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A HUMANE CORPORATION.

One consideration which stands out sharply amid all the terrible details of the Briceville mine disaster is the genuine, uncommercialized concern which the Knoxville Iron Company has exhibited for the fate of its employees. Where ordinarily miners are supposed to work under the most careless conditions, in this particular mine, extraordinary precautions seem to have been prescribed at all times by the rules of operation of the mine against just such catastrophes as the one which has been suffered.

When in spite of these safeguards and precautions the disaster came, the disposition of the company to do everything in its power to rescue the entombed miners was immediately made known. The president of the company took up his position at the mine and worked untrudgingly night and day to accomplish what he could in person. Word was given that no expense should be spared, and efforts should not cease until hope was impossible.

The latest action of the company is expressed in a bulletin which has been distributed and posted in the affected neighborhood. In this statement the company declares its purpose to make an immediate and thorough investigation of the cause of the accident, and to deal as justly with the relatives or representatives of those who were lost as the circumstances may warrant; points out that there is no need for hasty action to recover against the company, as suits may be brought on any claim at any time within twelve months; that by waiting until the investigation is complete money may be saved for those who are entitled to it; and asserts that it will take great pleasure in aiding the families and dependents of those lost, at the commissary or otherwise.

It is very desirable that the Charlotte board of aldermen attend in a body when "Marse Henry" Watterson delivers his lecture on peace and arbitration here, December 30th. It is daring a sleeping dog to speak of the matter when comparative quiet has reigned for several weeks, but "Marse Henry" should know that his remarks will have a local as well as general significance.

The resignation of Hon. George W. Ward, as judge of the first superior court district, deprives the judiciary of the state of a member who, in the seven years of his service, had occasion to display qualities of mind and temper that reflect honorably upon himself and his high office. A striking chapter in his judicial experience was that wherein he preserved the dignity of his position in the face of a deliberate and trying insult. The fact that his resignation was necessitated by continued ill health is a matter of general and sincere regret.

A notable feature of the dispatches which have been sent out from Shelby describing the brutal murder of a prominent Cleveland county farmer and his wife, is the absence of any suggestion of the lynching spirit in the parties which are scouring the county for the murderer. This condition is as it should be, but is none the less a matter of congratulation to the entire state in the memory of past mobbings. North Carolina has too many lawless executions to answer for; let there not be an added crime in this instance; let there be no mobbing in Cleveland county when the guilty persons are discovered! North Carolina justice has proved itself speedy enough and ready enough to satisfy the demands of all save those who line up with the South Carolina governor.

Two Charlotte poultry fanciers have won a remarkable series of prizes at the Southern International Poultry Show held in Atlanta this week—have won in competition with the best birds from every section of the country. More than four thousand fowls of all classes were entered in the Atlanta show, and in size and importance it is outranked in the history of poultry shows only by the great Madison Square, New York, show. A majority of all the prizes in the show, with authorities impartial and disinterested judging, went to Southern raised birds. Here is an excellent point to the fact that the South in general, and Charlotte in particular, have within their very hands an opportunity whose realization is too stupendous to be calculated.

One of the children writing to Santa Claus asks The News to republish the famous old poem which states "Twas the Night Before Christmas, and All Through the House, etc."

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS.

(The Old Poem by Clement Clarke Moore.) 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that Saint Nicholas would be there;

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter, Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a luster of midday to objects below;

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!" To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and Saint Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney Saint Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

And his droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf; And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

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AMUSEMENTS

ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEK.

Saturday, Matinee and Night, "Naughty Marietta."

(Edited by T. P. Nash, Jr.)

"Around the Clock."

"Around the Clock," which was on for a double-header at the Academy yesterday, was a boisterous exhibition of "horse play," which nevertheless caught the fancy of the moderate sized audiences and drew many laughs. The first is, "Around the Clock" is more aptly classed as vaudeville than comedy. It proceeds on the English conception of farce or comedy which is to create laughter by the falling-down, rough and ready tumble method. In this department Billie Ritchie and Charles Mack excelled, and were in action from the word go.

"Naughty Marietta" Coming.

Direct from its great success at the New York theatre and the Manhattan opera house, New York, the new comic opera entitled, "Naughty Marietta," with an augmented orchestra, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon and night.

The music, by Victor Herbert, is said to show not only his skill and technique, but his fruitfulness in melodious invention, and the knack he has acquired of providing operatic entertainment. Rida Johnson Young, who will be remembered as the author of the famous "Ragged Robin," has provided the book which is said to be far ahead of anything she has written in the past.

Why Maude Adams Wished to Play Chantecler

If anybody should ask you why Maude Adams wished, far more than anything else attainable in this world, to act the role of "Chantecler," let this be your answer: "The darkest hour of his life is when Chantecler realizes that, while he may not create the light, he can proclaim it to a sleeping world. He sees that there is an even greater faith than the faith one has in tomorrow—faith in many tomorrows. He will find new courage in work. If it is faithfully carried on, other workers who come after assigned to the same task, will find that task easier to do. Still others that come after them will find it still easier—and in the end there will be no more night, no more failure or discouragement for the worker." Not for gain, nor for glory—though both have come in plenty—but to be the humble instrument for the widest possible spread of this message of hope to a nation of workers—that is the real reason Maude Adams chose to act "Chantecler."

As nearly as can be estimated, Chantecler is the twenty-ninth stage character that Maude Adams has successfully projected across the footlights since her first leading part. The estimate seems low for one who has gone the gamut of stage characterization from Shakespeare to Rostand—especially for one who was a star in the hearts of a vast public long before Charles Froham first advertised her as such. But the fact is that Maude Adams, lavish though she is in producing her plays—or perhaps because she is so lavish—can make one play serve over a stretch of country and period of time that any other living actress could only cover with a dozen.

A live conscience is the only chaperon a girl ever fears.—Florida Times-Union.

IDIOTIC INTERROGATIONS.

Why is a determination always firm? Do the waves dance at fish balls? Did you ever see the shadow of a doubt? When a doom is sealed can it be steamed open? Is the finger of scorn a part of the hand of Fate? How large a scale is required to weigh the consequences? Is a man a burglar because he breaks into a respirator? When a man courts danger does he take flowers or candy? Is there an asylum for people who are blind to their own interests?—Boston Transcript.

That earliest shock in one's life which occurs to all of us, which first makes us think.—Disraeli.

The Most Serious Part Begins. Jack—Well, old man, she has accepted me and named the day. That's a load off my heart. Married Friend—Yes; now the load is on your shoulders.—Boston Transcript.

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