

'Topsy and Eva' Still a Hit

By Walter D. Hickman

THE world knows it without shouting it from the house-tops that "Topsy and Eva," with the Duncan Sisters, is one of the hits of the stage.

Although "Topsy and Eva" was here last season, last night every seat was taken at English's and every available inch of standing



Vivian Duncan

room was used. We know what this show is, and we buy what we want. When Indianapolis really wants a show, the people buy it. It is my firm conviction that "Topsy and Eva" is a musical comedy which will live as long as "Able's Irish Rose." The Duncan Sisters are now a musical comedy institution. At this writing the thing that is wanted to be known—

how has the show held up? It is my opinion that the show is running smoother, Topsy is still a genuine cut-up, but she doesn't resort so often to slapstick methods as she formerly used or overused at times. Their harmony is as important to this show as the clowning of Rosetta Duncan as Topsy. Vivian Duncan is the musical comedy edition of Eva.

There are few women who resort to blackface and Rosetta Duncan is easily the leader today. She is naturally a clown. She knows how to resort to slapstick antics and she is equally clever in permitting artistry to get the laughs at other times.

The Duncan Sisters right now stand in relation to the stage which Montgomery and Stone did years ago.

The fast stepping "brown" chorus is still with the show and they can stop proceedings anytime that they want to. Here is a finely trained group of dancers. Marguerite Bell as premiere danseuse is a graceful and beautiful dancer. One of the men's hits of the show.

Vernon Richard as George Shelby has a good voice that meets most of the demands of the score but he didn't reveal enough characterization to make the part stand out as it should.

"Topsy and Eva" on its second journey to this city stacks up as one show which gives real entertainment. Here is a show with wide appeal. From a comedy standpoint, it is a knockout and the credit falls to Rosetta Duncan as Topsy.

"Topsy and Eva" remains one of the best buys of the season. It is still a winner. today and Saturday. At English's.

LOOKING OVER NEW PALACE BILL

Have you ever tried to visualize the setting of some old pirate tale that you have chanced to read?

Could you not see the striking colors, the air of romance that would surround such a place?

At the Palace today, in the act of Captain Kidd, such a setting and atmosphere is carried out in full, and the charm of the act is a delightful surprise. It seems as if the author of "Treasure Island" had mounted the act.

The act itself is full of singing of a very high order by four men and

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a woman. The woman also dances. A striking feature of the act was a solo, "Mandalay," by one of the men.

Murray and Laverne have a humorous little act, likeable on account of the originality and freshness with which it was put together. Using an entirely new line of comedy patter, the girl is made the foil of many witty "cracks." The man plays a very wild accordion.

Gordon and Healy get much fun out of the troubles of a newly wed couple who are trying to decide where to spend their honeymoon.

"Willie's Reception" is a miniature edition of a musical comedy, in which a young man impersonates a French dancer, a woman, and so gets into a party of which the girl he loves is the hostess.

Bronson and Edwards open the show with much hokum comedy consisting of fake acrobatics and magic.

Bill includes a photoplay, "Raffles," with House Peters, Pathe News and a comedy. At the Palace today and Sunday. (By the observer.)

Other theaters today offer: Gellman's Band Box Revue at the Lyric; Healy & Cross at Keith's; burlesque at the Broadway; the Lawrence Players at the Capitol; "The Gold Rush" at the Circle; movie and musical program at the Zaring Egyptian Theater; "Peacock Feather" at the Colonial; "He's A Prince" at the Apollo; "The Tower of Lies" at the Ohio; Kenneth McDonald in a feature and a Sennett comedy at the Isis.

The Indiana Indorseers of Photography indorse for family patronage this week the features at the Apollo and Circle, and adult at the Colonial and Ohio.

MANSLAUGHTER, CHARGE

Danville Farmer Held for Auto Accident Fatal to Bride.

By United Press
DANVILLE, Ind., Nov. 6.—John Ward, farmer, is in jail here charged with manslaughter by the death of Mrs. Homer Smith, 16, Indianapolis, bride.

Mrs. Smith died after an automobile in which she was riding was struck by a car driven by Ward.

CHANGE INSURANCE RULE

State Board Announces New Reciprocal Regulations.

Rules of the State industrial board regulating reciprocal insurance companies have been changed to safeguard employees' and employers' interests, the board announced. Reciprocal concerns outside the State now can write compensation for Indiana workmen.

Reciprocal company now must deposit with their attorneys for claims and liabilities \$100,000 instead of

\$25,000. They must have \$100,000 surplus on deposit, instead of \$25,000.

MISSING MAN RETURNS

Recovers Memory After Being Gone Nine Days.

By Times Special
GREENSBURG, Ind., Nov. 6.—Missing nine days and unable to account for his disappearance, John Beatty, railway man, is home. While search for him was being carried on by newspapers, radio and police, Beatty recovered his memory at Cincinnati. He recalls going to Indianapolis, Toledo, Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

PLAN PARK PROGRAM

Dredging of Fall Creek between the State fair ground and Northwestern Ave. to allow using pleasure boats, development of playgrounds and beautification of streets and public places were included in a development program for next year outlined by Emory W. Johnson, acting president, at a park board meeting Thursday.

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