

Detroit Theatres

GARRICK

The Messrs. Shubert present at the Garrick theater next week a new Viennese opera, the latest from the pen of Franz Lehár, entitled "Alone at Last." This opera has been hailed by the European critics as the most pretentious work Lehár has as yet written.

GAVETY.
Dave Marlon's record breaking musical revue, "The World of Follies," will be at the Gavety theatre for one week beginning next Sunday with daily matinees. Manager Ward believes he is offering to the theatre-goers most elaborate production, the most genuinely funny book, the most tuneful musical diversion and the most beautiful chorus, they have ever attended.

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FAVORITE ROSES

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN.
There is absolutely nothing in the realm of esthetic culture that is so thoroughly dominated by personal fancy as the selection of a pet rose. Every lover of the garden and of the home beautiful selects a favorite rose almost as soon as the interest of flower culture is born.

I have been much interested in the season's favorite and the reasons given by rose enthusiasts for their likes and dislikes. They offer to the student and the cultivator valuable hints in the care and selection of any favorite because what one may find as an argument for his pet blossom may be equally true in any number of cases and many of my readers may be able readily to meet the claims advanced by others and find equal merit for their own selections.

The delicate formation, coloring and perfume of the rose all combine to make its study especially worth while. In the choice of a favorite attention marks the flower-lover as artist—and a selection that does not follow popular fancy always reveals an amateur who is not superficial. For instance, the enthusiasts are now experimenting with the Grass and Topknot, a lovely hybrid tea, to find out how well it will stand the winter in northern climates. Personally, I think that the rose is sufficiently hardy to stand anything save an unusually cold zone. It has the advantage, too, of being a prolific producer of blooms. From May until November the ruler of the pretty tea rose is rarely without some sweet evidence of the possession.

It can be planted in the sunshine or in the shade, under hanging trees or in the open, and a little severe pruning in the early spring is about all that the delicate rose demands. There is something in the rose that binds the present to the past, and one feels like the owner of a rare old bit of period furniture when it forms part of the garden.

Those who do not believe the ancient adage that every rose must have its thorns are showing much partiality this year for the Paul Neyron. Every month it produces its flowers, with the blossoms on long stems and leaves of a beautiful dark green. If cut when in bud, the flowers have a remarkable lasting quality. As I said, it is almost thornless, and its flower develops near

ly every shade of pink. It needs little save proper planting in soil free from weeds and fertilizing with old manure.

Harrison's Yellow, an Austrian brier, is also one of the favorite flowers of this season's cultivators. It is a sturdy member of the rose family, possessing the hardiness that makes such an appeal to the rose lover. Harrison's Yellow is no pampered child of luxury. It "just grows up," like Topsey, if it has the least chance. The buds of clear, pure yellow begin to show in May. The foliage is fine and small, with a pleasing green. A lazy man or woman ought to adore the type, for it needs practically no pruning, unless one wishes to limit the growth. The flowers are put forth on wood of the previous season, so that if pruning is to be done at all it ought to be done only after flowering.

The Killarney rose is also being given a prominent place in the year's planting. Its freedom from disease and from insects compared it to many of the best growers, and the pink-and-white flowers have an odor of wonderful character. They should be set out in the spring as soon as the danger of frost is over. Dig a hole two feet square by two feet deep, place a few stones at the bottom for drainage, and then fill with good soil, mixed with well-rotted manure.

If large roses are wanted, cut the buds so that only a few remain. Cutting the long stems improves the plant. After thorough blooming, prune back freely, and the bush will remain healthy and will increase in size. They require covering before the frost appears.

THE BIGGEST GERMAN TREE

The German empire has produced many things that have held records for magnitude but none of them hold more interest than the empire's biggest tree. It is a huge linden located on the outskirts of the village of Staffelsrein, in Bavaria. The folklore and history of the region say that the tree is five hundred years old.

The authorities have filled the hollow interior with cement to strengthen and preserve the landmark. It is 50 feet in circumference.

During the Napoleonic invasion of Germany it is related that the French Marshal Berthier rode his horse into the hollow of the tree and turned the animal around there.



Huge Linden Located on the Outskirts of Staffelsrein, Bavaria, Said to Be 500 Years Old.

Baltimore.—Buffalo has been selected for next year's convention of the Grain Dealer's National association.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Adam Rudolph and Oscar Gustafson, both 18 years old, are under arrest, charged with burglarizing a Bay City grocery store, and the police say both have confessed. They got about \$400, part of which was recovered. Rudolph, when arrested, was armed with two revolvers. He formerly worked at the store which was robbed.

The cost of a college education has soared along with other living, according to M. A. C. students just returned for another year's study. They found that fees had increased all along the line. The boosts were most noticeable in those courses requiring the use of chemicals. Rents for the dormitories have also gone up.

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