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They Say They Do but Do They?

The Detroit United Railway Ad- vertise That They Do.

The following is taken from the Detroit United Railway advertisements published and scattered over all their many suburban lines:

"First car leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m. and hourly until 11:00 p. m. Last car waits for the theater."

Relying on the above statement made most public through the columns of this great moral organ, Mitchell, we as editor of this great periodical, start "Othello" as presented by Robert Mantel at the Lyceum Thursday night of last week. The play closed at 11:10 p. m. We short-legged country editor made a bet for the door, pulled on his top coat while running on the street, and at 11:15 stood looking for the yellow car with the green eye which lands you at home, sweet home, in one hour by any body's watch. Did he see it? I guess yes—after all. We suppose the attraction by Mitchell in his helpless, lost, crestfallen, dazed condition was what caused the big Majestic policeman to kindly ask the cause of all the commotion on the street and the perturbation in Mitchell's heart, and soon discovered that it was the anguishes of Mitchell to know if the Birmingham car had gone.

IT HAD! Sharp on eleven.

The Temple people were just going out of that playhouse.

Well, it was all up with Father. He then went into a slender construction store, called up the Woodward Ave. car barn and found out that that lovely servant of the company would not and said he could not offer any assistance to help out in the trouble. Mitchell peered and asked the car (the green eye monster) with the yellow body, headed for Pontiac, he held at the axle road and the quartette (a young Royal Oak gentleman with two young ladies having just in an appearance at this time and were in the same fix as Mitchell) take a Woodward Ave. car and catch it there. The voice replied, "No telephone there." Strange, isn't it, when not a car coming this way but what happens there for a telephone order to either proceed or wait as the case may be!

Well, all this could there was no help for it but stay in the city all night.

When S. Hendrie owned the road, if a case of this kind occurred he would, if necessary, run a special car with one passenger to keep his word with the public.

The Detroit United Railway says the last car waits for the theater. Note the "s," making it plural, meaning more than one theater.

If one, we all know that means the Detroit Opera House, for we have sat in a car many a time until 11:10, 11:15 and as late as a quarter to 12 waiting for some lengthy D. O. H. play to cease. Now we will wager that where one Birmingham patron goes the Detroit Opera House there are 50 who use the cheaper playhouses. Now we claim our 15c worth as much as the D. U. R. Company as the one who attends the D. O. H. and when there are 49 more just like us, we think the company should consider the minority—the common herd.

Suppose, for the sake of the business, even, must according to the practice now be on the car at 11 or run the risk and expense of staying over night, and what is trying to the nerves is to leave your play unfinished and then in your car half an hour waiting for the D. O. H. play to come to an end.

We have heard it said that the reason that the cars will not wait for any other theater but the Detroit Opera House is because of a few shysters to the car people have been withdrawn and therefore innocent people must be left by the way side unless they wear silk stockings and attend grand opera at the Detroit, where one person can make the other 40 wait for him an hour if necessary, but if his show is over and the other 40 have to stay one minute after 11 it's all off with them!

Mitchell's troubles only began when he found out the car had left him. They materialized fast and furious after his arrival home when he found handbills all over town advertising "Another Mysterious Disappearance." Detroit parties called for him every minute the next day congratulating him on his safe return. The sufferer now wears a steel suit and a base ball mask around home and patiently sings "When this cruel war is over."
A gain, they say they do but do they?

Fuller-McKee Wedding.

The following notice was taken from the Crawfordsville (Ind.) Journal, dated Thursday, D. C. 26, 1901, and concerns Miss Julia McKee, daughter of Rev. S. V. McKee. Mr. McKee was a farmer pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place.

The afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Rev. S. V. McKee, on east Jefferson street, occurred the marriage of Miss Julia V. McKee and Columbus C. Fuller, Cleveland, Ohio. The ceremony was prettily decorated with holy, cedar, palms and flowers, and in the west parlor where the ceremony occurred an archway had been erected, festooned with cedar and holy. Just before 3:30 o'clock Mrs. Walter McKee Elliott, of Ladoga, rendered very beautifully the song, "I doed" by Arthur Trevelyan. Its conclusion the pianist, Mrs. George Benedict, of Winona, began the wedding march from Lohegrin, to which the bride party entered the parlor. First came the bridesmaid, Miss Carrie McKee, a sister of the bride, and the groom's best man, Dwight Messick, of Cleveland. Next came the flower girl, Elizabeth Alice of Winona, and followed by the bride and groom. They looked very beautiful in a costume of Manila gauze over silk and carried a shower bouquet of hydrangea. The bride party were met in front of the arch by the officiating clergyman, Rev. Samuel V. McKee, father of the bride, and his assistant, Rev. S. V. McKee, brother of the bride. The double ring ceremony was read and it was a very impressive and beautiful service. As the conclusion the pianist played the Schottengard Grand March, to which the bride party led the way to the dining room. The dining room was beautiful with its Christmas trimmings of green, and light refreshments were served. About thirty guests were present and after refreshments joined in extending congratulations and best wishes. The bride was made the recipient of many handsome articles of china, silverware and jewelry. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller left on the evening train for a wedding tour, their destination being unknown. After a visit in Cleveland they will be at home after April 1st, at Mt. Silenus, Motestier district, Rhode Island. The groom will be the superintendent of an industrial plant to be built by the Congressional Board of Foreign Missions. The bride is a cultured young lady of many splendid traits of character, and in winning the heart of the bride Mr. Fuller is to be congratulated.

Traver's New Departure.

On January 1 the business house of R. H. Traver, the Woodward avenue clothing man, was reorganized as a joint stock company. T. P. Dwyer, Walter H. Washington, Arthur T. Brennan and Frank L. Ford were taken in as partners with Mr. Traver. All of the men, with the exception of Mr. Washington, have been with the house since it was opened twenty years ago. The officers of the new company are R. H. Traver, president; T. P. Dwyer, vice president; secretary and treasurer, W. H. Washington.—Detroit Free Press.

WHICH SHALL IT BE Wonderland and Temple Theater or the Avenue Theater?

From The River Rouge Leader.
Now that Wonderland and the Temple theater is again open to the public, the people of this village who are of moderate means, again have a playhouse where they can enjoy several hours of pleasure and not be forced to stand during the entire performance or else go down in their pocket and part with half a day's pay, as they were obliged to do during the remodeling of Wonderland and Temple theater.

After expending a mint of money in remodeling the new Temple theater, the management of that house, contrary to the expectations of the opponents of the Avenue—again threw the doors of the Avenue—open to the public. The management of that house, contrary to the expectations of the opponents of the Avenue—again threw the doors of the Avenue—open to the public. The management of that house, contrary to the expectations of the opponents of the Avenue—again threw the doors of the Avenue—open to the public.

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The Popular Priced Dry Goods House of Michigan.
ANNUAL CLEARING SALE
Reduced prices to eclipse all former efforts. Our stock must be reduced as prices will be MADE TO DO IT QUICKLY.

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There'll be no sales, no blaring of trumpets to herald the change—instead business will be continued as it has in the past and every minute we will be endeavoring to make your money buy more worth than you'd expect.

If you have time and money we've something in suits at \$10 and \$12 that will no doubt interest you—regular prices, did you ask?—Yes they are, but regular prices at Traver's means more worth than do special ones elsewhere.

To all we wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

R. H. TRAVER, 171-173-175 Woodward Ave. - DETROIT.

your letter announcing that in addition to the usual courtesies of a season's past they would pay extra for the extra space required for one issue.

Now, that we have laid the plan facts fairly and honestly before you, we ask that you give the matter due consideration and decide "Which Shall It Be," an excellent show in a model house at a one-price admission, or a show similar in an inferior house at a double-price admission.

We would like to hear from our brother editors on the treatment they have received at the hands of the management of this infant play house.

We are heartily in accord with the above article and feel that the Eccentric has been most beautifully benefited by the management of the Avenue. Our statement was very much like the Leader's, only more so. After burrowing for the Avenue and with the closing up of reliable old Wonderland, we are sorry to say we did help the crowds to wander the Avenue. We will never do so any more. A pass good for Editor Eccentric and one was issued to the Eccentric and the sick, only Pitt signed out to the editor that it was worth \$104 per annum—and we believed it—until we had an opportunity to use it and found that it was worth two 25c seats, provided you came an hour before doors open and got in line. If you didn't you stood up or backed out as you felt. Here's the promise:

AT THE THEATERS.

WHITNEY.
It has never before occurred in the history of the American stage that a playwright has so successfully aroused the emotions of the people that women fainted in the audience and men have sat in rapt attention. The play is the greatest of The Night, before Christmas, the greatest pastoral drama now on the American stage. It will be given a production at the Whitney Opera House for one week beginning Sunday afternoon.

LYCEUM

Probably there is no greater comedy of its kind in the American stage today than "The Little Minister" which commences next Sunday. The book is long and tells of the love of a rough, sunny-hearted lad, Habbie and the Rev. Gavin Diarist in the Scotch village of Thrums. It begins in Scotland and ends at the last in California as his own.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Going's Corner Shoe Store,

PONTIAC, MICH.