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BRAVELY HE FOUGHT STRIVING TO STAY THE LAST ENEMY

Claude A. Matthews Died Last Night at 11:40 After an Illness Extending Over Several Weeks. For 16 Years a Member of News Staff.

Funeral Services to be Conducted to-morrow at 11 O'clock by Rev. Dr. Howerton. Remains Reach here To-night from Asheville, Accompanied by Mr. Dowd.

Some can know the profound grief that shadows this office today. Every man in every position is laboring under the burden of a great and growing consciousness that something is missing, somebody gone for whose return we may never look. For more than a month now we have waited patiently for some message of hope, but the sad and hardly believable intelligence came last night that Claude Matthews, the faithful city editor of the News, had died at 11:40 o'clock. About five months ago he noticed a decline in his condition, but thinking of fatal disease he continued his duties in this office, holding on with the remarkable grip of invincible will and believing his health was not being seriously impaired by his arduous duties.

He went to Wrightsville Beach the latter part of July and remained ten days on his regular vacation. Until then he showed no signs of a serious breakdown, but upon his return his condition was much weakened and his employer becoming alarmed at the rapidly falling strength of his manhood advised and urged him to seek rest and recuperation in some health-giving resort, with the assurance that he could stay as long as necessary and could go wherever he pleased. He left on the 9th of August for Asheville in the hope of restoring his fast waning vitality or at least impeding the rapid progress of disease upon his constitution. For the past month he has been under the special care of physicians at Kenilworth Inn, receiving their constant attention every day. Almost daily he wrote to his friends in town and to his associates in the office of his condition. Hardly a single time did he give intimation of discouragement and yet he realized the seriousness of his situation. He was always hopeful that he would return in a short time. Among the last letters received bore the message of anticipation of returning to his duties the last of this week.

A week ago he became seriously ill and none realized it more surely than he. His physicians at once perceived that an operation was vitally necessary to prolong his life and they strongly advised him to this effect. The indomitable power of will and the splendid self-confidence held them off until yesterday when he agreed to the operation. Not a message did he send home of his condition, so trustful was he that he would survive the surgeon's knife.

The operation was performed at 1 o'clock yesterday and he immediately rallied and gave hopeful indications that it was successful. But about 4 o'clock uraemic poison set in and he soon became unconscious. His wife had been telegraphed for and arrived with the little child, at his bedside at 7 o'clock. He lost consciousness when the poison began its deadly work and never recognized anybody until a few minutes before his death when he no longer his wife. At 11:40 the brave spirit lay down its arms and surrendered to the "last great enemy."

The remains left Asheville this afternoon at 3 o'clock, accompanied by the wife and little son, and Mr. W. C. Dowd, who went to the sick man's bedside last night. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning from the late residence, 207 West Eighth street by Rev. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The following will act as pallbearers: D. H. Watkins, D. H. Little, John, Joe C. Patton, A. W. Burch, J. C. Simms and Jesse E. Clark.

The old home of the deceased was at Goldsboro, N. C. He left there, however, when a young man and has been away the greater part of his life since then. He was the son of Mr. C. J. Matthews, a prominent merchant of that city. When his old father was told of his son's death this morning

he fainted and it was thought that he was in a serious condition for some time until at last he was resuscitated and set out for Charlotte, in company with his two daughters, Miss Carrie Matthews and Mrs. Wilkinson.

The deceased is survived by a wife, who was Miss Daisy Sims, and one small son, his father, step-mother, one sister, one brother and five half-sisters.

Mr. Matthews came to this city in 1899 and associated himself with the Evening News which was then under the editorship of Mr. Wade H. Harris. In 1895 the paper was bought by the present proprietor, Mr. W. C. Dowd, and Mr. Matthews was retained as city editor, which position he retained at the time of his death.

For sixteen years he labored as no other has ever labored, to bring the paper to the forefront in journalism. His position naturally threw him into the acquaintance and companionship with the people. His time was on the streets, but his heart was in the office. His tact at gathering news and spreading it in readable, interesting form was marked. Gifted with graces of kindness and gentleness, and with the invaluable asset of a genial personality, nature placed in him the ability and capacity to fill his position acceptably. He never proved treacherous to his in-born talent.

In his profession he was apt and able and in his duty, careful, scrupulous and conscientious. He applied himself with splendid energy to the service which he deliberately chose as a life-vocation. Thus he avoided the mistake which some make in relying upon his natural endowments to bring to him the success which he craved. Whatever nature did for him, he re-inforced his strength by a constant cultivation. With diligence he labored to make his talent count for the most in his world.

The success which attended his position is not subjected to arbitrary opinion. Time, the sole reliable register of a man's life, has writ its message over Claude's career and none can fail to read its language. The voice which sounds from the streets today speaks the reward of sixteen years' service on this paper. He justly claimed the palm for the most reliable and most successful city editor of the State. It is his alone. Let none gain say the lawful claim.

Of his love for the work in which he had enlisted for life, there is no language to picture its beauty. His affection for the paper was matchless, save by the love he held for the wife and child. For never a moment did he forget the claims which his responsible position demanded of him; nor was he unmindful of that propriety of manner and conduct, that deportment which alone becomes the

HE SHOT WOMAN THEN SUICIDED

Charles Geismar After Shooting and Wounding Mrs. Ivey Last Night Proceeded to Kill Himself. No Cause is Known for the Deed.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., September 14.—Charles Geismar of Macon, shot and wounded Mrs. E. B. Ivey, in the hand at her home then shot and killed himself. Geismar went to the home of Mrs. Ivey late last night and demanded admittance. This was refused and to-day he returned and began firing. No cause is given for the deed.

Body Found in River.

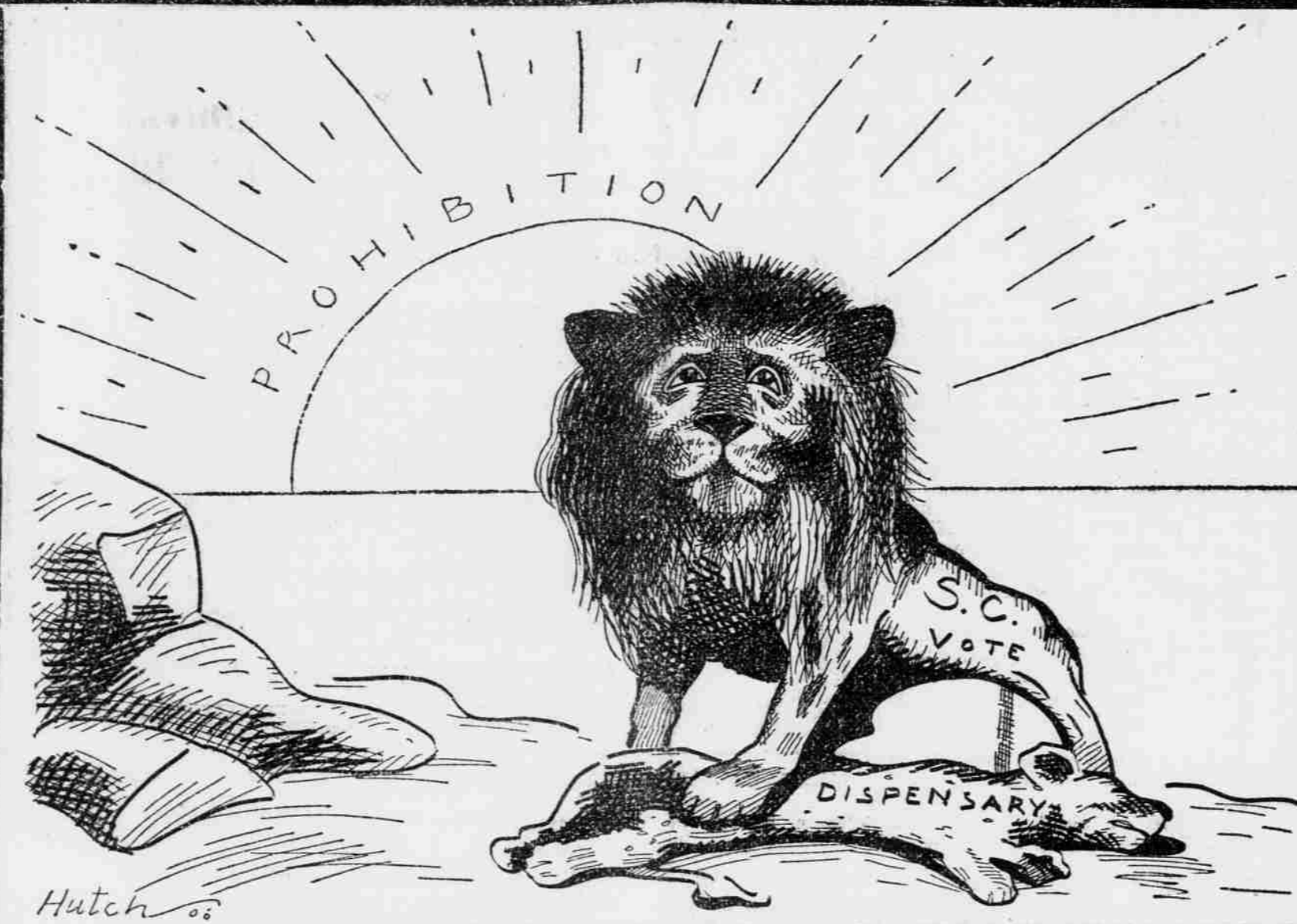
By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Pa., September 14.—The body of Henry K. Wampole, the wealthy Philadelphia manufacturer of chemicals, who has been missing for several days, was found in East River New York last night. Undoubtedly he committed suicide. A trusted employee of the firm of Wampole and Co. in Canada was short a large sum of money and Wampole brooded over the matter until he became insane.

Federal Warrant Issued.

By Associated Press.
Norfolk, Va., September 14.—John Monk, a Norfolk contractor holding a government wharf contract at Fort Monroe has been summoned to answer a Federal warrant charging him with violating the eight-hour law and working men employed on the government work for nine hours per day.

Miss Mary Johnson Is Well.

By Associated Press.
Richmond, Sept. 14.—Miss Mary Johnson, of Virginia, the authoress who has been in critical health for many months, announces her entire recovery and will spend the winter in Richmond.



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people's representative. He loved the paper because it received the first energies of his life, the first enthusiasm which flushes the face of youth, the first ambitions that stir within the breast, the first hopes that centre about future attainment—these all were lavished with generous sacrifice upon the paper. He counted no duty too great, no exaction too demanding, no relinquishment of personal desires too unreasonable, no surrendering of personal wishes too severe, so absolutely was he absorbed in his work.

From the most insignificant workman in the shop to the highest official he bore a beautiful affection, not from traits of loveliness, possibly, but because all belonged to the same institution. His immediate associates in the office, the men under his care and entourage, the workmen on the machines or at the press, the newsboys on the streets were all the recipients of his beneficent attention.

Of his relation to his employer to whom he was so indebted we know not how to speak. Their lives have been entwined through all the years, since the institution of this paper, and the care of the management has been the care of the one whose loss we mourn today. Together they counseled about the paper and its needs. In every plan of advancement they sat together; in every endeavor of improvement theirs was a mutual confidence.

Mr. Matthews was thoroughly acquainted with every detail, and they are many, of the profession. His knowledge and the various minutiae of the shop was that of a master. It was acquired steadily but pervasively and persistently. There is no department in which he could not work with a skillful hand, no position he could not fill with the utmost credit. He was careful in all things, the least as well as the greatest, and when his pen on some occasions spoke to the people from the editorial column, it was the same willing, ready, unprotesting instrument, and the same sound, logical, reliable mind which uttered its voice, in commendation of the good and in no uncertain condemnation of the evil.

There was cogency in his writings, clear, understandable, concise and correct. There was power in his words, pure, spontaneous and unstrained. Had he not been unapproachable as a news-gatherer, he might have sat these years at the editor's desk, and help to steer that surging phalanx of the people's rights and the people's hopes with the other defenders of the right, and champions of the good. But his place could not be filled on the streets and he was perfectly satisfied to remain in this one responsible position. Here was shown so unmistakably the genius that lay in his mind.

Towering high above all other qualities that so fitted him for journalistic prominence, was the primal requisite for success in any profession—a kind congenial temperament. His consideration for the feelings of others was a crowning virtue. Not a man associated in any way with the shop was without his sympathy and helping hand when trouble came. Every burden that oppressed was an opportunity for him.

But it's over now—every struggle and every conflict, and the armor laid aside. God placed beauty and life and loveliness in the closed-up petals, but plucked the flower before it bloomed, stretched earthly glory within human grasp, then struck pulseless the hand that would have grasped the prize, allowed fond ties to grow into maturing loveliness and then rent them asunder in the fateful hour. My serious dealing, but unquestionable, do not let our wisdom grapple with the infinite mind. Foundations crumbling when the structure is nearing completion, flowers plucked when coming into blossom, leaves falling when the green of summer lies across the fields.

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SITUATION IN THE ISLAND OF CUBA

Secretaries Ronoport, Bacon and Taft Discuss Cuban Situation. Purpose of Marines in Havana. The Denver Arrives. Progress Made by the Insurgents.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—The Navy Department has not yet been informed of the arrival of the Marietta at Cienfuegos.

Offers to Surrender.
Alfredo Zayas, president of the Liberal party, who is with the insurgents, and General Leynaz del Castillo, commander of the insurgent forces in Havana province, sent two emissaries to Commander Colwell offering to come in and surrender on board the Denver this afternoon. Commander Colwell replied he was unable to interfere, and that President Palma was communicating with Washington as to the matter.

Sailors in Camp.
Havana, Sept. 14.—The armed sailors who landed last night from the Denver are still in camp.

Sleeper, the American in charge, received a telegram from the State Department directing him to request the withdrawal of the Denver's sailors. This he did in a note to Commander Colwell, who after calling at the legation went to the palace, where he conferred with President Palma. As a result the force of sailors were withdrawn.

Condition of Surrender.
Offer of Zayas and Castillo to surrender was on the conditions named last night that the United States guarantees them a fair judicial trial.

A Timely Landing.
Out of the great amount of more or less excited controversy about the wisdom of landing the blue jackets from the Denver and the propriety of their recall to the cruiser, there is an absolute consensus of agreement on one point, namely that this landing proved a wonderfully distinct and decided influence towards procuring an offer of surrender from the insurgents.

This offer was made at the moment when the concentration of the insurgent forces in Havana province had been practically accomplished, presumably in readiness for the much predicted movement upon Havana city.

On this account the landing was an extremely satisfactory incident to President Palma, to the rebel emissaries, to Commander Colwell, his officers and crew, to the public of Havana and especially to the Americans.

The fact that the insurrection has been held up for at least today is gratifying to all concerned. An exception to this feeling, however, is the radical advocates for intervention followed by annexation, who would have preferred not have seen the landing and fighting continue until the United States was obliged to assume the full charge of the situation. Everybody realizes, however, that from the standpoint of such intelligent and thoughtful leaders as Alfredo Zayas the apparent intervention of the United States with an armed force meant nothing less than a real intervention in fact and the liberal leaders would prefer to surrender forthwith to seeing the sovereignty of the republic weakened or lessened by American control.

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STONE-BARRINGER CO.

Increase Capital From \$25,000 to \$50,000.
Special to The News.
Raleigh, Sept. 14.—The directors of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce this afternoon elected Col. F. A. Olds, secretary to succeed R. M. Phillips, who resigned to accept the secretaryship of the Greensboro Chamber. The salary is \$1,200.

An amendment was granted for the charter of the Stone-Barringer Co. of Charlotte, increasing its capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Pee Dee Manufacturing Co. of Rockingham, also increase its capital from \$185,000, paid in, \$500,000 authorized.

WILL PROSECUTE GUILTY.

District Attorney Bell Says He Has Found Evidence Sufficient to Prosecute.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 14.—District Attorney Bell, who has been investigating the failure of the City Trust Safe Deposit and Security Co., which closed in June, 1905, with liabilities of more than \$600,000, says he has discovered evidence of criminal liability and intends to institute prosecutions of those responsible.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

Two Men Were Killed and Three Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press.
Mount Sterling, Ky., Sept. 14.—The boiler in the Riley-Waters saw mill at Mariba, exploded killing John Hiele and Ross Byrd. Three others were burned so they will die. The mill was blown to pieces.

8 Killed, 60 Wounded.

By Associated Press.
Vina, Sept. 14.—An attempt was made by the rural police to arrest seven peasants who had been organizing disorders among the peasantry, had resulted in a collision between the mobs and soldiers. The latter fired a volley, killing eight and wounded sixty.

Booker T. To Speak.

By Associated Press.
Memphis, Tenn., September 14.—The sessions of the National Negro Baptist Convention were taken up with missionary reports and discussions thereon.

Judge Malone Dead.

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., September 14.—Judge Thomas H. Malone, one of the best known jurists in the South died today.

Damage to Steamer.

By Associated Press.
Boston, Mass., September 14.—The United Fruit Company's overdue steamer, Brewster, arrived in Port Antonio, suffered great damage from hurricane last week.

Case of A. J. Salcido.

By Associated Press.
El Paso, Tex., Sept. 14.—The Nogales Times says Abram Jose Salcido, president of the Douglas junta of the Mexican revolutionists, has been turned over by the United States Immigration Inspector Webb to the Mexican authorities and taken to Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora. He was deported, it said, on the order of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor on the ground of being an undesirable foreigner.

DURHAM WANTS BRYAN.

Will Charter Special Train if Nebraska Can be Induced to Stop There—A Sad Incident.

Special to The News.
Durham, N. C., September 14.—The Democrats of Durham are making an effort to get Hon. William Jennings Bryan to make a speech in Durham, on his Southern tour when he speaks in several other North Carolina cities. The Democrats are also making arrangements for a special train to run from Raleigh to Durham if they can get Mr. Bryan to speak. His Raleigh speech will begin at 11:30 o'clock and it is supposed will last one hour and a half, this making the time for leaving Raleigh one o'clock if the special train is run. It would be impossible for Mr. Bryan to speak in Durham if he came on the regular train which does not arrive in this place until 4:30 and if it remained any length of time would interfere with the engagement in Greensboro. It is hoped by the Democrats of this place that arrangements can be made to have Mr. Bryan to deliver a lengthy address at Durham.

Quite a sad and peculiar incident occurred in Durham yesterday that attracted much attention. Mr. and Mrs. James Dean of Norfolk, Va., arrived in the city to spend several days on a visit to Mr. Dean's father who died last Monday and was buried Tuesday. They had not been informed of his death, and the news came as a sudden shock. Mr. James Dean, before his father's death was quite ill and information concerning his death was kept quiet. His relatives in Durham did not know he was well enough to make the trip to Durham and they were also surprised to see him. Mr. Dean returned home on the next train after his arrival.

Mrs. Lelia Patton and Mr. J. B. Wilson, a popular couple of this city were married yesterday afternoon. Rev. T. F. Haney performed the ceremony at the home of the bride. Mr. Wilson is a very prominent farmer, and Mrs. Lelia Patton, formerly of Asheville, also has numbers of friends in this place, who wish them much happiness. The bride and groom left this morning for their future home at Garner, Wake county.

A Shelby Wedding.

Special to The News.
Shelby, N. C., September 14.—On last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock Miss Annie May Barrett was married to Dr. F. A. Wilkins, of Gastonia, Rev. M. E. Parseh, officiated, the ceremonies being performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Barrett.

The wedding was very quiet, owing to the illness of the bride's mother. The bride was attired in handsome going-away gown of brown. They left immediately for a visit to the home of the groom's parents near Rutherford. The bride is one of Shelby's most charming young ladies.

Mrs. R. S. Jones and daughter, Miss Mame, attended the Williamson Jones wedding at Kings Mountain, this week.

The Cuban Situation.

New York City, September 14.—Secretary Bonoport who stopped over on his way from Washington, left early for Oyster Bay for a conference with the President and acting Secretary of State Bacon, at which the Cuban situation will be threshed out.

Prominent Young Society Man, W. L. Williams, who was Shot in Disreputable House while Attempting to Stop Fight, Died this Morning.

Special to The News.
Wilmington, N. C., January 14.—W. L. Williams, one of the most prominent young society men of this city was shot last night by Lonnie Snyges, another young man. The difficulty occurred in a disreputable house where a dance was in progress.

Williams interfered to prevent a fight between his friends and an inmate of the house. Snyges had been intimate with the woman and without saying a word he drew his pistol, shot Williams in the forehead over the left eye.

Snyges attempted to escape, resisted arrest and was shot in the stomach by a policeman. Both men were sent to a hospital. Williams died this morning at 5:00 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The affair has created great sensation here. The house where the tragedy occurred has had four murders and suicides within the past year. The police closed the bagnio to-day together with one other.

The coroner's inquest was over Williams body to-day. Snyges was held with out bail to answer the charge of murder. Williams was prominent in social and society circles and the terrible event has cast a gloom over the community. Williams met death in an endeavor to stop a fight.

He was 25 years old and a traveling salesman for the Southern Scale and Fixture company of Columbia, S. C. He came from Kentucky five years ago and his home was in Covington. He leaves a mother, sister, and brother here. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The interment will probably be at Covington.

Woodstock, Onto., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Mary A. Bigley, mother of Mrs. Cassius L. Chadwick, died at the age of 76 today.

THE MUSICAL DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA WELL ATTENDED

Large Crowds Listen to Excellent Music of Artists. Madame Shotwell-Piper and Miss Grace Munson Well Appeared Yesterday Afternoon.

Prof. Charles Lane Lectured Yesterday Afternoon on "The Analysis of Laughter, a Humorist of Extensive Reputation. Tells Some Good Jokes.

PROGRAM FOR TO-MORROW

4:00 P. M.—
Program of Music by
Mme. Shotwell-Piper
Miss Grace Munson
The Dailey Quartette
The Richardson Orchestra

Address
"Is Fun Devilish or Divine"—Rev. Geo. Stuart

8:00 P. M.—
Program of Music
Last appearance of
Mme. Shotwell-Piper
Miss Grace Munson

Selections by
The Dailey Quartette
The Richardson Orchestra

Address
"The World's Big Man"—Rev. Geo. Stuart

The humorous lecture and address yesterday afternoon by Mr. Chas. Lane, one of the most famous humorists on the American platform today, proved so good that everybody who heard it said that they wanted to come back again before the Chautauqua was over.

From the time the speaker arose until the lecture closed, there was a continuous round of laughter, interthought and pathos, but the laughter, pure, generous and unhampered, prevailed.

The speaker said to his audience: "I beg your pardon if I told an old joke, because they all borrow them from me, and it is hard for me to keep the other fellows from stealing my jokes."

People who hadn't enjoyed a good laugh in many months opened their mouths and laughed, cooled down a few moments, and then had to begin all over again as some new and convincing particle of humor flowed from the fluent tongue of the man who could make men laugh at will.

It was one of those times when folks just have to forget the old world and the worries and feel naturally that it is good to be alive, and that they would like to sit in their seats and laugh until weariness or something else compelled them to desist.

The jokes used by the speaker were polished after his own inimitable fashion and into each he infused his own individuality which might be described, with only complimentary meaning to the speaker, as being humorous in itself.

Humor is one of the most difficult parts of oratory and speech, and yet the most subtle and delightful when handled by the artist in things humorous, and such did Mr. Lane present to his enthusiastic audience yesterday afternoon.

Program Last Night.

There was a departure from the usual order of exercises last night in that there was no lecture booked for the evening. The entire session was occupied by the musicians, The Dailey Quartette, Richardson Orchestra, Madame Shotwell-Piper and Miss Grace Munson, with accompanist, David T. Huyck.

Nothing but the highest praise has been heard of all. The audience showed their appreciation of the surpassingly beautiful renditions by frequent encores. The Richardson Orchestra raised itself a notch higher in the estimation of the critics. All agree that Charlotte has in this combination of musical talent one of the best orchestras in the country. It has been growing more and more in popular favor on this occasion. Nothing but highest commendation can be justly spoken of the splendid quality of music they have been making during the Chautauqua.

Superlatives alone can describe the class of music the Dailey Quartette have been dispensing. Their reputation was established here last year, and the people are more pleased than ever with their sweet songs.

Madame Shotwell-Piper who was introduced yesterday afternoon by two beautiful renditions charmed the audience again last night, as did also Miss Grace Munson, contralto. Their initial appearance was greeted with enthusiastic praise and commendation. The most exacting critic could find in their renditions no ground for fault but praise. Both are gifted with superb voices that not only enthrall but command an undivided attention. They will appear today and tomorrow.