cidedly good-looking and perhaps the chief of women athletes.

Stanford and Stone are another team of high priced comedians who have made gay old New York laugh during the past season. They are guaranteed to make a dyspeptic hugh immediately after he had particles of a hearty med.

partaken of a hearty meal.

Then there's Marie Sparrow, whose services likewise come high. She has made good in New York and the only thing that lured her out this way was the attractive financial lure put forth by Pantages. This is the greatest single comedy act that has been West this year. Dare and Robbins are a brace of char-

acter-change artists who have been acter-change artists who have been on the Coast before, but are new to Portland. Their act is a pleasing one throughout. Lee White, the popular young baritone, has prepared another illustrated song which already is assured of a successful run, as this singer is established as a prime favorite in Portland.

The biograph will put on a bright comedy series, "On the Stage," which will bring the laughs in plenty.

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As to the old bill which ends with continuous performances, you really ought to see it. The speedy Vannans, the shad-owgraphists, the extempore poet-in fact the whole show is a hard one to beat.

GOOD VAUDEVILLE AT GRAND

Baker Troupe of Acrobatic Bicyclists the Feature of This Week.

Big vandeville acts and plenty of them will be found on the new programme at the Grand, beginning with the matines tomorrow. The feature is the Baker troupe of acrobatic bleyelists. These people are without equals on the wheet. Fortland theater-goers will remember this troupe as one of the sensations of the buriescence serving at the Baker Theater. ourlesque season at the Baker Theater burlesque season at the Baker Theater last year. The bicyclists at that time proved that they were no ordinary performers, but were offering the public a genuine novelty. There is comedy as well as daring and skill in this act. The Baker troups has appeared in Europe and America and wherever the cyclists performed they have been the talk

of the town.

"Bille and the Actress" is the title of a funny arrangement which will be perpetrated by Walter Shrouds and Lizzie Mulvey. They will introduce the comical pantomimic keg and knock-about damee from "Babes in Toyland." This is the added attraction and it is guaranteed as good, for Shroude and Mulvey are gymgood, for Saroude and Mulvey are gym-nastic dancers in a class of their own.
"The Sheriff of Laramie" is a West-ern playlet written by Harry W. Babb and staged by E. Loring Kelly. These two, with Miss Mazie Oliver, will present as cattle and the action occurs

common as cattle and the action occurs on the Bar Z ranch.

The Bennett Sisters have a refined sketch introducing singing, dancing and comedy character changes, concluding with an operatic duet. Barrington and his company of wooden-headed performers is a ventriloquist considered a clever. voice-thrower. Everyone likes a ventril-oquist, and in Barrington they will hear one of the best. Harry A. Brown is a college-pred Indian who is a singer and a cartonnist as well. Real Indians in vau-deville are rare birds.

WORK REGINS THIS MONTH ON THE EAST SIDE.

Plans Nearing Completion for Cordray's Showhouse and Ground Ready for Clearing.

Work on the new East Side theater will begin within three weeks, according to Wilding & Morgan, the architects who are preparing the plans for the play-

The theater is to be built for John Cordray and is to be located at the cor-per of Grand avenue and East Stark streets. The old buildings now on the site will be razed in about three weeks. by which time the architects expect their plans to be finished so that work on the foundations may be started at once. It is the intention to push the work rapidly until the building is completed.

erly to the tank of learning a new method of reading. Once they get a start in the alphabet, though, they grow eager, learn quickly, and then are anxious to teach others. The gloriuse connclousness has come to them that they can be of use by teaching what they have learned.

Books for the blind are a most inner anxious for used by teaching with the cature in modern sequence.

He Introduced Ragtime Into Europe

Colonel George Hinton Tells Some Interesting Incidents of Sousa's Tour Abroad

Just

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

T'S a far cry from Boise, Idaho, to the banks of England's river Thames, and few people are so lacking in their appreciation of the bully West, as it is found at the former capital, that they would be content to leave it as a place of residence for a Summer home on the shores of Britain's historic stream. There's no accounting for tastes, however, and Colonel George Frederick Hinton probably finds that an English home has its compensations. The Colonel, who was here last week as manager of Lillian Russell, was at one time editor of a Boise newspaper and correspondent extraordinary for The Oregonian newspaper, so it will be apparent that he is a man of high distinction. Why he should relinquish his early honors is past finding but Persally he foressay the comp. is a man of high distinction. Why he should relinquish his early honors is past finding out. Possibly he foresaw the coming of grand juries and the Moyer-Haywood embroglio and concluded that it were the better part to be a showman. There is a well established affinity between the people of the press and the people of the press and the people of the stage and from time immemorial they find in each other congenial companionship. Colonel Hinton is a conspicuous example of the many newspaper men who example of the many newspaper men who have turned their talents to the managerial department of the theater. He is chiefly known to fame as the man who man-days later, when Hinton arrived, the He young man said to him:
"The censor wouldn't wait for the Just songs to arrive."

introduced ragtime into Europe. Just for that they should bury him in West-This undying distinction is his because he took Sousa and his band over there for a series of concerts in 1900 and it is through him that copies of "Bill Simmona" and "Coon, Coon, Coon" are to this day found in all well ordered homes in the older land of culture and busted nobilities. Colonel Hinton told me many interesting anecdotes of the tour, all of which are worth repeating and some of

which I feel constrained to write.

For instance he says that when the band played at Windsor before Edward VII and his folks, the royal audience surprised the bandmaster with their famil-larity with his resounding marches and were fairly greedy to hear the syncopated "coon" pieces. Encore after encore fol-lowed each selection and at the concert's close the King personally thanked Sousa and decorated him with an order. At 1 the little drama. The players are not o'clock in the morning Sousa, Colonel unknown locally, having been seen here on the legitimate stage. The scenes of "The Sheriff of Laramie" are laid in Wyoming in the days when bad men were to admire a particularly beautiful staircase. "That," explained the guide, "is new." Someone asked him when it was built and was told, "In the time of George II," and the Master saw nothing funny in his statement that it was of

During the evening Colonel Hinton turned to Henry White, at that time secretary of the American legation, and asked the name of the extremely beautiful and splendidly gowned woman who sat with of his life.

Hussell engagement was doubly interest-ing because the manager who expatriated himself from Bolsa told me the history of his life.

blind. Kate McGirr, a girl of the West tury Lucas of Saragossa traced letters in learned all the seven systems of raised print before she was 21. Thomas String-er, a pupil at the Perkins Institute, has done some excellent mechanical and eleccharacter in relief. In 1771 Valentin Hauy saw the pitiful antics of blind men trical work. Limie Haguewood, of Iowa.
used the Braille writing machine the first
time it was piaced before her, and at a
recent exhibit of arts and crafts work
of the blind in Cleveland, O., Miss Emma at a Paris fair and decided to devote his life to putting books in their hands. He began his work with a little street beg-gar, for whose time he had to pay the parents, and with this Paris gamin the Stohlman gave a public exhibition of rugducation of the blind through books was weaving in colors. As plane tuners, the blind have long been successful. In Bas-ton they have tuned the school planes for 25 years. Two men in Berkeley, Cal., re-cently built themselves a bungalow un-aided. Teach Fellow-Unfortunates. The blind have led the blind. William Moon, who lived in the early half of the nineteenth century, devoted his life to teaching others like himself and invented the siphabet which bears his name.

They were mailed forthwith.

songs, did you?"

"What did you do?" asked Hinton, alarmed lest his prima donna be refused permission to sing.
"You didn't remember the words of her songs. did you?"

songs, did you?"
"Not on your life. The only songs I knew by heart were 'Annie Rooney,' and 'Marguerite,' and I gave them to his nibs."
The lady thus received the imperial

permission to sing, but she managed to

work in her regular repertoire, as en-cores to the two classics nominated in the hond

From these few instances it will be in

ferred that the life of an American man-

ferred that the life of an American man-ager abroad is not all beer and skittles. Colonel Hinton, although born in this country and having in his time known the chaste delights of life in Boise, now makes his home in England and is dis-loyal enough to say that it is the only place in which to live. During his resi-dence in Idaho he formed an extensive acquaintance in the Northwest and has a number of friends in Portland.

In an extended experience as an impresario he avers that Lillian Russell is the most easily managed star with whom he has ever been associated. Despite the lionizing she has received as a

professional beauty she is by no means a "spoiled darling." She never has "nerves" nor tantrums. According to Colonel Hinton, in her cass it is "handsome is as handsome does." To me the Russell engagement was doubly interestingly the case the management was doubly interestingly.

number of friends in Portland.

The Wisconsin Workshop for the Biln the alphabet which bears his name. Sanderson, an English scholar, constructed the first calculating tables for the blind. Braille, of Paris, blind at three, invented the point system of writing in relief, basing his alphabet on the cryptographic system of Barbler, an artillery officer. David Mil-The Wisconsin Workshop for the Blind at Milwaukee is the only one of its kind in the country. Excellent baskets are made there, and it is not a charifable institution. It is a purely business enterprise where the blind work and make so much a week, supporting not only themselves, but, in many instances, others as well

ler, a blind man, was one of the found-ers of the Royal Blind Asylum and School in Edinburgh. Dr. Klein, also blind, founded the Vienna Institute in In 1879 Congress passed an "act to pro mote the education of the blind," by which the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville receives \$10,000 a lind, founded the vienna institute in 1804, and in 1872 a blind American took abroad the training he had received here and founded the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind in Institute, year for printing literature in point type. The Howe Memorial Press of the Perkins vate subscription, is the other large print-A few years ago Rev. Joseph M. Staddleman, of New York, printed a free Catholic magazine for the use of the blind. One of the greatest helps of the sea to those who was to those who was to the sea to those who was to the ing house for the blind in th bind. One of the greatest heips of the age to those who must read by touch is the Zieslier Magazine for the Blind, a free publication that is financed by Mrs. William Ziegler, of New York, and edited by Walter G. Holmes. This publication is in Braille type and carries a particularly high-class of literature into the homes of all who sak it. of all who ask it.

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