

NEW GAYETY THEATER TO OPEN MONDAY WEEK.

**Hyde & Behmann's New Playhouse,
on Duquesne Way, Is Completed.**

Hyde & Behmann's Pittsburg Gayety Theater, just completed, on Duquesne way, will open Monday night, October 31, with William Brady's "Way Down East." The theater is one of the prettiest in Pittsburg. It will be devoted to plays in the class of "Way Down East," shown at popular prizes. The new playhouse is entirely fireproof, and in many ways deviates from other houses. One of the principal departures is that it has but one balcony. There are 21 exits and every precaution taken against fire.

Two years ago the house was proposed. The promoters had an interesting time putting their plans into actual operation. Richard Hyde, president of the Hyde & Behmann Amusement Co., visited Pittsburg at that time and selected Sixth street, near the Allegheny river, for the site. Ground could not be bought, so a lease for 30 years, with permission to renew, was secured. Work was then begun, and the finished theater stands next door to the Alvin, at Sixth street and Duquesne way, adding one more theater to that block.

Equipment of the new theater is thorough. The main entrance is 25 feet wide, the ceiling 20 feet high and the approach to the auditorium 150 feet long, extending from Sixth street. There is a side entrance on Duquesne way. The entrance is finished with mosaic floor, marble and mosaic wainscoting and marble plaster. The ticket office is enclosed in marble and mahogany. Entrance to the balcony is had without going through the auditorium. The auditorium is built as an immense megaphone, tapering toward the stage, and giving it fine acoustic properties. The balcony takes the place of balcony and gallery, and there are 24 boxes. There are no columns to obstruct the view.