

ABRAHAMSON BUYS EMPRESS

**Makes Announcement He Will
Take Possession January 10
and Put In Vaudeville.**

**WILL BOOK ACTS FROM
WESTERN ASSOCIATION**

**Manager Maitland Says the Deal
Is Wending and Not Yet
Completed.**

Vaudeville again will be played at the Empress theater within one month.

W. M. Abrahamson, manager of the Savoy theater, yesterday made public the fact that after a month's negotiations with Joseph L. Maitland, local manager of the Empress theater, a deal for the purchase of the building and equipment had been closed and that he would take possession Jan. 10.

In discussing future plans, Mr. Abrahamson said last night that he would close the theater, which is now showing motion pictures, for three weeks and have the interior thoroughly remodeled. The gallery benches will be replaced by comfortable individual seats and the theater otherwise beautified.

Further discussing his plans, Mr. Abrahamson said: "All the acts will be booked from the Western Vaudeville association, which furnishes

acts for the Broadway theater, Superior; Princess, St. Paul, and New Grand, Minneapolis. My aim will be to get the best acts that the circuit will have to offer. Some of these will number up to 20 people."

Mr. Abrahamson also said that the shows would be changed twice a week and that he would personally manage the affairs of the theater, with the view of always keeping in touch with the demands of the public.

When asked to confirm the change of ownership, Mr. Maitland would say no more than that the deal was not yet fully closed, nor would it be for several days.
