

General Gossip

occar Asche, whose note in London has increased remarkably since he acted in this country, and who is building up a fine Shakespearcan repertoire varied by modern drama of the sort that offers him and Mrs. Asche (Miss Brayton) adequate opportunity, recently departed for Australia, his native land, after an absence of eighteen years.

From an interview with Mr. Asche in the London Rerefee, it is natural to assume that his visit to Australia, in some measure, has been due to what they call the "slump" in London theatricals.

In discussing this slump, Mr. Asche voices strong opinions as to its cause: "There are three very potent reasons for it," he says. "One reason undoubtedly is that there are too many theatres. Another is the 'giving away' of important satge illusions. The third reason is one for which managers—actors and otherwise—have only themselves to blame. That is the frightful increase of the deadhead system." Mr. Asche then went into some detail:

"I am as sure as I am that I am sitting in this room talking to you that the mow very common practice of letting friends 'thehind the scenes' and the printing of magazine and newspaper articles showing how this or that important stage illusion is worked have done a great deal to destroy the old enthusiasm for the drama. And, look you, certain dramatic authors are as much to blame anybody else for this state of things.

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r, was artisticatly inclined. He sauri-Graustark is playing here, isn't he? 'No,' replied the man behind the 's, 'It is Beverly, of Graustark.' 'Well,' said the man, with an air of allier, 'It would take a Philadelphia yer to keep track of the names of

A. H. Woods will be one of the largest producers in America the coming season, putting out nineteen companies and operating four theatres. The attractions that will go out under his management are as follows: "The Girl From Rector's" (three companies); Blanche Walsh in last season's success, "The Test:" a musical comedy now being written by Aaron Hoffman, Harry Von Tilzer and Vincent Bryan, called "Slumming;" "Pierre of the Plains," Mr. Selwyn's part being taken by Severin de Deyn; and the following list of melodramas which will be seen over the Stair & Havlin circuit; "The Gambler of the Wests," "Convict, 1999," "On Trial for His Life," "The Crede Slave's Revenge," Harry Fields in "Broadway After Dark," by Owen Davis; Vivian Prescott, in "Sal, the Circuis Girl," by Owen Davis; "The King of Big amists," by Theodore Kremer; "A Workingman's Wife," by Walter Lawrence; "The Jail Birl," by Owen Davis; "Queen of the Secret Seven," by John Oliver; "The River Pirates," by Walter Lawrence; "Chief of the Secret Service," by Owen Davis.

Mountain Theatre

The Summers Stock Company will present its first farce comedy of the ecason next week, and in selecting "The Bachelor's Honeymoon" for the holiday Bachelor's Honeymoon for the holiday week, they vfill no doubt catch the public fancy. Several new members will be seen in the cast, and the popularity of this clever company will no doubt be enhanced next week. New vaudeville

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Miss Alice Cassels. Polka Miss Dorothy Epstein. Misses Frances and Bina Ballentine. ondino. (The Bonnie Breast Knots) Miss Gladys Anderson.

Morning Song.....

Miss Marjorie Zealand.

Chanson de Chasse.....

Miss Mary Domville.

Valse de Salon.....

Miss Margaret Champ.

(a) Romance.

gratulated upon the excellent of the students. Programme:

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(b) Cradle Song Miss Dorothy Gill. Tarantelle and Spanish Dance . Miss Ellen Stewart. Schmoll Durand Mister Clifford Briggs Butterflies

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Miss Dorothy Henderson
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Miss Marion Forneret.
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Miss Margaret Fearman.
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Miss Lena Cary.

BUFF.41 O BILL PAYS A VISIT

After an Absence of Ten Years From Hamilton.

Col. W. F. Cody, Buffalo Bill, after almost a generation's absence visits Hamilton next Tuesday, en route to the far west. Since he was here last h has re-visited England, France, Italy Croatia, Slavonia, Austria, Germany Prussia, all the German States, as far as

ECCENTRICITIES OF MR. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

The English censor's objection to object to?" asked Mr. Shaw: "the vel"Blanco Posnet" has made Bernard vet jacket?" The attendant nodded,
"Very well," exclaimed "G. B. S." not

riske's company, were left many interesting articles, among them the costume worn by Madame Molgeska as Rosalind.

Others who were remembered were Margaret Ellington, Madame Filicio Molgeska and various relatives.

William A. Brady, now in London, is said to be busily in search of a new leading man for Grace George's Company, to fill the post left vacant by Frank Worthing, Norman McKinnell, Robert Loraine and Aubrey Smith are among the actors said to have been considered for the position.

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Madame Modjeska's theatrical mementoes were disposed of by gift last week; only one article, the prompter's copy of "As You Like It," was sold, It was purchased by Robinson Locke, owner and editor of the Toledo Blade.

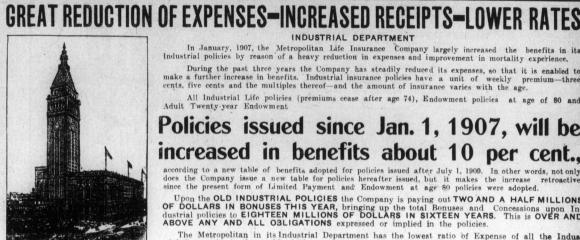
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In January, 1907, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company largely increased the benefits in its Industrial policies by reason of a heavy reduction in expenses and improvement in mortality experience. During the past three years the Company has steadily reduced its expenses, so that it is enabled to make a further increase in benefits. Industrial insurance policies have a unit of weekly premium—three cents, five cents and the multiples thereof—and the amount of insurance varies with the age. All Industrial Life policies (premiums cease after age 74), Endowment policies at age of 80 and Adult Twenty-year Endowment

Policies issued since Jan. 1, 1907, will be increased in benefits about 10 per cent.,

according to a new table of benefits adopted for policies issued after July 1, 1909. In other words, not only does the Company issue a new table for policies hereafter issued, but it makes the increase retroactive since the present form of Limited Payment and Endowment at age 80 policies were adopted.

Upon the OLD INDUSTRIAL POLICIES the Company is paying out TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BONUSES THIS YEAR, bringing up the total Bonuses and Concessions upon Industrial policies to EIGHTEEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SIXTEEN YEARS. This is OVER AND ABOVE ANY AND ALL OBLIGATIONS expressed or implied in the policies.

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Ratio of Expense to Premium Income has been Reduced

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All of its policies in the ordinary as well as the Industrial Department are written on the non-participating plan. The Metropolitan pays its dividends at the start—that is to say, it cuts down the premiums. It believes the plain, common-sense men who make up the bulk of policy-holders look for a plain business contract. By plain business contracts we mean those which tell their whole story upon their face: which leave nothing to the imagination, borrow nothing from hope, require definite conditions and make definite promises in dollars and cents. In both Departments combined the Company has, in each of the past fifteen years, written more

paid-for insurance than any other company in the world. The Company upon Its Total Business Has in the Last Ten Years Reduced Its Ratio of Expenses to Premium Income Fifteen Per Cent.

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GRIMSBY AND BEAMSVILLE.

Splendid Service Is Being Given the Fruit Shippers.

Cherries Are In and Strawberries Low In Price.

Original Harris Foundry Building, at Beamsville Sold.

Grimsby, June 26 .- (Special) -E. D. and Mrs. Smith went down to Niagara on Sunday.

The Council has at last decided to put in a cinder racing track at Victoria Park, and it will be in good shape for the Labor Day celebration, which will no doubt be the biggest ever held in this section of the fruit garden.

took in the garden party on the Presbyterian Church lawn. The programme
was given by the Grimsby orchestra, Mr.
Misener, soloist; Miss R. Hummell and
Miss Adams, elocutionist. The receipts
were most gratifying.

The Dominion Express Company are
putting on a fast service for the fruit
traffic to the west and points beyond
Winnipeg. Several cars of strawberries
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Everything in connection with the new Bell Telephone building at Winoma Station is practically completed. The service was badly in need of such a building in that place.

To-night the annual rose show of the Horticultural Society is being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pettat.

BEAMSVILLE.

Miss Shepherd is home from the Jordan school.

M. Henry of the Imperial Bank, North Bay, is here for his holidays.

Mr. Burton Ellison has passed his first part examination for a chartered accountant.

Thomas Beatty has gone to Winnipeg. Senator and Mrs. Gibson and Miss Evelyn Gibson leave for Scotland on Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. and Miss Thomas, Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Gibson spent Sunday with friends in St. Catharines.

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Methodist—Morning, a choir reunion, subject, "Specific Direction in a Time of Need." P. M., "The Message Which Music Has For Man.'

St. Alban's—Il a. m., Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Evening, "Daniel."

An old land-mark has just been sold, the property in question being the tumble-down foundry buildings on Ontario at the buildings will be torn down and the lot will make a splendid building area. Once upon a time the ancient foundry buildings housed the linfant intended to will make a splendid building area. Once upon a time the ancient foundry buildings housed the lot will make a splendid building area. Once upon a time the ancient foundry buildings will be torn down and the lot will make a splendid building area. Once upon a time the ancient foundry buildings will be torn down and the lot will make a splendid building area. Once upon a time the ancient foundry buildings on ontario area. doubt be the biggest ever held in this section of the fruit garden.

Dr. T. Woolverton has left for Wasnington State. He will visit Scattle before returning.

A race of tarce-and-a-half miles has been arranged for to-night between Harry Gart, John Stevens, John Peters and charles Sherrie.

Mr. David Livingston was the guest of J. A. and Mrs. Livingston this week.

Miss Gwyn, Dundas, has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn, Windows, Ont. She will not resume he position.

Mr. C. W. VanDuzer, proprietor of the basket factory, was the surprised recipient of a very fine travelling bag from his employees last Saturday afternoon, it being the occasion of his 46th birthday. Mrs. VanDuzer was presented with a beautiful bouquet. The lollowing address was read by Miss Bertial Farren: "We, your employees, desire upon the occasion of your birthday to express to you our heartfelt congratuations and wish you many happy returns of the day. We desire also to express to you our sincere thanks for the many kindresses extended to us from time to time during the past and give voice to the band in the occasion of the proposed and Mrs. Gobon and Mrs. Coveling and Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Cottled on the wednesday.

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an had been away women and drink were introduced into the station and dis-order reigned.

Direct evidence was also given by Fireman A. Albert that when he came from St. Eloi and entered the brigade, teu years ago he paid \$175 or \$200 to Joseph Godbout for his position, but he was not informed whom the money

was for.

Munday, the alleged position broker
to the fire department, had another
quarter of an hour in the witness box
to day, and once more he pleaded
poor memory when asked to whom
he paid the money he admits having
received for positions. At the former session of the commission Munday
said he had said the money to a Allegerical the money to the commission of the commission of the commission dunday er session of the commission Munday, said he had paid the money to ex-Ald, Marsolais, now dead. This morning Mun-day persisted that Marsolais was the only mame he could remember. "But living Aldermen?" Mr. Perron queried.

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"I do not remember," the witness replied. "I cannot say."
The Dominion Coal Company, it was further shown, borrowed 500 feet of lose from the department under ex-Chief Benoit, and returned it in a damaged condition. It was not paid for? The captain of the station supplying the hose testified to having received a present of ten dollars about the time. It came in a sealed letter; he knew not ame in a sealed letter; he knew not

WAGES OF SIN.

Whiskey Trader Drowned and His Money West With Him.

Port Arthur, June 25.—Death by. drowning overtook Mat. Neilson, a whiskey trader, who has been operating in the N. T. camps near Superior Junction. He had been associated in the illicit trade with a former railroader named J. Sr was Spence who purchased the liquor