

THREE THEATRES TO BE ALTERED

Grand, Bon Ton and Novelty in
Need of Changes.

VISITED BY COUNCILMEN

EXTRA SAFEGUARDS THROWN
AROUND THE PATRONS.

The Grand, Bon Ton, Novelty and Unique theatres received a councilmanic inspection yesterday to ascertain what protection they had against fire. In every one, except the little Unique theatre, changes were found necessary. The inspection was made by Councilmen Hartenstein, Fernstrom, A. J. Davis, Hobday, Dean, E. H. Davis and Tuddenham, accompanied by Fire Chief Devine.

The Grand was first visited. Managers Jones and Hammer showed the visitors through the house. It was agreed that the following changes were necessary:

Putting in an asbestos curtain.

Fire proofing the partition between the stage and the body of the house.

Cutting another entrance from the center of the gallery, emptying into the broad stairway on the west side.

Cutting openings from the gallery in the east wall and putting in fire escapes.

Putting in larger water connections on the stage.

The committee then visited the Bon Ton theatre, 131 Main street. This place seats 384 persons. It was agreed that the exits should be wider.

At the Novelty theatre, 60 West First South street, objection was made to the steepness of the steps inside. It was suggested that these be eliminated by putting in an incline, or made less steep. The house seats 235 persons.

The Unique theatre, 169 Main street, was found to have ample exits and fire protection. It seats 226 persons.