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AT THE THEATRES

Princess

If eight curtain calls and uproartious

lemands for a speech at the end of the cond act and six recalls at the close are any token of public favor, De Wolf Hopper and "A Matinee Idol" at the triumphantly close to the hearts in triumphantly close to the nearts in front. There was the suspicion of a drag in the first act before the story got under way, and perhaps as Mr. Hopper explained in his speech, that it was only their second week and they was only their second week and they were not familiar enough with the other fellow's lines to think up impromptus of their own, but no explanations were needed after the curtein went up on the second act. Till the last moment the fun was fast and furious. Every line had a double meaning and elicited roars of laughter.

"A Matinee Idol" is remarkable for the presention of a real plot. Not a

the possession of a real plot. Not a the possession of a real plot. Not a thread of nonsense, but a complicated, logical and wildly farcical web of screaming absurdity, which affords a long series of ridiculous situations, all of which are fully availed of in the complication of the dialogue. It is not too difficult to follow, the it would take to the follow. The comedy honors to ward and the most historic of London prisons. Involved in a Welsh investment company, which became insolvent, he has now difficult to follow, the it would take the follow. paragraphs to explain, and everybody will want to see it himself anyway. Imagine Mr. Hopper as he decribes himself, "in comparatively human guise, sick of playing bum kings and appearing in tights, and his legs feeling quite loose and foolish," and in this confinery custom appearing as a laways acceptable to truculent incomparations. this ordinary custom appearing as a twice-a-day tragedian, a hypnotic doctor, a long lost father, a recovered lover and several other things all at

(there are no tenors or bases) is so of "testimoniais" to a fine art, yet re-charming, it would be ungrateful to tains and asserts his social superiority. find fault when the whole performance goes with splendid swing and vivacity. George Moore, who is a student from Oxford and says "turble" for terrible and accents address on the first syl-

man. Jimmy Grant is excellently done by George Mack. Ethel Dorsy has all dash and refinement of London, and Harriet Burt is very clever in her bright, widowhood. Her song, "I am looking for a husband," was whistled by everybody in the gods after the first

His little turtle dove; But the next time I change my name I'll marry—for love.
There are several other catchy numbers and the score in general is very lively and gay. The dancing was pretty an of the stage sets and costumes really lovely. No prettier stage picture has been seen than the bevy of school girls at the close of act two. They are

disappearance of the hideous and un-fashionable "rat." This style of un-sightly hairdressing was only to be seen in front of the footlights.

Royal Alexandra

The Debtors.

Last night at the Royal Alexandra

again to its original tongue much of the Dickens' conception has been lost, but enough remains to make it a thoroly interesting play, marked by quaint characterization and pervaded by a flavor of humor which, without degenerating into farce, is exceedingly entertaining. Indeed nothing could be more taining. Indeed nothing could be more fitted to receive the production was the specialty by the Ward and Vokes' ladies' band in the second

become a victim of the old law pre-scribing imprisonment for debt, a system which to Dickens was specially Vokes certainly have the goods. abhorrent. But to Dorrit the environalways acceptable to truculent incom-ers. His family have been born and reared within the walls of the Marshal-sea and his daughter Amy is at once once, and there is no difficulty in understanding the merriment of the audround the figure of the old English gen-While the company is not strictly tleman, who even in the straits to which

Clenham, who has acted the good Samaritan towards his son and thereby evoked Amy's gratitude. He inter-ests himself in the unfortunate debtor and at last succeeds in obtaining Dorrit's freedom and restoration of his property. But the old man is dogged his past and with a true Dickens by his past and with a true Dickens touch, at last realizes that it is the of the girl he loves. This main thread of story is enlivened by several semi-humorous episodes, which serve to ilhumorous episodes, which serve to il-lustrate the whimsical fancies of an sing and provide one of the most at-

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Grand.

Ward and Vokes' Big Show. For years the names of Ward and Vokes have been associated with funshows of the musical comedy varietyplenty of laughs and many catchy musical members—just the kind of show that meets with the approval of all classes of theatregoers. This season they are appearing in "The Promoters," a new edition of their reunion offering, and the audience which greeted them at the opening at the Grand ou them at the opening at the Grand Opera House last night showed their approval by enthusiastically applauding the clever and witty sayings of the principals and the tuneful melodies of the production.

Jungle in the guise of the ex-president. Many adventures are his. Finally he is taken captive by the cannibals and put into a pot, but is rescued by a detachment of Rough Riders.

The playlet is a saturical femoment of the production.

of the production.

Thrucout the comedy there is an atmosphere of joility that reaches the audience, and the "Percy and Haroldisms," which can only be issued from the fun factory of Ward and Vokes, made a big hit with their numerous friends last night.

The playlet is a satirical farce. It is burlesque burlesqued.

Part one is called "Gay Monte Carlo." The scene is the casino. A number of tuneful lays, interspersed with comedy, take up the time.

Scarboro Beach Closed.

The play is in two acts and is magthe Ail Son-Ziegler Company presented "The Debtors," a comedy by Margaret various musical numbers was prettily Mayo, adapted from the German of gcwned, and there was a dash and gc Fritz Von Shoethan, whose play in to their work that was at once noticeturn was based on Charles Dickens' able. Lucy Daily, who is still pre"Little Dorrit." nn the transmutation from English to German and back again to its original tongue much of the

fitted to provide quiet but real enter-tainment with nothing jarring or repel-lant.

Act. The selections rendered were given in first-class style and the ladies showed that they were able

For the theatregoer who wants to laugh and be entertained Ward and

Shea's.

Carrie DeMar Sings Flossie."

Flosse" at Shea's this week. It sure does take the prize as a care killer. Standing as it were between two worlds, "one dead, the other striving to be born." "I do not know whether While the company is not strictly tleman, who even in the straits to which first-class, the chief parts are so capably filled and the chorus of ladies (there are no tenors or bases) is so (there are no tenors or bases) is so the chief parts are so capably filled and the chorus of ladies (there are no tenors or bases) is so the chief parts are so capable first-class, the chief parts are so capable first-class are so capable first tains and asserts his social superiority. This contrast provides much of the humor of the earlier scenes and it is heightened by a touch of pathos which is never obtrusive.

Chance throws across his path Arthur Clenham, who has acted the good Sahe calls a baseball game. In this, with a gallery of about a dozen fans, he Prof.

old man who has grown to like his servitude and to live in a world of his songs are such as appeal. The Frey own creation. pretty girls and it is a treat to note the Digby Bell as William Dorrit gave a been seen here. Their stunt is interesting and instructive.

Vinie Daly has a pretty plush curtain and can dance. The Wheelers, comedy automobiling jugglers, have a rapidly moving turn and the moving pictures are good.

Majestic Music Hall Good Vaudeville Bill.

Pretty nearly at every turn of the curtain the bill at the Majestic Theatre presents something new in vaudeville entertainment. From the time Willie and Joseph Hale dart on the scene with a flourish and present a few fancy tricks in the way of clever juggling, but full of clever acrobatic features. Miss Edith Helema, who is the possessor of a soprano voice not only notable for its richness, but for its marclever, and amusing in a home sketch in which she impersonates the daugh ter of a wealthy household and creates a wealth of amusement when proposed to by Lord Percy Fitzmarice.

Star.

Yankee Doodle Girls. T. W. Dinkin's claim that his Yankee Doodle Girls Company is "America's best ever." is certainly hardly an exaggeration, for the two performances at the Star Theatre yesterday kept the audience in a continuous state of hi-Even thruout the olio the fun

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thoroly artistic interpretation to a part which exactly suits his peculiar talent. Without exaggeration it yet brings into ample relief the vagaries of the old debtor. While there is much excellent fooling it never trespasses the bounds of good taste nor injures the underlying unity. Miss Kathleen Clifford made a delightful Amy, acting with easy and natural charm. Courtenay Foote was good as Arthur Clenham and St. Clair Bayfield gave a realistic character sketch of Chivery, the turnkey. Miss Della Knight was bright as Fanny Dorrit and the other members of the cast were equal to their roles. The play is attractively staged and the large audience evidently found the play full of genuine amusement.

Of merriment. Dixon and Hearn as the Dope Cabman and eccentric passenger contribute a very effective turn, whilst either yellow a vivacious program. In the burlesque portion of the proceedings, Harry the portion of the proceedings, Harry the contribute a very effective turn. The Dope Cabman and eccentric passenger contribute a very effective turn, whilst elamary and Julia Seyou render very effective service in helping along a vivacious program. In the burlesque portion of the proceedings, Harry the proceedings, Harry the contribute a very effective turn, whilst elamary and Julia Seyou render very effective service in helping along a vivacious program. In the burlesque portion of the proceedings, Harry the proceedings, Harry the proceedings, Harry the proceedings and their element, and there is not a dull moment whilst either of them is on the stage. Of the ladies, Sadje Huested, Julia Seyou, Jennie Gladiestone and Lulu Closmere all render signal service. The scenery and costume and service are proceedings and the proceedings are proceedings. Harry the proceedings are proceedings and the proceedings are proceedings and the proceedings are proceedings. Harry the proceedings are proceedings and the proceeding are proceedings are proceedings. Harry the proceedings are proceedings are proceedings are proceedings are proceed

Gayety.

Rentz Santley Company "Teddy in the Jungle" is the title of the main part of the show at the Gayety this week. The first scene in the satire represents the landing at Mombassa. Roosevelt is on his way there, and when Heinie Hamburger arrives he is hailed as "Teddy." He keeps up the farce and penetrates the jungle in the guise of the ex-president.

Owing to the cold it was decided to last night to close Scalboro Beach for

LAZINESS AND BUSINESS BESET AVERAGE PASTOI

Rev. Prof. Jackson Addresses Theolegical Conference on Perils of the Ministry.

The annual theological conference in connection with Victoria University opened in Annesley Hall last evening. Morning and evening sessions will be held to-day and on Wednesday and Thursday. The conference will close with the Friday morning session. Last evening's proceedings were de-voted to informal addresses of welcome by Chancellor Burwash and other members of the theological faculty and replies by Rev. Dr. Huestis of Halifax and others.

Rev. Prof. George Jackson, who made

If you feel blue and lonesome, go his first public appearance in connechear Carrie De Mar sing "Lonesome tion with the college, said that he felt

Prof. J. F. McLaughlin believed that goes thru all the vicissitudes of the the confidence of its old students in great game and thereby draws forth the college was as great as ever in the secret of his misfortunes. His false friends drop off and the faithful Clenham is rewarded by the hand and heart of the girl he loves. This main thread of story is enlivered by several and the fall of the co-operation of the prosecutions. The ideal of the co-operation of the prosecutions are secret of his misfortunes. His false audiences yesterday. It deals with a trick by which counsel for the defence the rank and file of the church of what the college stood for. The ideal of that we want."

> "The vice of our theological curribut that we try to do too many things. We are giving students a look-in at with American meteorologists. too many subjects."
> He objected to the conferences sending in requisitions to teach this, that and the other. The result, if yielded to, would be a curriculum of rags and tatters. "It is ragged enough and

Prof. R. P. Bowles also spoke brief-TO KEEP BELL HOMESTEAD

Will Be Maintained by Brantford Park

Commissioners. BRANTFORD, Sept. 20 .- (Special.)tricks in the way of clever juggling, till the Bruno, Kramer trio, European acrobats, close the bill with gymnastic turns, the show is one round of fun. Joe Boganny's royal troupe of lunatic bakers doubtless makes the greatest hit as the sketch is really novel in character, being not only full of fun.

to ill-health. Kerby House, was fined \$25 and costs for supplying W. P. Cook, an "Indian The inspector velous range, is well received, while for supplying W. P. Cook, an "Indian the Fosters also present some good singing. Francesa Redding as "Honora Finnegan" or Nora, the cook, is very ance.

Reply House, was lined \$25 and costs receipt of \$2.50.

The inspectors say that the names of 10,000 prospective "customers" were found in Forte's rooms. The prisoner made a full confession, it is alleged, Brakeman Loses Leg.

NORTH BAY, Sept. 20 .- (Special.)-Stanley D. Strachan aged 26, brakeman, was caught under the wheels of a freight train while switching at Latchford this morning and had one leg badly crushed, amputation below the knee being necessary. Mauretania's New Record.

o'clock this morning. Altho delayed by fog, she succeeded in reducing her This an eastbound record three-quarters of an hour, to 4 days 13 hours 41 minutes. was maintained at high pressure, and novel daring feats of Bailey and To Act as Conciliators.

Aaron A. R. Mosher of Halifax, N. S., have been appointed members of the

Seven Years in Pen. BROCKVILLE, Sept. 20 .- John Fitz-

gerald, a Montreal man, was found guilty at the assizes here to-day of attempted rape on an 18-year-old girl, and was sentenced to seven years in Kingston penitentiary.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. G. McCollum have returned from a trip to the Maritime Provinces and Eastern States.

NORTH POLE DISCOVERY

Explorers Not at Pole Long Enough to Get Data, Says Chief British Meteorologist.

Dr. W. N. Shaw, F.R.S., chief of the

that he did not think it would help the college was as great as ever in the past. Suspicions, it was true, had been eatch mystery sketch called "The Visitor." It is an interesting giddle of the college was as great as ever in the past. Suspicions, it was true, had been expressed and questions asked, but in a living church such differences of that we could go up there and take mystery sketch called "The Vis-It is an interesting riddle con-g a good deal of faulty psychology should not cause too much alarm.

expressed and questions asked, but in that we could go up there and take daily observations, but I can't see that we are going to get there any easier

men so many facts, but rather to raise learn about the weather on the praiup men of such intrinsic strength that ries and its effect on the wheat crop. Dr. Shaw has been attending the British Association meeting in Winnipeg, and went with cula is not that we try to do too much members thru to the coast. He is now on his way to Washington, to confer

MAKING MONEY LIKE JOHN D. Italian's Simple Scheme For Defrauding Credulous Compatriots.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 .- Postoffice r-spectors made an unannounced call to-day in an eastside tenement and arrested Dominico Forte, a young Italan, and the reputed head of the "European-American Transfer Company," a concern thru which it is alleged that a petty swindle was conducted in which hundreds of Italians thruout the United States were victim-

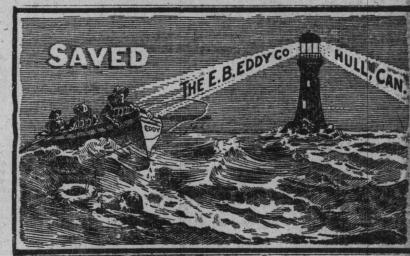
According to the inspectors, lette were sent out by Forte to credulous fire have not been accurately complete, foreigners, stating that a package of it is not thought they will total over jewelry consigned to them had been s200,000. received and that the "European-Am-Rev. J. J. Rounthwaite, rector of St. John's Church, has resigned owing erican Transfer Co." as agent had paid \$1.95 duty thereon. The package would Alfred Patterson, bartender at the be forwarded to its destination upon

saying that he was the sole proprietor and that he "was making money as fast as Rockefeller."

SASKATCHEWAN WILL HAVE BUILDING AT SELKIRK SHOW.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 20 .- The Saskatchewan Government will not give a money grant to the Selkirk Centennial Exposition, to be held in Winnipeg in QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 20 .- The Mau- 1912, but announce their intention to retania touched at Queenstown at 6.23 expend \$250,000 for a Saskatchewan This announcement was made by the Hon. J. A. Calder to-day.

Bodies Not Recovered. The search for the bodies of the Gild. OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Jas. ing brothers drowned while sailing in A. Glimor of Brockville, Ont., and the bay Sunday afternoon, has not When found the funeral will be held



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The heaviest sufferers are the Graves, Bigwood Co. of Buffalo, who lose about 4 1-2 million feet of lumber, valued at upwards of \$60,000. It is well insured. J. L. Burton & Son, Barrie, lose \$50,000, including 11,000 railway ties, partially insured, and Burton Bros., Barrie, about \$35,000, partially insured. Munns & Cochrane of Sud oury lose \$6000, fully insured. The Log Picking Association had only about 40,000 feet of lumber burned, and the oss will be about \$1000. Chew Brothers ose about half a million feet of lumer, and several hundred cords of slabs and edgings, the loss being placed a

Purse For Rev Mr. McLaurin. Dufferin-street Baptist Church con-regation gave their pastor, Rev. J. B. McLaurin, a farewell reception last to Rev. Edgar Whitehouse of Birming-night on the eve of his departure for ham, Eng., had been accepted by him, Mr. McLaurin was obesented and that he would sail for Canada on with a purse.

Race Follower Gathered In. Sylvester Haywood, a colored gentleman who hails from Trenton, N.J., was Trades and Labor Council, wired Secboard of conciliation and investigation on the differences between the Intercolonial and its round house empolyes at Halifax.

When found to investigation from the home of the mother of the day charged with vagrancy. He was gathered in by Detective Archibald, who thought his absence would lessen address a public meeting in the Labor



BIRMINGHAM PASTOR ACCEPTS Will Fill Pulpit of Winnipeg Congre gational Church.

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