



THE Imperial theatre will re-open, as originally announced, on the evening of Feb. 8th. During the time this theatre has been closed, Manager Ward has been corresponding with well-known specialty people, and has at last succeeded in securing a company of artists which will be a credit to his house. This popular place of amusement will be conducted on the same lines as the high class musee-theatres throughout the east and Europe, and every novelty which will please and amuse the people will be found on the Imperial stage. Changes will be made from time to time, so that the public can rest assured that they will always find something new at the Imperial. Manager Ward has secured for the opening week a list of attractions that will be sure to bring in the shekels, as well as add to the already wide-spread popularity of his house.

The many friends of Thomas Finlay were agreeably surprised when he appeared before them as a member of the Katie Putnam Co., in a leading role, during their short engagement here. Tom is making remarkable progress in his adopted profession, and will probably visit this city again, with a new company, after closing his season with Miss Putnam in Chicago on May 30.

On Thursday evening next Rice's Victoria Stock company will begin their engagement at The Victoria. The members of the new company are now here and rehearsals have begun. The opening play will be "Queenie," which by the way was seen here when Grace Hawthorne opened The Victoria.

The leading lady of the company is Miss Esther Lyons, of New York. Miss Lyons has starred for several seasons, and has received favorable notices from the eastern papers as to her ability as an actress. She is said to be a good dresser, and possesses an elaborate wardrobe. Lorimer Johnstone, the lead-

ing man, is also a New York man; but has been on the coast for some time. He has starred at the Alcazar, San Francisco, and also at the People's in Denver. Mr. Johnstone possesses a good voice, and is said to be a first-class man in every respect. Belle Inman, the accomplished soubrette, has been engaged by Mr. Rice. She is already well and favorably known in this city. Miss Inman has been connected with Cordray's Seattle Theatre for some time, and has, figuratively speaking, "turned the heads" of the people of that city. She

leading theatres of San Francisco, and is a hard-working actor. Mr. Lloyd is a gentleman of excellent physique, and is very popular with that portion of an audience which admires a handsome man. Messrs. James Morden and Eugene Kay are the character men, and are well up in their business. Lyola O'Connor, leading juvenile lady, has spent most of her professional life in eastern theatres, and a short time since she played a most successful engagement at Halifax, N. S. Miss Annie Inman, character woman, is from Chicago, and has played with



GEORGE BERRY.

is a decidedly good-looking lady, and has played parts with first-class companies throughout the east. She has starred for several seasons, and is popular wherever she is known. George Berry, the heavy man, has been stage manager at Cordray's Seattle and Portland theatres, and comes here well recommended. Mr. Berry is said to be a realistic actor, and commands a big salary wherever engaged. Of course everyone knows Sam Morris, the comedian. Sam's efforts in the direction of making people laugh have been more than once appreciated in Victoria. Mr. Morris is well known all along the coast and does not need an introduction to a Victoria audience. Mr. Edwin F. Lloyd, juvenile man, is from the

the best companies of that city. Little Annie Inman is one of the greatest child actresses on the stage. During this little girl's engagement at Seattle she received many presents from friends. Miss De Forrest plays juveniles and characters, and has been seen in this city before. Altogether the company is considered a good one, and will doubtless receive a favorable reception in this city.

The Imperial Stock Company opened at Vancouver last Thursday night, in Camille. The company will play one week at Vancouver and from there they will go to Nanaimo. They expect to reach Winnipeg in the course of a few weeks, where they will reproduce