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Birmingham's water is in better condition today than it has been at any time during the past two years, according to Ray E. Spokes, of the Detroit Testing Laboratory, who has been testing the water during that period. "We have been making frequent biological tests of the water in Birmingham for more than two years," he said. "The water in better condition than it is right now," Mr. Spokes said. He further indicated that there is no liability of another water supply in the city that kept the water for three weeks last August. The condition at that time was due to bacteria in the water and necessitated chemical treatment. The tests are made from four villages, the pumping station and the water tower, the samples being taken by the laboratories in the town and tested there. The samples showed absolutely no pollution, Mr. Spokes said.

"Birmingham is lucky to have such a splendid water test. With the warm weather upon us, the condition of drinking water is of paramount importance. I have among the leaders of the perfect year. It is literally 'aqua pura'."

Theaters

GARRICK

The one hundred and ninth performance of "Broadway" was celebrated at the Garrick Theater, Detroit, last Sunday night when the stars of New York's night life perhaps the most successful play of the day, entered upon its fourth month in that city. "Broadway," now in its second year of existence, is at present on view in New York, London and Detroit, and the three companies are playing to large audiences despite the summer heat. Incidentally, preparations are now on foot to start rehearsals for the fourth company of "Broadway" which will invade Boston in early September. Four other units will be assembled in rapid succession afterwards for other points in the United States.

Philip Dunning, executive of "Broadway," with George Abbott, was last week named general stage director for the various companies.

The Detroit company of "Broadway" continues to win favor as being one of the best units to date, many visitors declaring that Detroit is actually seeing a better company than that on view at the Broadhurst Theater, New York. Not the least interesting feature of this comedy drama is the fact that it can be seen again and again and "the kick" is still in it. It is a drama of love, legerdemain and the shoddy backstage atmosphere of a night club, and the more one studies it, the more one feels inclined to accept it as a cabaret classic.

Wallace Ford, Joseph King, Marshall Bradford, Grace Huff, Gustave Roffand, Harriet E. MacGibbon, Lee Smith, Catherine Collins and Edward Cannell are among the leaders of the perfect year.

will not wish to miss. When grandmother arrives on the scene in "Father's Affair," the attraction which began Monday night, things begin to happen so quickly that the audience can hardly keep up with the action. "Father's Affair" handles the eternal triangle delicately and from an entirely new angle. It is not built around any single character or person. It is a story of three generations, and is the kind of play that will interest people of all ages. It will interest those hovering around forty because it exposes their follies, and it will fascinate those between the ages of twenty and thirty, because it shows how to achieve happiness. It will satisfy the old folks because "Father's Affair" makes them judge and pity of their progeny.

Unlike most vehicles based upon the unfaithfulness or forgetfulness of man and wife, the

author Arthur Henry, has attacked the divorce with a sensitive and deeply human standpoint. None of his characters are hiding a part of a present. Compiling with the many requests which flooded the Playhouse office following the annual Spring Dance Recital, Miss Bonstelle announces a short dance program by the Bonstelle-Cassan dancers, including Mlle. Cassan, Thayer Roberts and Olga Fricke, preceeding the performance. The curtain will rise at 8:15 as usual, and several numbers of novel and unusual beauty, employing unusual stage lighting, will be given by the dancers before the play. Miss Bonstelle is happy to give the public this opportunity of seeing some of the excellent work accomplished by these talented dancers.

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COUNTY BOARD APPROVES TAX

Unanimous approval of the state's new three-cent tax on gasoline was given Saturday morning at the meeting of the Oakland County board of supervisors, and all voted against submitting the question to a referendum. A portion of the tax would be refundable to each county in the state to be used for necessary road construction.

It appears that the famous Harfield McCoy tragedy is at last ended. The family war here in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia, which raged over a razor-back hog and cost the lives of all men and one woman during a period of more than 15 years, was recalled when Bob McCoy and Joe Hatfield, descendants of the feud, met at the hotel and shook hands before a camera. They are students and alumni at Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va.

BONSTELLE

The week of July 11th is planned to be a most interesting one at the Bonstelle Playhouse, Detroit, and one that regular patrons



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Oct. 9, 1910	\$ 100,500.52
Dec. 31, 1910	162,424.87
Dec. 31, 1915	434,329.17
Dec. 31, 1920	935,566.34
December 31, 1921	\$1,142,205.04
December 31, 1922	\$1,207,990.88
December 31, 1923	\$1,328,114.05
December 31, 1924	\$1,605,483.27
December 31, 1925	\$2,209,579.36
December 31, 1926	\$2,828,390.34
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