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**Finds Chicago Ideal as Drama Producing Place**

Is the oft repeated promise to make Chicago an important theatrical producing center to come true after all?

From recent developments it begins to look that way with the forming of a new producing organization in the city. This is headed by B. L. Murphy, a well known New York promotor and producer, who came to Chicago expressly for this purpose. Murphy believes that good plays do not need the New York stamp of approval in order to be successful and is backing up his assertion by completely producing and opening here a new play entitled "The Open Door." This is from the pen of Walter Lawrence and will open Sunday night at the Playhouse.

Murphy has assembled an all star cast for the initial production of his new venture. This will be headed by Mabel McCane, well known star of musical comedy and vaudeville who will make her debut on the dramatic stage in "The Open Door," a stirring romance of the underworld abounding in laughs, thrills, and tears. Miss McCane got her first professional start here some years ago and so has again chosen Chicago for her dramatic debut.

After "The Open Door" gets under way successfully Murphy will begin preparations for producing a second play in order to have it ready when "The Open Door" leaves Chicago and goes to New York. If "The Open Door" is as successful as advance indications signify Murphy will continue producing plays in Chicago somewhat along the same plans being followed by Mrs. Samuel Insull in her venture at the Studebaker theatre, next door to the Playhouse. This will put two

Chicago for the first time.

"The Open Door" is a comedy drama, one of the most vivid romances of the underworld in recent years. Prominent in the cast with Miss McCane will be Walter Lawrence, the author, who spent several weeks in the Charleston jail in Boston as a voluntary "guest" in order to get the correct atmosphere for many of the scenes in "The Open Door."

"THE TIME OF MAN." By Elizabeth Madox Roberts. The Viking Press.

"The Time of Man" is all that its critics have claimed for it, truly a work of art. It is one of those books which slipped unobtrusively into the season's fiction list and then as if it had been a match slipped into a haymow began to burn bigger and bigger. It is quite a conflagration by this time, and it is justly so.

It is a story, very simply told, of a girl living in the mountains of Kentucky. It is odd that three of the most sensitively written novels of the past year should have been of the southern the uninitiated. It reminds one of a Russian novel where every character has for every other character a different set of names.

At last conquering all these impedimenta we come to the book's content. It is a story whose chief claim to interest is certain disconnected flashes of insight and information on literary London and literary people of the past thirty years. These flashes are vivid and illuminating and if you are interested in the subjects they will repay you for conquering the book's disconcerting elements.

On Sunday, November 28, Branch Rickey, vice-president of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team, spoke to the fathers and son and the mothers and daughters of Kenilworth at the Culbertson gymnasium.



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