

PADEREWSKI V. HAMBURG.

Hark Hamburg, who is to visit Australia this year under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait, had many curious experiences during his recent American tour...

Arrangements are at present being made for a tour of New Zealand about the end of the year of Mr L. De Groen's full Vice-Regal Band of fifty-five performers...

Harry Lauder, at the close of his five weeks' New York engagement at £550 a week, signed an agreement to return in 1908 for a similar season at £1000 a week...

Eleven hundred people were on the salary list of Drury Lane theatre during the pantomime season.

Mr John F. Sheridan has secured the Australasian rights of "The Chorus Girl," an American musical comedy dealing with the fortunes of a facetious low comedian...

Miss Julia Marlowe, while travelling in England, was taken to task by a doctor for her death scene in "Romeo and Juliet." It was in a small town, and the doctor, who met her at a reception, began to tell her of the pleasure her performance had given him.

Now that numbers of people look to the stage to teach them the etiquette of dress and customs, a stage manager's life is even more anxious than of yore. The study of the clothes of men-servants as they should and should not be, was attended to by Mr Flemming last time he was in England...

Herr Szapoffski, with the assistance of his talented wife, will establish an operatic school in Sydney. They consider there is plenty of promising material in Australia to furnish a permanent opera without the necessity of going abroad for principals.

At Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, "The Dairymaids" is in full swing, the first week of the Royal Comic Opera Company's rendering of the merry piece having been marked by consistently crowded houses.

Alfred Sutro's powerful study of modern temperaments, "John Clayde's Honour" will be done for the first time in Melbourne at the Princess Theatre, on March 7th.

An excellent indication of the way in which "The Merry Widow" has captured Great Britain is afforded by the fact that when the George Edwards Company began a season in Glasgow last December, the whole of the theatre was sold for the entire month to which its stay was limited before the curtain rose on the first performance there.

Realising the special interest which the children take in the annual Xmas Panto-

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mime, the J. C. Williamson management have this year accentuated the interest of the little ones in the "Humpty-Dumpty" production by publishing a book of the pantomime told in simple "fairy story" style by Miss Annie Rentoul and daintily illustrated by Miss Ida S. Rentoul.

The Julius Knight Company's revival repertoire is to be strengthened by the inclusion of "The Prisoner of Zenda" and Anthony Hope's popular romance should receive full justice with Mr Knight in the role of Rudolph Rassendyl and Miss Ola Humphrey as the Princess Flavia.

A few days ago a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the representatives of South Australia and Tasmania in the Australian States Ballet in "Humpty-Dumpty." The ladies were invited by the respective correspondents of the Adelaide "Critic" and the Tasmanian "Courier" to afternoon tea.

The great attraction in the Julius Knight repertoire—"Monsieur Beaucaire"—has just been revived again in London.

Sydney playgoers attended the first night of "Claudian" at the Theatre Royal in a number which showed unmistakably the in-

terest the revival of the great spectacular drama had aroused, and the eagerness to see Mr Julius Knight in a role to which everybody anticipated he would do the fullest justices (writes Mr George Tallis). Their expectations were amply realised, for Mr Knight's study of the Byzantine nobleman, suffering under a curse which imposed eternal youthfulness upon him, was a really fine sustained effort which deservedly won the entire approval of a crowded house.

At length it is possible to make a definite announcement regarding "Peter Pan" that dainty and most whimsical of fairy stories by J. M. Barrie, to the Australian premiere of which playgoers on this side of the world have been looking forward. That premiere will take place at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, on April 18th (Easter Saturday) and an additional attraction will mark the occasion in that it will signalise the return of Miss Titell Brune to the scene of so many former triumphs.

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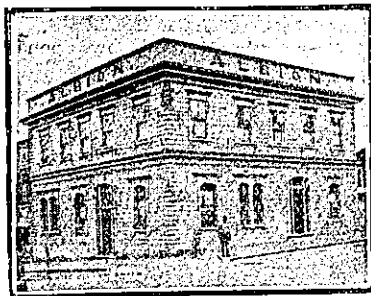
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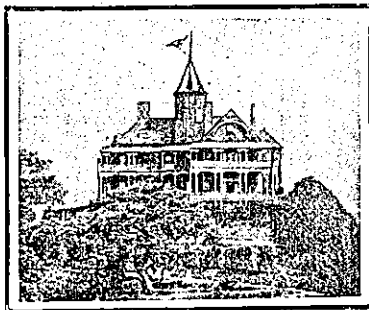
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