PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC.

"OH! WHAT A GIRL"

Musical Farce at Royal Alexandra Keeps Full Audience in Fits Thrut-Music Clever, and Bright.

have at the Royal Alexandra this week, and while the weight of the husiness falls on the shoulders of a few, they are so good and so much in evidence the audience last night just sat back and laughed its fill. "Oh! What a Girl" is a musical farce, but it is chiefly a vehicle for Harry Kelly, tis, as the fun-makers among the men; Peggy Coudrey and Elizabeth Moffatt, as comediennes, and Sam Ash, the tenor, and Zella Call, the soprano. There is an excellent chorus also, and a male quartet which sang charmingly. The ladies of the chorus are numerous; young and pretty, and which was distinguished even in this era of lavish costumes. Miss Call's dresses were particularly handsome, and were much admired. The musical bright. The title song was given a reappears in the last scene. The cleverest musical phase of the piece is the operatic travesty at the close of the first act on the Malbrouck theme. The familiar air was treated as solo, as chorus, as duets and quartets, in every form of concerted vocalization, and in every imaginable tempo, concluding with a grand operatic outburst for the finale. Mr. Ash, as Jack, had antenor in the duet. "Breeze in the But, after all, it is the humor of the piece that is the big attraction. The plot depends on the double life of Deacon Amos Titnouse of Cemetery Corners, N.J., who haunts New York from his wife. His nephew lives in the city and has determined to marry the cabaret singer, Margot Merrivale. Uncle Amos meets her in New York and offers to be her "angel" in the production of a new opera in which she is to star. He invites the company to his home, where his wife Amanda is seduced into a visit to the city, having succumbed to strong wat-The whole company foregathers in the same cabaret, and mutual guilt leads to mutual pardon.

The first very funny passage is be-tween the negro valet and the waiter. tween the negro valet and the waiter.
The deacon's solemn North of Ireland centive for a theatre manager to bring face, with the sandy fringe around his bald head, is an irresistible provocation to laughter, and his feet and legs the Gayety Theatre made no mistake tion to laughter, and his feet and legs add to the screaming absurdity of the situations. Another very funny passage is that between Frank Fay and Peggy Coudrey, and another between the same gentleman and Elizabeth Moffatt. His prohibition references, Moffatt. His prohibition references, which were ceaseless during the show, were fresh and appealing, and very lesque outfit. It is the common practice in burlesque shows to write the ences to the veto of the president, over-ridden by the senate and house because he went to Paris without taking them with him, was also enjoyed. There is nothing funnier in the show

AT SHEA'S THEATRE.

Quite the best dancing act offered to a Toronto audience for a considerable time appears at Shea's Theatre week. Nina Payne, in her "Original Dance Patterns" succeeds in fully justifying the optimistic title adopted. With Miss Payne was Al. Ferri, justifying the opening was Al. Ferri, ed. With Miss Payne was Al. Ferri, ed. With Miss Payne was Al. Ferri, who played a saxophone with skill and feeling. Unfortunately, however, the feeling. Unfortunately, however, the feeling. Unfortunately, however, the feeling one sit up mediately as the player satisfied the

Imhof, Conn and Coreene presented

Snub Pollard comedy film completed Ethel Shuttan lead in most of the

AT THE HIPPODROME

Enthusiastic Audience

week, Dolores Cassinelli in "The Virtuous Model," is a revelation to Toronto movie fans. Not only is the actress intensely vivid with dramatic possibilties but the film is one bound to be popular with an audience.

The Leading Lady," the vaudeville headliner, in its premiere appearance yesterday, scored a real triumph and

MUCH MELODY AT PRINCESS. | "RED RIDING HOOD" A DELIGHT

"Bowery Burlesquers" Is Full Clever Songs and Dancing and Promises Clever Comedy.

beautiful settings of the Bowery Bursome incident or other, but it can be definitely said that there is a plot to

encounter with Amanda. Kelly is cer-tainly a prime comedian.

as the venturesome aviators, Billy Foster and Frank Harcourt made the biggest hit of the season. Mr. Foster especially can be mentioned for a Nina Payne Charms Audience With Best Dancing Seen for Considerable Period—Good Vaudeville.

Nina Payne Charms Audience With puts on when springing his lines, while the clever dancing of Mr. Harcourt was very much appreciated. Dolly Sweet, Kittie Glasco and Libby Hart are the principal feminine leaders, and together with a chorus of the usual Hurtig excellence, make this that theatre-goers can bestow.

As a Christmas week entertainment, gallery with ragtime.

Ed. E. Ford, well styled physiognomist, kept the audience amused by "Aviator Girls." This show is one of weird and funny facial contortions. the fastest singing and dancing shows Exclusive songs and patter were pleas-antly retailed by Olive Briscoe and Al. on the circuit, and there is a chorus of twenty pretty maidens. Raub, the latter creating a surprise when toward the end of the act he changed a raucous voice to a reasonbers is put over with such a pleas-Imhof, Conn and Coreene presented a character farce, "The Man Upstairs," which was thoroly appreciated. Aileen Stanley, personality girl, sang and "Flying High" is the title of the

which was thoroly appreciated. Alleen Stanley, personality girl, sang and danced well.

Jack Wyatt and his Scotch lads and lassies had a "gathering of the clans" and rendered the usual pipe band segment of the last half of the show, Dolly Meden and chorus score a big hit with the lections, dancing and songs. Eddie Kane and Jay Herman in "The Midster, with the girls in bathing costumes of layish colors also took with the standard of the most cynical audience.

"Flying High" is the title of the opening burlesque, while the closing number is "Honeymoon Beach." In the last half of the show, Dolly Meden and chorus score a big hit with the song "Carolina Sun." A bathing number, with the girls in bathing costumes of layish colors also took with the strength of the most cynical audience. night Sons"; Reynolds and White, in violin and verbal "expressions," and a the crowd last night.

chorus numbers. Sydia Dunn and Mike Fertig appear together in several turns that are well worthy of mention. There are three comedians Vaudeville Headline "The Leading with the show—Carl Sterling, Lew Lady," Makes Decided Hit With

"THE JINX."

Mabel Normand's Latest at Allen Theatre is Screamingly Funny Film of Chronically Funny Circus.

"The Jinx," one of Mabel Normand's meadliner, in the premiere appearance of the complement cricks and browned the complement of the confidence of the complement of the compl all this week, is a real contribution from the Goldwyn studios. The tai-ented little comedienne's tricks and lov.

"Fiddlers Three," With Prime Donna in Leading Role, Attracts lish Pantomime at the Grand Opera House.

Johnny Osborne is the leading com-edian as "Old Mother Hubbard," and wee Dorothy Mackay is the cutest of Red Riding Hoods. The scenic equipment is splendid and with the competent company no more attractive offering could be wished for. During missioner without salary be sym-

his ideal of love and beauty. For the perty qualifications the speaker stated

AT THE REGENT.

Rodney Martin comes home from atest, showing at the Allen Theatre college, the son of a millionaire soap episode after another, with plenty of climaxes. But Father Martin has earned all his money and expects his

CANDIDATES SPEAK IN WARD EIGHT

All Contestants Favor Public Ownership, But Disagree on Abattoir.

Watting an atmosphere of sunny has been a sundant of the company in the transfer of the company in the company in the transfer of the company in the

Walter Brown, candidate for Ward Eight, was against the proposed commission for the civic railway system of 1921. He believed the public was antitled to a commission sympathatic offering could be wished for. During the week matinees will be given on Wednesday, Christmas Day and Saturday.

At the Madison.

In "The Dragon Painter," distributed by Exhibitors' Mutual, which forms the feature at the Madison Theatre for the first half of this week, Sessue Hayakawa has a very appealing role. It is that of a wild mountain artist who ever dreams of meeting his "Dragon Princess," the embodiment of his ideal of love and beauty. For the some incident or other, but it can be definitely said that there is a plot to this show.

It is based on the recent crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in an airplane, and as the venturesome aviators, Billy

his ideal of love and beauty. For the latter half of the week (with special matiness on Thursday, Christmas Day) "Checkers," the most famous racing drama in the world, will be the attraction.

his ideal of love and beauty. For the perty qualifications the speaker stated he was rigidly opposed to the printing the man with brains from giving service to the public weal. Municipalization of gas on the attraction. electricity was also a strong plank in Mr. Drown's platform.

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Constance Talmadge Charms All in a Story of Comedy and Love, "The Veiled Adventure."

Constance Talmadge's charm and winsomeness are probably aiready to will known to require reiteration. In love scenes she excels. Her part in "The Veiled Adventure." a comedy and love story, the feature at the Regent this week, affords her many opportunities, of which she takes full advantage, to display her mastery of the role of the charming heroine. The story is of a society girl who is engaged to a Reginald Croker, a society for whose fondness for the other sex is not confined to his fiance. In trying to teach a lesson to a young man from Texas, who she considers somewhat of a prude, her martiage to Reginald Croker is averted and she herself if learns a lesson. The story is charming and full of laught."

"An Old Tyme Christmas," another feature of the bill, which is nursed full the way thru with delightful music by the Regent Orchestra.

"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

Bryant Washburn's Bright Personality of Christmas and chase the image of Scrooge—"it Pays to Advertise." This hearty, orlic king in with pep and sand in overy scene, stars Bryant Washburn, with his bright hearty orlic and perhaps the sidecess of hearth of the carries of the content of the carries of the content of the carries of the carries of the content of the carries of the carries of the content of the carries of the carries of the content of the carries of the content of the carries o

AT LOEW'S.

To the Electors of the City of Toronto

By direction of the Board of Control and the Council of the City of Toronto, a By-law is to be submitted to the citizens on municipal election day to authorize the city to finance the erection of a live stock arena on the Exhibition Grounds, at a cost of one million dollars. It seems fitting at this time that those who have been advocating this enterprise should submit to the people all the facts in connection with the matter, which will enable them to come to the conclusion that the proposition is worthy of their support.

First, it should be considered as an investment. There is a general desire, as there is a real need, at this time, to scrutinize both public and private expenditures, but there is neither desire nor need that expenditures of a productive nature should be eliminated. From an investment returns are naturally expected. What are the returns to be expected from this investment? The reply is that they are two-fold.

1. There is a cash return, which is an essential part of the proposition. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association agrees to pay the city, on account of the million-dollar investment \$400,000 on capital account in ten equal annual payments, secured satisfactorily to the City Treasurer. This means the city has then a capital investment of \$600,000, and will have to pay 5 per cent. interest per annum on this amount and interest on the deferred annual payments on capital account. The city will have the rollowing annual income, which more than pays the city's interest charges.

The Canadian National undertaking to pay...... \$12,000 The Royal Agricultural Association undertakes to pay 10,000 There are many other purposes for which this building is specially adapted—automobile and manufacturing exhibits, horse and military tournments, musical festivals, band concerts, etc.;—a private citizen will pay for these buildings when not in use by the C.N.E. and Royal Agricultural Winter Fair As-

A total per year, for 10 years, or\$42,000 The secured payment of \$40,000 per annum is obtained by public subscriptions, payable an-

The Government with other grants, entrance fees, and gate receipts, will pay rents, expenses,

2. To cover all other charges, maintenance, etc., there is the return which win come to the business of the city by reason of the large number of visitors who will be attracted to Toronto by the show. Every person now recognizes that the Canadian National Exhibition is a great business investment for the City of Toronto, and it is confidently expected that the Winter Fair will be as a Winter Fair what the Exhibition is as an annual Show. The value from this standpoint cannot be estimated in dellars and cours so definitely, but they the value is a real one every person visits. of be estimated in dollars and cents so definitely, but that the value is a real one every person will

It may be asked, however, who is the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association, and what reason is there to believe that they can carry out the undertaking successfully

The answer is that the Royal agricultural Winter Fair Association is composed of a large number of leading citizens and most influential live stock men in the Province, and they already have backing which justifies the confidence of the City Treasurer that the enterprise will be entire-

They have secured from the Federal Government and Provincial Government an annual grant of \$25,000 each, for ten years, to oe used for premiums. Another \$10,000 will be forthcoming from private corporations and public-spirited citizens for

The stockyard and abattoir interests have guaranteed to pay \$10.000 per year; the Retail Merchants, \$2,000; four hotels, \$2,000; Sir John Eaton, \$1.000; H, C. Cox, \$1,000; Alfred Rogers,

The Board of Trade and Canadian National Exhibition Association have fully endorsed this

Varying sums from other leading citizens, banks, and other institutions, will be forthcoming to make this subscription on capital account \$40,000 per year for ten years. With backing from such substantial sources, and with the whole-hearted co-operation of the people of Canada, there is no doubt but that the Association will be able to take care of the agreements entered into with the City of Toronto, and also provide a prize list of \$75,000 per year, which will assure the success of the show.

It is, therefore, respectfully urged that this proposition is commended from the standpoint of investment, of civic pride, and of national development. Toronto has made for itself an enviable reputation by reason of its response to these sentiments in the past. Support of this proposition will be in accord with its reputation as the most public-spirited and progressive city of the Do-

Executive.

Harry McGee, O. W. Waller, J. J. Morrison, W. W. Ballantyne, George Pepper-

Signed on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association.

William A. Dryden, President H. C. Cox, Vice-President.

children sixty at a time in rooms, thus giving them bad air and poor discipline.
R. C. Brown, candidate of the Labor Party for the board of education, spoke at length, and interestingly, upon the needs of the children of the city. He explained the planks of the party with respect to education, the need of large

ONE EVERY MINUTE



SELINA DON'T APPROVE OF RUSHING THE SEASON.

playgrounds, the need of adequate salaries for teachers, the supply of food for children suffering from mainutrition, and many other well-known planks on the platform.

ARRANGED TO EXPORT KENTUCKY'S WHISKEY

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.-Arrangements have been made between Ken-tucky and New York interests to export most of Kentucky's whiskey to France, Cuba and Germany, according to Edmund H. Baker, representative of the Louisville public

Under the plan, Mr. Baker said, the first shipment to Paris will begin this week, and will include about 40,000 barrels of "Young" whiskey, or about 1,400,000 gallons. to import the liquor was said to have been granted by the French govern-

BOLSHEVIKI RETREAT BEFORE CAUCASIANS

London, Dec. 22.-A statement issued by the war office today on the situation in south Russia says that on Dec. 19, north of Tscariesyn, the Bolsheviki were retreating before Cau-

On the Don front, Bolshevik cavalry raids have penetrated deeply into the left wing of the Don army, and the latter have retired as far as Migulinskaia, and on a broad front astride the Liksirostov railway. North of Konstantinograd, Terek Cossacks have captured a hostile battalion. General Denikine's volunteers have advanced to the northwest of Kiev, altho the Bolsheviki still hold that

AT ANY RESTAURANT.

Stude—Is this noodle soup; where are the noodles?

Waiter—Did you ever see a cottage in cottage pudding?—Pennsylvania Punch

"Wings of the Morning," the Fox production starring William Farnum, has been released, and will be shown during the first part of the week at the Academy of Music.



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