

SEASON OF BENEFITS NETS GOOD SUMS FOR NEW YORK CITY'S NEEDY DURING PAST WEEK

Christmas Trees Will Be Feature of Tomorrow's Program in Many Theaters, With Actor Folk Dispensing Generously—Several New Plays Billed to Appear Soon.



players will move into the Maxine Elliott (vacated by William Hodge and 'Fishing Sisters') and offer an unique programme of short plays. The small theater seems quite the thing this year. 'Treasure Island' started at the style at the Punch and Judy Theater and is playing its second season in the artistic little playhouse.

At the Hanover, in Fifty-ninth street, where the Washington Squares used to play, Helen Freeman and her playmates are drawing crowds nightly and then there is the Little Theater, where 'Pierrot the Prodigal' has played for many weeks.

The Barnhill Players have another tiny playhouse uptown, and there are several in Greenwich village, all devoted to the exploitation of the drama. In most of these no salaries are paid—simply art for art's sake, and the receipts from the moderately priced tickets are used to pay expenses, the rest going into the association fund. 'Treasure Island' and 'Pierrot the Prodigal' are not to be classed with the organizations.

Liebler & Co. to Return. Liebler & Co., at one time one of the most prominent theatrical managers, have announced their intention of returning to their old business. The productions were on the highest scale and but for the ill-fated Century, they might still be in the producing business. 'The Christian' was one of their big moneymakers, and it was followed by many others. The New Theater failed to attract the desired crowds and Liebler & Co. obtained the lease and set about to crowd the house. The hoodoo that had affected the first owners was passed along with the lease and eventually the Lieblers were forced into bankruptcy.

White Rats Worry Managers. Theatrical managers are a bit worried over the attitude of the White Rats, a big theatrical organization made up principally of vaudeville and musical comedy people who have been trying to secure an agreement with the managers. A strike is threatened, but the date is being kept secret. One leader said it would not be when the theaters were in shape to fill their places, but at some future time, to be announced later. One thing is certain, if the White Rats can make it, it will be when least expected and least desired.

NEWS OF THE THEATERS

(Continued From First Page.) amuser whose jokes and jingles keep the audience laughing from rise to fall of curtain. The ninth episode of the photo drama of the Oregon woods, 'The Lass of the Lumberland,' with Helen Holmes in the leading role, has numerous dramatic incidents.

The continuing performance today, commencing at 2:15 and ending at 11 o'clock, will mark the final appearances of the London Singing Bell Ringers and the supporting programme of unacquainted vaudeville. MOUNTAIN DRAMA AT BAKER 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine' Is Christmas Week Offering. That sweet romance of the Virginia Mountains, 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine,' known to millions of book lovers and many playgoers, will be offered in all its wealth of scenic effects by the Alcazar Players at the Baker as a special Christmas week offering, beginning this afternoon.

HIGH COST OF LIVING INVESTIGATORS ARE AMONG THESE NEWS CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS

Boston and New York Federal District Attorneys Are Instructed to Find Out Reason for Prices—Count Tolstoy Is on Visit to America.



Earl Curzon, of Kedleston, has been chosen by Lloyd George, British Premier, to head the War Council of the new British Cabinet. He is to marry Mrs. Grace Elvina Duggan, widow of Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Ayres.

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JUSTICE IN JAIL FOR BOOZE

Seller of Liquor at State College Is Fined \$1000 Also.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec. 11.—L. C. Bullock, a Republican politician, who last Spring was appointed a Justice of the Peace at State College by Governor Brumbaugh when the latter was strengthening his forces against Penrose, last week pleaded guilty to six bills of indictment charging him with the illegal sale of liquor at State College and was sentenced by Judge Quigley to pay a fine of \$1000 and serve six months in jail.

BULLET IN BRAIN MAN LIVES

Victim, However, May Die Without Warning, Say Doctors.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—With a bullet from a heavy-caliber revolver imbedded in his brain, T. W. Hopper, 37 years old, a telegrapher giving his home as Easton, N. M., retains consciousness and declares he suffers no pain.

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BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The season of benefits is on us. The week before Christmas, known as the poorest week in the theatrical calendar, usually is given over to benefits or special performances of some sort. Tuesday, Cohen & Harris donated their theater and 'Captain Kidd, Jr.' for the Actors Catholic League, of which Jerry Cohay is president and many prominent theatrical folks are officers and active members. This is a real stir and brought a goodly sum into the club treasury.

that no further 'violation' take place until the case is settled. It is being watched with great interest by many others, who give or take part in Sunday benefits and the outcome will have much to do with future activities. Tribute paid to Bernhardt. A pretty tribute to the great French actress was paid during the past week by Laurette Taylor, whose play, 'The Harp of Life' in spite of some adverse criticism, has caught the public fancy. It took the form of a special performance at the Empire Theater in honor of Sarah Bernhardt, at which there were few guests and all of them invited ones.

'Eugene Field.' 'Joseph Jefferson' and 'Mark Twain' all three great personal friends of his. Mr. Wilson was quite a 'lecture fan' and his appearance at Carnegie Hall and other centers on 'off' afternoons while he was playing in New York caused all sorts of rumors before his lecture tour was announced. Like the good actor that he is, Francis Wilson was studying his field before attempting to launch out in it. He watched the lecturers, he mingled with the audience and the psychology of it all helped him in planning his own career. A good actor should make a good lecturer, and he does—sometimes.

'Tiny Tim' is at Strand Famous Dickens Story is Offered, as Well as Vaudeville. 'Tiny Tim' the brightest sunbeam among all the wonderful child creations of Charles Dickens, is coming to the Strand Theater to make the Christmas season this year the sweetest that the patrons of Photoville have ever known.

Millions have read Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' and have wept over it and have wept over it and have been made better men and women because of it—but no one in Portland has ever seen its characters living and moving before them as they will now see them.

The Bluebird film company has pictured the Christmas story in the title, 'The Right to Be Happy,' and has pictured it as only Bluebird can do. Rupert Julian, who will be remembered as having directed and starred in 'The Bugler of Algiers,' has directed the production of 'The Right to Be Happy.' For those who remember the wonder of beauty and grandeur of 'The Bugler,' this fact alone should be enough to make them not rest until they had seen the Bluebird production of 'The Right to Be Happy.'

A vaudeville bill of exceptional excellence balances the photodrama feature for the holiday. The Du Fresnoe Sisters, besides being clever singers and dancers, are quite capable of winning the audience just because the average audience does not see something beautiful—and that is what the Du Fresnoe Sisters certainly are.