

SOCIAL SPY GLASS.

Back of the Footlights and Under the Chandeliers—Duluth Social Happenings.

Another fairly good week in the social and amusement world of Duluth must be recorded. In dramatic circles the Grand Opera house has given Sol Smith Russell's new play "Bewitched" to a crowded and thoroughly delighted audience. The next treat which Manager Condon has prepared for amusement lovers is a two-night performance of "Alone in London." Some time ago "Spy Glass" was favored with a lengthy interview with Miss Cora Tanner, of which a short digest is given below. Miss Cora Tanner is a frank and interesting conversationalist, as well as one of the handsomest ladies, in face and figure, on the boards today. She is easily interviewed, because when allowed to talk according to the best of her own inclination, without any attempt to draw her out, she is sure to say something entertaining, with a light vein of satirical humor running through it. Speaking of her stage career, she said:

I commenced at the age of fourteen. I have appeared in a broad range of characters, from low comedy to Shakespearean tragedy. Then I went to London with McKee Rankin, where we played a long engagement in the "Danites." The next year I took the part of "Alice Verney" in Genevieve Ward's play "Forget Me Not" and next year rejoined McKee Rankin, with whom I did "Billy Piper" in the "Danites" until the close of the season. I interpreted the title role in the "Forgemaster" and also played "Lily Claire" on the Wallack's New York company, and many of the Shakespearean roles such as "Desdemona," "Portia," "Ophelia," etc. By the way, I appeared in comic opera for six weeks at the Fifth Avenue theatre, New York. I was engaged there to create the leading role in the "Princess Ila" in Gilbert & Sullivan's opera. Passing to other topics, the conversation turned on the superstitions of the stage. Growing quite amused Miss Tanner exclaimed: "I take the greatest pleasure imaginable in defying all traditional causes of ill luck. I have repeatedly been assigned to room at hotels. I was once a member of a dramatic company which consisted of thirteen people, and last summer at Long Beach my bath house was No. 13. The French number has never brought me ill luck, and I have learned to like it and regard it in the light of an old friend. Miss Tanner remarked with a smile that she first met Mr. Buchanan on Friday, and that she found a horseshoe on Broadway that evening." Talking of the incident, she said, "Believers in luck will find it difficult to manage the conflicting influences of the day, and the horseshoe in accordance with their superstitious." "No," she answered laughingly in reply to a question. "I never had a diamond stolen from me in my life. I never was in a burning hotel. I never even met with a railroad accident, and worse than all the rest Worth doesn't manufacture my costumes." Of her acting, Miss Tanner said: "Emotional and hard roles are my best impersonations. During my entire career my sole ambition has been to become perfect in the delineation of realistic emotionalism. I commenced my dramatic life at the bottom of the ladder, and by hard work and arduous study, have gradually ascended toward the top. I can complacently look with indifference on the past, resting assured that my future will be full of promise."



MISS CORA TANNER.

Capt. Bement's banquet Thursday evening was a fine affair and the gentlemen guests enjoyed it greatly. There have been the usual large number of weddings; and the two presentations of the "Holy City" were remarkably well given. The cantata is to be given in West Superior, next Tuesday, on which occasion the new opera house will be opened to the public. The Bethel has opened a course of free lectures under very favorable auspices, and there is every reason to believe that Duluth's great boomer, Hon. J. Proctor Knott, (ex-governor of Kentucky) will participate in the series.

SOME SOCIAL SAUCE.

Judge Martin is again on duty.
Postmaster Flynn is home again.
Senator Whiteman is home again.
Mrs. Colwell will winter in Florida.
Howard Pevell has gone to Kansas City.
Col. Colwell is back from a Red Wing visitation.
Mr. A. D. Thompson is back from Montreal.
The Ladies Aid society met last Wednesday.
Mrs. J. E. Woodbridge has gone to San Diego, California.
Supt. Bacon, of the Tower mines, was in the city Thursday.
Center-Fielder Jones, of the Duluth Ball club, is in the city.
Miss Kate Whitely, of Brainerd, will spend the winter in Duluth.
Mrs. C. M. Parkhurst is in Little Falls, N. Y., at the bedside of a sick sister.
Miss Stocker's musicale takes place at 36 West Third street this afternoon.
E. B. Fletcher is forlorn now-a-days—his wife is south during the cold season.
Postmaster McCarthy, of Stillwater, came up from the whirr of excitement of

a prison investigation to see what a wide awake city looks like.

W. W. Woodward and wife, of Minneapolis, were in the city during the week.

The "Friends in Council" were entertained Monday evening by Miss Chapman.

F. S. Kirkland and wife, of Port Arthur, were in the city during the week.

Manager Condon has been off on another trip after fresh dramatic attractions.

G. G. Hartley has entertained Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, of Minneapolis, during the week.

Fred E. Colby and wife, of Tower, stopped in Duluth for a couple of days early this week.

Miss Gracie Fish is recovering from her illness, and Mrs. Judge Martin is much improved.

J. B. Geggie survived the storms on Lake Superior and was glad to reach home this week.

State Auditor Braden was in the city this week, and spent a pleasant evening with old friends.

Ladies of the Swedish Lutheran church had a pleasant and profitable bazaar last Saturday evening.

Miss Stella Stearns enjoyed a pleasant Halloween surprise from a number of her young friends Monday.

Miss Nora Nolan and William Voss were married Tuesday and have returned from a short bridal trip.

The firemen's annual ball is fixed for December 31, a "New Year's Eve" affair. A fine time is promised.

Landlord Butchart is on duty once more, and the Merchants hotel guests are correspondingly happy.

A. H. Holgate has been enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Wallace, of Thompson, during the week.

John G. Magle, representing Col. Sinn's "Alone in London" and Cora Tanner, was in the city yesterday and gave "Spy Glass" a pleasant call.

Mrs. M. O. Hall arranged a pleasant surprise for her husband on the thirty-fourth anniversary of their wedding. A large number of guests participated.

Dr. Merritt, of Marquette, came over to Duluth to look over the shipping. He is so delighted with the sight of the amazing activity at Duluth's docks that he may settle here.

The ladies of the Episcopal Mission met with Mrs. Shaw on Michigan street, in the West End, last Monday, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Shaw; vice president, Mrs. Ed Glass; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Belmore; directors, Mrs. E. G. Swanstrom, Mrs. Pattinson and Mrs. Everett.

The following is the program of Mrs. Stocker's musicale this afternoon, the affair being a complimentary one for Mrs. Emilie Moore, to which all are invited:

1. Duo sleighride
- Miss Lily and Ruth Ingalls.
2. Cradle Song Wolf Miss Emma Valleen.
3. Loreley Bellak Miss Linda Woodbridge.
4. Duo.— (a) Morning Prayer. Relnecke.
- (b) Little song.
- Miss Clara Leopold.
5. On the Meadow Lichner Miss Ruth Ingalls.
6. Songs.— (a) The Green Hat. Schumann.
- (b) Love's Tears.
- Mrs. Geggie.
7. The Sprite Clark Miss Kate Flemming.
8. Tannhauser March Wagner.
- Miss Helen Norton.
9. Scherzino Moskowsky Miss Ray Culver.
10. Song—"If." Pinsuti Mrs. Geggie.
11. Fanfare Militaire Ascher
- Miss Rosa Burg
12. (a) Spring Song. Henselt.
- (b) Polka de la Reine. Raiff.
- Mrs. Hulbert.
13. (a) Impromptu. Merkel.
- (b) Spring.
- Miss Minnie Montague
14. Titania Wely Miss Florence Ames.
15. Duo—Hungarian Dances Brahms
- Miss Cutler and Mrs. Hulbert.