THE CITY

Miss Ray and Mr. Thomas Wed.

Miss Sadie Bell Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holmes Ray, of 205 Club road, Roland Park, and Howell Harris Thomas, were married last evening at the Hotel Stafford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Arthur Chilton Powell, associate rector of Grace and St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church.

The hotel parlors were decorated with Annunciation lilies, and the ceremony was performed beneath an immense bower of palms and lilies. The bride entered the room on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage, and wore a gown of white meteor, which was embroidered in orchids and trimmed with duchess and rose point lace. The cap for her veil was also of rose point and duchess lace, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley. Her only ornament was a diamond bar pin, the gift of the bridegroom.

The matrons of honor were Mrs. J. Holmes Ray, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Stephen Lee George, both of whom wore imported gowns of flesh-colored meteor, draped in deep pink and embroidered with crystals, with touches of black tulle. Both wore hair ornaments of Paradise. They carried pink Killarney roses. The maid of honor was Miss Ritta Hammond Kelly, who wore an imported gown of white meteor, trimmed with white chiffon and embroidered with crystals. She carried a shower bouquet of pink Killarney roses. The best man was John B. Thomas, Jr., and the ushers were Stephen Lee George, Donald Hoffman, Oscar Thomas and Lewis W. Lake.

The bridegroom is the son of John B. Thomas, of the firm of Thomas & Thompson, druggists, and is one of the best-known young lawyers in Baltimore. He is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University and of the University of Maryland Law Schools. He is a member of the Baltimore Country Club, the University Club and of the Kappa Sigma fraternity of Lehigh University.

After the ceremony a reception was given at the Stafford by the bride's parents, immediately after which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for a wedding trip, which will be spent in the South. Upon their return they will live at the Albion until the completion of their home at 2 Overhill road, Roland Park.

To Play Emperor Concerto.

A particular feature of the music festival to be given by the Oratorio Society in the Lyric on the evenings of April 7, 8 and 9 and on the afternoon of April 8 will be the performance of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto, by Harold Randolph, director of the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Randolph, who ranks with the leading American pianists of the day, will make his appearance the second night of the festival. The Philadelphia Orchestra has been engaged for all the performances, and on the night of Mr. Randolph's performance it will present Tschaikowsky's Fifth Symphony, under the direction of its new leader, Leopold Stokowski, who has never been heard in Baltimore.

The Columbus Cantata, by David S. Melamet, the well-known Baltimore composer, will be the choral work to be presented the second evening. It will be sung by a large chorus, consisting of members of the German singing societies and other local musical organizations. Mr. Melamet will conduct.

The offering for the first night will consist of Handel's masterpiece, The Messiah, which will be given by the Oratorio Society chorus, which has been much enlarged for the occasion, and the culminating work for the last night will be the Quo Vadis of Nowowiejski, also to be sung by the Oratorio chorus. Joseph Pache will direct both these performances.

While the matinee program has not been arranged, it is the intention to have the Woman's Philharmonic chorus take a leading part in it.

Woman's Glee Club Pleases.

The lovers of vocal concerts who last night failed to attend the one given by the Glee Club of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., in the auditorium of the Baltimore Business College, missed an enjoyable evening. Twenty-five of the members of the club journeyed to Baltimore yesterday to give the concert for the benefit of the Reformed Church Extension Society. The audience was not as large as was expected, but it was an appreciative one.

In addition to the musical features, Miss Daisy Buchanan, a talented young member of the club, entertained with several recitations and readings. Misses Adele Edmunds, Emma Slagle, Pauline Holstein and Virginia Carty, who compose the quartet of the club, sang in a pleasing manner Dvorak's Als die Alte Mutter. Solos by Misses Evalyn Truxal and Emma Slagle were also well received.

Miss Virginia Carty is manager of the club's tour of the state. Miss Elinor Markey is musical director and Miss Rose Birely accompanist.

Noon Services for Catholics.

So the great number of suburbanites who attend St. Alphonsus' Catholic Church, Park avenue and Saratoga streets, at the noon hour will be able to practice more than ordinary devotion during the Lenten season, Rev. Dr. Theodore George, C. SS. R., the rector, has instituted a special order of services.

It is the plan of the rector to begin a devotional service promptly at 12:05 o'clock three days in each week, which will close at 12:30 o'clock sharp. In this manner he hopes to give those living in the outlying district, downtown workmen or any one who cares to attend, the benefit of a short special service and still leave sufficient time for them to enjoy a short luncheon. The service will be started at five minutes after the hour, so that those who wish to attend will be given time to get to the church from their offices. The special noontime services will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. They will begin next Monday.

Mrs. Meehan Celebrates.

About 75 persons gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Meehan, 6 South Arlington avenue, Sunday evening, the occasion being a celebration in honor of Mrs. Meehan's twenty-third birthday. A varied program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered for the entertainment of the guests, after which a buffet luncheon was served. The house was brilliantly lighted. Beautiful decorations, in which ferns, roses and carnations were used, delighted the assemblage. A feature of the evening's entertainment was the clever dancing of Edna Meehan, the talented three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan. A male quartet and an orchestra enlivened the evening.

To Become Sister of Charity.

Sacrificing home and friends for a religious life, Miss Margaret Boyle, daughter of Dr. Charles Boyle, of Hagerstown, arrived in this city on Sunday to enter the order of Sisters of Charity of the Catholic Church. Miss Boyle, who is a niece of Mrs. Elizabeth Kealofer, also of Hagerstown, is now at St. Mary's Orphan Asylum at Roland Park. She will serve her novitiate at that institution, and will then go to the mother house at Emmittsburg, Md., where she will finish her studies.

Alex. Brown & Sons Get Contract.

Alexander Brown & Sons were awarded $440,000 of the State of Maryland 3½ per cent. 10 to 15 years optional road bonds, of the $500,000 block sold yesterday by the State Board of Public Works. The award was made at 92.44. The next highest award was made to Hambleton & Co. of $60,000, of which $30,000 was awarded at 92.53 and $30,000 at 92.512. The remaining $30,000 was awarded to the Second National Bank of Cumberland at 92.50.

Mr. Larkins' Good Work.

At yesterday's meeting of department heads Street-cleaning Commissioner Larkins submitted a report showing that he had started the new year by effecting a saving of $1,124.24 over the same month of 1912 in loading dirt on scows. Mr. Larkins was warmly congratulated by the Mayor, who said it was in line with the commissioner's business conduct of his department. The Mayor asked Mr. Larkins to submit the report in a special message.

The report, in part states:

Notwithstanding the month of January, 1912, was a severe winter month, 8,090 cubic yards of material were deposited on scows by the carts of the Sanitary division. The month of January, 1913 being very mild, 14,053 cubic yards of material were collected and deposited.

In explanation of this increased amount of material I would say that a number of the carts of the Street-cleaning division, when not actually required in that division, were assigned to assist the carts of the Sanitary division. Also during the month of January, 1912, a considerable amount of ashes was used to scatter over the streets and in alleys to prevent horses from slipping and falling. A large amount of ashes were allowed to accumulate in the yards of householders and remained there until the spring cleaning started.

In many cases also, as the records will show, gates were frozen and the householders refused to place ashes in front, which also helped to make the accumulation larger. The month of January, this year, the carts have had easy access to alleys, small streets and premises generally and have been energetic in preventing accumulations so far, with the result on attached sheet.

From the report you will see that at the contract price of 23 cents per cubic yard the department has effected a saving of $1,124.24 over the cost of this work at the contract price of 31 cents per cubic yard for the year 1912.

Polk Miller Entertains.

Polk Miller, the well-known singer and Southern dialect storyteller, gave one of his unique entertainments last evening at Albaugh's Theater before a large and fashionable audience, made up chiefly of those prominent in Baltimore society.

He was assisted by Col Tom Brooks, a Confederate war-time comrade, and a vocal quartet of genuine blacks, who gave the old Southern songs with vim, truth and spirit. The program included the old antebellum songs, such as Old Dan Tucker, O, Susannah! Gwine Down to Richmond Town, Ole Grimes is Dead and the range of war songs throughout, from the Bonnie Blue Flag to Dixie. A delegation of invited guests from the Confederate Soldiers' Home were particularly delighted, and greeted Mr. Miller with the old Rebel Yell. On account of the large sale of seats and by particular request, Mr. Miller will give an additional performance on Wednesday evening. This evening the widows of the Confederate Home will be the special guests.

Contributed to Ad Club Fund.

The Ad Club's convention fund was augmented yesterday by a contribution of $100 mailed to Henry Morton, chairman of the ways and means committee from the Crown Cork and Seal Company.

Strickland W. Gillilan, while lecturing, is putting in spare time by doing missionary work for Baltimore in boosting the Ad Club convention. On Wednesday next he will address the Advertising Club of Seattle, Wash., and endeavor to induce the club to send a representative delegation to the convention in June. A telegram addressed to President Vradenbaugh, of the Seattle Advertising Club, was dispatched yesterday as follows:

Baltimore extends the glad hand to the Seattle Ad Club through Strickland Gillilan, with hearty greeting. Hear his message. The Baltimore Ad Club stands behind him.

The telegram was signed by Henry Morton, acting president.

Objects of New Firm.

By advertisement in this morning's American the Hygineic Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association, which was incorporated last week, sets forth its objects. This company is composed of leading ice-cream manufacturers in the city. Its purposes according to the advertisement are to promote and maintain sanitation and cleanliness in the manufacture of ice-cream, increase the ice-cream sales, encourage and support all practical pure food regulations and to create among its members a friendly confidence, but not to destroy honest competition. Emory C. Cook, 17-19 East Pratt street, is secretary of the association. Any one who has a sanitary plant and who conducts his business on modern, cleanly lines is eligible to membership.

Snow, Rain, Hail, and More Snow.

And the slush still hangs on.

Following the succotash weather experienced yesterday morning when snow in the wee' sma' hours was followed by rain and then hail, rain with higher temperatures came again in the afternoon and washed the greater part of the slush into the sewers. All was thought to be well then, but about 11:30 last night a heavy flurry of snow descended upon the city, again making the streets slushy. This snow stopped shortly after midnight.

It will be fair today and much colder, says the Weather Man, and, to make matters worse, he promises high northwest winds. And the cold wave will last, says the prognosticator.

Auto Truck and Car Collide.

A collision between a heavy automobile brewery truck and a car of the Pennsylvania avenue line occurred yesterday morning at the corner of Bank and Chester streets. No one was injured. The accident occurred a few minutes after 7 o'clock. The large truck was coming south on Chester street. As it started to cross the tracks car No. 1818, bound east, was coming down Bank street. Both the motorman and chauffeur applied their brakes, but the next instant the two came together. The autotruck was only damaged slightly on the side. The entire front vestibule of the car was bent and mashed.

Major Shirley on City Planning.

The interesting subjects of city planning and street trees were treated of at length before the members of the Mount Royal Improvement Association at 213 Wilson street last night by Major Joseph W. Shirley, of the Topographical Survey Commission, and the originator of the plan. He first emphasized the importance of a city adopting these plans, and explained that it ought to contain other features than the mere location of future streets. The extension of the park system, he stated, was of especial importance, as also the water front development and transportation questions.

Indian Demonstration to Begin.

The stewards of the Indian section of the World in Baltimore of Zion Reformed Church, Harford avenue and Chase street, on next Sunday will repeat their demonstration at the evening service in full Indian costume. Pageant music will be rendered by the choir. An added feature will be Indian curios, beadwork, etc., which will be on exhibition in schoolroom on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. The exhibits are loaned for the occasion by the Presbyterian Board of Indian Missions of New York. Rev. John Sommerlatte is the pastor.

Member of State Health Board.

Governor Goldsborough yesterday appointed Dr. W. W. Ford, assistant professor of hygiene at Johns Hopkins University, a member of the State Board of Health, to succeed Dr. Nathan R. Gorter, who was recently appointed Health Commissioner of Baltimore to succeed the late Dr. Bosley. Dr. Ford is an expert on sanitation. Dr. Gorter will be an ex-officio member of the State Board because of his position as Health Commissioner of Baltimore.

MISS WISE AND DUC DE RICHELIEU

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This is the most recent picture of Miss Douglas Wise and her fiance and was taken on Sunday at the Stafford. Their marriage will take place next Saturday at the Cathedral, and will be one of the most important social functions of the season.

AMUSEMENTS

Master Mind a Strong Play.

The Master Mind, by Daniel D. Carter, had its first performance, save one at Syracuse, at Ford's last night before a large audience, which approved of the new candidate for success, if applause were the test. The house was gay with various colored flags and banners as a benefit of the students of the Polytechnic Institute, a feature of the evening, as well as a benefit of the Maryland Country club. Between the acts the students enlivened the interval with a series of class yells, which drew forth loud approbation from the house.

The play has for its leading character a man of great mental force and dominant personality, who has planned an elaborate revenge for years on a district attorney who, by his clever conduct of the case, has sent his young brother to the electric chair for a murder committed in the heat of passion. This revenge includes the bringing up of a young girl to become the wife of the district attorney, who is all unconscious that the fate hanging over him, and which has been grimly hinted at by mysterious messages conveyed to him, is held in the hands of his enemy disguised as a servant in his own house. This avenger has a strong hold on the denizens of the underworld by his uncanny knowledge of their records and by his power of betraying them to the police, and by this means he enlists a band of crooks in his scheme of revenge. Once fully aware of his danger, the district attorney fights back, and the war of strong wills goes on, with the human element of a woman's love entering and changing the issues.

The play is improbable and its drawing out is sometimes crude, but once granting the improbability, the interest becomes strong and tense. The suspense is remarkably well sustained, for from situation to situation, and from curtain to curtain, until the very last climax, it is next to impossible to foresee what is going to happen next. At times, indeed, the interest becomes almost painful to see how the tangle woven about the principal characters is going to become straightened out. And the love story which runs through the plots and counterplotting is a sweet and tender one in its presentation of sacrifice on the one side and trust on the other. The pace set, however, is rather hard to keep up, so the ending rather falls below the standard of expectation established. But on the whole, the play keeps its hold on interest to an unusual degree.

Edmund Breese, in the title role, acted throughout in a cold, calm, deliberate way, which fitted in well with the air of mystery and domination surrounding the character. With this outward deliberation he gave at times strong suggestion of the emotions within him by clenched hands or sudden expression, but made plausible the compelling power he exerted over his victims. Elliott Dexter gave a fine and finished performance as the menaced district attorney, easy and natural in manner and careful in detail. His love scenes were admirably and ardently done.

Morgan Coman, William Riley Hatch and Miss Dorothy Rossmore were exceedingly good as a band of crooks, each individual in drawing. Miss Katherine La Salle was a sweet and appealing heroine and the scene of her attempted sacrifice to her husband's career was especially good. Other character work was well done by Edward Gillespie, Harry Neville, Sidney Cushing, Walter Allen and Archie J. Curtis. The play was beautifully staged. The author was present but kept in the background.

Ready Money Exciting.

It would be cruel to reveal the denouement of the play at the Auditorium this wek. A revelation would spoil a most pleasurable, exciting and even thrilling evening for those not familiar with its plot. The name of the play is Ready Money. There is nothing in the name that conveys an idea of its character or anything connected with it.

The production itself illustrates to a remarkable degree the old truism that nothing succeeds like success, even if that success only assumed. It tells the story of how even the sight of a big roll of bills, even though these bills are counterfeits, will attract friends and then big checks.

That the play which is designated as a comedy, though it has some of the thrills which detectives and clever wit may produce, was heralded as a good one, was demonstrated by the large audience which occupied every seat and every box. The atendance was added to by the fact that it was a benefit night for the Teachers' Training Alumni Association and for the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Charity Hospital. The boxes and many seats were occupied by patrons of the two charities and their friends. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Jeffries Buck, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Valiant, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Knapp, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Peterman and many others. The special benefit committee on arrangements for the Woman's Guild of the hospital consists of Mrs. Lytleton Purnell, Jr., Mrs. J. Barry Mahool and Miss Henrietta Hagerty.

Both in New York and in Chicago Ready Money scored a wonderful success, which was surprising to theatrical managers who had turned it down. H. H. Frazee, who is presenting it, recognized its merit and took it in hand. Its author is James Montgomery. To Baltimoreans the play had a personal interest. In the cast was the long-time-and-still-is favorite, Scott Cooper, who has lost none of his ability since his last appearance here.

The cast is so complete that it is difficult to pick a flaw. It is equally difficult to place one of the performers ahead of another. Stephen Baird, the owner of the Skyrocket, a gold mine, heads the cast, and attracts the most attention by his clever acting, for he knows how to make love, how to dissemble and how to outwit a force of secret service men. His companions in the social world, Lester Crawford, Carl Harbaugh, Henry Miller, Jr., and John C. Brownell, are all well adapted to their several parts. In the feminine roles are Elizabeth Nelson, Fay Wallace, Isabel Winlocke and Estelle Wynne, all of whom fully meet critical expectations. Others who come under the same category are Joseph Kilgour, known for his work in Arizona and The Easiest Way; Ben Johnson, formerly with the New Theater Company; Frank Monroe, Alfred A. Hesse and R. E. French.

Carle and Miss Williams Here.

The largest audience that has been seen in the New Academy of Music for a number of years was present last night to witness the opening performances of Richard Carle and Hattie Williams in the farce with music, The Girl From Montmartre, and A Slice of Life. Even the gallery was packed to standing-room only.

It was the occasion of the Elks annual theater party and the members of that order, with their wives, sweethearts and friends, packed the house to overflowing. Every box—even those on the third tier—was crowded. The greater part of the audience was in evening dress.

The Girl from Montmartre is by George Feydeau and Rudolph Schanzer, with music by Henry Berery. The American version is by Robert B. Smith. Richard Carle is one of the few comedians who are good in any play. Miss Hattie Williams always has been a favorite in Baltimore, and last night she was given a royal welcome. Her dressing-room was banked with floral tributes from the members of the Elks, Miss Billie Burke and Mrs. Fred Nixon Nirdlinger.

The Girl From Montmartre has for its foundation a spicy French farce. It tells a story of a French doctor, who, his wife being away from home, takes a night off, and in one of the cafes on Montmartre—that section of Paris where things move briskest after the lights are turned on—he meets a pretty girl. His adventures with this siren are both complicated and amusing, and provide ample material for the plot of the play. Mr. Carle is particularly well suited in the role of the doctor, and Miss Williams is given equal opportunities for displaying her talents as the girl—from Montmartre.

The novel feature of the production is the Barrie skit, A Slice of Life. This little play is interpolated in the second act of the farce, and is given an amusing performance by Mr. Carle, Miss Williams and William Danforth. It is a delicious bit of satire on the modern problem play, done in the Scotch playwright's best style.

Joe Smith gives a number of brand-new dances. The music throughout the entire show is bright and catchy. The cast includes Edwin Nicander, Albert Hart, George Lydecker, Donald Macmillan, Percy Leach, Ralph Nairn, Anita Rothe, Moya Mannering, Merceita Esmonde, Veola Harty, Clara McFarlane and Alice Carrington and a numerous chorus of attractive girls. One of the really pretty girls is Miss Helen Fell, who is known in Baltimore. She is a splendid singer and a graceful dancer.

New Has Tiny Comedienne.

At the New Theatre this week the headline attraction is Princess Victoria, billed as the tiniest comedienne on the stage today. This little lady is 23 years of age, measures 26 inches in height, weighs only 19½ pounds, is smaller than the celebrated Chiquita and just half the size of the renowned Mrs. Tom Thumb.

In a full, rich voice she rendered songs and ballads, accompanying herself on a grand piano, the stool of which she had to reach with a step ladder. Her character impersonations in costume are remarkable, and the diminutive lady, who in no wise resembles a freak, being decidedly attractive and pretty, made a big hit yesterday afternoon. She will hold a public reception on the stage of the playhouse tomorrow, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

The next best turn was that entitled Dolly's Birthday Party, a very clever tabloid musical comedy, enlisting the services of 12 talented young funmakers. It is crowded with laughable episodes, catchy songs and the dances range from a single solo toe dance to a beautiful ballet called The Dance of the Seasons. Uno, Bradley and Irene, direct from the Cafe Martin, New York, registered a hit with their cabaret specialty, Miss Irene's singing and costumes being especially noteworthy.

Another enjoyable number was that of Helen Carrel & Co. in a comedy dramatic sketch, Rebecca's Choice, effectively written and containing an abundance of comedy and heart interest, and capitally acted by Miss Carrel and her associates. The MacDonald Brothers, the original "bumpty-bump comedians," whooped things up with their rapid fire acrobatic specialty and were rewarded with shouts of laughter. Blondell & Tucker, conversational comedians, corralled a lot of genuine merriment with their many jokes and their funny songs and charactertistic dances were much enjoyed.

Tonight there will be a dancing contest and handsome silver loving cups and cash prizes will be awarded, the audience acting in the capacity of judge and jury. Amateurs will hold the center of the stage on Thursday night. The Theatrescope closes the bill.

As a Man Sows—Victoria.

With several strong features, the Victoria's program appeals this week.

As a Man Sows, presented by Clifford Hippie & Co., is the headliner and the best playlet of its kind the Victoria has ever offered. It is a strong play, excellently staged and splendidly acted throughout by a little company of five persons, headed by Mr. Hipple. Several calls were responded to after each performance.

Hoefler & Co., comedy bicyclists, pleased immensely. They are really funny. The Duprees, in a singing, talking and dancing act, have a good laughing feature and get the most possible out of their material.

The Venetian Four, three violinists and a harpist, proved the musical hit of the bill and were excellent in every number they attempted. They include both classic and ragtime selections in their repertoire.

Brennan and Wright, two men, have the most original material in the way of cross-fire talk and sidewalk comedy that has been heard here for a long time and their manner of getting this over to their audiences is novel, pleasing and refreshing.

The Murphy Trio, two men and a woman, with good voices, harmonize perfectly and offer a number of comedy numbers, ending with a burlesque on the Sextette from Lucia. They were called before the curtain again and again.

The Pathe Weekly, with scenes of unusual interest, closed the bill.

Miss Van Studdiford Sings Well.

Grace Van Studdiford, the musical comedy prima donna, heads the excellent bill at the Maryland this week. Her voice is as clear as a bell and very strong. She sang a number of pretty songs yesterday. Louis Simon and Kathryn Osterman and their capable company present a comedy entitled A Persian Garden. The act has been seen here before, but it is interesting just the same and very funny. Dave Genaro and Ray Bailey are fine in their dancing specialties. The De Lesso troupe give a casting act. Billy Hall & Co., in a comedy entitled Made Good, bring down the house with laughter. The act is brimful of fun and amusement, and Mr. Hall and Miss Colburn received well-merited applause. Rich and Elenor present an artistic musical sketch. Dinehart and Hermitage in Just Half-Way, are just fitted for their respective roles. The sketch is very good and holds the attention of the audience from the rise of the curtain until the fall. LaFrance and McNabb as blackface comedians are hard to beat. Frank Hartley presents a juggling act. LaVeen and Cross give a number of feats of strength.

Dope Fiend Hit at Gayety.

Headed by Lew Kelly (Professor Dope), that inimitable comedian, who is famous for his "Stand still, Roger," the great Behman Show opened a week's engagement at the Gayety Theater before packed houses yesterday. Though Kelly is the topnotch entertainer of the company, he is closely followed by four others, either one of whom is fully capable of heading any burlesque company. They are the Watson sisters, who sing and dance; Fred Wyckoff, the rube, and Lon Hascall, an artistic slinger of slang. All five of the stars were given prolonged applause, and it is predicted that crowded houses will greet them twice a day for the rest of the week. The headliners are ably supported by a company of good-looking girls who can dance and sing. Ameta Pynes, as Tillie, a German housemaid, and George Douglas, as Quickstep, do a dancing stunt in the first act which brings down the house. Vic Casmore, as a count in the first act, and as Joseppi Asparrario, a fruit dealer, in the second act, is a character actor of unusual ability. The show is in two parts, A Mixup at Newport and a Rube in Chinatown. As an extra added feature the Gayety Theater has installed numerous electric bells throughout the house on which are played the latest selections.

Watson at Empire With Beef Trust.

Wth a carload of fun and fine scenic effects, the original Billy Watson and his Beef Trust Beauties played to crowded houses at both performances yesterday at the Empire Theater. Billy Watson, as Krausemeyer, and Billy Spencer, as his neighbor, Mike Grogan, keep the audience in an uproar of laughter during both acts. The first act, Krausemeyer's Alley, has been brought up to the minute, but retains all of the features that made it popular seasons ago. The second act, Krausemeyer's Christening, bubbles with fun and is profuse with electrical scenic effects. There are innumerable good songs. During the olio the Bijou Comedy Three evoke tremendous applause. A new terpsichorean oriental fantasy entitled, The Arab's Dream, and introducing a midnight serenade by the Beef Trust Beauties, closes the first act and is greatly appreciated. Watson's collection this season includes a chorus heavier, if possible, than ever. These, as Salvation Army lassies, with Watson at their head, provide much merriment.

Stock Players Revive East Lynne.

East Lynne, that famous old play which has pleased millions of drama lovers, is the attraction this week at the Holliday Street Theater. The play was received at both performances yesterday by crowded houses. George L. Kennedy, leading man of the Klimt and Gazzolo Stock Company, takes the part of Lord Mount Servin, while Robert Graceland appears as Sir Francis Levinson. They are ably supported by Ed Hubbard, as Archibald Caryle, and William C. Morrissey, as John Dill. Rosalind Clay, in the character of Miss Corney Caryle, has the leading feminine role. The show is in five acts and 10 scenes, all of which are most exciting.

On Friday night the same company will present a dramatization of Robert Stevenson's popular novel, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and George Kennedy will play the part of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, while Robert Graceland will be Dr. Lanyon. The drama will be given for one performance only.

DEATHS

Cicero Moore.

Cicero Moore, 70 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and for over 30 years a dried beef butcher in the Lafayette Market, died yesterday morning at his home, 2911 Walbrook avenue. His death was due to pneumonia, with which he was first stricken last Thursday. Until that time Mr. Moore enjoyed almost perfect health during his entire life.

Born in Elkridge, Howard county, he was the son of the late William and Annie Moore. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Federal Army and served throughout the war as a sergeant in the Ninth Maryland Regiment. After the war Mr. Moore located in Baltimore and became engaged in the dried beef business. For over 30 years he conducted a stall in Lafayette Market and was well known to every patron who visited that market. He was a member of Dushane Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Independent Lodge of Odd Fellows. He is survived by two sons (Morris and (Robert Moore) and by two daughters (Mrs. Ella Haller and Mrs. F. T. MacCubbin). The funeral will take place from his home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Howard, pastor of North Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. William F. Roberts, pastor of Monroe Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Loudon Park Cemetery.

Caleb M. Thompson.

Caleb M. Thompson, 64 years old, of 3024 East Baltimore street, and the oldest telegraph operator in point of service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died yesterday at the Franklin Square Hospital of blood poisoning. He had been ill only a few days. Mr. Thompson was stationed at Colgate Creek. Born at Northeast, Md., in 1848, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as an operator at the age of 14. He was then sent to Bellroad, Pa. During the war he served at Belleview, Del., and later at the old President Street Station in this city. Mr. Thompson is survived by three children (Mrs. G. C. Foster, Miss Myrtle Thompson and Edgar M. Thompson). The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Frank A. Merrall.

Word was received in Baltimore yesterday that Frank A. Merrall, vice president of the Acker, Merrall & Condit Co., of this city, died at his home, on Seventy-second street, New York, Saturday night. Two weeks ago Mr. Merrall caught a severe cold, which, it is thought, brought on pneumonia. A letter received Saturday afternoon by Nicholas Markey, manager of the local company, from Albert E. Merrall, brother of the dead man, stated that his condition was improving and Mr. Markey was greatly shocked when he learned yesterday that he died Saturday night. Mr. Merrall is survived by three brothers (Albert E., Charles and Walter Merrall, all of New York). The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from his home, 129 West Twenty-second street, New York.

Mrs. Julia Connolly.

The death of Mrs. Julia Connolly, aged 83, occurred early yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks' duration. Mrs. Connolly has been a patient at St. Agnes' Hospital, where she died, for a number of years, and she has no surviving relatives in the city. Her funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the hospital.

Mrs. Elsie Disney.

Mrs. Elsie Disney, wife of Harry S. Disney, died yesterday morning at her home, 1814 Barclay street, after a short illness. Her death was due to peritonitis. Born in Germany, Mrs. Disney came to this country about 12 years ago. One week ago she was taken ill with peritonitis and although it was realized that she was seriously ill her death was not expected and came as a great shock to her relatives. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter (Frieda), three years old, and one sister (Mrs. Frieda Schaffer). The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home, where services will be conducted by Rev. C. L. Hubbard, pastor of North Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wins Race Against Death.

For the second time in 48 years Mrs. Katherine Pistor, 1055 South Charles street, and her sister, Mrs. Christian Heidt, of Alleghany, Pa., were reunited less than 24 hours before the death of the former on Saturday. Mrs. Heidt was notified that her sister was dying and despite her 86 years, immediately left Pittsburgh for this city, arriving on Friday. Until about a year ago the two sister had not seen each other for a period of 47 years. The funeral of Mrs. Pistor will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. Ernest Von Arning. Interment will be in the Western Cemetery.

Funeral of Sergeant Chaffinch.

The funeral of Sergt. Tilghman Chaffinch, of the Northwestern district, who ended his life last Friday morning, took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 1529 Jefferson street. The palbearers were Patrolmen McSweeney, Cadwallader, Hauptman, Santry, O'Hara, Granger, Krastell, Muller, Jones, Sellman, Miller, Schmidt, Bayrle, Zajic, Lineweaver and Popp, of the Northwestern district. The services were conducted by Rev. William C. Locher, pastor of St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church. Members of Oriental Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Mechanics, attended the services. Burial was in Baltimore Cemetery.

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Returned to Prison.

Miles Crow and Claude Wheeler, who were convicted of the robbery of the Parkton National Bank, and sentenced to the Maryland Penitentiary for 18 months, and to the Maryland House of Correction for 15 months, respectively, were released last week by Judge Stump, in Baltimore under a writ of habeas corpus, on account of an error in form of the writs of commitment in their cases. Corrected commitments were issued yesterday in the Circuit Court at Towson, and bench warrants were issued for the rearrest of the two defendants at the instance of State's Attorney George Hartman.

John B. Gontrum, one of the counsel for the prisoners, stated last night that he had been informed that his clients has been arrested by the Baltimore city police and returned to their institutions from which they were released. Mr. Gontrum stated he and Attorney C. Gus Grason would institute legal proceedings for the release of Miles and Crow.

William R. Freeland Dead.

William R. Freeland, 76 years old, who has resided in Baltimore county all his life, died Sunday morning after a lingering illness at the home of his son, William H. Freeland, 14 Hooper avenue, Mount Washington. He is survived by two sons (William H. Freeland and John Freeland) and one daughter (Mrs. S. C. Palmer, of Mount Washington). He also leaves 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from his son's residence. Rev. Robert J. Nicholson, pastor of Mount Washington Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate. The pallbearers will be six grandsons—Harry, Oscar, George Milliard Palmer and Charles and Elmer Freeland. Interment will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Freeland, Baltimore county.

F. J. Donnelly Expires.

Frank J. Donnelly, 22 years old, died Sunday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Donnelly, 123 Belvidere avenue, Arlington. He is survived by a widow (Mrs. Julia Donnelly), his parents (Mr. and Mrs. George Donnelly), two sons (Franklin G. and Frederick J. Donnelly) and one brother (Albert Donnelly). The funeral will take place this morning at 8 o'clock. A requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Ambrose's Catholic Church by the pastor, Rev. Philip J. Walsh. The pallbearers will be members of Zeta Conclave, Order of Heptasophs. Interment will be in Bonnie Brae Cemetery.

Came Here to Launching; Dies.

Mrs. Arcelia Bruin, of Watkins, N. Y., who was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Eldred, of D street, Sparrows Point, died Sunday night in the home of Mrs. Eldred. While attending the launching of the steamer Montanan, at the shipyard of the Maryland Steel Company on January 25, Mrs. Bruin contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia. Her son, Geo. Bruin, who has been the guest of Dr. Frank C. Eldred, of C street, thinking his mother was better, returned to his home Saturday. Mrs. Bruin was 83 years old. The body will be taken to Watkins for burial.

Joshua Clements, 78, Stricken.

Joshua Clements is seriously ill at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Lorenzo Baker, of Heights avenue, Catonsville, with an attack of heart trouble, brought on by the infirmities of age. Early yesterday morning, while sitting before the stove, Mr. Clements suddenly fell to the floor unconscious. Dr. Marshall B. West applied artificial respiration and Mr. Clements regained consciousness. Mr. Clements is 78 years old.

Mr. Streett Asks Big Commission.

John Rush Streett, by his attorneys, Stevenson A. Williams and E. J. Cook, filed a suit yesterday in the Circuit Court at Towson against Beale R. Howard claiming $1,750 as a commission for the sale of the Verdon Valley Farm owned by Mr. Howard, which the plaintiff claims he negotiated. The farm brought $35,000, he states.

Mr. Bonaparte on Pharisees.

Former Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte last night addressed the Men's Club of St. Michael and All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, St. Paul and Twentieth streets, on The Pharisees. Preceding the lecture and following it recitations were given by Karl Schon, and there were also vocal solos by Jirard S. Chesnut and Dr. E. Merrill Hopkinson.

Mayor Favors Polytechnic Plans.

Mayor Preston yesterday sent a letter to the Board of Estimate favoring the establishment of the Health Department, municipal garage and other municipal offices in the old Polytechnic Institute Building on Courtland street. He wants the city officials, however, to go slow about the matter and throughtfully consider the plan.

Receivers Are Discharged.

The Riordan Coffee Company having settled with its creditors, Judge Duffy yesterday in the Circuit Court passed an order dimissing the proceedings instituted against it and discharging the receivers appointed by the court some time ago. The company will now continue business at its old location, 304 Exchange Place.

SOCIETY

Mrs. John Gross, of Pittsburgh, was the guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Richard Morton, at her home, on the Severn.

Miss Julia Dixon is the guest of Miss Alice Cox at her home, near Easton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Dupont and Mrs. Dupont's sister, Miss Heyward, are spending some time at the Breakers, Palm Beach.

Mrs. Thomas R. Brown and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan K. Brent, have returned from Atlantic City, where they were guests at the Dennis.

Mr. Herman Huffer is convalescing, after a recent illness.

Miss Eleanor Dulany will be the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Philemon Dickinson, at her home, in Philadelphia, and will be among the Baltimoreans to attend the bal masque.

Mr. Hopper Emory has returned from a short visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Haxall Harrison will return tomorrow from their honeymoon, spent in Atlantic City and New York, and will spend the remainder of the winter at the Latrobe, where they have taken an apartment. Mrs. Harrison was formerly Miss Gladys Perin.

Mrs. Luther M. R. Willis and her sister, Miss Helen Vogeler, are spending several weeks in Atlantic City.

Miss Agnes Whiting, who has been confined to her apartment with tonsilitis, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell Deford have returned to their home, on St. Paul street, after a visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav L. Stewart, of the Green Spring Valley, are spending a few days in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Eric Bergland and Miss Mary Brita Bergland are spending a few days with friends in Washington.

Mrs. W. Newton Smith entertained at cards yesterday afternoon at her apartment at the Homewood.

Mrs. John C. Rose has returned from a visit to friends at Port Deposit, Md.

Mrs. Seabury Davies will give a card party this afternoon at her home, on Park avenue.

Mrs. Charles B. Penrose gave the third of a series of small luncheons and card parties yesterday afternoon at her home, on North Calvert street.

Miss Esther Foote, of Washington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Erhard von Knobloch at their home, on St. Paul street.

Miss Beverly James is spending some time with friends in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Ross Holloway