

AT THE THEATRES

Princess

W. Somerset Maugham's "Penelope," a three-act comedy somewhat reminiscent of those French comedies that have not undergone a dry cleaning process by the most modern methods of vacuum treatment, was given its premiere at the Princess Theatre, last evening, with Marie Tempest in the titular role.

The players and the author are more or less unknown to Toronto, but the night with the notable exception of Marie Tempest, of course, The comedy revolves about an indiscreet affair of the heart, which one Dr. O'Farrell has with Mrs. Ferguson, wife of an English man-of-warman away on sea duty, and the efforts of his wife Penelope—no relation to Penelope of old—to regulate the situation, and the circumstances attending the same, and is somewhat inclined to drag during the first act, but the action becomes accelerated during the second and third acts, and the climactic scene, as Mrs. Tempest's repeated curtain calls is sufficient evidence of the enjoyment it awakened.

Miss Tempest was as subtle as an expert washwoman as Penelope. Her work, if due allowance is made for the improbable character she has to portray, gave play to her very striking individuality, and an interpretation peculiarly her own, which bears some resemblance to the shrewish art of Ada Rehan in the glorious days of Augustus Daly's managerial regime. Miss Tempest is an actor whose angularities and appearance jointly suggest Hamilton Revelle, well known to local theatregoers. If Joseph Chamberlain is ever created it could be made than that of Herbert Ross, who presented the motion picture "The Great Impersonation" at the Victoria Theatre, last evening. Mrs. Tempest's interpretation of the rather unimportant role of Mrs. Beadsworth, suggests Forbes Robertson in appearance, and well as in manner, and it is to be hoped that Mrs. Beadsworth will be as good as Mrs. Beadsworth in the role of the role of English society, shared the honors with the principals for an artistic and judicious conception. Mrs. Ferguson, the dashing "grass widow," widowed thanks to the inexorable regulations of the first lord of the admiralty.

Royal Alexandra

David Belasco presented at the Royal Alexandra last night one of the brightest of merry comedies, "The Merry Widow," by Franz Seltzer. It is an adaptation from the German, the original being Blumenthal and Kadelburg's reigning Vienna and Berlin success, "Die Frau im Mond." To what cause the original owes its popularity is matter of speculation, but it is quite safe to say that it is as funny as the adaptation, no explanation is necessary. Certainly nothing more amusing has been seen in Toronto for many a long day, and those who look for entertainment can ask nothing better.

Although it parts frankly a farce, it touches deeper than any other comedy seen in another it appeals to average human nature in a way that instructs while it ridicules. This accounts for much of the interest that it has aroused and that has made it so popular. The broad humor in the lesson that it teaches. For there is a moral and a good moral at that in the answer given to the question asked in the title of the comedy, and it comes home to those experienced in matrimonial relationship just as it provides an excellent homily to those who contemplate matrimony. The first act, in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wheeler, introduces the audience to the social life of the town and the gathering is representative of the social life of the town. The host, celebrating his silver wedding, is a bank president, his son-in-law is a litterateur who finds himself in unusual surroundings. There is a young bank cashier, a real estate agent, a school superintendent, a physician, an instructor of anatomy and a decorator. All the types are sharply differentiated, nearly all are or think they are unappreciated, and are very much under petticoat government. In this provincial community there is no discovery that owing to the lax habits of a recently deceased judge many of the marriages celebrated are illegal and void.

At the great majority welcome the announcement and rejoice in their new-found freedom. Wedded pairs separate, some with evident regret, due to real love, others with open satisfaction. Husbands seek to divorce their wives and better terms, wives are no less resolute, confident in the belief that the bonds of habit and convention are too strong to be lightly thrown away. In the end the men are conquered.

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ing's entertainment. All of these conditions exist in "Beverly" which is the offering at the Grand this week, and which was presented to a capacity audience last night.

Justina Wayne, who presented the role of Beverly Calhoun, is a bright, pretty, winsome young woman of ability, and gets to the part that charm and girlishness which so strongly marked her impersonation of the eldest Claudia in "The Prince Chap." Lawrence Ewart, who played Prince Danton, makes a splendid leading man for a romantic drama, and last night shared the honors with Miss Wayne. Gertrude Fowler gave a delightful portrayal of the role of Princess Yative. She is a talented actress and has a splendid stage presence. Lillian Allen De Vere, who played "Aunt Fanny," Beverly's old colored servant, is one of the old school, and gave a humorous touch to the characterization that was delightful. Her cast in its entirety is an exceptionally strong one, and book lovers who feed their mental interior with romantic novels will find a pleasant evening's entertainment in "Beverly."

Shea's

Irene Franklin, the copyrighted "Queen of Vaudeville," is the headliner at Shea's this week, and deserves to be so placed, even on the excellent bill offered. She is assisted by Bert Greene at the piano, who is also responsible for the music, who were all excellent delineations. Not should Frank Manning, as Herman, the gardener; Miss Josie Morris Sullivan, as his wife; William Morris, Paul Barton, the New York lawyer; Miss Jane Grey, as Lull Wheeler, who easily conquers him, be overlooked. But, indeed, all the company deserve commendation for the real grip of character displayed.

The comedy met with warm approval and is certain to be as successful in Toronto as it has been elsewhere. It will be given during the week with the usual Thursday and Saturday matinees.

Star

For 35 minutes by the clock, Joe Welch, the Hebrew comedian, kept a crowded house in one continuous roar of merriment at the Majestic yesterday. His patter was refreshingly humorous and his original method of delivering it was a notable feature in his success.

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Two of the jokes he let off were: "Never hire a taxi-cab driver; they are all crooked," and "I am not superstitious, but I can't stand sleeping in a bed."

But to enumerate all his good things would take a large-sized book. It is enough to say that his turn is an excellent cure for melancholia.

Snyder and Buckley are two clever musical comedians, who gave their audience lots to laugh about in their sketch, "No Smoking Allowed." In this they introduced some startling novelties, their cat serenade proving a great hit. Snyder, as the orchestra conductor, and both of them demonstrated that they knew a lot about getting muscle out of a varied assortment of instruments.

Gayety

Rose Hill Follies Company. One of the most completely beautiful scenic spectacles heretofore seen in Toronto is "Love and Temptation," the grand finale of the musical comedy presented by the Rose Hill Follies Company at the Gayety Amphitheatre. The world's greatest vampire dance of Mlle. Beatrice, performed during an imaginary thunderstorm, with the darkened stage lighted up intermittently with shafts of colored and spectacular light, is the extreme. The show abounds with all kinds of novel effects in light comedy and there are several musical numbers well worth while. As star attractions are the singing duo, Calabrese, Miss Gladys, McLean, Jungmann, in the Forge, Miss Annie Choultel; Newton, The Magic Month of May, Miss Donald Clark; Boynton, The Point of View, Rita, Ruth, Legge, Butterflies, Miss Margaret Patterson; Victor Harris, Madrigal, Miss Mayme Pilkey; Wachs, La Diva, Miss Dorothy Joffe; Blinn, The Nightingale; Brook, Says, Miss Dorothy Bernard. The following teachers were represented: Miss Eva Hughes, Miss Alma Tipp, Mrs. J. W. Bradley, Miss Margaret Macdonell, Miss Edith Myers, Miss Ada Twoby, Miss Mary L. Caldwell.

Recital at Conservatory. The following program by pupils of the primary grade—piano and singing—was given in the Conservatory Music Hall on Saturday afternoon: Krogmann, the Robin's Lullaby, by Miss Squirrel's Frolic, Miss Maude Creighton; Del Riego, Happy Song, Miss Grace Green; Espirop, Danse des Fees, Miss Marie Torquay; The Merry Widow, Calabrese, Miss Gladys, McLean; Jungmann, in the Forge, Miss Annie Choultel; Newton, The Magic Month of May, Miss Donald Clark; Boynton, The Point of View, Rita, Ruth, Legge, Butterflies, Miss Margaret Patterson; Victor Harris, Madrigal, Miss Mayme Pilkey; Wachs, La Diva, Miss Dorothy Joffe; Blinn, The Nightingale; Brook, Says, Miss Dorothy Bernard. The following teachers were represented: Miss Eva Hughes, Miss Alma Tipp, Mrs. J. W. Bradley, Miss Margaret Macdonell, Miss Edith Myers, Miss Ada Twoby, Miss Mary L. Caldwell.

REQUEST JOE THOMPSON TO STICK TO CIVIC JOB

City Council Ask "Reconsideration"—Hospital Bylaw Given Two Readings.

Joseph Thompson, commissioner of industries and publicity, may not leave the city's service after all. The action of the city council in voting by more than a two-thirds vote yesterday to instruct the board of control to ask Mr. Thompson to reconsider his determination to resign, developed a situation in the city council, but to the surprise, and to no one more so than to Mr. Thompson himself.

"It's like a bolt from a clear sky," said the commissioner last night. "I had everything packed up ready to leave. I don't know whether this will change my mind, but I certainly appreciate it very much."

It cannot be said that any movement among the aldermen to have Mr. Thompson retained was encouraged by the commissioner, who has repeatedly declared that his resignation was final. The vote indicates that not only is his resignation not final, but that the continuation of the department of which he is the head is strongly favored by the council.

The vote on Ald. Baird's motion along the lines given above, was as follows: For—Controllers Church and Ward, Ald. Baird, O'Neill, Maguire, Phelan, Hamby, Heild, Spence, May, Rowland, McCarthy, Hyton, Welch, Graham, and the aldermen representing the wards of West, McEwen, and Anderson—7.

A Hot Debate. Controller Foster started the discussion by moving to strike out the board of control's recommendation that Mr. Thompson's salary be continued until May 1, and that, instead, it be dated only until Feb. 1. He contended that the proposal was giving the city a misapprehension of a bonus of three months' salary, or about \$800.

Ald. Westcott supported the controller. Dr. Sheard replied that there was no question of a bonus, but that the salary idea, other retiring officials having been so treated. Ald. McCarthy, while regretting to lose Mr. Thompson's services, suggested that the usage of local real estate in granting any one month's salary in advance be followed.

Ald. Maguire charged Controller Foster with being animated by a personal grudge against the commissioner, a statement which drew a rebuff from the controller, and the alderman withdrew it.

Ald. Baird asserted that the real reason for Mr. Thompson's desire to resign was the refusal of the board of control to increase his salary to the amount required by his department.

"That is the wildest kind of a wild statement from a reckless tongue," declared Controller Ward, who, nevertheless, is in the habit of surrounding these pests, arrangements are being made for a grand wolf hunt.

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Exchange hospital's offer to dedicate to the city a sixteen foot strip on Elizabeth-street and one of fifteen feet on Christopher-street in return for the city's removal of the hospital. Dr. Sheard, who is in charge of the hospital, said that it meant the giving of 16,000 square feet by the hospital for 12,000 from the city.

Ald. Baird suggested that the vesting of the land be made conditional upon the city's agreement to give the strip to the hospital in five years. He also suggested that the city should go slowly in making the strip conditional upon the city's agreement to give the strip to the hospital in five years. He also suggested that the city should go slowly in making the strip conditional upon the city's agreement to give the strip to the hospital in five years.

Withdraw Tender. The Mine Coal Company was withdrawing their tender for the Esplanade lot at the foot of Frederick-street, pending the settlement of the suit of the Esplanade Company to the possession of the lot on the ground of an alleged bargain with the city. The withdrawal was accepted.

Only Ald. McBride opposed the appointment of Ald. Dunn to the civic treasury board. Ald. Dunn is chairman of the board, and the other members are Ald. McBride, suggested that "the board be passed round."

Ald. Baird wanted council to ask the city solicitor to enquire into the legality of the Board when it would be ready to hand out a decision on the city's application for uniform phone rates. The mayor said that matter was in the hands of the legal department introduced by Ald. Dunn to change the dates of council meetings from the second and fourth Mondays of each month to alternate Mondays, was seen a further contribution to the objection to the existing rate is that

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A Public Abattoir. Dr. Sheard will report on a motion by Mr. Sheard designed to protect the meat consumer from diseased meat. The alderman wants a more rigid system of inspection whereby all meat must be tested and stamped before it is sent to the public abattoir, and that there be established a public abattoir where all persons, ten and upwards, who are connected with the up-to-date packing houses and private abattoirs may take animals to be slaughtered at a nominal price.

Dr. Sheard, discussing the proposal, said that his carrying out would mean preventing farmers from sending dressed meat into the city. He is likely to report against it in part at least.

WOLVES IN PARRY SOUND

Grand Hunt Being Organized to Exterminate Them. PARRY SOUND, Feb. 14.—Wolves have become so numerous in the peninsula of Carling, Township, as to be a menace to the settlers, and during the fall and early winter large numbers of sheep have been killed. There are between fifty and one hundred wolves in the peninsula and as it is an easy place in which to surround these pests, arrangements are being made for a grand wolf hunt.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Graham, 1235 East Queen-street, will not receive to-day (Tuesday). The engagement is announced of Miss Marion B. Bagley, daughter of Mrs. James E. Bagley, and of the late Bert E. Bagley, formerly of Boston, Mass., U. S. A., to G. Gordon Laird of this city.

Miss Anna Scarlett, London, is the guest of Mrs. Andrew Mackenzie, and will receive with Mrs. Mackenzie in her new home, 85 Simpson-avenue, Riverdale, Thursday, Feb. 17.

A dramatic entertainment will be given by the Aura Lee Club, in the club rooms, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17.

Owing to illness in the family, Mrs. Wilson H. Tackaberry will not receive to-day.

The Children's Aid Society are holding their annual meeting, in the society's building, 229 Simcoe-street, on Thursday, Feb. 17.

A violin recital will be held by Hilda Meredith-Smith, M.D., R.A.M., London, on Friday evening, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. in Pembroke-street, on Monday evening, Feb. 21, at 8 o'clock.

The Park School Old boys hold their fifth annual dinner at Williams' Cafe, on Friday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. Among the guests of honor will be Senator Loughheed and R. J. Fleming of the Toronto Street Railway Co., both Park School ex-pupils. Secretary Dick Honeyford, 42 Aberdeen-avenue, St. Andrew's Hospital Circle are holding their annual luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Andrew's institute.

Mrs. E. D. Millen, 124 Springhurst-avenue, South Parkdale, will not be home to-day (Tuesday), and will not receive until March 15.

Mrs. Buntin, St. George-street, is giving twin luncheons to-day and tomorrow.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Miss Mildred McDonald of Dowling-avenue are spending the month of February in Montreal.

Mrs. Harry G. Beemer (formerly Mrs. Gertrude Leadley Land) will receive for the first time at 123 Admiral-road, Friday, Feb. 18, and afterwards on the first Friday.

THE GRACE SMITH PIANO RECITAL

Pianist of Unusual Gifts to Perform at Conservatory. Toronto lovers of music anticipate a rare degree of enjoyment from the program Miss Grace Smith is scheduled to render at the Conservatory of Music, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. Miss Smith's interpretation of the more difficult works of the masters is marked by a singularly sympathetic feeling, and the clarity and rhythm of her playing has been a grateful revelation to the British and Canadian audiences of critical discernment.

This artist's touch is strikingly fine, and while her technical skill and accuracy of execution are considered equal to the best abilities of the foremost male virtuosi of the piano, she is distinguished by many to excel even these in the delicate shading and expression she imparts to her playing. The advance sale of seats for Miss Smith's recital points to a crowded house. The plan and tickets are at the Mason & Risch piano warehouses at 32 King-street west.

ALLIANCE CONVENTION

About 500 Delegates Will Arrive To-day. About 500 delegates will arrive in the city to-day from all parts of the province to the annual provincial convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance.

This evening an executive session will be held. On Wednesday morning a local option conference will take place and on Wednesday afternoon the convention will be officially opened.

Among the speakers at the convention will be Rev. Dr. J. Albert Patterson, superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League; J. A. Macdonald, L.L.D., Toronto; John C. Miller, Orillia; Rev. J. A. Cranston, Collingwood; Jas. R. Cavers, Galt; Rev. W. M. Kane, Strathroy; Dr. J. H. Wesley, Newmarket, and Rev. Ben. H. Spence.

Old Boys Elect Officers

The Cannington and Brock Old Boys held their annual meeting in the S. O. E. Hall, East Richmond-street, last evening, when the following officers were elected: Honorary president, T. E. Whiteside, M.L.A.; hon. vice-president, D. C. McLean; president, Dr. H. S. Bingham; first vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Hooper; second vice-president, Joseph Lucas, secretary, R. A. Sinclair, treasurer, Ald. T. V. May; executive, H. McLean, Dr. W. J. Fletcher, Dr. W. Shier, T. E. Vallentyne, P. Ellis, F. Witter, Chas. Jones, A. J. Field, Dr. Bagshaw, S. Baird, E. Maybee, H. Rae, J. Francis, J. Shier, Miss Armstrong, Miss Shier, Miss Smith.

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A DOUBLE MUSICAL TRIUMPH

Mark Hambourg's Strenuousity and the Heintzman & Co. Piano. The critics are united in their praise of the recital given in Massey Hall, Friday evening by the Russian pianist, Mark Hambourg. It is true that in his playing there is less of the storm and stress of some years ago, and that his interpretations show a serenity and a satisfying quality that they never possessed in the past. Where it is called for he brings forth all the tenderness and solemnity which the work possesses. On the other hand, there is a masculine dignity about the rendition, and a vastness of tone, that gives zest and enjoyment to his rendition of every piece. Only a piano completely understood and completely withstood playing such as that of Mark Hambourg. At his Friday night recital, as is the case with his recitals in all parts of Canada, he used a completely grand piano of the old firm of Heintzman & Co., Limited. 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