

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 Shylock.

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 cancelled their dates.

There is a pretty satisfactory answer to this query in 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.

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.

An old anecdote of Edwin Forrest is thus recalled. There was one occasion 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 uttered at rehearsal in a poor, whining way.

Critical opinion in London, according to one authority, is divided with amusing acrimony on the subject of Bernhardt and Duse, who have both been playing 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.

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.

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