

AT THE THEATRES

"DOLLY VARDEN." Combining a revival of the quaint ro-com dress and the customs of the eighteenth century with a comedy interest that is distinctly of the present day. "Dolly Varden" is thoroughly pleasing. There are two pronounced features. One is Lulu Glaser's laugh, the other the chorus of the song "Dolly Varden." That laugh is everything and anything that is nice and pleasing. The chorus is a simple little running melody that the boys in the gallery take up and whistle immediately and the people on the parquette floor hum softly to themselves. There are also other songs that will be in demand at the music stores for some time. "The Girl You Love," a tenor solo by Harold Blake as Captain Harcourt, was encored repeatedly. "We Met in Lover's Lane" gave ample breadth for John Dunsmuir's splendid bass voice and Miss Glaser had to respond to encores with "The Lay of the Jay," until she stopped for sheer exhaustion. "Dolly Varden" tells the story of the scheme of John Fairfax (John Dunsmuir), to marry his ward, Dolly Varden (Lulu Glaser), for her money. She is secluded until an aspiring swain, Capt. Richard Bealville (Harry Glaser), appears and after a short courtship induces her to elope. This the guardian discovers but finally the girl disguises herself as another maid of the company and is married to her sweetheart. Miss Glaser succeeds admirably in the comedy vein which she assumes. It contains "hugely" good dashes of excellent comedy, to use a word of Dolly's coinage, and is one of those delightful bits of acting that one loves to see.

The company is well selected and admirably cast. The show is well worth the while. It will be presented tonight and at a matinee tomorrow afternoon at the Marquam Grand theatre.

"THE HEAD WAITERS." There is no difficulty in finding the place to laugh. It is the Arcade theatre. The jokes are not forced, and the laughter bubbles forth spontaneously. The Bernarde and Raymond and Stevens are the chief vendors of merriment this week, and their wares have found a ready sale.

"THE MINISTER'S SON." "The Minister's Son," somewhat after the style of the late Sol Smith Russell's plays, that were loved and admired by almost everybody, comes to Cordray's theatre next Sunday evening, with W. B. Patton as the star.

"THE TWO SISTERS." Denman Thompson's "The Two Sisters," a companion to "The Old Home-stead," is booked for the Marquam Grand theatre next Wednesday night and will be performed by Hickey and Warming-ton's company. It is some years since this play has been seen here, in fact it has been in retirement a few seasons. The author has re-written it up to the requirements of the minute and the management has given it all possible artistic, pictorial and dramatic embellishment. The advance sale of seats will open next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

"THE BELLS." George Allison of the Baker company has a great part next week as Mathias

in "The Bells," and as he has played it with Proctor's Stock company in New York and with much success, it is very probable he will do splendid work in the role, made so famous by Sir Henry Irving.

"THE LIARS." "The Liars" closes a successful week at the Baker tomorrow night. "The Liars" is a society comedy, and deals with the complications arising from a young wife's efforts to conceal a trifling indiscretion from a jealous husband.

"LOOKING FOR A WIFE." At the Empire theatre for three nights starting Sunday night, next, will be presented one of the big comedy successes of the season, "Looking for a Wife," a farce in three acts. The company contains 25 people and is said to be one of the best of this class of attractions. Special scenery and effects are carried by the company for the entire production and the costumes are novel and beautiful. Some of the best comedians on the stage have been secured and it is assured to all who attend, three hours of music and fun.

"THE BOWERY AFTER DARK." The indications point to a large audience at the Saturday matinee to be given at the Empire tomorrow afternoon. "The Bowery After Dark" which is the present week's bill, will be presented. But three more performances of the play will be given.

CHIEFLY PERSONAL

Frank C. Towns of St. Paul left for his home in the East this afternoon, after spending a few days with Maj. Frank S. Baker of this city. Dr. Arthur W. Morse of the United States army is in the city today, on his way to Vancouver. Dr. Morse served for two years at Ft. Walla Walla, and has now been assigned to Vancouver.

Ex-Judge Frank Williams is at the Perkins. N. C. Evans, a capitalist of Hood River, is registered at the Imperial. J. W. Gunn of Seattle is stopping at the Imperial.

DR. CHAPMAN'S MEETINGS.

That the churches are not reaching the masses is the opinion of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, the noted evangelist, who arrived in the city yesterday to take charge of the evangelistic meetings which are being held in the First Presbyterian church. It is his opinion that the churches in many respects is slipping backward in its work of reaching souls. The time for such work is now ripe, he believes. At the close of the services yesterday

afternoon Rev. Chapman requested the ministers to remain, when the project to hold revival services in all the churches for the first three months of next year was discussed.

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