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These talented people were seen here last season in Martin & Emery's presentation of "Parsifal" and they will appear in the same roles Monday evening, October 7th, at the Academy when Wagner's masterpiece will be performed for the second time in this city. A strong supporting company and a beautiful production are assured by Managers Martin and Emery.

As before, the first curtain will rise promptly at 7:45.

Sale of seats starts this morning at the Academy of Music box office at 10 o'clock.

OTIS SKINNER'S PLAY.

Otis Skinner's opinions about his profession are always interesting, not only because Mr. Skinner is one of the most talented actors of to-day, but because he is an original thinker and a man of brains. Like Irving and Mansfield, he is the type of man who could have made his mark in almost any calling.

"A good part plays itself. This is a truism among my brethren of drama," says Mr. Skinner. "But let us look into this question and see just how much real truth there is in it. In my position as a star—hard earned and hard fought for, after an apprenticeship of a couple of years under great task masters like Booth, Jefferson, Barrett, Augustin Daly and Madame Modjeska—I am bound to confess that I prefer my annual stage vehicle a clever play that has an affective and sympathetic part for myself. But I am not wholly governed in my choice of a play by the dominating role. If one of these past masters in dramatic construction like Pinero or Sodermann or Henri Lavedan did me the honor to present me with the manuscript of a new and untried play in which my own role were of lesser importance, I should cheerfully set about engaging the best possible artists for the other parts and the most careful rehearsing of them. And perhaps some try, some veritable novices whom I had entrusted with an important part because of his physical qualifications, his character of manner and person, were to make the hit of the play, I would accept the public's verdict as the true and right one. The actor looked the part—it happened to suit him; hence the hit. Now, to the average spectator who knows nothing of the peculiar and astonishing conditions of success behind the footlights, the young novice whose work shone over my own, whose failure triumph seemed real and genuine, would doubtless

seem worthier of the salvos of praise than I would. This is because the man sitting out in front is rarely able to dissociate the actor from his part. We alone behind the footlights can truly appreciate the exact value of a part in its relation to the play and its effect upon an audience. We on the far side of the footlights know by experience that a man or woman of small technical skill can gain greater applause by playing a sympathetic part than any master or mistress of the art of acting playing an "unsympathetic" part with the utmost perfection method.

"There is always this consolation, however, to the true artist. Sudden successes upon the stage may repeat themselves, year after year, season after season. But in a very short time this raw regiment drops back into obscurity and neglect, while those who have been acclaimed artists in their profession by virtue of their drudgery and devotion to their art remain triumphantly the "bunks of the American stage."

"ON THE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT."

Billed to appear at the Academy of Music Wednesday night is a story full of heart interest interspersed with humor and pathos. Among the leading members of the company is the popular young German actor, Oscar Handler, who will be seen to excellent advantage as Germany, a part particularly suited to his unique talents.

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 Salisbury, Oct. 3.—The Observer's dispatch telling of the robbery of a brother of E. C. Thomas by John Davidson and Albert Dearman at Spartanburg, had a sequel to-day in the arrest of David and a woman by the name of Emma Jackson by Salisbury officers. David was rolling them high this morning when a telegram was received telling of the robbery. Dearman was not with him and when he was captured denied that he knew who he was. Telegrams sent him were put up as proof and he finally admitted the correctness of the story and agreed to go back to Spartanburg without requisition papers. An officer is expected to come to-night or to-morrow for him.

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