial people, and this generalization includes everybody outside of New York City, have learned to know with reasonable certainty what Charles Frohman's name on a lithograph poster or program means. In New York City it means the best obtainable; "on the road" it means respectable and evenly distributed mediocrity. No rough places or jagged ends. The presentation of "Charley's Aunt" by one of Mr. Frohman's "road" companies Thursday night, was a fair illustration of the Frohman standard of merit—outside of the sacred Gothamite precincts. The company contained no brilliant people, and no notably inferior ones; albeit the women, particularly *Kitty* and *Amy*, might easily have been improved upon. But we are not at all inclined to criticize the players. They exhibited an amount of vim and dash and spice that provoked delighted applause from the largest audience the Lansing has held thus far this season. "Charley's Aunt" is of the swiftly moving sort, like "Mr. Wilkinson's Widows," etc. After its pronounced success in Paris, London and New York it is trite to remark in Lincoln that it is a strong comedy. That has been settled long ago. But if we cannot patronize, we can admire; and surely we all did admire the wit and cleverness of this most rapid comedy. It is one of the funniest farces that those all powerful lords, the theatre managers, have permitted us to see in this city. Those persons who cannot enjoy "Charley's Aunt" are recommended to try cod liver oil. Just one note of criticism, or comment: Why is it that men who impersonate women on the stage must invariably make the impersonation coarse? Mr. Murphy's counterfeit "Charley's Aunt," otherwise most acceptable, was not made any more entertaining by the introduction of oft-repeated coarseness. The people in the audience knew full well that Mr. Murphy had trousers on underneath the shining black satin dress.

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## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Mr. A. K. Andriano, superintendent of the mercantile reporting department of Snow, Church & Co., Omaha, writes of the business situation for THE COURIER as follows:

The cool seasonable weather of the week has much benefitted retail trade generally. Clothing merchants however report trade only fair and a continued tendency toward economy is making itself plainly apparent in all retail lines. The spirit of retrenchment prevailing in all lines of trade and the tendency toward individual economy are evident in the lack of interest in new styles of wearing apparel and the increased demand for medium and cheap goods. In wholesale lines there is little change in the situation as compared to last week. Business in dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing and stove hardware continues good. Western jobbers are more aggressive these days and several Omaha houses are now selling goods as far west as the coast. This extension of territory has been attempted several times and Omaha houses have done a fair business in the far west, at intervals, but never before has such a satisfactory business been done in that section as during this season. This is attributable to the prosperous condition of affairs in Washington and Oregon resulting from the abundant crops.

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