

The World of Amusement

General Gossip

Another big Laskey production has been booked for Bennett's the week after next when the "Pianophiles" will make their appearance. There are nine people in this company, and they are above average cleverness, women as well as the men being skilled pianists, singers and dancers. The act is a swag-ger musical novelty that is sure to please.

The same week "The Girl From Yonkers," will be presented by James Devlin and Mae Ellwood. It is a clever comedy skit, sure to win favor.

Work and Owen, "The tumbling act," will be seen in a clever tumbling act.

T. Nelson Downs is a clever card and coin manipulator, who will appear in a pleasing novelty.

Warren Burrows, a sterling actor of wide experience, relates a few interesting incidents happening during his successful career.

A very ludicrous scene took place while he was with the company playing a long run of that sensational melodrama, "Jesse James." In one of the acts an old man is brought on to the stage with hands heavily secured with chains. On this occasion the property man was unable to find the chains in time for the scene, so the stage manager directed the old actor to go on without them, but to hide his hands behind him as though they were manacled in that position, thus conveying to the audience that he was bound.

All went well until during the excitement of the scene and the rendering of the old man's line, "Were I not weakened by starvation I would break these chains that bind me and rend you limb from limb." The old actor at the same time was making vigorous feints as if trying to break loose from his fetters, his hands perfectly free behind him. And that is where a big laugh came in, for the actor had inadvertently turned partly around so that the audience caught sight of his really unbound hands. This situation, so paradoxical to his lines, was too much for the audience and also the players on the stage, and the melodramatic impression intended was utterly destroyed.

At another time Burrows had a big scene ruined by an amusing accident which happened to his heavy man, whom in the action of the play, he was supposed to kill. This actor had in his pocket a metal box filled with matches, which in the "fall" of the scene became accidentally ignited. To the surprise of the audience and the dismay of Burrows, the supposedly dead man partially arose, and, feeling hurriedly over his head, he was in the vicinity of his pocket, grasped the box of burning matches and threw it into the wings, then comfortably simulated death again.

Edgar L. Davenport is planning to go out at the head of his own company this season. He will use one of several plays which he has. These include "No Account," by Charles Dickson; "A Step in the Dark," from the French; "The Soldier of Fortune," and three sketches, "The Crackman," by George Hamilton, Jun., "The Man About Town," and "In Mulberry Bend."

Edna Wallace Hopper returned from Europe, Oct. 31. On account of illness she was forced to close her London engagement. Miss Hopper expects to appear in a new Cohan play in January, called "The Harrigan Girl."

A rumor comes from San Francisco that Billie Burke is engaged to Lee Burdett Wescott, a University of California freshman.

The first performance of Rida Johnson Young's new play, "The Lottery," in which Jameson Lee Finney will play the leading role, will take place at Stamford, Conn., Nov. 13. The company includes Ethel Winthrop, Robert MacKay, Louise Galloway, Helen Lowell, Julia Hay, and Mary Leslie Mayo.

Jack Harlow, the vaudeville comedian, who is appearing along a successful circuit of towns, in a clever comedy sketch with his wife, Claudia Korinek, declared that there are many who have never heard the word "vaudeville," and, if they have, do not know what it means. In support of his claim he relates an incident of his arrival at a little place chosen by himself and wife for the second time as their vacation place.

It was a pretty, healthful spot in Northern Wisconsin, near the Michigan line. Harlow was greeted by one of the prominent townsmen, whose acquaintance the actor had made the previous

year. The man grasped his hand in hearty welcome, saying: "Well, well, Mr. Harlow, I'm mighty glad to see you—how are you and what are you doing?" "I'm feeling fine," replied the actor, then, in answer to the man's second question, he added, "and I'm in vaudeville."

"In Vaudeville," repeated the man, as if trying to recall a name he had previously heard, "Vaudeville—is that in Michigan or Wisconsin?"

"The Wolf," Eugene Walter's Canadian drama, which is a rather poor second to his "Paid in Full," was played at the Grand last evening before a fair-sized audience. While the principals do not shine in the stellar realm, they give an interesting performance. The settings were more than ordinarily effective. Carl Anthony was capital as Jules Beauchamp; Wm. Norton played admirably as Wm. McDonald. The smaller parts of George Huntley and Batiste Le Grande were well taken by Jack Devereaux and Joseph Chaille, respectively. Joseph Greene, as the Scotchman, McTavish, was moderately successful. The part of Hilda was taken by Maria Pollock Johnson, whose ultra-mourningfulness was not helpful to the character. The stirring scenes between Jules and McDonald were excellently done. "The Wolf" will be repeated to-night.

In Jack London's "Call of the Wild" he shows in a remarkable manner how easily a man, under certain conditions, will completely throw off the effects of generations of civilization and "hark back" to the remote time when man was not far removed from "swinging from limb to limb and throwing coconuts at explorers." The invasion of the last American frontier, Alaska, by men used to all the luxuries of city life gave the world wonderful examples of how short a fall it is from the polished gentleman to the passion-swayed "animalized" man alone on a snow-covered trail.



GEORGE DRENNAN, Baritone at the Colonial Theatre.

urging on his dog team and fighting for mere existence. Alaska produced a type of strong, animal, manly men and sterling women equal to the conditions that life in Alaska forced them to meet, and it is from these men and women that the characters of "Two Women and That Man" were taken. Henry D. Carey, the author, in this his latest play, is said to have introduced a type of men and women absolutely new to the stage. These characters placed in the atmosphere of the great northwest present a phase of life as interesting as it is new. From the time the curtain rises on the first act until the final curtain one is struck by the daring of this young actor-author in breaking new ground and presenting scenes and characters hitherto unknown to the American stage.

"Two Women and That Man" will be presented at the Grand next Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

It is said that no play that has been more powerful appeal to the audience or proven more popular than "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which comes to the Grand the week after next. The laughter and applause with which this piece has been greeted in every city visited this season seems to be contagious. The dear old Kentucky drama never went better than in this 45th season.



Steede's English Comedy Pantomime at Bennett's Theatre next week.

the uncanny drollery of the players giving three hours of unceasing and persistent happiness. As an entertainer, Mrs. Wiggs has no peer in her class. Of all women, she is the dearest and funniest, the ideal philosopher and friend, and a broad beam of sunshine amid lowly surroundings and a benediction among all her associates.

On Friday and Saturday of next week at the Grand Manager Mort Singer will present the latest success from the Princess Theatre, Chicago, namely, "The Prince of Town." The book and lyrics of the new piece are the work of Frank Adams and Will Hough and the music is from the pen of Joe Howard. Henry Woodruff will make his initial bow as the leading player in a musical comedy. He will represent an impeccable college youth, who is transformed, through the mystic influence of a blooming century plant, into the Prince of Lunitania, a mythical country, in order that he may gain the affections of a young woman of wealth, who spurns him as a life saver at Palm Beach. The prima donna of the cast is Miss Ruth Peabody. Others in the cast are Joseph Herbert, Jun., Margaret McBride, Edward Beck and forty of the famous show girls and brothers from the Princess Theatre, Chicago.

A musical attraction that is sure to be looked forward to with much pleasure is Grace Van Studdiford in "The Golden Butterfly." This charming prima donna is to appear at the Grand shortly in DeKoven & Smith's delightful comic opera that attracted such a large audience here last season. The opera throughout abounds in delightful music, excellent ensembles and flawless orchestration, with a splendidly drilled company of comedians, singers and dancers. It is an unqualified triumph for Miss Van Studdiford and the composers.

Miss May Robson will be seen on the stage of the Grand shortly for the first time in the charming comedy, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." In the role of Aunt Mary in this comedy she will have a part suited to her. The supporting company is a strong one. Her leading man is Jack Storey, while the remainder of the cast contains many well-known and prominent people. The same cast and production will be seen here as played at the Garden Theatre, New York, last season.

In the forthcoming production of the romantic play, "The Lily and the Prince," at the Grand next Monday week, Miss Lucy Blake at the Lily will be pitted as the innocent girl, with the purity of the lily, against the intrigues and insinuating methods of that beautiful arch poisoner, Lucretia Borgia. The action of the play deals with the attempt to overthrow the Papal states. An atmosphere of romance and intrigue is woven about the play, while the eye is rested and satisfied with the grandeur, elegance and rich coloring of medieval costumes and interior hangings.

At the Colonial

Manager Hooley, of the Colonial, is putting on for Monday and Tuesday one of the finest and most interesting picture novels ever produced. It illustrates the escape of a band of convicts from jail and shows them burrowing under their prison walls, racing across the fields with the guards after them, holding up a train, and compelling the engineer to drive them into the mountains. There they are recaptured after a vigorous fight with the military. The show will include four other films of dramatic and humorous interest, while Miss La Vierge, the popular soprano, and George Drennan have been each supplied with new and appealing illustrated songs. Baby Gamble and Levi's orchestra will round off the bill. For this afternoon Manager Hooley has arranged for a bulletin service on the Tiger-Argo game, and results will be thrown on the screen every ten minutes.

At Bennett's

The Bennett bill next week will be distinguished by the wide diversity of attractions which go to make up the show. Chief of these will be the Steedes, a notable English pantomime company, which has been scoring a substantial hit since its first appearance in America some months ago. The Steedes, according to the critics, have one of the cleverest organizations ever brought from across the pond. Their offering is entitled "The Mysterious Hotel," an act in which what the magicians of the old days called "black art" is used for comedy effects. By illusion and with the aid of mechanical contrivances some extraordinary happenings take place. One of their most interesting deceptions is that in which water apparently flows from the finger tips of some of the performers. The act is elaborately staged with special scenery and effects and should prove a strong drawing card.

"The sign of the Cross" is an original little comedy sketch which will serve to introduce to local theatre patrons Frank Orth and Harry Fern, the musician and the messenger boy. Both are capable comedians, and they have an offering that is said to provide fifteen minutes of hilarious fun.

An act that will appeal particularly to women and children is that of Galetti's monkeys and baboons. One of the best tricks is a trotting race in which each dog runs the trotters and the baboons the drivers. Small sukkies are used, and the skill shown by the baboons in driving is said to be remarkable. A shaving parlor scene, in which one monkey tries to shave another, is a comedy feature of the act. The customer has not much faith in the operator's skill or motive, and the barber shop is the scene of a bare-knuckle fight. The press notices say this is one of the most pleasing animal acts on the road this season.

Mignosetta Kekin is a dainty and vivacious English comedienne and character dancer, who was starred in the English music halls before coming to this country. Her French and Dutch impersonations are said to be very clever, and she completes her toilet for one appearance behind a transparent curtain for the benefit of the audience.

Charles B. Lawler and daughter are versatile entertainers, who will be favorably remembered for their clever work at the Savoy two seasons ago. They are presenting a new act, a well-arranged singing and dancing skit entitled "The Sidewalks of New York."

Henry and Lizell, acrobatic comedians and dancers, have a snappy little act that should make a very pleasing number opening the show.

Sterling and Chapman, singers of Scotch songs, have something out of the ordinary in a singing act.

BRITISH FLAG

Raised in Honor of King Edward's Birthday.

Plainfield, N. J., Nov. 12.—Edmund A. MacKenzie, a business man of New York, has written to the police of this place asking what law or section of the constitution of the United States governed the local police when they ordered him to lower the British flag, which he had hoisted in honor of King Edward's birthday, last Tuesday. The incident has caused widespread comment not at all complimentary to the police officials. Mr. MacKenzie ordered the flag displayed at the gaff of the staff on his premises just over the city line in Fanwood township.

The flag had been flying but a minutes when it was seen by the driver of a laundry wagon. This man sought the nearest telephone and notified the police of the fact, and a patrolman was despatched to Mr. MacKenzie's home with orders to have the flag hauled down. When the policemen got there the flag had been lowered and stored away in its locker.

Mr. MacKenzie says he is not an American citizen, but is accustomed to observe all the American holidays, and especially the Fourth of July, on which days he has always raised the American flag at the masthead on his premises. The inquiry of Mr. MacKenzie has been referred to the Attorney-General at Washington for an opinion.

PACIFIC NAVY.

Plan to Have New Zealand and Australia Co-operate.

Melbourne, Nov. 12.—The Imperial Federation League gave a dinner in honor of Colonel Foxton to-day on his return from the Imperial Defence Conference. Mr. Deakin, who presided, said the conference had made a bolder advance towards imperial defence than any previous conferences. The defence of the empire was the fundamental question at the present time. Col. Foxton hoped New Zealand would shortly co-operate with the Commonwealth in forming a navy which would be the line of defence on which they would have at first to rely. He was glad to note that both political parties in the Commonwealth approved of the naval proposals of the conference. Sir John Forrest said it would be unjust to allow the motherland to bear the whole cost of the naval defence of the empire.

Important Change in Time of the Grand Trunk Trains.

Taking effect Monday, November 15th, train now arriving from Port Dover, Simcoe and St. Thomas, etc., at 9.55 a. m. will reach Hamilton 8.55 a. m. Extra train with Buffalo connections will arrive 10.30 a. m. and evening train 6.55 instead of 6.45 p. m.

Have You Tried It?

Our best housekeepers will use no other than Perfection Baking Powder, manufactured by J. W. Gerrie, druggist, 32 James street north. The indifferent housekeeper, however, injures health and destroys the food by using impure baking powder—cheap, often bitter, compounds of bones, alum and acids.

"Appearances are deceptive," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, especially when they are against us," added the Simple Mug.

NO ABSOLUTION

To French Children Who Use Interdicted Text Books.

Nantes, France, Nov. 12.—The Catholic clergy here to-day refused absolution to Catholic children in the public schools who are using the text books interdicted by the Church.

This action on the part of the clergy is in fulfillment of a warning sounded when the Church put its ban upon certain books used in the public schools, and which were held to be offensive to Catholicism. The Government has refused to modify the character of the text books, which include works of history, and an active fight has been instituted by the clergy at many points throughout France. An element among the parents of Catholic pupils thought it better not to oppose the Department of Education, and this element has now made its members liable to the punishment inflicted at Nantes.

News in Brief

William Linklater, C. P. R. switchman, was killed at White River on Friday.

King Manuel of Portugal left Madrid on Friday for Chetbourg, where he will embark for Embark for England.

Miss Mary Sheepshanks, daughter of the Bishop of Norwich, is standing as an Independent Labor Party candidate for the Westminster City Council.

Under decree of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board the Balmy Beach district will become a part of the Greater Toronto on Dec. 15 next.

The naval building programme decided upon by the Chilean Government provides for the construction of one battleship, four torpedo-boat destroyers, and two submarines, at an expenditure of \$14,000,000.

Herbert Clark, a Londoner, and Jeanette Villiar, aged 22 years, and said to be from Chicago, were arrested in Paris charged with robbing Mme. Marthe Blanc in her apartment of jewelry worth \$1,200.

On a charge of rape on a 17-year-old girl, George Young, an Ottawa street car conductor, was sent to the pen for seven years. Two others arrested for afterwards assaulting the girl were fined \$50 each.

Mr. Wm. Mullett, delegated by the Local Option Committee of Galt to visit Orillia and investigate the working of the act in that town, returned on Friday and expresses his intention of formally reporting a favorable opinion.

A special London cable to the Montreal Star says: It is stated here that Harrods' Stores, Limited, which is one of London's greatest emporiums, has offered the Hudson Bay Company £1,000,000 for its stores in Canada.

Telegrams from Hazelton, B. C., to Premier McBride says women and children are being sent in canoes down the Skeena to Prince Rupert in view of the threatening attitude of the Indians. The Indians volunteer assurance that outgoing canoes will not be molested.

The Italian who died last night as the result of receiving a gun wound in the leg, near Trenton, was named Raffaele Motinore, aged 25 years. Two young men named William Rumble and Frank Glover are under arrest pending the investigation.

Fire on Friday destroyed almost the entire season's crop of flax, the property of Wm. Ward, Leamington, who shed in which the crop was stored. The mill will shut down in thirty days for the winter, throwing a number of men out of employment.

Herschel C. Parker, professor of physics in Columbia University, stated in a lecture at New York last night that in his opinion Dr. Cook was insane, or temporarily mentally irresponsible, when he asserted that he had reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

Mrs. Mary J. Short, Topeka's "mysterious woman in black," died also October 25, presumably of heart disease. Fred Fanning has confessed that he put rough on rats in his coffee that morning, so that the few hundred dollars she possessed would come to him.

George Bauburst, of Port Colborne, was stricken with paralysis while hunting near Haliburton, and died two hours later being taken to his home, where he had been watching a runaway all day, and was lying unconscious beside a log when found. He was 68 years of age.

The Maharajah of Jodhpur has presented a lakh of rupees to the Mayo College at Ajmir as a token of his admiration of Lord Minto's work in India and of gratitude for his policy towards the natives States. The Viceroy arrived there on Sunday and received an enthusiastic welcome.

The London police commissioners yesterday afternoon accepted the resignation of Detective Sergeant William Rider, who has been on the force for thirty-four years, twenty-five as detective. Detective Tom Nickle becomes sergeant and Sergeant Downs is the new detective.

Both the Kingston & Pembroke Railway and Bay of Quinte Railway trains were delayed at the cut on this side of Harrowsmith by the quantity of leaves which had fallen from the surrounding trees and buried the track. The trains were broken up in sections and brought safely through the cut.

Prof. Antonio Mantagna, of Rome, has discovered a method by which photographs can be telegraphed or telephoned for any distance by means of ordinary wires. Successful experiments have been made with his apparatus for a short distance. The professor now proposes to try to send photographs by cable.

While Mrs. William Coles, 32 Dundas avenue, Toronto, was at the home of a neighbor her eleven-months-old boy, William Charles, was drowned in a tub of water. Mrs. Coles returned to her home to find her child head down in the water, which only just covered the bottom of the tub.

While the Maritime express was speeding at thirty-five miles an hour, an Indian named Bernard made a dash for liberty by jumping through the car window at Gloucester Junction, N. B. He was in charge of Sheriff Stewart, of Dalhousie, who was taking him to Dorchester for a two-year term for stealing.

Reports have been received at Lisbon of a great fight between the inhabitants of the villages of Atalaya and Povoa. For years a feud has existed between them, and by mutual agreement the inhabitants met in a large field to settle their grievances. Each side mustered

a hundred fighters, most of them being armed with fowling pieces, revolvers, knives and sticks. After discharging the guns and revolvers into each other, a hand-to-hand conflict took place, the knives being handled with deadly effect.

The snail harvest in the Danube and Rhine districts is reported to be unusually good. In some parts over half a million of these much coveted creatures have begun to grow their winter shell, when they are considered ready for transport.

During the past three months the total number of American immigrants coming to western Canada was 13,811, and if the rush continues more ports of entry will be required. The newcomers are not from any particular section of the republic, but come from all over it.

Edward Rowley was killed and two employees of Armstrong's brick yard at Roseton, N. Y., were hurt by an electric shock. The three men were boring for clay, using a long iron pipe. When they drew the pipe from the ground, and while they still grasped it, it dropped on an electric wire, sending a heavy current through the men.

Arthur Barnard, a farmer of Downsview, aged 60 years, is in Grace Hospital, Toronto, suffering from internal injuries. He fell from his wagon, near his home, on Thursday, and was found lying in the ditch by the roadside. There are no marks on his body, but his internal injuries are so grave that his recovery is doubtful.

There are 200,000 men and women in New York city who are willing to work, but who are not able to secure employment, was the statement made to-day by Cora D. Harvey, secretary of the National Committee for the Unemployed, before the State Commission which is investigating the operation of the employers' liability act.

For blowing up the home of Mr. M. Laporte at Ottawa with dynamite in June last, Victor Lacasse and George Deltour were sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment each by Sir Wilfrid J. R. D. The prisoners agreed to pay \$500 compensation for damage done to Mr. Laporte's house and furniture by the explosion.

The nucleus of a fleet for the Grand Trunk Pacific on the Pacific coast is now under construction in England, where contracts have been let for two fine vessels to be christened the Prince Rupert and the Prince George. These will be completed in the early spring, and will be placed in the hands of the Prince Rupert and Seattle in April.

Herbert H. Gunter, of Fredericton, N. B., one of the most prominent lumbermen of the province, and president of the William Richards Lumber Company, was instantly killed by an I. C. R. shunting engine at Campbellton. Gunter slipped while crossing the track, and the engine wheels passed over him. He was forty-seven years old and leaves a widow and two sons.

Field Marshal Lord Kitchener has received from the Emperor of Japan the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun. The Inspector-general of the British Mediterranean forces has been entertained on a grand scale during his stay at Tokio and upon his visit to Nikko, where he witnessed the manoeuvres of the Japanese army. Lord Kitchener will begin his homeward trip on Nov. 19.

The six-year-old daughter of Mr. Joseph Atkinson, of Stratford, had a narrow escape from strangling recently. She and another little girl were playing around a cream separator, which had not yet stopped, when her clothing caught in the revolving spindle and nearly choked her to death. The clothing had to be cut off before she could be extricated, and she was unconscious for several hours.

THE KILOWATT HOUR.

Some Suggestions in Electricity That Will Help Many.

Owners of electric vehicles are often puzzled by the different terms used for the measurement of electric current. The words "amperes," "volts" and "watts" are quite meaningless to the uninitiated, and when an electric charging station makes a price for current of five or ten cents per kilowatt hour the average automobilist man doesn't quite grasp its meaning.

To explain the term means first a clear definition and then a comparison, says the Kansas City Journal. Every one will understand that a certain amount of force must be used to drive electric current through a circuit. This force is measured by volts; thus we have 110 volt currents and 220 currents, the one expressing just twice the force of the other. But the quantity of current passing through a circuit depends upon the force and the resistance, and so the quantity is expressed by a different term, viz., "amperes."

Now the efficiency of the current depends upon both force and quantity, and to express this efficiency or unit of action we multiply the force by the quantity—that is, the volts by the amperes, and express the result in watts. Thus 110 volts multiplied by 6 amperes is 660 watts, or 220 volts multiplied by 3 amperes is 660 watts.

A kilowatt is a current of 1,000 watts, which is the equivalent of about 1 1/2 horse-power. In charging a battery the lighting companies bill for the use of so many watts for so many hours. Thus, 1,000 watts for 10 hours would be charged as 10 kilowatt hours, which at 5 cents a kilowatt hour would be 50 cents; a charge that seems little enough for 10 hours' use of 1 1/2 horse-power.

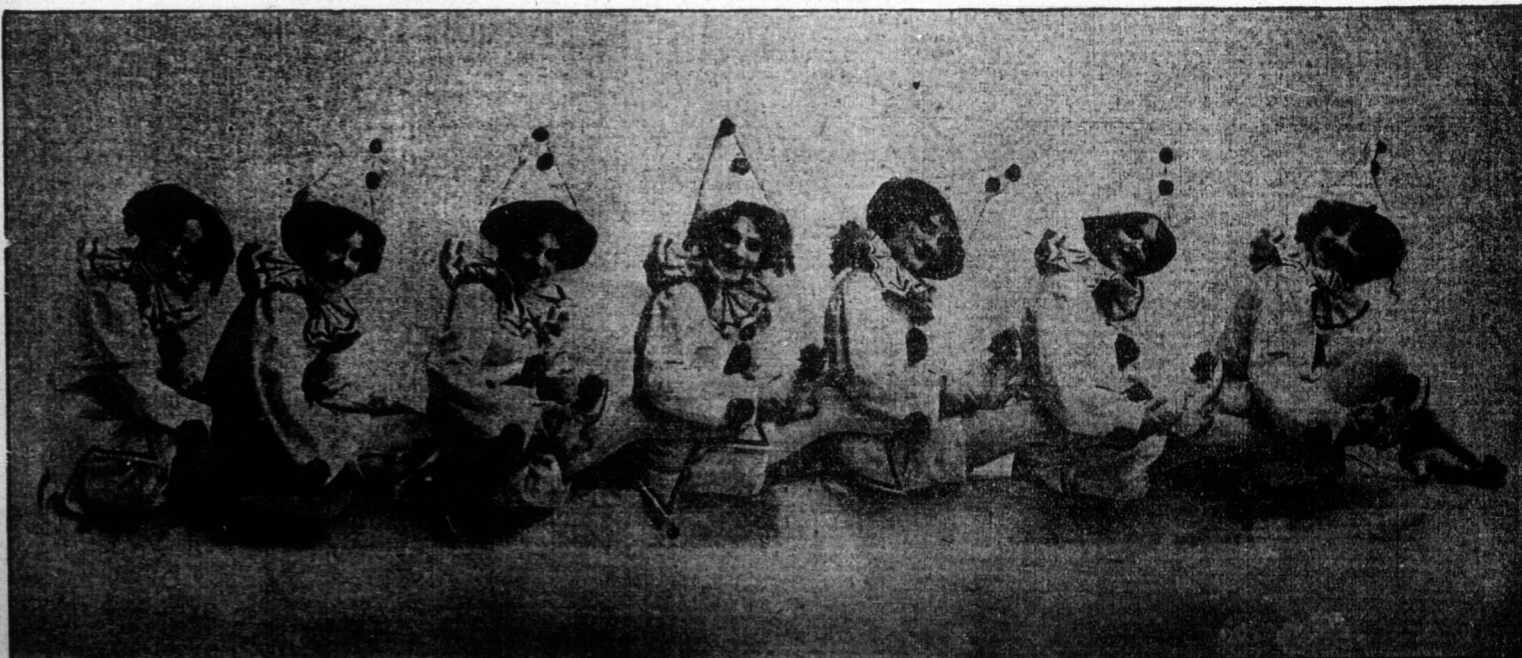
But what a kilowatt hour is worth may best be judged by what it will do. Thus a kilowatt hour will light twenty 16-candle power incandescent lamps or two standard arc lamps for one hour; it will pump one hundred gallons of water to a height of twenty-five feet; compress 470 cubic feet of free air 100 pounds; drive an ordinary passenger elevator 1,720 feet; print 2,500 circulars on a 15x21 Gordon press or 1,000 sheets on a 32x47 cylinder press; run a sewing machine for twenty hours; supply air for a church organ for one service; mix two and one-half yards of concrete; heat a two-pint chafin dish for four hours; mix sufficient ground for 1,500 loaves of bread and grind 600 pounds of coffee; it will drive a runabout four and one-half miles or a three-ton truck one mile.

When, therefore, a lighting company charges five cents a kilowatt hour for current for your electric vehicle you can estimate the value of what you are getting by what it will do in other lines of industry.

New Combination.

A new combined electric lamp and shaving mirror has been produced, in which the reflector can be arranged to throw the light only upon the face below the eyes, no light falling upon the mirror or the eyes.

The minute a good opportunity begins to flirt with a man his wife gets jealous.



FAMOUS PONY BALLETT WITH HENRY WOODRUFF IN "THE PRINCE OF TONIGHT," AT THE GRAND NEXT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.