Popular Play to be Given in Columbia Theatre Next Wednesday and

THE INTERNATIONAL "BEN HUR"

Thursday.

Spectacular magnificence, dramatic splendor and religious ecstacy are the most notable concomitants of Klaw & Erlanger's international production of "Ben-Hur," which will be the offering at the Columbia Theatre, Columbia, Wednesday and Thursday nights and Thursday matinee, No-vember 19 and 20. During the fourteen years which have passed since the original presentation of this noble drama-its owners have not only kept it up to its original grandeur, but have elaborated and de-veloped the possibilities of the production each season, until today it stands unrivaled in beauty of establishment, unsurpassed in dramatic significance and power. It was the "last word" of the stage craft of the nineteenth centry and into the new age it brought a bigness and perfec-tion which will remain the standard for decades to come.

Dealing with the early life of Jesus, the most important period in history, "Ben-Hur" shows the world at its most wonderful point in magnificence and wealth, for Rome ruled the world and Caesar Augustus was Emthe peror of the mightiest realm the earth had known. Into this time of earth had known. Into this time of display and pomp came the lowly Nazarene, the Christos for whom the nation had longed, and it is this per-sonality of Jesus that, permeating the fabric of the Wallace-Young drama, makes it a sermon as well as a drama of treme dous significance. The reverence with which the immi-nence of Christ is indicated has made "Ben-Hur" a religious pageant while the sweep of the story of Ben-Hur and Messala, Esther and Iras, carries audiences off their feet, the culmination of the dramatic plot be-ing the charlot race, wherein Ben-Hur conquers and degrades his

enemy. Nothing more realistic than this scene in the arena of the Circus of Antioch with Ben-Hur and Messala driving quadruple teams of equine thoroughbreds contesting for upremacy has ever been imagined by a dramatist or executed by a proa dramatist or executed by a pro-ducer. The race enthralls because on its outcome depends life, love, honor, riches to the victor, and when Ben-Hur receives the victor's crown of wild olive, audiences applaud with the greatest enthusiasm. Adv.

A Count That Failed.

New York Press.

Job Hedges was answering an op-ponent of scientific management. "My dear sir," he said, "do you know whom you remind me of? Well, you remind me of the elder Dumas-

Dumas pere. "Dumas pere wasn't in the habit of counting his money. One day, how-ever, in leaving his money on the the mantel, he counted it-nine louis-and went into the bath room to shave. On his return, a quarter of an hour later, his servant was dusting the furniture, and of the little pile of gold on the mantel, only seven louis remained.

"'A loss of two louis,' sighed Dumas pere. 'I never counted my money before and I'll never do it again. It doesn't pay.'"

THE VOICE.

There is only one law and only one God

For all things under the sun-The sea, and the sand, and the wind-blown soul, And the God and the law are one, And whatever the law and the God be

named By beings like you and me.

They speak supreme in that cosmic voice Which men call Harmony. -Albert Bigelow Paine, in Harper's

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