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AMUSEMENTS

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"The Nigger—"

"The Nigger" as produced yesterday afternoon and last night at the Academy of Music was simply another of those plays based on racial feeling that have from time to time wandered into the South from the larger cities and the effect of it was, and will be, about the same the others have been. The difference between "The Nigger" and the other plays of this order is the fact that some of them have conscientiously tried to teach a moral to their productions—and failed. There is nothing like this in "The Nigger." From the first to the last of the whole miserable plot the author has the wrong idea, and though he has worked up his great scenes and climax with magnificent skill, he has accomplished nothing with them.

With the exception of the excellence of the producing cast there is no redeeming feature about the whole play. The person who attends the performance leaves the theatre with feeling of sorrow that he was not able to see the company cast in a happier play, one in which they would be allowed full swing of their great ability and could put their personality into their parts. No lesson is taught and none is learned.

The time of the play is the present and the place is the South. The opening scene presents the lynching of a negro, with all the attendant details. The awful vengeance of the mob, the pitiful appeal of the hero to prevent the murder and at last the horrible scream of the man as the rope tightens around his neck. A lynching pure and simple and something every conscientious white man in the South is striving to prevent and forget.

In the second act the hero has been elected governor of a great state. All around the executive mansion can be heard the sound of shots and the audience is told that a race riot is in progress. In this act an enemy of the governor proves to him that his grandmother was a negress. Up to this time fate had been kind to the hero, but with characteristic abruptness she turns on him. It is not easy to picture a man who has lived the life of a white man, who has been elected to high office and who is engaged to the sweetest woman in the world being brought face to face with the fact that he has negro blood in his veins and that all his dreams of the future and his happiness are being torn from him. It is easy to imagine

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though, the tremendous force of the act and the agony he must suffer. At first he cannot give up the girl, but later he yields. It is in this scene that the most emotional of the acting is seen.

The third act is on the evening of the same day in the capitol building. In this act is seen the white girl in the impossible attitude of waiting to marry the man regardless. Then the "Nigger" is forced to show her the right course and refuse to accept her and announces to the world that he has the tint in his blood. Again the author is in error.

"The Nigger" will do no good and it is not the kind of entertainment the South wants. It is neither beneficial or instructive. The plot is impossible and it brings up things and thoughts of the past that we are trying hard to forget. The men of the South have been fighting against everything that would have a tendency to stir up the old racial feeling, and shows of the character of "The Nigger" draw the danger only nearer the surface and make the fight harder for the workers.

Without a doubt the personnel of the troupe included some of the best actors in the profession today. It was simply their acting and wonderful ability that made the people sit through the performance.

There are fourteen characters in the cast and to each one of them is due great credit for their acting. They are put in a play in which they are naturally out of their element as normal people and one which depended entirely upon their ability as actors and actresses to make go. As a whole it was the best cast ever seen in this city. There was not a detail too small for them to overlook and not a point too small for them to work hard to bring out. The great pity is that a company as good as this is wasted on a show like "The Nigger."

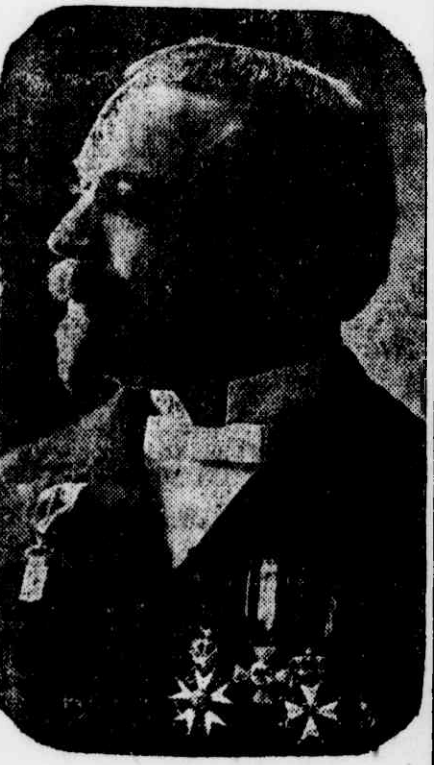
Mr. Fred Eric, as "The Nigger" was undoubtedly the best actor ever seen on this circuit. His ability to portray emotional pains and work up to the dramatic climax demonstrated his natural ability as an actor and his wonderful technique. In a better play he would be a great find.

Miss Catherine Carter had the other great part. It was as difficult as that of the Nigger and she played it wonderfully. As a sweet Southern girl she was, when her lines were not bad, all that a man could ask for. Pretty, fine some, attractive and with all the fire of a proud girl from an aristocratic family. Her interpretation of the part was beautiful and even in the parts where the lines were impossible, she interpreted them in a way that made them lose a great deal of their offensiveness. She was working up hill all the time and she went to the very heights.

Mr. Ethelbert Hales, as Noyes, the distiller was great as was Mr. Arthur Stine, a negro and later, the sheriff. Each of the cast could be favorably mentioned but it is enough to say that if they ever appear here again they will be greeted enthusiastically by the admirers they made on this occasion.

An Event of Great Interest to Charlotte Ladies Will Be the Lectures on Beauty Culture at the Academy

By Dr. Felix Cristion, of Paris. There seems to be a growing interest among the ladies of this city in the forthcoming beauty culture lectures at the Academy of Music Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3 o'clock, by Dr. Felix Cristion, of Rue de Revoll, Paris, who's reputation along these lines has been heralded in the foremost magazines and the press. He is said to be a master of his art, the author of the only recognized text book on beauty culture and facial blemishes and has been awarded decorations by queens and wives of the presidents for his skill. He speaks many languages and will address the ladies in English.



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Prof. Cristion will give two lectures in this city at the Academy of Music next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 3 o'clock. On Tuesday afternoon, all the ladies of Charlotte will be admitted free. The press throughout the state speaks in glowing terms of Prof. Cristion, and say that his work has proved very interesting and fascinating.

Viola Allen in "The White Sister" Coming to Charlotte Soon.

Manager Crovo, of the Academy of Music, announces that arrangements have just been completed for the early appearance here of America's greatest living actress, Miss Viola Allen, and her all star cast in "The White Sister," which has proved to be the best play that the distinguished star has been seen in since "The Christian."

Miss Allen's principal colleague this year is James O'Neill, remembered as the star of "Monte Cristo," a play in which he played 6,000 times. In the old days O'Neill used to be leading man for Edwin Booth, and his fine ability and long experience have combined to make him one of the best actors on the stage today.

Minne Gale is another player of long experience in the cast. Henry Stanford, F. C. Mosely, Fanny Addison Pitt, Edwin Braudt, Belle Chipendale, Dwight Dana and Joseph Carducci, complete this extraordinary cast.

Miss Allen will appear at the Academy of Music Thursday night, January 26. Mail orders for seats from out-of-town people will be accepted now, when accompanied by money orders payable to John L. Crovo, manager Academy of Music, Charlotte, N. C.

Gas Company Has Time Limit

The offer made by the Charlotte Gas Company to the residents of Elizabeth avenue, noted in the News last week, will close January 21. Those who will take gas must make application by that date, promising to use gas for 12 months at the minimum charge of 50 cents and at the regular rate prevailing in the city.

The gas company's offer is: To make all connections free for any appliances ordered before the main ditch is closed. In making stove pipe connections for instance the regular charge is 15c. a foot. In many cases the connections would cost the consumer from \$10 to \$15.

Many on Elizabeth avenue have signed for gas, but the number is not sufficient to warrant the company extending main lines.

Mr. McCall This Afternoon

Mr. J. D. McCall will address the meeting for boys at the Young Men's Christian Association this evening at 5 o'clock.

Among the special attractions will be a violin solo by Miss Ella Mosely, and a solo by Mr. Cyril D. Baxters, tenor soloist at the First Presbyterian church.

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Clean Creek Mule Figures in Court

Messrs. Eli and Press Griffith and Will Thompson Are Declared Not Guilty of Larceny of a Mule From Mr. W. C. Stegale, of Clear Creek.

Messrs. Eli and Press Griffith and Will Thompson were the defendants and Mr. W. C. Stegale the plaintiff in a case which was tried yesterday afternoon before 'Squire J. W. Cobb. The case was one that was referred to 'Squire Cobb by 'Squire C. P. Mungo of Clear Creek, the warrant being issued by 'Squire Mungo.

The defendants were charged with wrenching the lock off the door of Mr. Stegale's barn on the 28th of December last, and taking therefrom a mule, the property of Mr. Stegale. Constable W. A. Linker served the warrant on the defendants a few days later and found that the mule was locked up in Thompson's barn and that Thompson had the key in his pocket.

Mr. Thompson had a mortgage on the mule, it was claimed, and had tried vainly to have Mr. Stegale make a settlement.

The plaintiff was represented in 'Squire Cobb's court yesterday by Mr. John A. McRae, while Mr. J. E. Little represented the defendants. After hearing and weighing all the evidence carefully 'Squire Cobb discharged the defendants, finding no evidence that warranted their being charged with the larceny of the mule.

Society

MRS. SHAW HOME.

Mrs. A. M. Shaw and son, Mr. Oliver Shaw, have returned from Florida, and are at Mr. W. E. Shaw's, on Irwin avenue.

Mrs. B. H. Sumner, of Asheville, is stopping at the Selwyn today.

Miss Ella Thomson, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. J. H. Osborne, of Lenoir, are visitors to the city today, at the Central.

TO LEAVE.

CHARLOTTE. The many friends of Mr. Ernest Fields and family will regret to know that they are to leave Charlotte. Within a week or so they will go to E. C., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Fields came here as grad for Sanders & Orr. He and his family have made many friends.

Mr. W. V. Porter left last night for New York.

Mrs. Hugh Montgomery won the prize at the bride given by Mrs. E. V. Finlayson in honor of Mrs. W. W. Ooliva.

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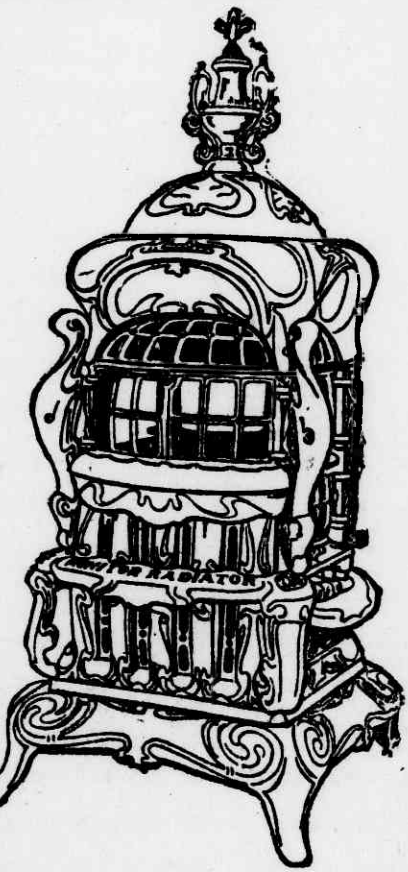
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