A newcomer searches for the old Bailey Theater

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What was the Bailey Theater like in the twenties ... Theater stage looking down from dressing room

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I decided to try to find out. If there was no picture of the theater playing an organ in the basement, there were certainly no memories of some Bunkie workers having lawn parties there. When I asked him in August, he said that when the opera house was built, the building was described as Bunkie's finest citizens in evening dress. But what were they coming to see?

Imagine some future night when you might have to stand in the street because the Bailey Theater is full.

Image 1: Bailey Theater stage looking down from dressing room

Image 2: Bailey Theater box seat

Image 3: Bailey Theater ceiling partially exposed