

Theatres

Royal Has a Treat.
After a week's vacation, Royal patrons may whet their appetites up for a keen treat during the whole of the coming week, with the presentation of one of the best known musical comedy shows of the entire season, a show that has just returned from a long tour of the middle west, playing through Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas a solid season to successful business.

E. F. Mersereau is the producer of this show and it is presented with Miss Lottie LeClaire in the leading roles. Miss LeClaire is a musical comedy actress of known qualifications and has appeared in some of the big road companies for many seasons. At the head of her own show, "The Mile-a-Minute Girls," all the artistry that she gave with her past performances comes within the reach of patrons of the Royal.

A distinct feature with this show is the Pullman Quartette, the best harmony singing vocalists ever presented at the Royal. Harry Pepper and Bob Oswald in the comedy leads, and a chorus composed of six comely maidens, together with Miss Viola Pepper in specialty singing and dancing, gives this show some of the biggest specialties seen here during the season.

The serial chapters which were missed during the past week will be presented during this week as usual.

Billie Burke.
Billie Burke in "Mysterious Miss Terry" is a rare treat for Grand patrons the last two days of the coming week.

Her's is a wonderful appeal because of her inimitable magnetism, and it is said without fear of contradiction that Burke pictures will be sought after as favorites by all motion picture lovers.

Then too, Paramount has provided her with a vehicle in "The Mysterious Miss Terry" that is precisely fitted for her best latent qualifications. She has opportunities galore to display what a talented scene comedienne she really is, something she has never been enabled to do before because of the proper story.

Gelett Burgess, one of the best-known authors and humorists, wrote this story, and if he had had Miss Burke in mind at the time he could not have done a solitary bit better. It's conceded his best work, and he himself is delighted that Miss Burke is to play the part of Mavi Terry, which he says "is my pet character."

Every person in the world loves mystery. Even the youngsters wanted to be detectives; the elders can always solve the most mystical things. And it's natural. Everyone loves mysterious things. In this production every one will get their fill in such measure that they will find it the most delightful entertainment they have ever attended.

Wonders have been accomplished in the settings of this production. Mystery stories need mysterious settings the type of thing that will keep people on edge. Well, they are provided here in an overflowing abundance.

J. Searle Dawley directed this production, and everyone in the industry knows that what he does is stamped with perfection. He was the man who directed Marguerite Clark in most of her big successes, particularly that of "Snow White," and he has more than excelled himself in this picture. Effects in photography have been attained that astonish the most critical.

Minister Praises Picture.

A well known New York minister, the Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, in a two column story featured in The New York American, said the following in part about William Fox's million dollar "Picture Beautiful," "A Daughter of the Gods":
"Of 'A Daughter of the Gods' we may say what Enebarbus said to Cleopatra as she reclined in queenly state in her gilded barge on the Styx, that 'age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety. For her own corse beggared all description.'"

"One cannot describe 'A Daughter of the Gods.' This wonderful photodrama defies the fondest descriptive powers and laughs to scorn every attempt to tell just what it is. It is a little bit of everything—the Orient and the Occident, the ancient days and the days that are now passing, politics, religion, war, fairy land and variety, dream and hard fact, love and hate and good and evil all mingled in together, yet not without order, the whole mighty spectacle pointing toward and finding its completeness in the great truth laid down by the apostle in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians: 'Now abideth, faith hope love, but the greatest of these is love.'"

"The splendor, the artistic triumphs, the congregated magnificence of the play surpass even the ordinary imagination, and it is best not to attempt to write about them. A masterpiece. That is what the play is in itself, and as regards the story, no grander one was ever told by pen or tongue or picture. For two hours and a half I sat literally entranced, wondering how on earth they were able to make such a spectacle or, having made it, to make it tell so splendidly and yet so plainly, its wonderful tale of undying love."

WHITEVILLE.

Whiteville, N. C., May 18.—Miss Kathleen Baldwin has returned home after a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baldwin in Dunn.

Miss Lillie Smith has returned home for the summer vacation. She has been teaching in a school near Wilmington.

Mrs. C. Brown, of Bolton, and daughter, Mrs. Willie Bullard, of



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"A Daughter of the Gods," at the Grand Monday and Tuesday.

LAURINBURG.

Laurinburg, May 18.—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eubanks spent the week-end with relatives at Monroes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Gibson and family of Gibson were visitors in Laurinburg Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Hampton Covington left Sunday for Hopewell, Va., where he will work for some time.

Mr. Edwin Cox of Wilmington spent Saturday in the city with his sister, Miss Estelle Cox.

Mrs. Carl McLean and little son, Carl, Jr., spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Rockingham.

Mr. E. F. Bullard and Miss Ruth Martin of near Fayetteville secured marriage license here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. John James, who has been located at Penniman, Va., for some time, is spending a few days with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hilliard and Miss Beas McIntyre of near Cheraw, S. C., spent Sunday in Laurinburg with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Caldwell of Concord and Mrs. R. M. McKemie of Laurens, S. C., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Cameron.

Commencement exercises of the Hasty school were held Monday and Tuesday of this week. Miss Marie Monroe is the popular teacher at Hasty.

Misses Pattie James and Katie McLean and Dr. F. P. James, Mr. A. L. James and Mr. Marshal James motored to Columbia and Camp Jackson Saturday.

Mrs. L. N. Lucas, Mrs. Joe Gurganus, Miss Emily Stewart and Mrs. M. A. McDougald spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hilliard of near Cheraw, S. C.

Dr. F. P. James returned Tuesday to New York after a visit of a few days here with home folks. Dr. James is assistant surgeon in the navy and was called to report in New York Wednesday.

It is announced that the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be celebrated at the Ida Mills Presbyterian church this Sunday morning, May 19. All members of the church are urged to be present and members of other churches will be welcomed.

The Red Cross class rooms were moved this week from the quarters upstairs over the postoffice in the First National Bank building to the rooms used last summer in the Murphy house at the corner of Main and Cronly streets.

Mr. S. R. Carter spent Saturday in Laurinburg with his sister, Mrs. Carl McLean. Mr. Carter has been located at Beaufort, S. C., for some time but has recently volunteered as a first class carpenter's mate in the navy and is going to France soon to engage in airplane construction work.

Byrdsville, was in town shopping Tuesday.

Misses Georgie and Marguerite Morton, who have been for the past three weeks visiting Mrs. S. R. Lumsden, have returned to their home in Waycross, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Davie Baldwin and children spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Lake Waccamaw.

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FAYETTEVILLE.

Fayetteville, May 18.—The Haymount Book club met Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Red Cross rooms. The meeting was well attended and of a very interesting nature.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bowen have moved into the residence of Mrs. A. H. Shocumb on Dick street.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Griffith will remove to Wilmington the first of June, where Dr. Griffith will practice. Both are well identified with the city's life, particularly musically and in Red Cross work, and will be missed.

Mrs. Mary Martin Sloop is spending a period here with Mrs. J. A. McKeithan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Corley have returned from a short visit to New York.

Miss Nannie McGilvery has gone to Ocala Falls, Fla., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. J. C. Jackson.

Mrs. T. W. Dickson, of Greenville, Pa., and baby, who have been here as guests of Mrs. J. H. Culbreth, have gone to Raeford, where they will visit friends.

Miss Bessie McLean, of Maxton, who has been here for several days as the guest of Miss Fan Williams, of Gillespie street, has returned home.

E. M. Pemberton has gone to Greenville, where he will spend a period with his daughter and son-in-law, Lieutenant and Mrs. Hillary G. Winslow.

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