

MUSIC AND DRAMA



This week's bill at Bennett's Theatre is very strong musically. Two of the three musical acts are real headliners, being the Lasky string quintette and Harry C. Stanley and Miss Cogswell in the musical comedy "The Bandmaster." The Lasky organization, consisting of four cellists and a harpist, played a varied programme with great acceptance. They showed themselves to be clever instrumentalists, and finished players. The pleasing act was presented under favorable conditions. The quintette were seated in a huge sea shell, beautifully painted and with brilliant electrical effects. The act may be termed a musical novelty.

Stanley and Cogswell's comedy, "The Bandmaster," was a clever burlesque on the New York musical success, "The Music Master." Stanley, as a German professor, created lots of amusement, and gave a wonderful imitation of clarinet music with his mouth. Miss Cogswell sang sweetly. Their best number was a parody on the prison scene from "Il Trovatore." This was exceedingly good.

Mr. Louis Agnost & Co., a French quartette, presented a French comedy, entitled "Mlle. Foulard." In the course of the act some good juggling was done, and a few pleasing tricks performed. A feature of the act was the beautiful costumes worn by the leading lady.

Laura Ordway, an English comedienne, sang some cozier songs and brought down the house. She sprang into favor in her first number, in which she personated a boy of the street. Miss Ordway is one of the best of the London music hall singers seen here this season.

Misses Luby, Grendel, Kyle and Luby, singing and dancing soubrettes, who appear on the bill as "The Four Girls," made good. Their singing was most enjoyable, and they put all the energy of youth into their foot work, which was fair. They were nicely gowned and presented a very neat appearance.

C. W. Williams made a big hit in his novel ventriloquist sketch, "The Doctor's Busy Day." He introduced five mechanical dummies, who kept the audience in roars of laughter. Mr. Williams is a ventriloquist of unusual ability and he has a keen sense of humor.

Six Samois did some fast tumbling and sensational pyramid building. Two of the acrobats showed great strength and agility. Sampson and Douglas did a pretty fair comedy skit, introducing some Bowery talk that went well. A feature of the moving pictures shown was a film of the recent horse show in London, Eng. The picture was a good one, and showed Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Adam Beck and other Canadians present on Prince of Wales' day.

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A Fine Programme. A copy of the programme to be given by Ellen Beach Yaw and her co-stars, at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening, was received from her manager at Buffalo to-day. It is as follows:

(a) Prelude from Deluge... Saint-Saens
(b) String Aria... Bach
(c) Romance... Wilhelmj
Eugene Nowland.
Ah! Fors e Lui (La Traviata)... Verdi
Ellen Beach Yaw.

Venezia e Napoli... Liszt
(Tarantella and Conzonette.)
Georgiulla Lay.
(a) Le Bonheur est Chose Legere... Saint-Saens
(Violin obligato.)

(b) Vergebliches Staendchen... Brahms
(c) Listen to the Voice of Love (old English)... Jas. Hook
Miss Yaw.

Polonaise Brillante in A Major... Wieniawski
Mr. Nowland.
Indian Bell Song (Lakme)... Leo Delibes
Miss Yaw.

(a) Berceuse... Karganoff
(b) Intermezzo on Octaves... Leschetizky
Miss Lay.
(a) Villanelle... Del Aquia
Miss Yaw.

There has been a good sale of seats and the indications are for a fashionable audience to-morrow evening.

At the Savoy Theatre.

The act that Miss Ida Fuller is presenting at the Savoy Theatre this week is certainly the most sensational act of the kind ever seen at the Merrick street playhouse. A powerful current of air blows up from the stage, sending her draperies away above her head, giving her the appearance of floating in the air, while the graceful, lissome form of the dancer is displayed to the best advantage, and the motions of the dance go over her head on her feet or soaring ten feet above the stage. She also appears as a sorceress and at every step flames spring forth wherever she sets her foot. Thunder roars and lightning flashes while an immense fire breaks out almost beneath her feet. They leap high over her head and the coloring is really exquisite. The mechanical devices for the act are out of the ordinary, two electricians carried by Miss Fuller, besides the stage hands, being required to put the act on. The act was given a great reception at both performances yesterday.

Harry Brown, the celebrated colored singing comedian, who made a tremendous hit at the Savoy last season, brought down the house last night. He was funnier than ever. Besides singing his old songs, which convulsed the audience, he told some English, Scotch and Irish stories, which he probably learned while filling European engagements last summer. Brown, notwithstanding his color, is already established as one of this week's favorites.

While the two acts referred to stood out prominently, the rest of the bill is good. Barton and Brooks presented a clever little comedy, "The Limit." Delmore and Lee appeared in an athletic novelty, entitled "A Study in Black and White." Kathryn Wiley, a singing comedienne, pleased a good section of the house. Cogan and Hancock did a funny stunt on roller skates, "Chor-ge Life." Dick Temple sang and talked the show. The bill should attract good houses all week.

"The Man on the Box." Jameson Lee Finney, who is on his starring tour in the comedy, "The Man on the Box," will be seen here at the Grand on Thursday night, which will signalize Mr. Finney's first visit to this city in this popular play. "The Man on the Box" is too well known by those who keep in touch with theatrical affairs to necessitate an extended reference to it. For two years or more it has been one of the most popular comedies that has been brought out for a long time. Jameson Lee Finney, the star, is as well known as the play, because he has been prominent in the dramatic horizon for the past ten or twelve years. Mr. Finney's

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Mrs. Pat. Campbell.
Mrs. Patrick Campbell will play "The Notorious Mrs. Elphinstone" at the Grand on Wednesday of next week. Many requests were received for this or that play of Mrs. Patrick Campbell's repertoire, but the role that she has selected, however, for this city is one of the four with which her name will always be identified.

Knox Organ Recital.
At the organ recital to be given in Knox Church this evening at 8.15 by H. J. Allen, the Conservatory Children's Choir, under the leadership of Professor James Johnson, will sing four numbers. The organ numbers will include the overture in C minor by Hollins, clock movement by Haydn, Largo by Dvorak, overture to the "Bohemian Girl" by Balfe, and others.

Between the Acts.
That Quartette, said to be the finest singing organization of the kind playing vaudeville, will be seen at the Savoy Theatre as the chief attraction next week. The management was fortunate in securing this attraction, as it is in constant demand all over the continent. It was featured for two seasons at the New York Roof Garden. Next week it is Macabees' week. The house is practically sold out for Thursday next, Liberal night.

A play of more than ordinary merit, and one that is exciting unusually favorable comment, is Hal Reid's big melodrama, "Custer's Last Fight," which will be the attraction at the Grand on Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee. The company includes a band of full-blooded Indians with their ponies. One of the latest melodramas, "No Mother to Guide Her," was the bill at the Grand last evening, and it drew a fair sized house. Miss Alma Hearn was in the leading role, and she had fair support. She also gave a number of specialties between the acts that took well.

IS SUCCESSFUL AS PRINCIPAL.

FINE RECORD OF MR. W. F. MOORE, OF DUNDAS.

Besides Being a Good Teacher, He is a Crack Rifleman, and a Prominent and Respected Citizen.

W. F. Moore, whose portrait the Times is pleased to print today, has been principal of the Dundas Public Schools for thirteen years. Before coming to Dundas he was Principal of the Cookstown schools for nine years. Mr. Moore was born in Mount Pleasant, Durham coun-

ty, of Irish parents. His father was a graduate of Dublin University, Ireland, and Mr. Moore was educated privately. He lived on his father's farm, and much of his education was obtained evenings after the day's work on the farm was ended. When he took charge of the schools in Dundas there were 360 pupils on the registers, this number in one of the last had increased to 394. The personnel of the Board of Education has, in his time, completely changed. Three High School Principals have had charge since his coming, and the only teachers still on the Public School staff are Miss Scott, Miss Patterson and Miss Kay. That Mr. Moore has been phenomenally successful as a Principal is attested by the fact that during his time in Dundas, 395 pupils have written on the entrance examinations, of whom 360, or 91 per cent, passed. The average throughout the Province was 63 per cent. While Mr. Moore attributes much of the credit for such results to his staff of able assistants, his assistants attribute much of the credit to the Principal's admirable system. Many features of the system he has inaugurated have been adopted in other schools of the Province. Mr. Moore is not only energetic and enthusiastic in his work, but possesses the happy faculty of working with the most cordial harmony with his assistants.

But, devoted and industrious as he is in his school works, his energies find wide scope in other directions. He has been, for twelve years, a director of the Public Library, and during that time has been either President of the Board or Chairman of the Library Committee. He has also been a lifelong member of the 77th Regiment in 1896, and has ever since been Secretary-Treasurer and Managing Director of the Association, and his skill as a marksman is shown by the fact that he holds the Association record with a score of 102. He has also given much assistance in connection with the Cadet Drill Corps of the High School. In 1885 Mr. Moore paid an extended visit to the old country.

Mr. Moore has a worthy helpmate in Mrs. Moore, who is a daughter of Dr. R. Robinson, who was at one time pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Hamilton. They have a family of six children, three boys and three girls. Mr. Moore has become one of the town's best known citizens, and speaks highly of the manner in which he has been treated by the School Board and citizens generally.

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\$12.50 squirrel muffs \$9.50

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\$57.00, reduced from \$ 65

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New Passenger Coaches For Grand Trunk Railway.

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The cars are exceedingly neat, spacious and in every respect and detail modern and first class. The interest detail has been given the most careful consideration by the mechanical department of the Grand Trunk Railway System. The management had in view the accommodations of the patrons of the road and wanted to afford them the best possible.

The cars are 67 feet 6 inches long over end sills, 9 feet 6 inches wide over side sills, affording a total seating capacity of 75 passengers. They are designed so as to afford the greatest possible strength, having steel platform, wide vestibules, bottom and end construction being welded iron throughout, and mounted on Grand Trunk standard six-wheel trucks equipped with steel-tired wheels. They are provided with windows having double sash of latest design and semi-elliptic gothic such set with opalescent glass of neat pattern.

The interior of the car is a model of beauty. It is made of selected mahogany, being a flush design and provided with inlay lines and ornaments. The ceiling is of the empire design, neatly decorated in gold, the interior gothics being semi-elliptic set with opalescent art glass. Dainty pattern silk lace pan-tasote curtains are used.

The coaches are equipped with patent high-back seats upholstered in the best quality green freeze plush, while the commodious smoking-room, which affords room for 14 passengers, is fitted up with leather covered seats.

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SNYDER-WHITEHEAD.

Quiet Wedding Took Place in Buffalo on Saturday.

The large circle of friends of Miss Mabel Whitehead were pleasantly surprised last evening, when the announcement of her marriage to Mr. Carl H. Snyder was made. They were married in Buffalo on Saturday afternoon, by Rev. W. D. Ward, of the East Presbyterian Church. Miss Jessie MacLeod attended the bride, and Mr. P. Reinhardt was the groomsmen. The wedding was a quiet one, and Mr. and Mrs. Snyder returned to the city on Sunday evening. They will leave later to spend their honeymoon in Pittsburgh. On their return they will reside here. The happy couple have the sincere wishes of their many friends for a bright and prosperous future.

MAYORS FOR WESTERN TOWNS.
Municipal Nominations in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—The following nominations for Mayor were made to-day in Saskatchewan and Alberta towns and cities:

Indian Head—D. Railton, Rural Reeve, acclamation.
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Alameda—H. A. Cook, acclamation.
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Saskatoon—Jas. E. Wilson, acclamation.

Moose Jaw—R. Bogue, acclamation.
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Medicine Hat—W. Cousins, acclamation.
Prince Albert—Mayor Cook, re-elected.

Oxbow—J. H. Noble, R. H. Granby, acclamation.
Hanley—D. C. McLean, L. Campbell, acclamation.
Calgary—Mayor Cameron and A. D. Clarke.

Estevan—J. G. Hastings and Jos. A. Smith.

TOOK POISON IN MISTAKE.
Death of Mrs. Fox, of Chatham, an Invalid Lady.

Chatham, Dec. 2.—Mistaking a bottle of carbolic acid for cascara, Mrs. Julia Verlyn Fox, relict of the late Peter Fox, met an untoward death yesterday. She was 72 years of age and for a year and a half had been a hopeless invalid, due to a stroke of apoplexy.

His Wife Caused Arrest.
Belleville, Dec. 2.—On a warrant issued at the instance of his wife living in Galt, John S. Lovell (alias Lavall) was to-day arrested for a crime against morals. His own daughter will be the chief witness against him. She is only fourteen.

Building permits in Toronto to the end of November totalled \$13,618,785.