

LEGION NAMES NEW OFFICERS

Lloyd L. Stanley Succeeds Leon Mix As Commander

Lloyd L. Stanley was elected commander of the Charles Edwards post of the American Legion at the annual elections held last week at the Community House. He succeeds Leon Mix, who was commander last year. Mr. Stanley was vice-commander last year.

The other officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Charles Misener, vice-commander; Peter Aristos, adjutant; Leon Mix, financial officer; George Wimsatt, welfare officer; Ernest Moody, sergeant-at-arms; and the Rev. F. E. Logee, chaplain.

METHODIST CHURCH IS PERILED BY FIRE

Slight damage was done by a fire Friday afternoon in the First Methodist Church, caused by an overheated oven. The blaze was quickly under control following the arrival of the Birmingham fire department.

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Theaters

NEW DETROIT

On Sunday evening Oct. 2, at the New Detroit Opera House, the Civic Repertory Theater of New York, the institution of which Miss Eva Le Gallienne is the manager and director—will present "The By Gregorio and Maria Sierra," which is the most widely discussed and the most popular of the eight productions made by the organization last season. The play is sent on tour this year, in order to extend the influence and the benefits of the Civic Repertory Theater to playgoers in cities other than New York. The influence of the organization is toward widening public appreciation of the finer things in drama, and its benefits are in presenting the best of plays, worthy mounted as may reasonably be charged, New York responded to the innovation in wholehearted fashion, and should there be a similar response from the play-going public in other cities, Miss Le Gallienne will send out a company each year in the play that has been the most successful at the Civic Repertory Theater, New York during the preceding season.

"The Cradle Song" is a delicate and charming comedy-drama dealing with life in a Spanish cloister in the present period. It is the joint work of Gregorio and Maria Martinez Sierra, both of whom are notable figures in the artistic life of Madrid. The comedy-drama has been performed thousands of times in Spain and has been translated into the German, Italian and French, in which language it has been successfully played in the chief theaters of Europe. The plot of the comedy is simple in the extreme, yet, through deft and masterly craftsmanship, the authors have made it the foundation of a drama so emotionally invigorating and forceful in its background, and it is the quality in the play that has offered opportunity to Miss Le Gallienne for the display of her unusual genius in the intricate art of stage direction.

The company is headed by Mary Shaw and includes in its membership Harry Davenport, Phyllis Rankin, Zita Johann, Mary Hope, Alexander Kirkland, Mary Arden and Albert Moore. The stage settings and costumes were designed by G. E. Calliorn, who now designs exclusively for the Civic Repertory Theater.

CASS

With the uproarious Clark and McCullough at the helm "The Hamblers," a musical show of acrobatic knowledge pre-eminence, encountered itself at the Cass Theater New York, this production ran into a second season as one of the funniest pieces ever concocted. Never before have Clark and McCullough registered with such results as the laugh-meter, and as the stars of "The Hamblers" are now at the peak of their career. Philip Goodman, the producer has surrounded these comedians with a brilliant supporting company. Marie Saxon, who won a distinct place in musical comedy with personal successes in recent seasons, is a valued member. Georgia O'Keefe also figures conspicuously. In the cast are found such personalities as Milly Taylor, Ruth Tester, Sam Critcherson.

Elected

DR. HUGO ERICHSEN
Dr. Erichsen, 208 Harmon avenue, was elected a life member of the Cremation Society of America at this year's annual convention, held in Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 9 and 10. The honor was bestowed on him in recognition of his services as delegate of the association to the Sixth International Cremation Congress, held at Wiesbaden, Germany, in Aug., 1926. Dr. Erichsen served as president of the association from 1913 until 1916, and since that time has been an honorary member. He is also an honorary member of eight foreign cremation societies.

Norma Gallo, Wm. E. Browning, Nita Jacques, Horton Spurr, Harry Miller, John Klenon, Elaine Lank, Lloyd Pedrick, Gertrude Edwards, Al Watson and Harry Permaine. In two acts and fourteen scenes, with 129 speaking parts, "The Hamblers" takes rank with the most pretentious outputs of the day.

The possession of the plot and melody in "The Hamblers" has unquestionably made as strong an appeal as any other play in the production, but Mr. Goodman gives much credit to the players he has chosen.

SHUBERT

Not in the history of musical comedy has there been such nightly enthusiasm shown for any musical play as there is for Arthur Hammerstein's well known musical comedy "Rose Marie" which returned to the Shubert Detroit Opera House for one second night, beginning Sunday evening, Sept. 25, with matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

The color scheme, the costuming and the chorus groupings and stage movements are so absolutely new and ideal that they mark a high-water line in this field of endeavor and set a standard that has never before been equaled and probably will not be soon.

For those who like good musical accompaniment to their entertainment there is a rich, refreshing and a red-handed score by the well known composer, Rudolf Friml, and Herliert Stothart, which is superbly beautiful and when you leave the theater it is with the feeling that you have heard and seen something that was really worth while; something which is seldom do with the general run of musical plays.

BONSTELLE

Miss Bonstelle has displayed for usual good taste in the selection of her opening attraction for the winter season at the Playhouse, Detroit—"The Last of Mrs. Cheyne." Frederick Lonsdale's sparkling, modern drawing room comedy which played for over a year at the Fair Theater in New York, with Ina Claire in the title role.

Bonstelle patrons will also have the opportunity of seeing Miss Bonstelle's foremost of leads, an added feature of her new season.

lightful practice, subdued action, English, yet somehow tuned just right for the discriminating tastes of America. It is an eye-fall and an earful that serves money—worth in entertainment, amusement, thrill and reaction.

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During the new season Miss Bonstelle's new policy is a run of two weeks for each play.

GARRICK
"FOG" John Willard's sensational mystery melodrama began its second week at the Garrick Theater Sunday Night.

When "FOG" was first produced it was heralded as "The Thrill of Thrillers," and the most exciting play ever written. It lives up to certain rises on the first act there is a feeling of something eerie and weird in the atmosphere and no sooner does "FOG" show her self than the grip of terror is fast.

ened with gripping force on all who look at her.

Willard has made excellent use of the material he put into making this melodrama, tragic and comic, and has wrought an absorbingly interesting play from them. It has more probability than most mystery dramas and for that reason is very dramatic and for that reason the others that have won popularity.

A good company evenly balanced, with no careless acting anywhere is interpreting the play. Leslie King plays the role of "Ephie Kelly, the fanatic mistress with tragic intensity, in the stage every member of the company gives a good account of himself.

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