THE THEATRES.

Ed. Church is consorting with the managers in New York. W. W. Cole remains in Lincoln making dates for Griffith as Mephisto, Richard and Shy-

Last season some of the best class of attractions refused to go farther west than Chicago. And in the latter part of the season particularly many companies that had booked to appear in this section cance'led their dates. Just now an interesting question is, What will be the attitude of the companies toward the west, or the far west the coming season?

There is a pretty satisfactory answer to this query on the books of the Lansing and Funke. When such attractions as the Charles Frohman companies, Dave Henderson's extravaganza company Nat Goodwin, Della Fox, Pauline Hall, Hermann, Roland Reed, the Bostonians, and Eddie Foy manifest their determination to come to the west and to Lincoln, it can be depended upon that the rest will follow. Probably never before have so many strong attractions been booked for the local theatres so early as is the case this year.

As a matter of fact it paid nearly all of the deserving companies to come to Lincoln in the season of 94-95. Up to the middle of April or the first of May the attendance at both houses was very good. After the adjournment of the legislature business fell off considerably and the end of the season was bad. A rather good average was maintained, however. With possibly one or two exceptions both houses made money on every good company. The losses were on attractions that in most instances ought to have been sidetracked to some town like Wahoo or Omaha

An old anecedote of Edwin Forrest is thus recalled There was one occassion when Mr. Forrest received from one of the supernumeraries of a theatre an answer which seemed to satisfy him. It was the man's duty to say simply, "The enemy is upon us," which he ut-

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"Is that all you get?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, say it as you please."

Critical opinion in London, according to one authority, is divided with amusing acrimony on the subject of Bernhardt and Duse, who have both been aying Sundermann's "Heimath" in that city. The daily newspapers pronounced Bernhardt's performance a much more striking and successful one, but the weeklies have called the French actress in the part exaggerated and stilted, while they find Duse natural and finely effective. If the critics of the dailies had admired Duse, the weeklies would undoubtedly have held up Bernhardt in the piece. So the present result is quite as satisfactory as any could have been. At all events, Duse has extended her engagement, and Bernhardt, too, has been immensely successful. The utter failure of "Gismonda" in London, along with Beerb hm Tree's unsuccessful attempts to revive interest in "Fedora" caused the advocates of "naturalism" to chuckle with glee, and Sarah came in for her share of their condemnation. The always comic Bernard Shaw gravely warns Mrs. Patrick Campbell that Bern Springs coal at the Whitebreast. hardt and actresses of her school have seen their day, and that she had better route. City ticket office 1201 O street.

not fasten on her as a model. But the present contention is particularly amusing in view of the fact that Duse was a failure with the best public when she acted first in London, and aroused no great critical enthusiasm. Now the delight that she has caused such laughable observers as Bernard Shaw is to be compared only to the delight which some French actors gave him when they played last winter at the Opera Comique in London. They were a survival of the Theatre Libre of Antoine, and were led by Lugue Poe. They acted in the plays by Ibsen and Matterlinck, and the scenery was so shabby that the Ibsenites were overwhelmed with the realism of the performance. When Beerbohm Tree played in New York in "An Enemy of the People" there was a great rent in the canvass of one of the scenes, but it was not admitted that the shabbiness of the scenery was strikingly natural and appropriate.

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Take notice that a petition signed by Susan E. Blodgett praying said court to grant Letters of Administration of said Estate to Susan E. Blodgett has been filed in said Court; that the same is set for hearing on the 28th day of June 1895, at 9 o'clock a. m. and that if you do not then appear and contest, said Court may grant administration of said estate to Susan E. Blodgett.

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