PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Next Week Should Be Notable in Local Theatres.

EDWARD TERRY COMING.

W. S. Harkins Stock Company to Open in the Opera House ---Terry at the York Theatre in "Sweet Lavender."

Next week should be a notable one to St. John theatre goers. Edward Terry, the dean of the English stage, will appear for one night only at the York Theatre, while W. S. Harkins' stock company, will open a three weeks' engagement at the Opera house. The coming of Terry I have long looked forward to with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation. He holds, on the English stage, the same position as Joseph Jefferson on the American stage, but, unlike Jefferson he is not known to fame by his success in one role alone. Among American critics it is an open question, whether Jefferson made Rip Van Winkle, or whether Rip Van Winkle made Jefferson. Any way you look at it the result is the same. Joseph and Rip are so closely identified one with the other, that to separate them would be as cruel as to divide the Siamese twins. Terry is different. He is associated with the role of Dick Phenyl, in "Sweet Lavender," one of Pinero's first and most amateurish productions, which he has played more than 4000 times. Some critics will say that it is his greatest creation, but instantly forth comes an Englishman who has seen Terry in "The House of Burnside" or "Love and Idleness" and declares his Burnside in the first named play or his "Wilberforce Pendelbury" (I think that is the part) in "Love and Idleness are much superior to his Phenyl. It is simply a matter of view-point, but, at any rate Terry is superb in all of them.



EDWARD TERRY,
The Famous English Actor.

As for Sweet Lavender, the bill which Terry will produce for St. John's benefit, outside of the marvellous character of Phenyl, there is little to it.

It is about—well, about Sweet Lavender, the landlady's daughter, at 3 Brain Court Temple, where lodge Clement Hall and Dick Phenyl, law student and briefless barrister, respectively, Clement Hall is the adopted son of a rich banker, and nominally engaged to Miss Minnie Gillilian, the banker's niece; and he falls in love with the landlady's daughter, to the great perturbation, of his friend, Dick Phenyl, his aunt, Mrs. Gillilian, and the landlady's daughter's mother, herself; so much so that the aforesaid landlady's daughter's mother decides to run away, and hide herself and her child. The "wicked uncle," in the person of the banker, consigns his obstinate adopted son to the gutter, and fate promptly slaps him on the wrist, by smashing his bank for him, and further lacerates his feelings by revealing in the landlady's daughter's mother, the girl he had wronged eighteen years before. It is all very sad, but of course, prospective poverty produces penitence, "Sweet Lavender" and her mother come back, the banker repents and tries to make reparation, and the bank gets on its feet again, mainly through the disinterestedness of Dick Phenyl, whose legacy of $40,000 is the big claim against it. The heroic Richard modestly stands aside.

Other cities have accepted Terry with delight.

St. John withholds its verdict until after Thursday night.

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At the Opera House Monday night W. S. Harkins opens in "A Stranger in a Strange Land." The genial "William" is ever popular here and he will be warmly greeted this time as usual. With one or two exceptions his present company is new to St. John, but he says he has the best working company this year he has ever had. Managers always say that, but "Billy" Harkins usually makes good with what he announces, and right here permit me to rise and remark that the genial William seems to have discovered the elixir of perennial youth. He is not ashamed of his age and he has no reason to be, for he looks younger even than that When Harkins first came here he was a black-haired, ruddy-cheeked idol to the matinee girls. He looks just the same today. Time seems to have touched him lightly, although probably much of the secret is found in his unfailing good humor and genial temperament. If he ever has troubles no one knows it. Here's hoping he may never have any.

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Thos. W. Ross, when asked during the "Checkers" engagement, in Chicago, to give his views for publication on the much mooted decline of the stage, wrote:

"I do not sympathize with this talk about the decadence of the drama. There is a mathematical reason for disputing it. Dramatic writers since the glorious days of Greece have bemoaned the decadence of the drama. If they and their followers through the centuries, were right, the drama would have been lost in the deepest depths by this time. The great Junius once said: "A government can never long be much better or worse than the people it represents." So I think it is with the drama. The life of a play depends on its touch with the public. When the public turns down its thumbs, the play, like the gladiator of old has reached the end of its life. To say that the drama is in decadence is tantamount to saying that the public is. I refuse to endorse such a sweeping indictment. As a matter of fact, some people are prone to take the drama too seriously. I have always believed true, what one of the best critics Chicago ever had —E. J. McPhelam—once said: "The primary object of the drama is to entertain." "

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One of the best of the lesser roles in "The Heir to the Hoorah," which Kirke La Shelle is producing in New York this week, is that of Hush, a Japanese valet. With his customary leaning toward realism and atmosphere, Mr. La Shelle, with the aid of the Japanese Consul to New York, has foind for the role one T. Tamamoto, a young Jap who, before coming to work in one of the Japanese art stores on Fifth avenue, had been a local stage favorite in Tokyo.

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Walter Hale, leading man of Wm. H. Crane's company, purchased an 18-horsepower Northern touring car during the recent automobile show in Chicago. It will be shipped to Naples early in May, and Mr. Hale and his wife—Louise Closser Hale—now playing in "Abigail" at the Savoy, will make a tour through Italy and France to Paris, writing and illustrating a series of articles for Harper's Magazine.

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"I want to go into the show," said a countryman to the treasurer of a theatre where "The Bonnie Brier Bush" was playing recently, "and I don't want to be crowded, nuther; I'm willing to pay for what room I take up. How much does a seat cost?"

"One dollar and fifty cents," was the reply.

"How many does a seat hold?" was the next query.

"Only one," said the treasurer, wondering at the question.

"Well, that's all right," said the man, whose mind seemed to be relieved by the reply. "I bought a seat in a train comin' into town this morning and there was five of us on it before we reached here."

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MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local.

The collection taken in the cathedral yesterday for the orphans amounted to about $270.

It was Ellsworth McBeth, engineer, who met with painful injury Wednesday afternoon on board the tug Nereid.

Information from Yarmouth yesterday was to the effect that the shareholders of the Bank of Yarmouth are very likely to be called upon for double liability.

A letter has been sent to the branches and some of the friends of the L. D. A. by Rev. J. A. Richardson, president, and Rev. C. W. Hamilton, secretary, announcing that the date of the annual meeting of the provincial L. D. A. has been changed to the 31st. inst.

An icicle about six or seven inches through fell from the roof of the Windsor Hotel yesterday afternoon and it went crashing through the skylight of Freeze Bros.' workshop. Fortunately there was no one below at the time. The damage done will probably be covered by $20 or $30.

William Harvey, one of the chain gang, escaped yesterday afternoon on Marsh Road, as the gang were returning to the jail. He slipped his hand out of the handcuffs and ran. Harvey, who is 22 years of age, was sentenced about a week ago for being drunk, profane and resisting the police.

On Monday evening a concert will be given in the school room of St. David's Presbyterian church, under the auspices of St. David's Young Peoples' Association. A good programme has been arranged, which will be rendered by Miss Smith, Miss Manning, Miss Fowler, Miss Sinclair, Mrs. H. Cole, Mrs. C. Freeze, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Barnes, Messrs. McGowan, Cairns, North, and others. The evening will be national and the programme will consist of English, Scotch and Irish, music.

Provincial.

Several passengers who wished to go from Moncton to St. John yesterday morning in No. 134 were left standing on the station platform, on account of the train leaving ahead of the train for Halifax. Usually the St. John train does not leave until after 33 pulls out, and the St. John men relied upon the same course being followed today, but they were fooled.

General.

Fire broke out in the third floor of the Crompton block, a five story building in the heart of the mercantile district, Worcester, Mass., last night, and wrecked the building with an estimated loss of upwards of $150,000.

Mrs. Mary Kenchett, aged 82 years was burned to death at Eastport yesterday in a fire that destroyed a two-tenement house at Lord's Cove, Deer Island (N. B.)

The household property of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was sold at auction yesterday to A. D. Nelson, of New York, for $25,200. Samuel L. Winternitz, of Chicago, was the second highest bidder, with a bid of $25,100. There were twenty bidders.

RINKS CLOSE TONIGHT.

That skating is popular in St. John has been proven by the large number of people who have patronized the rinks of this city during the past few months. On band nights, carnivals, hockey matches, or whatever the attraction was, the rinks have been well filled, and the St. John people have shown that skating and ice sports are always popular here. Tonight will be the last chance the people of this city will have to indulge in this form of pleasure, as both rinks will close after this evening for the season. At the Queen's and Victoria rinks the managers report a very successful season and the patronage has been ahead of previous years.

ONE THING LACKING.

A Southern planter was asking one of his colored servants about her wedding.

'Yes, suh,' she said, 'it was jes' the finest weddin' you ever see—six bridesmaids, flowers, everywhere, hundreds of guest, music an' er heaps er prayin'.'

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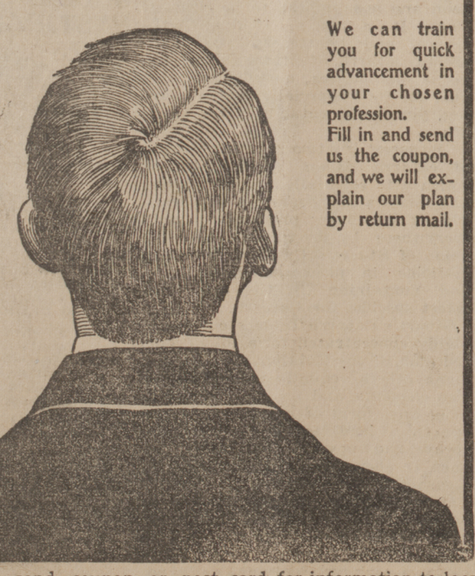
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