THEATRICAL

It isn't often that the editor of a theatrical department has a chance to recommend any attraction in advance from first-hand knowledge, and hence there is especial pleasure in declaring for the enjoyment of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" which comes to the Academy of Music, Saturday, matinee and night, March 13th.

This play ran all last season at the Astor and Gaiety Theatres in New York, the writer seeing it at the former playhouse, spending an evening of combined fun, thrills and absolute astonishment.

It is difficult to describe "Seven Keys to Baldpate" without betraying some of the surprises which constitute its greatest enjoyment to the playgoer. The action all takes place in a summer hotel in the dead of winter, a fact which in itself is sufficiently unusual. Hither comes one Billy Magee, a young novelist, who wants a place of absolute quiet in order to write a novel in record time, and who has been furnished with "the only key to Baldpate," by the owner of said Inn. Of course, as the title informs you, it turns out that there are six other keys to Baldpate, and there is no quiet in that Inn. You may be sure of that, for George M. Cohan wrote the piece. The first company, the one seen by the writer in New York, was not made up of famous people. Wallace Eddinger, who had the lead, was the only one of much reputation, but they were good players, and they were well rehearsed. The company we will see here contains rather more names of importance than the New York company. William Wagner, a young comedian of fine reputation, plays the author. Altogether this company promises as well as the first. And the play itself is great fun.

At the Victoria Today.

To use a trite expression Wilmington theatre-goers have gone "crazy" about the present fine attraction holding forth at the Victoria Theatre. The attraction is the well known McLeod and McDonald Musical Comedy Company and it has already won its way to the hearts and admiration of the folks of this city. This was attested by large audiences of yesterday and which showered the performances with most appreciative applause and spoke in the highest commendation of it. Today an all-new show goes on, the company presenting a new bill. It is the well known farce comedy, "The Battle of Not Yet", which has been set to music, so to speak, and it is a dandy in every way. There is plenty of laughter and an abundance of melody. And, by the way, the company is by long odds the greatest singing organization that has ever graced the stage of the Victoria. There are not several good singers, but all are good, led by the noted Harmonious Four. This in itself is a great headliner, but there are other big special features. Inez and Odey, two charming young women, who sing delightfully and dance gloriously, are stars and they are going to twinkle brightly again today. So don't miss seeing them, and also behold the many other swell features.

The new show will go on for the first time at matinee this afternoon, to be followed by two performances tonight. The matinee will especially please the ladies and children.

Great Mid-Week Show—New Grand.

Mid-week always rolls around an extraordinary show at the New Grand and today will not be an exception to this splendid rule. Today a great show will be offered the hundreds of followers of this, Wilmington's handsomest theatre. Five big pictures will make up the show. It will be a quintet of filmdom's greatest and finest. Leading the big procession today will be that clever and popular actor, Maurice Costello, who will be seen in a superb one-act playlet, "The Understudy, or Behind the Scenes." It is a story of stageland that is simply great and will fascinate every onlooker. Another big star of today's show is charming Mabel Trunnelle, who will appear in "Olive and the Heirloom," something decidedly dainty and very choice.

There is another great dramatic on today in Essanay's "The Creed of the Clan." It is the story of a man accused of murder, but saved through the perjury of a young man, who remembers that the accused paid for the burial of his mother. It is a beautiful, intense story that will reach every heart. There is still another that will grip the mind in the Biograph's "Fate's Protecting Army," with Augusta Anderson and H. Herbert in the stellar roles. The story has its beginning with a burglary.

Added to these gems for today is the very latest Hearst-Selig Pictorial Review.

"The Master Key"—Bijou

Today is the day again—the looked for day in Wilmington when the very greatest photoplay the world has been produced makes it regular weekly visit at the home of the Incomparable Movies", and presents two thrilling reels of the great "Master Key" serial drama, the world's master thriller. Today is the twelth installment, and easily outrivals the past episods two to one in realistic thrills.

In searching for the missing idol, what did Ruth and John Dore learn from the pawn broker regarding the strange Hindu who had it? How did they trace him to the steamer on which he was about to start for his trip to India, carrying with him the precious idol to be restored to its holy niche in their temple of gods? How did it come about that Sir Donald Faversham, the English suitor for the hand of Ruth Gallon, came to accompany John and Ruth on the perilous mission to India in an effort to recover the precious contents of the idol's head?

Had John Dore any idea what this trip would bring about, how it was destined to shatter an idol of his heart, more precious far than the deeds to the Master Key mine? Why was John Dore captured by the Indian natives, and what were the thrilling circumstances surrounding his capture? Promise did Sir Donald exact from Ruth before he would imperil his life in an effort to rescue John Dore from the natives, where he was about to be put to death? What was the extremely unwelcome predicament in which Ruth found herself as a result?

You who have read it know something about the answers to these questions, but you have no idea of the thrilling photoplay that depicts it in the twelfth installment. Come early if you want a seat.

THE HERO IN GEO. M. COHAN'S MYSTERY FARCE, "SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE," DECIDES THAT IT IS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Gives Great Discoveries to the People

Announcement has been made by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, that Dr. Walter F. Rittman of the Bureau of Mines, has just completed two epoch-making discoveries, which he desires patented for the free use of the people of the country.

The one, it is announced, will greatly increase the production of gasoline; the other will make the United States absolutely independent of the rest of the world in the production of materials necessary for the dye industry and the manufacture of high explosives. In this time of war, when the available supply of material for the making of high explosives has been diminished to a degree alarming to military men, one of the processes is considered to be a tremendous boon to this government, and the discovery has caused elation among ordnance experts.

It was in the chemical laboratories in Havemeyer Hall at Columbia University that Dr. Rittman did the work resulting in the two discoveries; he has been busy there on his work with petroleum products since last summer. Previous to his entrance into this task he had done two years' work at Columbia for a doctor's degree.

Dr. Rittman was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1883—thus he is now only 32—and received his early education in Ohio. After being graduated from Ohio Northern College, he came East and continued his studies in chemistry at Swarthmore College, where he later taught for some time. In 1910 and 1911 he was chief chemist of the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia.

BOTH BURIED SAME DAY.

Mr. Farris Died While at Washington to Attend Funeral of Father-in-Law.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., March 9.—News reached this city yesterday of a most unusual death which occurred at Washington, N. C., on Sunday morning. Last Thursday morning E. K. Willis, one of the most prominent citizens of the town, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis. On the following day he underwent an operation and on Saturday he succumbed to the attack. Mr. Willis had a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Farris, who resides at High Point and whose husband was a well known attorney of that place. They were notified of the death of Mr. Willis and at once went to Washington to attend the funeral. Sunday morning, while sitting in the home of the deceased, Mr. Farris was stricken with an attack of heart disease and dropped dead. Both bodies were interred in the cemetery at that place yesterday afternoon.

LOCAL BUTCHERS INVITED TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE.

To be Held at Experiment Station at Raleigh Friday.

West Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Animal Husbandman R. S. Curtis, in charge of beef cattle and sheep investigations at the Agricultural Experiment Station here, has issued a circular letter to "the local butchers of North Carolina" inviting them to attend a conference here Friday of this week. The letter follows:

"If you are interested in educating our people to using a better class of beef, we will be pleased to have you meet with us in Raleigh on Friday, March 12th, 1915. We are feeding 80 1,200 pound high grade Shorthorn steers at the Experiment Station farm here and would like very much to have you see them before they are shipped. These steers have been on fattening feeds since October 6th, 1914. They are divided into four lots of 20 steers each and have been fed different rations of cotton seed meal, cotton seed hulls and corn silage. You will no doubt be interested in seeing the marked effect of these feeds on the finish of the steers.

"We expect to have a good crowd of local butchers from over the State and will be prepared to meet you at the Agricultural building, West Raleigh, N. C., at 10 A. M., Friday, March 12th, when we will go to the Experiment Station farm and have informal talks and demonstrations on these steers.

"There will be in attendance also a number of Experiment Station workers who will give informal talks on the beef cattle industry in this State. This is an opportunity to gain some information, see some good cattle, and start a movement among your patrons for using a better class of beef."

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed at its session for the year A. D. 1915, entitled "An Act to Charter the City of Wilmington," and a resolution duly passed by the City Council of the City of Wilmington, and by the City Board of Elections for said City, adopted on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1915, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Wilmington and in the territory described in said Act, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, A. D. 1915, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Wilmington and in the territory described in said Act, the question of the ratification of said Act by the voters of said City, and the territory covered in said Act, as, and for, the charter of the City of Wilmington, at which said election those favoring the adoption of said Act as the charter of the City of Wilmington shall vote a written or printed ballot containing the words "For Charter," and those opposed to the adoption of said Act shall vote a written or printed ballot containing the words "Against Charter;" and that an entire new registration has been ordered for said election, and the registration books for the registration of electors, desiring to vote in said election shall be opened on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, A. D. 1915, and shall continue to be kept open up to and including the second Saturday preceding said election, Sundays excepted; and that the books will be kept open for the registration of electors residing in the various precincts, from 9 o'clock A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M., on each registration day except Saturdays, on which days the said registration books shall be kept open for registration until 9 o'clock P. M., on said day; and only those electors registering as required by law will be allowed to vote in said election.

That there have been established only six election precincts in the territory covered by said Act, namely: One precinct for each ward: The First Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the First Ward; The Second Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the Second Ward; The Third Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the Third Ward; The Fourth Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the Fourth Ward; The Fifth Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the Fifth Ward; The Sixth Ward precinct, covering the territory described in said Act as the Sixth Ward.

That the following named polling places, registrars and judges of elections have been named and designated for the purpose of holding and conducting said election, to-wit:

First Ward Precinct:

Polling Place—Engine House, 4th and Campbell streets.

Registrar—W. McD. Evans.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—W. H. Howe, Willie Kerr.

Second Ward Precinct:

Polling Place—Court House of New Hanover County, in basement at northwestern corner of said building.

Registrar—W. W. Hodges.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—E. H. Munson, C. H. Ward.

Third Ward Precinct:

Polling Place—Giblem Lodge, Eighth and Princess streets.

Registrar—J. R. Davis.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—Sam Wood, Norcum Hewlett.

Fourth Ward Precinct:

Polling Place — McClellan's Stables, No. 116 Dock street.

Registrar—F. W. Peiffer.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—W. A. Spooner, J. O. Reilly.

Fifth Ward Precinct.

Polling Place—New Engine House, Fifth and Castle streets.

Registrar—R. H. Orrell.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—Ike Burriss, W. W. Sellers.

Sixth Ward Precinct:

Polling Place—Mann's Store, Seventeenth and Market streets.

Registrar—J. F. Mann.

Poll Holders and Judges of Election—J. H. Womble, J. D. Edwards.

The polls will be opened on the day of election at 8 o'clock A. M., and remain open until sunset of said day, and no longer.

Each registrar will keep the registration books open for the registration of electors residing in the respective precincts, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5o'clock P. M., beginning Tuesday, March 9th, up to and including the second Saturday preceding said election, Sunday excepted, except on Saturdays, when the said registration books shall be kept open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M. No registration will be allowed on election day except to such persons as shall give satisfactory evidence to the registrar and the judges of election that he has become of the age of twenty-one years, or otherwise has become qualified to register and vote since the registration books closed. On the second Saturday before the election, the registration books will also be open at the polling places in the voting precincts for the inspection of the electors of the precinct, and to enable challenges to be made of the right of any person to vote in said election whose name appears thereon, and if any person is objected to, notice will be given him and a hearing granted as provided by law.

The registras and judges of said election have been notified of their appointment and of the polling places, and required to take the oath prescribed by law, and will be furnished with the necessary books and ballots for conducting said election, and all vacancies occurring among registrars and judges of election will be filled and the returns from said election will be received as required by law.

If a majority of the electors voting in said election shall vote for "For Charter," the said Act will then become the charter of the City of Wilmington, but if a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be cast "Against Charter," the said Act will not then become the charter of the City of Wilmington.

By order of the City Council and City Board of Elections.

THOMAS D. MEARES,
City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Wilmington.

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