

THEATERS

LAFAYETTE

Ever since the days of "The Man From Home" William Hodge has been one of those stars who has enjoyed nation-wide popularity. Season after season he has visited all the important theatres of the United States until his name is now a household word. He is celebrating his twenty-first year on the American stage.

Although he has been on the stage 35 years, it was just 21 years ago this month that "William Hodge" in electric lights appeared over the Astor Theatre, New York, for the first time. That was the commencement of his memorable six seasons in "The Man From Home." Mr. Hodge is now celebrating his "coming-of-age" as a star by presenting himself in "Straight Thru the Door" at the Shubert Lafayette for two weeks commencing Sunday, Dec. 9.

"Straight Thru the Door" offers Mr. Hodge every opportunity to display his talents and personality. His role is that of an actor who is trying to complete a country home for himself and family during summer vacation.

While "Straight Thru the Door" depicts somewhat from Mr. Hodge's usual type of offering, in that it is a mystery comedy unfolding a murder story which promises both thrills and suspense, yet Mr. Hodge's well-known wit and quaint humor are

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LAWRENCE BROTHERS IN NEW QUARTERS

Lawrence brothers brake service company is now located in its new garage at 534 south Woodward avenue. The change of location was made, Monday, by the owners, Ray and Lynn Lawrence. The new building, formerly owned by Morris Levinson and was constructed by Glenn Rautier.

The former location on Pierce street is now used for a service garage in conjunction with the Hupmobile sales company managed by Ray V. Orleman.

formance. They are playing with a burlesque road company. Act two transpires in a New York room where there is a party in progress. This is played to the accompaniment of jazz. It is here that a climax is reached when the comic, finding that his wife has completely lost faith in him and is about to leave him for the Westerner, extemporizes a synopsis of the wedding march and whirls himself out of the room.

The last act is in a theatre in Paterson, closing with the show as seen from "out front." A replica of a burlesque performance is given in its entirety.

Mrs. Jane Mandeville of Port Crane, N. Y., will cast her first vote on her 50th birthday, thereby laying claim to being the oldest new voter in the country.

Robert Bertley of Wichita, Kan., after pleading guilty to guilty to stealing a car was freed because he had a perfect Saturday school attendance for 10 years.

Joseph Moore of East Dulwich, Eng. died at the age of 100, which though when only two years old physicians said he could not outlive infancy.

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still the most important and essential part of the entertainment. A company that supported him in New York, surrounds the star, which includes Margaret Mullen, Edith Shayne, Walker Fenner, William Cullen, Arthur Donaldson, Ann Roth, Majorie Lytell, Leland Chandler, John Edwards, Abbott Adams, Jack Chestman, Maurice Barrett, Jack C. Connolly Virginia Wallace, Wm. De Rose and Charles Douglas.

CIVIC
"The Ghost Train" a thrilling mystery drama, engages the attention of the Detroit Civic Theatre beginning next Monday night. Craig Ward, Vera Allen, Miriam Sears and George Blackwood have important parts, and Gertrude James appears in a character part. This comedy ran for over 30 weeks at the Copley Theatre in Boston and was successful in New York. It is being presented by request.

The story is based on a superstition in a country town that periodically a ghost-train swings

at night, bringing death to all who see it. The scene is the waiting-room of the railway station where several benighted travellers have taken refuge. There the fun begins, and the thrills too.

"*They Name is Woman*," the German drama by Karl Schoenherr, continues for four more special performances, Wednesday day matinees and evenings, Dec. 13 and 19, with Clara Clemens, Walter Sherwin, Craig Ward and Arthur Davison. This is a fascinating romance of Spanish smugglers and young love, full of dramatic scenes and picturesque situations. This is only its second appearance in Detroit in English. The first production was in 1921.

CASS
The comedy called "Burlesque" will be presented by Arthur Hopkins at the Cass Theatre next Monday night for a limited engagement. Mr. Hopkins produced the play, and is co-author, with George Manker Waters, Hal Skelly and Barbara Stanwyck are the featured players. Skelly transferred from musical comedy and vaudeville to the legitimate. Miss Stanwyck came from a night-club with only one previous part on the stage, and that a minor role. They arrive with the same original company surrounding them.

The play itself is about life backstage. It tells the story of a young and very clever but occasionally alcoholic comedian who is separated from his wife, another performer, in the glamour of his first New York engagement. She passes up the opportunity of marrying a rich and steady cattleman from the West who adores her, and she goes after Skelly the comic. He drag him away from a drinking bout and send him dancing again, with her as his partner. All this is set in a framework of tight and jazz.

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