

# MANY TROUBLES IN THEATRICAL WORLD

## Max Florence Declares His Intention of Filing Suits Against Daniels.

After standing heavy losses in an attempt to make musical comedy or other performances pay in the Daniels theatre, Max Florence said last night that suits would be filed today or early next week for a total of more than \$10,000.

A story of the suits is a history of the trials of the companies which have tried to make a success of the State street theatre owned by Max Daniels. It was first known as the Bungalow theatre, and later the Daniels. But the change of names did not help the business. According to Florence, after the theatre was losing money hand over fist, Daniels came to him for help. He said he agreed to take 49 per cent of the Bungalow theatre company stock, with Daniels to have the other 49 per cent, and the other 2 per cent to be left in the bank. Florence was to be general manager, have his own directors and conduct the business. He was to pay \$250 a month until \$4,900 had been paid for his stock, the 49 per cent.

Things did not go well with the companies tried out at the Daniels, and the house was closed. It was opened again for a few weeks with musical comedy, only to close again, and the company was moved by Florence to the Schubert theatre on Main street. Then Florence saw the big signs in front of the Daniels, giving notice that "Daniels quits." He said this hurt the house materially. Then came the fire, which was the added straw on the camel's back.

Florence says he has lost something like \$5,000 in the little flier with the Daniels theatre, and he is going to try to get part of it back.

According to Florence, one suit will be filed against Daniels for \$601.16 for his half of the expense of running the theatre at a loss, this being by Florence personally. Then the Bungalow Theatre company will file a suit for \$10,000 damages against Daniels for plastering the front of the building with signs telling he was going out of business. Another suit for \$1,000 will be filed by Florence personally against the Bungalow Theatre company for this amount advanced by him to the company in the remodeling of the theatre.

Florence has no corner on the filing of suits, as Daniels will bring two actions, aggregating about \$150, both against Florence. These are for clothes purchased of Daniels, clothier, for members of the Bungalow company. It is hinted that other actions will be brought by Daniels against Florence as a result of their troubles in the theatrical effort on State street.