

**MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.**

Berry's Imperial Comedy Company has dissolved. George Berry, Kitty Berry and Billy Bennett are filling an engagement at Cordray's Seattle house; Miss Belle Inman, Miss Annie Inman, Baby Inman, J. R. Bronson and Ray Lewis will open at Morosco's, San Francisco, on the 30th. Miss Belle Inman having secured the position of leading lady and Miss Lewis soubrette. Jim Morton will go to Portland, and James Collins has gone to San Francisco to look after the bookings of the Seattle Standard Theatre.

Gus Williams, in Keppler's Fortunes, at The Victoria, Monday and Tuesday nights, gave an excellent performance. This play has been on the road so long that an extended notice of its merits is unnecessary. Mr. Williams is the central figure of the whole performance, and his songs are just as attractive as ever.

The Belmour-Gray Imperial Company opened in Concordia Hall, Spokane, last Monday night. During the eastern trip of this company Miss Dalglish won very high praise from the press.

David Elmer, formerly a member of the Cordray Theatre Company, who has signed with Gus Williams, is in the city for a few days.

Eli Perkins, the alleged humorist, had a house commensurate with his ability as a lecturer—25 persons.

The Amateur Operatic Society met the other night and elected officers for the ensuing season.

Thatcher's Minstrels will be at The Victoria June 7 and 8.

The Ball family of Jubilee singers are in Winnipeg.

The Victoria will be closed next week for repairs.

Ed. Lloyd, late of Berry's company, is in the city.

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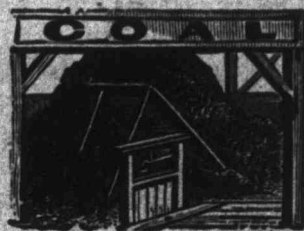
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