

GREAT VARIETY ON VAUDEVILLE BILL

Audience Has Fit of Laughter
Over Yiddish Comedians;
"Baseballitis" for Fans.

By V. H. P.
Dissect the bill of vaudeville at the Orpheum this week and you find a variety of good, bad and indifferent. This is the analysis:

Fred Singer, violinist; excellent.
Cavana, slack wire equilibrist; excellent.
Bon Beyer and brother, cyclists; good.
Howard and Howard; indifferently good.
Marie Fenton, singer; uninteresting.
"Baseballitis," sketch; stupid.
Thomas Smith and three maids, singers and dancers; bad.

The bill is made up of harmonies and discords. Howard and Howard, who are listed as top-notch comedians, are greatly overrated. If memory does not err, they have been here before with precisely the same occasional laughs and suggestion of roughness. One sings in a clear but metallic voice, while the other permits the audience to snicker at his clownishness. We have seen better Yiddish comedians.

Marie Fenton is an earnest person, with several gowns and a like number of unbecoming hats, who strangled the low notes in a depressing monotone and blasted the elevated ones. What difference does it make if she sang the wrong songs in the wrong gowns? We should not note such trifles.

Thomas Smith is an uncommonly dull clown with three maids in short skirts and long trousers, and an added portion of a distressingly obtrusive contralto voice. Smith's central doctrine seems to be to make himself talk incessantly. A sad skill.

"Baseballitis" may have for its purpose exploitation of the fact that a fat woman should not try to be a baby doll. Victor Smalley has written interesting and breezy sketches, and in the present case it is easy to believe he could have done better had it not been for a frowny though doughty leading woman and two irritatingly amateurish male performers.

Fred Singer, violinist, in justice to the showhouse, is worth wasting time on the other acts. His violin playing cannot be better described than by saying he is the best Portland has heard. Cavana has a novel and spectacular act on the slack wire, and opens the program with an unfulfilled promise of more good to come. Bon Beyer and his brother, cyclists, who close the show, are excellent—if you like cyclists.

CONNECTICUT READY FOR STATE PRIMARIES

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 13.—Republican leaders of Connecticut are rounding up in this city for the state convention, which will mark the culmination of a spirited factional campaign extending over many months. The convention meets in the auditorium tonight for the organization and tomorrow it will nominate candidates for governor and other state officers and congressmen-at-large. Charles A. Goodwin of Hartford and

Everett Lake, former state senator, are the rival candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. The contest is really a continuation of the fight which started two years ago, when the late Governor Lilley won the nomination from Lake. The latter is now bending every energy toward the capture of the nomination, while Goodwin is getting vigorous backing from the friends of the late Governor Lilley. The senatorial fight is also involved in the contest for the governorship. The supporters of Senator Morgan J. Bulkeley, who is a candidate for reelection to the senate, are generally supporting Lake for the governorship, while the opposite faction, which favors ex-Governor George P. McLean for Bulkeley's seat in the senate, would like to see Goodwin nominated for governor. Representative John L. Tison, the present congressman-at-large, is a candidate for re-nomination.

PROHIBITION QUESTION LIVE ONE IN MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 13.—Jefferson City was invaded by an army of politicians today, the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties, including practically all the nominees for state, congressional and legislative offices, assembling here to frame the party platforms and to reorganize their state committees. Contests are on in both parties for chairman of the state committees.

The prohibition question promises to be the only bone of contention in the construction of the platforms, and the indications are that the leaders of both parties will avoid making it an issue if possible. The Democratic platform convention will probably endorse ex-Governor Folk for the presidential nomination in 1912. The platform will make a general attack on the national administration, the tariff and Cannon.

The Republican platform will commend the tariff and the Taft administration, but will probably refrain from endorsing Cannon. As a state issue the Republicans will assail the senatorial districting of Missouri.

Appalachian Exposition Opens.
Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Designed to bring to the attention of the world the resources and development of the rich Appalachian territory, of which Knoxville is the geographical center, the Appalachian exposition was opened here yesterday and will continue for one month. The exposition occupies spacious grounds at Chilwee Park, where large exposition buildings have been erected.

Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama are represented in elaborate displays illustrating their industries and resources. The display of livestock and poultry is especially notable. Racing, aeroplane flights and numerous other attractions have been arranged for the entertainment of the thousands who are expected to visit the exposition.

Jap Suspect on Trial.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 13.—Genkyo Mitsuoka, the Japanese indicted for the murder of Mrs. Catherine Wilson at her home in this city on May 7 last, was arraigned in court today for trial. After the discovery of the woman's mutilated body the Japanese fled from Denver and was later captured by a posse near Lyons. Since his arrest Mitsuoka has steadfastly maintained that Mrs. Wilson was murdered by an unknown white man, who forced the Japanese at the point of a revolver to assist him in concealing the body and removing evidence of the crime.

"FIGHTING BOB" TO BE HONORED

Will Handle Naval Pageant at
Panama-Pacific Exposition at Frisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N. retired, will come into his own again during the Panama-Pacific fair, according to plans on foot and which are to be announced at a banquet in honor of "Fighting Bob" on Thursday. Evans is to be named chairman of the naval committee, but his real duties are to be the head of the immense naval pageant it is expected will assemble in San Francisco bay.

As a member of the exposition committee Admiral Evans is soon to start on a tour of the United States to work up interest in the fair. If congress sanctions the holding of the exposition in San Francisco he will tour Europe on a similar mission. Evans will especially request the presence of foreign navies at the fair. He says he will arrange a naval exhibition that will almost out rival the fair itself.

WOULD INCREASE INTEREST IN HOGS

Hograising has dwindled so seriously in the Pacific northwest that the heads of the various agricultural colleges of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana have decided to hold a meeting in Spokane October 4 for the purpose of devising methods whereby interest in the industry may be revived.

Manager D. O. Lively of the Portland Union stock yards, has also become interested, and he will be one of the delegates to attend the meeting. Dr. James Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, will take an active part. That the hograising industry in this part of the country has been sadly neglected is indicated from the fact that the large

quantities of hog products have to be shipped here from the middle states every year. An inducement to take interest in the industry is offered in the steadily increasing value of hogs.

KIDNAPED GIRL FOUND AND DISAPPEARS AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 13.—After having been located here two weeks ago and ordered returned to her father at St. Louis, from whom she was kidnaped three years ago, Mary Virginia Poe, age 13, daughter of Joseph H. Poe, chemist, again has disappeared.

Whether she escaped or was abducted from the institution in which she was placed pending further instructions from her father, the police are now trying to ascertain.

VERA FITCH WILL SOON LEAVE HOSPITAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Sept. 13.—Vera Fitch, the beautiful young California girl who attempted to kill herself in the parlor of a New York hotel because her writings were refused by eastern magazines, is recovering rapidly and unless a change for the worse should occur she will be dismissed from the Flower hospital in a few days.

The charge of attempted suicide is still hanging over her, and she will be taken to the police station as soon as she is well enough to be removed from the hospital. It is not believed, however, that the case against her will be pushed.

Bankhandle Bankers' Association.
Amarillo, Texas, Sept. 13.—Financial advertising and postal savings banks were the principal topics discussed at the opening session here today of the annual meeting of the Bankhandle Bankers' association. W. H. Fucua of Amarillo welcomed the visitors, and W. H. Patrick of Clarendon responded. The meeting will conclude tomorrow.

Stationary Engineers Meet.
Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Several hundred delegates, representing more than 25,000 stationary engineers, met in Convention hall here yesterday and be-

gan annual session of the National Association of Stationary Engineers. President William J. Reynolds of Hoboken presided. Many of the delegates are accompanied by their wives, who will be entertained throughout the several days of the convention by the ladies' auxiliary committee. One of the chief features of the convention is the interesting exhibition of power producing and transmitting machinery.

Indiana State Fair.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 13.—With every available foot of exhibition space occupied, the Indiana state fair opened yesterday under conditions promising the

most successful exhibition in the history of the association. A total of nearly 150,000 in premiums will be distributed this year among the successful exhibitors in the poultry, livestock, agricultural art, horticultural and other departments. A horse show and light harness meeting will add to the attractions of the week.

Many Follow Weston's Trial.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Sept. 13.—If the ambitions of all the pedestrians who want to smash the record of Edward Payson Weston and John Ennis are realized, there will be a smoothly worn footpath between New York and San Francisco.

The last aspirants for the transcontinental foot power record are three Italian athletes—Leo Gail, Luigi Billotti and Riccardo Rota. Their timothy will be the same as Weston's. They have not yet given out their exact schedule.

Radiology Congress at Brussels.
Brussels, Sept. 13.—The principal countries of the world are represented at the International Congress on Radiology and Electricity, which opened in Brussels today for a three days' session. The question of radium standards and nomenclature is the most important matter to be considered by the congress.

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