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Clever in Every Sense of the Word.
The St. Paul Daily News, St. Paul, Minn., says:
"The Mummy and the Humming Bird" was presented by Paul Gilmore at the Metropolitan Theatre Thursday evening. The title of the play is one that arouses curiosity.
"It is a society play. Lord Lumley, the character made famous by Paul Gilmore, is a scientist. He marries a beautiful society girl and forgetting her immediately, settles down to his life of scientific investigation. He is the mummy. The Humming Bird is Sig. D'Oreili. He makes love to Lady Lumley, and the climax comes when she goes to his room and Lord Lumley discovers her misstep. He has become acquainted, through his philanthropy, with Giuseppe, an organ-grinder, who tells Lord Lumley he is searching in London for an Italian who wrecked his home. Lord Lumley discovers that Giuseppe is after Sig. D'Oreili.
"By several clever ruses which result in thrilling climaxes, Lord Lumley secures his wife, forgives her and turns the vendetta of Giuseppe upon D'Oreili, giving the latter a short start of his relentless pursuer.
"The audience was large and undoubtedly appreciated Mr. Gilmore. The part of Lord Lumley suits him. The only time when he is called upon to express emotion is in the third act, when he refuses to be angered by the taunts of the foreigner. He arises to the occasion splendidly. He best depicts the suppressed emotion of a smooth man of the world. In the act where he enters D'Oreili's apartments carrying a revolver, to find his wife, he is at his best. "The Mummy and the Humming Bird will be found worth seeing."
At Steward's opera house, Wednesday, May 24.

Seattle Likes Show.
Speaking of the visit of the Sells-Floto shows to Seattle last season the Star had this to say:
"There are three vital defects in the Sells-Floto circus. In the first place, you pay only 2 cents to see it; in the second place, the employees are all there is no 'grafting' in the show.
"Whoever heard of a civil ticket-seller in a circus? Whoever conceived of a circus without pickpockets and grafters? And, finally, whoever expected to see a real big tent show for 2 cents?
"Surely, Mr. Tammen, one of the owners of the show, is ignoring custom. Perhaps the public is pleased with the policy. It would seem so, as 4,000 people were turned away from the big tent last night. If you arrived after 8 o'clock you didn't see the inside of the main tent. The disappointed ones, instead of returning home, found solace in the sideshows.
"Of course, it was the old time sideshow, but you saw it all for a dime. Two or three thousand people were turned away in the afternoon as well.
"The show itself is not quite as extensive as some Seattle has seen; but that is an attraction in itself; you can see it all. When it comes to paying 50 cents to go to the old-time eight-ring circus or 25 cents to Sells-Floto, a lot of fellows will choose the latter.
"The equestrian acts are better than any circus ever brought to Seattle. The clowns are good, with several new acts. The famous Nelson family, who know no peers in acrobatic work, and the Borsines, with their rolling globe, are top-liners in the tent work. None of the 18 big acts is unworthy the largest show in the country."
The Sells-Floto Shows come to La Grande on Thursday, June 1. The popular price remains the same and the show itself has been enlarged to almost double the size of former years.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Allen Lowell has been engaged for "The Hen Pecks."
Alice Neilson has gone to Europe for her summer vacation.
The story "Pigs is Pigs" is to be turned into a vaudeville sketch.
Albert Chevallier, the English comedian, is to make a Canadian tour.
George V. Hobart has completed a new play, entitled "Every Husband."
One hundred and eighty stock companies will be playing this spring and summer.
The Shuberts will have an opera company, headed by Joseph Sheehan, in St. Louis.
Tetrazzini will sing next season with the Boston Opera company at \$1,600 a performance.
Lillian Greenville of the Chicago Opera company has been engaged for a spring season in Paris.
Patti Rosa, who is said to be the daughter of the famous singer of that name, is playing in vaudeville.
E. S. Willard is to return to the stage to play "Brutus" in a coronation gala performance in London this summer.
Ralph Delmore is to be the star in a new one-act play called "In the Name of the Law." It is by Harry Spingold.
Mme. Nordica has been invited to sing in Berlin before the German emperor. She will probably sing the part of Isolde.
Edwin Arden has undertaken to dramatize Booth Tarkington's novel, "The Conquest of Canaan," for his own use during the coming season.
Maude Fealy is the star of a stock company in Salt Lake City, and lately appeared there in the role of "Glorious Beauty."
Three thousand and six hundred singers will take part in the Saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund in Milwaukee in June.
In her new play, entitled "Lilly the Bill Topper," Marie Tempest is astonishing her friends by showing unex-


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Aphie James will produce Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's play "Judy O'Hara" in Boston some time this season.

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Attention of all contractors is called to the agreement of Warren Brothers' company, filed with this city, in accordance with which agreement Warren Brothers' company agrees to license all contractors desiring to bid for the work to lay bitulthic pavement in accordance with its patents and the terms of said agreement.
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