Last Friday and Saturday evenings, Sardou's much-discussed work, "Daniel Rochst," was given at New Market Theater, with Miss Rogers as Leah and Mr. Grismer as Daniel. The drama itself is finely constructed, showing the work of a master-hand, but is built upon comparatively nothing—a man's adherence to principle and a woman's devotion to religious convictions. It is hardly possible that two people, loving each other as Leah and Daniel are portrayed as loving, would sacrifice their love for each other, and finally separate, over mere scruples as to a marriage at the altar. The play was well rendered throughout, some of the best acting of the season being here done by Miss Rogers and Mr. Grismer. On Monday evening, "Miss Multon" was repeated in the same excellent manner as marked its first presentation. But on Tuesday night, the last of the season, came the event of the week, when "The Hunchback" was given for the benefit of Miss Rogers, the lady appearing as Julia. The part is one for which she is well fitted, and was sustained by her in an able and thorough manner. On this occasion, Mrs. D. F. Smith, who is well known in this city as an elocutionist, made her debut as Helen, and achieved a marked success. Her lines were distinctly and pleasantly rendered, and with a full appreciation of the meaning of the author; and, barring a slight nervousness at first, the lady hore herself with the case of a professional. Mr. Colton as Master Walter had an opportunity to display himself to better advantage than heretofore, and proved capable of sustaining the difficult role to the satisfaction of the sudience, though in the first two acts he was inclined to be declamatory. The remainder of the support, including Mr. Grismer as Clifford and Mr. Jennings as Fathom, was very good. This being the farewell performance, the house was crowded, and the generous applause vouchsafed to one and all of the departing company showed that they have gained many warm friends during their short stay among us. The engagement has brought forth AMUSEMENTS.

Conjecture and speculation have been rife during the past week—and not alone among those immediately interested—concerning the partial financial failure of the season just closed. That it was not a financial success, is to be regretted, since the entertainments were, for the most part, much better than those usually given by dramatic organizations in Portland. The trouble appears to have been with the repertoire, which contained but two new pieces. These, "Forget-Me-Not" and "Daniel Rochat," proyed of sufficient interest to attract five large audiences, and the entire series of performances would no doubt have been as well patronized if new plays could have heen given. Miss Rogers showed herself to be a conscientious actress and true artist, particularly in "Miss Multon," "The Hunchback," and the two dramas above mentioned, while the principal support was good. The new men of the company, Messra. Grismer, Colton, Bradley, Jennings, Norris and Ross, though not equal to the original Baldwin company of two years ago, which was probably the strongest stock company ever located on the coast, are so far superior to the "talent" with whom "Genial John" Maguire was wont to entertain the public, that no comparisons are necestary. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. tertain the public, that no comparisons are neces Grismer, in particular, for his intense and careful portrayal of the character of Daniel Rochat, which alone stamps him as the best society actor that ever appeared at New Market. He fully divided the honors with Miss Rogers in this play, as he also did on several other occasions; but in "Pygmalion and Galatea," and also in "Leah, the Jewish Maiden," he was weak. It is to be hoped that all stars who visit us in the future will come as well supported as was Miss Rogers.

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