

FREE SONS SEND PETITION.

Ask That Frank Have a Chance to
Prove His Innocence.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—The Free Sons of Israel, which opened its convention in the Hotel Rudolph today, will send a petition to the Governor of Georgia, asking him the commute the death sentence of Leo Frank that he may have the opportunity to establish his innocence.

The petition was suggested by President M. S. Stern in his annual address today. Mr. Stern said he believed half the people of the United States were convinced that there was not sufficient evidence against Frank to warrant his execution.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

R. H. Burnside, who went to London to put on "Watch Your Step" in the Empire for Alfred Butt, is on the New York, due in port today. Mr. Burnside will be in charge of Charles Dillingham's school for musical comedy actresses at the Globe this Summer. The opening date has been announced for June 15.

Lillian Seibert is the principal bareback rider in the circus which is a feature at Luna. Miss Seibert performs also with her sisters. Frank Kenchel heads the band of clowns.

A troupe of tumblers known as Slayman All's Arabian Hooloos will be added to the Columbia's Summer burlesque entertainment this afternoon. The troupe has just arrived from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Blossom Seeley has been engaged for one of the principal parts in Ned Wayburn's "Town Topics," which will be one of the Summer revues.

Kitty Gordon has offered a prize of \$1,000 and \$50 a week royalty for the best war sketch submitted to her for immediate production. The sketch must contain comedy as well as tragedy and must include a situation that will allow Miss Gordon to sing.

An instrument invented by Mortimer Norden, chief consulting engineer of the Keith vaudeville houses, will be installed in the Palace. The device registers the applause and laughter of the audience, and by it the management will be enabled to tell what performers are most popular.

The Famous Players' Film Company has obtained the services of Pauline Frederick for a term of years. Miss Frederick's first work as a motion picture actress was in "The Eternal City," which is now being shown in the Astor Theatre. She will go to Egypt shortly for a photo production of Robert Hichen's "Bella Donna."

The Lasky Feature Play Company has obtained the picture rights to James Forbes's comedies, "The Traveling Salesman" and "The Chorus Lady."