CHAT AND GOSSIP OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

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FLORENCE STONE and Wilson Mel-rose close their brief season with the Alcazar Stock Company in San the Alexar Stock Company in San Francisco tonight, and tomorrow night Bishard Bennett opens a limited starring season at that theater. Miss Stone and Mr. Melrose have had, as their closing play. The Girl of the Golden West," which by a coinsidence was being played here at the same time, and Blanche Bates, who originated the role was on her way to Portland from San Francisco.

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Mr. Bennett played an eight week sugargement hast summer at the Alticarar and won for himself a great following. Since then, he has remained continuously on Broadway, where he originated the leading role in The Deep Purple," and afterwards starred in "Passers-by," under the Frohman management. His leading woman will be Mabel Morrison, who is his wife also. She is the daughter of the late Lewis Morrison, and step-daughter of Florence Roberts.

Miss Roberts by the way, is coming to Portland May N, to be headliner on the Orpheum bill. She made har de-but in vaudaville lately, at Winnipes in a little drama called "The Miracle."

In Baker City, the natives were regaled with a "reg-lar show" last Thursday night. Uncle Tom's Cabin, with popular song interpolations, reads the bill. Spose Uncle Thomas warbled "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," and Little Eva did imitations of Eva Tang-

Still speaking of Uncle Tom, a musical version of the rare old stand-by for which Arthur Pryor wrote the music, will have its premiere in Chicago this month. Belle Gold, inst seen in a character part in "The Summer Widowers," has been selected for the role of Topey. Miss Gold won distinction as a travesty artist with Eddie Foy in "Mr. Hamlet of Broadway."

Amelia Gardner, according to a New York exchange, is a likely candidate for future stardom. Her record for the past few seasons has been an unbroken succession of personal triumphs. She is essentially a womanly actress, with an appealing, sympathetic personality. Any news relative to Miss Gardner is particularly interesting to Fortlanders, who remember her as a stock actress with the early Cordray Company here. She is appearing in one of the newest metropolitan successes. The Unwritten Law."

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season in "The Doll Girl," a musical piece from Paris.

Ethel Barrymore, who has just added a sirl to the census total, will be seen in "The Spy," adapted from a play by

Nat Goodwin is talking about become Nat Goodwin is taking about secon-ing an actor-manager at the head of a New York steek company, to be housed in one of the Shubert theaters. Nasimova will be the star of "Bella Donna," the play based on Mr. Hichens'

Novel of that name.

Jack Mason will have the leading part in the Bernstein play "L'Assault," lingilahed under the title of "The On-

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Frances Starr will come to the Belasco with "The Case of Becky."

Emply Stevens and William Mack
will try a New York season with
"Within the Law."

John Drew will open the Empire
sarly in Esptember with "Papa," from
the French of De Flers and Cathalet.
Charles Richman will continue with
"Bought and Pald For."

Bille Burke is to have the lead in
the London success with the curious
title of "The 'Mind the Paint' Girl."

Blanche Bates, having served her
term in "Nobody's Widow," is to have
another New York season in a play
from the Belasco foundry.

Maude Adams comes to the Empire
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Otts Skinner will be seen in "Kis-met," but only in Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago.
Although William Gillette had fare-welled in his repertury, he is likely to return to the stage at the head of a New York stock company.

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Cyril Scott will probably be brought into New York in "The Best People," which has been tried outside with re-

ported fair success.

Hattie Williams will open the Criterion with a musical show based on "The Girl From Maxim's."

Donald Brian will be put out as a

Star.
Sothern and Marlows will tour in Shakespearean repertory, going into New York for a subscription season, probably at the Manhattan opera

Lewis Waller will put on an elaborate production of "Henry V." in Daly's.
John Barrymore goes to the Little Theater to appear in "Anatol," the celebrated Viennese drama, to which Mr. Amea has secured the American vients.

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Two of Pittsburg's young thesplans of great promise are home for long-deferred vacations. Jack Wise, of Butler street, who for two years has been having success as leading juvenile in the Musical Comedy Stock Company in the Lyric Theater, Portland, Or., is home for the first time since he was placed on the Coast. With him he has a host of very flattering clippings from the newspapers of the West, also pergonal letters which give black and white proof that his work pleased his autisances immassely. Just before Mr. Wise came home the company put on Lew Fields' Hanky Panky," and the rouse Pittsburg comedian had the role which Carter De Haven filled so well. Mr. Wise intends to return to Oregon about the first of August.

Miss Helena Happort also has been "making good" in a Southern and Western tour of "Buby Mine." playing the role of the least six monther. Her vecation is an enforced one, as her threat has given out and physicians have ordered her to take at least six months' rest. Miss Rapport is forbidden to talk at all, and even shops with hotebook and pencil. She is hoping by constant and streamous care to be able to take her position again in the Fall.

Miss Rapport appeared here this season at the Heilig in "Baby Mine."

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Forbes Robertson and his wife, Ger-trude Elliett, salled away to their Eng-lies home last week. Mr. Robertson is said to have cleared \$200,000 profit in his two seasons with "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" in this country, while Miss Elliott must have gathered in a few shekels in her two starring tours.

In a splendid article in the Dramatic Mirror, on the cheap theater, May Irwin commits herself to a faith in public taste. To my mind," she says, "the moral and artistic standard of the popular theater is below the tastes of the public that patronizes it." She is probably right. That's why the public flocks. If the matter were vice verse, noubtless the public would stay away. But there is one paragraph in Miss Irwin's story that hits a head that ought to be hit. Any regular patron of raudeville, cheap or otherwise, will tell you that the popular song is an abomination. Here is what Miss Irwin thinks:

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"Suppose, instead of 'songs' like 'When the Moon Smiles in the Jungle' and 'Ain't It Nice to Love in June,' we heard the sougs of Tom Moore, Mallory, Nevin and other writers of simple melodies and fetching lyrics! There are many fresh, sweet volces (managers and conservatory principles will tell you this) that can give pleasing expres-

ing woman with the Malley-Dennison Company in Scheneciady, N. Y.
David Belasco crosses swords with Pierra Veber on the subject of historical drama, which for some years has not enjoyed great success. He even predicts that "we are on the very eve of a strong and vigorous revival of the historical and romantic drama, and that within the next two seasons we shall see this dramatic form restored, not to its old time prestige, but to a greater and more brilliant than it has ever before known. As a matter of fact, it is hamardous to predicate of any form of drama that it is moribund, because the entire history of the stage, from the earliest Greeks to the present day, is but a long and endless succession or recrudescence, first of one aton to such songs, and that can be engaged as cheaply as the impudent persons who shout the current popular song. I maintain that at the very start the average patron of the cheap theater would enjoy such songs and such renderings more than they now enjoy the trashy songs in strident pitch. Moreover, let the masses listen to the better songs, and in time there would be no market for tin-pan alley products. That is my faith in the decency of popular taste."

Some people are wondering what Fritzi Schoff's artistic future is shaping itself into. She has difficulty in being "fitted" with an opera. The diva will not don boy's clothes and she will not wear costumes. There are other things she objects to. She wants to be Prital Schoff and that's all. Ever since Prital Scheff and that's all. Ever since she married Fox. the novelist, she has shows these whims in an accentuated form and there are rumors that she may retire because she campt be "fitted." This season, she has been playing in a version of Johann Straus' "Fledermaus" under the title of "The Night Birds" and now it is announced that the Shuberts have closed with a London manager for the Gladys Unger version of this operetta under the same version of this operetta under the same title and will bring the entire English company over next season. In that event what becomes of Fritzi Scheff, who, of course, will not sing in it in New York? Yet the Shuberts are her managers, or were, at last accounts. She was offered "The Spring Maid" and refused it because she had to wear a costume in it. With Madame Fritzi in "Die Fieder-

with Mandame Print in Die France, maus' is Hazel Cox, a statesque beauty, who is sister to Hay Cox, comedienne, recently at the Orpheum. Hazel Cox's singing voice is remarkably beautiful. Ray asys: "Hazel got all there was given out to the Cox family."

"I excel in after-dinner speeches rather than curtain speeches," says James T. Powers, "During my last tour of the South, I delivered 25 after-dinner speeches in two weeks. What was the occasion? Why, after each meal I simply said: Waiter, this dinner was

Vander Leyden Fyles, a New York dramatic critic, writes a bit of news concerning our old friend and fellowtuwnswoman, May Yohe. He says: "The career of that light and laughter-lovcareer of that light and laughter-loving product of Pennsylvania is too recent to require recapitulation, but she had not been personally on view for some years. When passing a motion picture theater on Broadway the other evening. I saw her name announced and, for the modest sum of 20 cents, went in First I had to sit through numerous moving pictures, of the usual quality, and a lot of vaudeville, including a man who was announced as a survivor from the Titanic. He was apparently wholly inexperienced in public speaking in any language.

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"When May Yohe's name went up several people left the theater—which however, indicated no animosity toward her, but just, I took it, a general lack of interest in the woman who might some day, have been Duchess of Newcastle. She was very much dressed, looking, all in all, a comfortable, rather squat dowager—certainly not at all the daziling heroine of yellow-backed romance. She wore a heavy, long-trailed, salmon-pink satin evening gown. A bit of black was interwoven on the bodice; her dark heir bad a rather matted look; and the solitaire diamonds that pierced her ears seemed slightly Eighteen-eighty-eightish. She sat down near a small table and delivered a rambling monologue about her two husbands; and, as the "three sheets" in the lobby mentiened in large lettering that she was "Formerly Lady Francis Hope and Possessor of the Famous Hope Diamond," her comments could hardly be wholly disassociated from Lord Francis and Captain Putnam Bradles Strong. The wit rose to such heights as:

"My first husband was a peach, but my second was a lemon." This flow of persiflage was occasionally interrupted by a song, delivered in the fairly well-preserved remains of the Yoke 3-note voice."

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Ethel Grey Terry, who used to be here in Baker stock when her mother, Lillian Laurence, was playing leads, is lead-

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This belief in the rotation of dramatic crops is certainly based on tradition. It is all the more plausible

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if one recalls that when literary critics were declaring that the historical novel was absolutely dead "Hugh Wynne, Quaker," and "When Knighthood Was in Flower" burst upon the market in a whiriwind of success.

Adeline Genee, the dancer who is new in London, will return to America next Autumn to dance at the Metropolitan Opers House in New York, and later make a tour which will include the Facilic Coast.

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gestion from opposition to the effect that Pantages' shows could not be played there led Manager Martin to make investigations which led to a proposition that is likely to be consummated.

The second stand, in such event, will be the Cadillac Theater in Detroit, Mich, which opened recently with the Pantages bookings. The third week will be divided between two Chicago houses. One of these will be the new theater which will take the place of the Linden. It will be across the street from the present house and near the new house being erected by Sullivan & Considine. The Linden is on one of the very best corners in Chicago and then into Canada. Alexander Pantages will have a new theater in Edmonton. Alta., next season, which will be part of a 10-story office building to cost \$200,000. New Pantages houses in Saskatoon and Moose Jaw will cost \$100,000 each. Options held for theaters in Regina and Winnipeg are likely to be closed. New houses at San Diego and Oakland, Cal., will make the Western stay longer. The final week of the tour will be at the American Theater at Davenport, Iowa.

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