

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Sol Smith Russell has closed his season and returned home to Minneapolis. His receipts since last August were very large, exceeding those of any American player for the same time, with the possible exception of W. H. Crane. Alfred Haven, who wrote "Josephine" for Rhea, has written a seven act play for Mr. Russell, called "An American." On account of the elaborate scenery required, the new play will probably be seen first in some of the larger Eastern cities, perhaps Chicago, where Mr. Russell will play for six months, beginning next May. On Aug. 8, the comedian will open the coming season in Denver. He retains only two members of his company, Miss Radcliffe, the leading lady, and Miss Lester.

The following are the dates for The Victoria, so far as billed: Jane, June 20-21; Carroll Johnson's Gossoon Co., 23-24; Blue Jeans, 28-30; Sam T. Jack's "Creole" Co., July 1-2; Midnight Alarm, 5; Gorton's Minstrels, 8; Fast Mail, 11-12; Police Patrol, 14-15; Natural Gas, 18-19; Duncan Clarke's Female Mastodons, 21; Cruikshank Lawn Co., 27-28; McCarthy's "Mis-haps," 29-30.

Manager Goldsmid, of the Vancouver Opera House, has booked "Police Patrol," A. G. Pearson's play, for July 11th. The piece presents some realistic scenery, and two snow-white performing horses are among the attractions.

The Victoria is undergoing repairs of an elaborate character, and when completed it will present a very handsome appearance.

Jeannie Winston, an old Victoria favorite, sang convention week at Minneapolis, to good houses.

James Collins is stage director at the Standard Theatre, Seattle.

The Bandit King at The Victoria last night drew fairly well.

Esther Lyons has signed with the Siberia Company.

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