

THEATRICAL

Applause which ran the first evening performance for twenty minutes overtime, at the first presentation of the Sunshine Girls at the Victoria yesterday, was the best evidence in the world that this is the best show yet presented at that theatre. Many rounds of applause forced the different performers to respond until they were all out of breath, while the show was prolonged long after the usual time.

Arthur Hauk certainly has an all-star aggregation under his "Sunshine Girl" banner this year. It's an old



"Mutt & Jeff's Wedding." Acad. of Music, Thursday, Sept. 28.

and well known aggregation, but all are new this year—only the name remaining to identify this show among many others, as one of the very best popular priced musical comedy attractions on tour.

Of course the one, great, decided hit of the show is the Three Musical Kings, three of the most accomplished musicians seen hereabouts in many a day, who handle a miscellaneous assortment of musical instruments with an expert touch. Their act has called for many encores at every performance.

Those two dainty little bits of femininity, Iris and Helen Kennedy form two of the most irresistible bits of

sical Kings and everything else new.

Anniversary Week at The Royal.

Did you know that this is the first anniversary week of the Royal Theatre, and that tomorrow one year ago this theatre was first opened. The management has been very anxious to make a big week of it, and has booked a great outlay of features for this anniversary.

Tomorrow, on the first anniversary day, they will present a mammoth five-reel George Kleine feature, "The Devil's Prayer Book" one of the most startling dramas of the year. It is a story of gamblers and gambling—a sparkling, scintillating drama with a snap and a go that keeps you muscle-taut through five enchanting reels.

"The Devil's Prayer Book" deals with the checked lives whose courses run counter to the law and which, in the end, meet the penalties attached to wrong doing. True to life, the innocent suffer for the misdeeds of the guilty, some of them being denied the privilege of compensation, while others come into their own after a fiery ordeal.

Warm praise is due Miss Alma Hanlon for her capable and appealing characterization of Nell. Miss Hanlon is also physically pleasing on the screen in this role. The pictures of the camera which show her behind

prison bars reveal a face of girlish beauty, swept by the tides of varying emotion. Arthur Hoops in the leading role opposite her, is his usual, strong dramatic self, and Ruby Hoffman, Carlyle Fleming, Tom Coventry, Frank Belcher and Fred Block also are seen in this strong cast.

Mutt & Jeff's Wedding.

To offer a sixth edition of that which has been acknowledged the greatest musical comedy success in theatrical history is something of an undertaking, in fact Gus Hill hesitates and is tempted to let well enough alone and stick to the old sure fire books that have made him upwards of a million

tiest chorus ever gather together under one Managerial banner. The play is a typical Musical Comedy with all its embellishments. It is decidedly different from anything yet seen in musical comedy production and will without doubt prove pleasing to all. Mutt & Jeff will appear as Benedicts, taking them all through that foolish and troublesome period known as courtship, giving these funny fellows the chance of their lives to excel in their world renown with provoking proclivities. Scientifically and artistically the offering will differ from anything ever presented before.



PRETTY MAE COLLINS

Dainty, Comedienne With Bill Clifford at the Academy of Music Saturday, Matinee and Night.

dollars, but the irrepressible Bud Fisher does not hesitate at anything. He has taken his character creations through Turkey, Panama, Mexico and College and this season he will introduce them to Matrimony.

The new book is called Mutt & Jeff. A new musical score has been written and a small fortune expended on scenic and electrical effects, saying nothing of the twenty changes of gorgeous costumes worn by the pret-

Mutt & Jeff's Wedding will take place Thursday, matinee and night at the Academy. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to \$1. Tickets are now selling at Plummer's.

Billy Clifford Coming.

In building up the production of the first thing considered was to get a company together from which nothing could be desired in the way of improving it. This proved quite a task.

GASTON COUNTY HAS ASSOCIATION

Mass Meetings Will be Held During the Week to Complete Organization.

Gastonia, Sept. 25.—The Greater Gaston County Association has been organized and to date has a membership of 200 and has an assured annual income of \$2,500. Gastonia supplies more than half the membership of the association but the small towns in the county have furnished their share of the members also as well as the country districts.

According to the way that the association has fixed the income one half will go to the head office to be used for advertising purposes, running expenses and the like and the other half will go to the towns and townships in which it is raised, and will be used in the interest of the various Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and similar organizations.

During the week mass meetings will be held in the various towns for the purpose of organization and it is thought that by the first of next month that the head office of the association will be doing business.

Standardization of hospital work and the training of nurses will be the principal subjects of discussion at the annual conference of the American Hospital Association, which is to begin its sessions today in Philadelphia.

MINISTER PLEADS FOR THE MEN

Rev. Lyman K. Dilts Will Tour State in Behalf of Wiggins and Miller

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 25.—Rev. Lyman K. Dilts, pastor of the Pullen Memorial church, talked before the students of the A. & M. College yesterday evening and discussed the case of Merritt Miller and Hardie Wiggins, Graham county men, under sentence of death. Mr. Dilts returned Thursday of last week from Graham where he went earlier to the scene of the homicide. The minister did not find that his mission was pleasing to the Graham people who appeared to him to be uncommonly hostile to the fellows in the State's prison here awaiting death. The pastor remained there but a few hours and took down what additional evidence has been found upon which the men base their hopes of an appeal for a new trial.

In discussing the case last night Mr. Dilts did not attempt to hold the men up as horrible examples for purposes of public moralization but he reiterated his belief in their entire innocence. He is making the fight to arouse public sentiment, to what he believes is a great wrong about to be done by the law. At times the preacher spoke very plainly about the processes that have entered into the conviction of the men. He offered evidence to show that they hadn't half a chance before a jury in that county. Fact is, he said, a preacher isn't especially fortunate if he is engaged in helping the boys out.

The minister means to take his machine and go into many places where he will tell the story of the conviction and prison life of the two men whom he is seeking to save. He is making the fight without any remuneration whatsoever and doing so at considerable expense.

Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, who has been visiting in Chapel Hill, Lincolnton, Morganton and in the mountains, has returned to the city and Saturday resumed her work as deputy in the office of Collector Bailey.

In the general primaries in Massachusetts today Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican will be renominated, and the Democrats will name John F. Fitzgerald, ex-mayor of Boston as his opponent. Governor McCall will be renominated to head the Republican State ticket, with either Charles H. Cole or Frederick W. Mansfield as his Democratic opponent.

The annual meeting of the League of Virginia Municipalities will open at Clifton Forge today and continue its sessions until Thursday.

Masonic Temple, WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319,

Emergent communication this (Tuesday) evening, at 7:45, for work in the Entered Apprentice Degree. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren welcome. By order of the W. M. J. F. CLOWE, Sec'y.

VICTORIA

LAST TIMES TODAY The Great Show Which Went Over 60 Big Monday

"Little Dollie Dimples"

Presented by ARTHUR HAUK'S

Sunshine Girls

THREE MUSICAL KINGS (They're "There") IRIS AND HELEN KENNEDY (Two Dainty Bits of Femininity) EVERYTHING NEW TOMORROW!

Matinee, 3:00—10:20 Night, 7:30 and 9:00—10:20-30c.

ROYAL

TOMORROW ANNIVERSARY BILL (Opened Sept. 27, 1915) GEORGE KLEINE'S

"The Devil's Prayer Book"

Featuring

Alma Hanlon Arthur Hoops Ruby Hoffman and Carlyle Fleming.

A Story of Gamblers and Gambling—a Sparkling, Scintillating Drama with a Snap and Go That Keeps Your Muscle Taut Through Five Enchanting Reels.

Adults 10c Children 5c

ACADEMY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 MATINEE AND NIGHT



MUTT AND JEFF'S WEDDING ENTIRELY NEW PRODUCTION Matinee 25 and 50c Children 25c any Seat Night 50-75c and \$1.00 Tickets at Plummer's.

Coatee Effects, Russian Blouses, and Suspender Styles Popular—Elaborate Stitching Smartens Simply Cut Little Coats—Small Feet Are Modishly Shod—Pontine Coats for Motor Wear—Plaids Very Smart.

Summer lingers so long in the lap of autumn nowadays, that children continue to wear tub frocks almost until Thanksgiving; some mothers preferring to keep the little folks in white linen of pique all through the winter months. This is possible only in steam-heated houses or apartments of course; with a temperature always above 70 within doors, white frocks, slippers and short socks are perfectly reasonable, even in January, though heavy wraps and buttoned boots with long stockings must be donned for the street. An admirable compromise for between-seasons, is the suspender frock, very popular just now. The skirt has shoulder straps or bretelles of one sort or another, and the waist is of white tub silk or some linen or cotton washable fabric. These dresses are made of plaid worsted, of plain serge, of mohair or of silk and the idea is excellent.

Coatee Dresses Popular

The coatee dress is another compromise between thin summer costumes and wool frocks for cold weather. The skirt is usually pleated; or it may be gathered at the waistband, and the coatee is in bolero or tunic style, worth over a full blouse of soft material, a broad collar usually turning over the coatee at the back. A very attractive model for a girl of ten years, has a pleated skirt of green and blue checked worsted and a coatee of plain green serge. The latter garment comes below the waist in pointed tabs and has very large armholes—in fact, almost no under-arm seam at all, the coatee buttoning, front to back, at the hip. All edges are hand buttonholed in buff colored silk and the guimpe is of ecru batiste. Hand buttonholing in scalloped design is a feature of children's frocks for fall, and also silk stitching done on the machine in rows and set designs. Children's frocks should always be stitched with silk which is more dependable in strength and color than cotton thread, and is also easier to rip out when little frocks have to be altered or let down.

Coats Touched with Fur

Fur on everything says Fashion now, and smart coats for little people have cuffs and collar or narrow trim-

SMART WEAR FOR CHILDREN



PHOTO: FASHION CAMERA

Kiddies frock for the Saturday Morning Dance class is a charming affair of radium silk with hem beruffled with frill of self material and bodice of all over lace veiling the silk. The shirring and puffs at the high waistline, together with the puff sleeves are fascinating details.

ming bands of 'heaver; gray squirrel or baby lamb. Velvet coats will be very chic; big girls of ten and over will wear coats belted at the natural waistline—the very low belt has gone out of style—and tots of five and six will have coats and frocks hanging straight from the shoulder, without belts. Very small

An attractive and practical frock is shown in pale blue linen with elbow length sleeves and round flat collar. The deep pleats attached to the belt in a novel manner lends much to the attractiveness of the garment.

girls wear very short skirts—quite above the knee. At ten or eleven the petticoats drop over the knee and then continue downward, an inch each year. The boot of exaggerated height is not smart for childish wear now. Much pains has been spent on children's footwear and smartness and hygienic qualities are admirably combined. Buttoned boots are most correct for dress-up

wear; and most mothers prefer them for all out-door occasions, since untied shoelaces are apt to cause tripping, and even dangerous falls; a bad thing these modern days when automobiles are whisking around corners. White washable kid boots and slippers will continue in favor for indoor and party wear all winter, and for the street there are delectable boots of colored glazed kid in combination shadings to match little frocks and coats. The small boy's play shoes are, of course, of stout calf, in mannish style.

Pontine Coats are New

Smart coats for the motor, or for ordinary street wear, are of pontine, a

Velvet with fur trimming will be used in many of the afternoon dressy frocks for the school girl. Here one is shown in navy blue with moleskin fur trimming and deep girdle of navy satin. The soutache braid frogs afford smart trimming.

new material with a supple, wax-smooth surface on one side and silk or cloth on the reverse. This material comes in handsome shades and color combinations and when skillfully tailored and stitched makes very good looking coats for small boys and girls, the reverse side forming a lining and collar, cuff and pocket trimmings.

Practical and smart is this coat of tan and white heavy worsted with its huge pockets, stitched belt and pearl button fastenings. The collar is of black velvet.

Other favored coat materials for children are, zibeline, chinchilla, wool velour, broadcloth, velvety corduroy and plain or checked worsted mixtures. Party frocks are entrancing affairs of ruffled net, or tinted soie silk, and even the little maid of seven wears billowy skirts distended over a bonafide featherbone hoop, run through a lace petticoat; the more fluffy the skirt, indeed, the more chic the effect.

VELVET HATS FOR KIDDIES



Simple Mushrooms Generally Favored—Velvet and Plush Adopted.

The hats shown for wee kiddies are undoubtedly more fascinating this season than ever. There are adorable velvet poke bonnets faced with puffs of lace and ribbon with soft crown bedecked with fluffy pastel plumes. Invariably there are ribbon streamers or a chin strap. Cunning sets consisting of bonnet and scarf are also shown ornamented with chiffon flowers and foliage. The mushroom shape is also extremely smart and wearable. A clever instance of it is shown. The hat is of Joffre blue faille silk and is faced with a lace trimmed ruffle of French batiste. The crown is softened by a band of velvet ribbon and clusters of dainty flowers.

Each season there are interesting developments in kiddies attire and these invariably show much improvement on the items shown previous. Children of today are undoubtedly better and more appropriately attired than ever before. Better judgement is exercised by those who select fabrics and styles for these garments. Fabrics are not put together regardless of suitability to type, instead materials are carefully considered in regard to their fitness for certain lines and styles. Consequently, not only the outer garments such as dresses and coats are fashioned so that they are becoming and smart, but also all items that include themselves in kiddie's wardrobe.