

Theatrical.

One of the big events of the theatrical season locally, will be the presentation of the comedy success of two continents, "The Chorus Lady," by James Forbes, author of "The Traveling Salesman," and "The Commuters," and photographs of the life of the chorus girl, who knows the "phony" from the "real," and "phony" here applies to the froth and bubble of flattery thrown at the girl behind the footlights by male admirers.

Horse racing amusements loved by the chorus girl and the millionaire, do not fall in their charm for Patricia's sister. Luck goes with her for a while, then she places bets for her girl friends and one day when there is a large amount "down" the "tip" falls.

She must make good to her girl associates. She cannot pay and she cannot face Patricia and her father, to whom she has faithfully promised not to bet. Disgrace stares hard at her, and then the way out is suddenly offered by the appearance of the friend's partner. She does not know the difference between the "phony" and the "real," she accepts the offer of assistance from the man, and here the dramatic moments of the play begins.

"The Chorus Lady" will be at the Academy next Saturday, December 30th, for matinee and night, and seats will go on sale at Plummer's next Friday morning.

At The Bijou.

And now for Christmas at the gay and popular Bijou. And it is going to be a rouser, too. The Bijou has prepared in most elaborate manner to make the festive event one long to be remembered by all who visit there, and this may with safety be said to include the entire amusement populace of Wilmington, because the Bijou will be jammed Monday. Such is a safe bet, judging by past holiday records at this delightful theatre.

The Bijou management will place before the public a great and splendid show, with all the trimmings. The viands include all the latest and most expensive delicacies in the film and music lines, and they will be offered in most attractive manner. Everything will induce a gala and the person who goes without a Big visit tomorrow will be minus a big chunk of joy. One of the greatest dramatic films not only of the day, but ever manufactured, will head tomorrow's big bill. It will be "A Frontier Girl's Courage," and it will not only prove a blood stirrer for excitement and a finish a great quantity of beautiful scenery to fascinate the vision, but it will really prove instructive, showing pioneer days vividly and in detail. The travel by emigrant train and the attack by Indians make up the most sensational and graphic work ever done in moving pictures. Of course, there will be plenty of smile-pleasers tomorrow.

Holiday at The Grand Theatre.

The management of the Grand Theatre has "laid itself out," so to speak, in the selection of a great big holiday offering for Monday and the Yuletide merry-makers cannot well finish their day's pleasures without placing this delightful light amusement palace, "Molly Pitcher," in a big photoplay production by Kalem, will be found unusually strong, being, as it is, a page from United States history so graphically and beautifully told as to entrance, instruct and delight. It is an historic incident of the American Revolution in which the wife of Hayes, the gunner, while fighting at Monmouth, is wounded and his wife takes his place. It is a story that will stir the patriotism of every true American and will be heretofore a great woman is sometimes equal to, if not greater, than that of the sterner sex. Another film will be a Lubin, "The Teaseter," in which Jim Logan of the Army fell in love with fair Clara Myers, who nursed him to health, and that became of her. Another big picture will be "The Home of the Future," by the orchestra, dedicated to Mr. J. M. Solky, the clever and popular manager of The Grand. It is composed by Prof. A. Barby with music by Mr. Al. Morgan. Christmas at The Grand will be a day long to be remembered and the small prices will still obtain.

MR. J. D. LATHAM DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday Morning at Home of His Sister

Mr. John Davison Latham died yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Nash, No. 519 South Third street, following a period of ill health extending over several years, though it only developed into a serious stage about a week ago. He was only 33 years of age and was a young man of high character and most likable disposition. He was a railroad engineer and had hundreds of friends here and elsewhere, all of whom will be deeply grieved to learn of his passing.

Reported Murder at Ashton.

Reports reached this city yesterday to the effect that Mr. L. Walker, of Ashton, was murdered in that town Friday evening by a negro who is commonly known in the community as "Stiff." A knife wound is said to have caused death and it is also reported that a knife was used by Mr. Walker, who seriously stabbed the negro. Mr. Walker is said to have been the father of Mr. J. D. Walker, a Coast Line flagman, who is reported to be ill at his boarding house in this city. The family lives about six miles from Burgaw. The police had not received any notice last night of a murder or any trouble at Ashton.

"The Teaseter"

Big Lubin production in moving pictures at The Grand Theatre and a latest song by Mr. Harry Morgan. Spend Christmas merrily at The Grand.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pupils Today. St. Thomas' church, First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers, 7:45 P. M. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and Seventeenth streets.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "John's Church." All are invited. St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Holy communion at 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday school, Christmas service, P. M. Special Christmas eve service and sermon, 8 P. M. Seats free at all services. A cordial invitation to Christmas services, H. C. church, corner 4th and Grace streets, Rev. J. C. Wooten, pastor.—11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., sermon by the pastor, 2:30 Sunday school, L. E. Rogers, superintendent. Special Christmas music. The public is invited to attend all these services.

MR. C. M. BRANCH DEAD.

Passed Away at Late Hour Last Night at Home of His Mother—Funeral.

Particularly sad, at this gloomy season of the year, is the death of Mr. C. M. Branch, 26 years old, son of Mrs. Dora Branch, and a well known car inspector of the Atlantic Coast Line, which occurred at 11 o'clock last night at the family home, No. 16 Queen street, after a lingering illness. He was a young man of exemplary habits, a devoted member of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and was held in the highest esteem by everyone in the neighborhood of his acquaintance. He was a member of Jeff Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., and a Past Councilor of the order, always devoted to its work and interests. Mr. Branch is survived by his mother, one sister, Miss Fannie Pearl Branch, and one brother, Mr. Simon Branch. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow.

SUSPENDS FOR HOLIDAYS.

Hookworm Campaign in This County to be Resumed in January.

With the examination of 60 persons at the Court House yesterday, approximately 50 per cent. of whom were found to be infected, the hookworm campaign which has been in progress in this county for four weeks came to a close until after the holidays. Dr. C. L. Pridden, who is in charge of the work in this county, and Mrs. Pridden will spend part of the holidays in this city and the remainder at Kinston, for which place they will leave Tuesday. Dr. Pridden said last night that the campaign will be resumed January 2nd and continued for two weeks. Up to last night there had been examined in the county 1,120 persons, of whom 50 per cent. were found to be infected.

PORT NEWS.

Six Clearances Made Yesterday—Foreign and Coastwise Exports.

Four schooners and two steamers cleared the Wilmington port yesterday. Schr. Edward R. Baird, Jr., cleared for Baltimore with a cargo of pine lumber from Camp Manufacturing Co. Schr. Augustus H. Babcock cleared for New York with a cargo of pine and oak crosses. The shipment was for by the G. T. & W. A. Flynn. Schr. White Wings cleared with a large cargo of kiln dried lumber for Philadelphia. C. D. Maffitt made the shipment. Schr. Bayard Hopkins left for Georgetown without cargo. British steamer Glenway cleared with a cargo of cotton for Havre from Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Steve John Taken to Raleigh

Steve John, the Gypsy leader arrested here several days ago on a warrant from Pulaski county, Arkansas, was carried to Raleigh yesterday by Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox for a hearing before Chief Justice Walker Clark, of the Supreme Court, to ascertain whether he could be released on bond pending Governor Kitchen's decision in the matter of granting extradition papers, for which requisition has been made. A telegram from Raleigh last night announced the fact that Judge Clark held the \$2,000 bond would be sufficient, and if John cared to put up this amount he will be released. Chief Deputy Sheriff Hawkins, of Pulaski county, Arkansas, arrived yesterday morning and is awaiting the outcome of the matter.

Received Gold-Handled Umbrella

Members of the city health department yesterday presented to Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, a handsome gold-handled silk umbrella with the following engraved on it: "To his associates of the health department in appreciation." Dr. John Thames, assistant superintendent, presented the gift in a well-worded and eloquent speech, to which Dr. Nesbitt replied feelingly. Dr. Nesbitt also remembered each of the "boys" with a handsome present.

Great Reduction in Prices.

Attention of the clothing buying public is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Shrier & Solomon, which may be found elsewhere in today's paper. They have made great reductions in prices and quote some figures in another column that will be found quite interesting.

We have the largest line of Xmas Cakes in the city.

Fruit Cakes, "Home Made," Pound Cakes, Citron Cakes, Sally White Cakes. Call at our Bakery and look for yourself. Farris Bakery, 121 South Front, tel. 18-6t.

THE DEADLY TYPHOID

Experts Declare Disease Dreaded More Than Smallpox

Washington, Dec. 23.—Just at this season of the year, when it is more agreeable to think of holly and mistletoe and the tinkling of the Christmas bells across the glistening snow than to ponder seriously over microbes, bacilli and the thousands and one other forms of life-destroying parasites to which human man is heir. But when such men as Logan Waller Page, John R. Mohler and Edwin F. Smith, all experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, point the danger signal, it is time to take notice, lest the spirit of levity which now prevails over the land make us lose sight of many phases of importance in everyday life.

Telling the bad news quickly, these experts say "typhoid fever is a communicable disease more to be dreaded on the whole than smallpox, because at present in countries which practice vaccination smallpox is a disease which occurs only occasionally, and is the disease is now generally believed to be due to a schizomycete known as bacilli typhosus. The germ causes ulcers on the intestinal walls and also multiplies in other organs of the body. It is believed that the common house fly frequently carries on its body from filthy places the germs of typhoid fever and deposits them on food in kitchens and dining room tables.

The number of cases in the registration area of the United States every year amounts to about 100,000, and the deaths amount to about 13,000. While in the entire United States it is estimated that there are about three times this number.

"In twenty years (1890-1909) in the English army in India there were 25,510 cases of typhoid fever and 6,494 deaths. The proportion of deaths varies from 10 per cent. or less in light epidemics to 30 per cent. in more severe ones.

"Typhoid fever is a self-limited disease. By this is meant that if the patient does not die during the progress of the disease the body reacts against the invading micro-organisms, with the production of various antibodies known as agglutinins, opsonins, etc., and these limit the disease to a number of weeks, after which the per-

SANTA CLAUS AT AN ORPHAN HOME.

(By Henry Arnold Dennis.)

The Christmas season, with all its joys and hallowed memories, is with us again. There is perhaps no other season in the whole year which brings with it a happier spirit, and at which time, more than any other, everybody feels the pleasure that there is in giving something to friends. And it may be said, believe with all truthfulness, that the children find more pleasure in the Christmas season than any others do. But what thing in particular brings so much pleasure to the children? To be sure it is the many presents that they receive from friends and from Santa Claus.

But what is this Santa Claus and what we hear so much about, and what does he live, and what does he do? Thousands upon thousands, and perhaps millions, of small children ask mamma and papa these questions every Christmas, and are told that he is some good, old man who lives at the North Pole, and who, together with Mrs. Santa Claus, works from one Christmas to the next making up presents to take to all the good little boys and girls. And they say that on each Christmas Eve night he hitches his reindeers to a big sleigh and comes bounding down from the frozen North with his presents for the children, and that after the fire in the grate has all gone out, and while everybody is asleep, he creeps down the chimney with his bag of presents, leaves it in the room, and then goes on to the next little boy's house. Such an answer as this one may satisfy until the child gets to be six, or eight, or perhaps ten years old, but then his curiosity gets the better of him, and another explanation must be forthcoming.

And after all, what is Santa Claus, and does he visit the little children in the orphan homes where there is no father and mother to delight their fancies by telling them these sweet stories? Yes, there is a Santa Claus just as surely as there is a Christmas, and he visits the little children in the orphan homes just as surely as he visits any other little boys and girls. Indeed, it is at such institutions that he takes the greatest pleasure in depositing his gifts. In the homes where there are only two or three children, father and mother lavishly pour out their love upon their little ones in rich and expensive toys and playthings. The young man finds no greater pleasure than in giving something to his mother or to his sweetheart, and even those in the far off distant lands are not forgotten. But how is it at the orphan home? Mamma and papa are not there to fill the stockings and to spread the toys and the goodies down by the little trundle bed and to take the little ones in their arms on Christmas morning and greet them with the happy word: "Look what Old Santa Claus brought you last night." No, none of that; but Old Santa comes to see the little orphans just the same.

PRISONERS GO HOME.

Georgia Judge Allows the Men to Spend Christmas at Home.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 23.—Judge Emery B. Speer, of the United States Circuit Court today handed out his Christmas gifts to 12 Georgians, held in Durance while awaiting trial on charges of illicit distilling. There are an even dozen, who after being arrested have not the friends or the money to make the required bond which would give them their liberty until their trials in February. Many appeals came to Judge Speer, their families picturing a dull, dreary Christmas with heads of the houses in jail. On their personal pledge to return before new year's 12 men were allowed to take the train for their homes in various parts of the State.

CHINAMAN TURNS THE TABLES.

Gets Money and Coat from Negro Who Tried to Rob Him.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A negro bandit who held up a Chinese restaurant here today lost \$4 and a coat in the affair. After hitting Quong Fook Lo over the head with a bottle and rendering him unconscious, the negro robbed the cash register of \$12.50. Then the Chinese regained consciousness and grappled with the robber. The negro slipped out of his coat and fled. Upon examining the pockets of the coat Quong found \$16.50 in cash. The Chinese told the police that he does not care if the negro never comes back.

New York, Dec. 23.—Rather than endure another Christmas without being able to give his wife a Christmas present, Samuel Lowey, caretaker of the Washington Irving Club, committed suicide today by inhaling gas. Lowey left three letters explaining why he killed himself.



To all our customers, and all the other good people whom we wish were our customers, this is a New Year's greeting.

We hope everybody who has done business with us during 1911 has found it profitable; the goods satisfactory, our service agreeable. We shall try to serve you better in 1912 than in 1911; we shall try to have better merchandise than ever before, and sell it to the better advantage of our customers than ever before.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX

clothes will be our chief line; the best possible reason why you should buy clothes here. We want you to feel that if any dealings with us in the past have not been wholly as you expected and as you wanted, or in any way not satisfactory, we should be glad to know about it, and do what we can to make it right.



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\$25.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 18.75
\$22.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 16.87
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\$18.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 13.50
\$16.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 12.37
\$15.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 11.25
\$12.50 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 9.37
\$10.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats... 7.50
\$12.50 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 9.37
\$10.00 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 7.50
\$ 9.00 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 6.75
\$ 8.50 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 6.37
\$ 8.00 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 6.00
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\$ 3.50 Boys' Suits and Overcoats... 2.63
\$ 6.00 Men's Pants... 4.50
\$ 5.00 Men's Pants... 3.75
\$ 4.50 Men's Pants... 3.37
\$ 4.00 Men's Pants... 3.00
\$ 3.50 Men's Pants... 2.63
\$ 3.00 Men's Pants... 2.25
\$ 2.50 Men's Pants... 1.88
\$ 2.50 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... 1.88
\$ 2.25 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... 1.68
\$ 2.00 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... 1.50
\$ 1.75 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... 1.21
\$ 1.50 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... 1.13
\$ 1.25 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... .93
\$ 1.00 Boys' Knickerbocker Pants... .75

SALE BEGINS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

SHRIER & SOLOMON

THE MEAT INSPECTION.

What is Being Done by National Government as to Foods.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Interesting information about the Federal meat inspection is contained in the annual report made to Secretary Wilson by Dr. J. M. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States, Department of Agriculture. During the fiscal year ending June 30, the inspection was conducted at 956 establishments in 255 cities and towns. Both of these numbers being the highest in the history of the service. The number of animals inspected before slaughter was 53,002,304, comprising 7,807,712 cattle; 2,214,127 calves; 29,920,261 hogs; 13,005,822 sheep, and 51,382 goats. There were inspected after slaughter 7,781,030 cattle; 2,213,500 calves; 29,916,363 hogs; 13,005,200 sheep and 51,415 goats (a total of 52,876,200). Of these there were condemned for disease or other unwholesome condition 117,383 entire carcasses and 1,009,672 parts of carcasses, making a total of 1,127,055 carcasses and parts condemned. Tuberculosis was the cause of the greater part of these condemnations, nearly 47 per cent. of the condemnations of adult cattle and over 96 per cent. of condemnations of hogs being due to this disease. The total number of animals inspected was 7 1/2 per cent. greater than during the preceding year.

C. H. & D. MEN WIN VICTORY.

Differences With Company Decided in Their Favor.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—A majority report of a board of arbitration appointed to adjust the differences between the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad and its maintenance employees, which was made public today, favors the employes and grants them increases in wages. P. M. Morrissey, the third member of the board, dissented to the findings, as he claimed that the proposed rates did not parallel the rates paid for the same work on other railroads.

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions Adopted by George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M. Whereas, We stand in the Presence of Death, that impartial leveler of all human things; once more has the great benefactor of the grave claimed his own, and whereas, E. M. Essery, honored member of George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., whose honesty and integrity knew no dissimulation; whose presence bespoke as if an open book the purity of his soul; whose unimpaired faculties, have gone the way of all mankind; joined that great throng not one of whose millions has ever returned to tell the story of the "Life Beyond," therefore, be it Resolved, That in the death of our first brother, Council No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., whose obsequies he has so graciously assumed, as well as prosperity, a man whose fidelity to his fellow man could not be questioned, therefore, be it Resolved, That the memory of his noble life, and his high character, be forever held in the most reverent remembrance of the members of the Council, and that a copy of these resolutions be inserted in our records, and a copy be sent to the afflicted family and to the daily papers for publication.

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

All members of Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M. and Geo. Washington Council No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M. are requested to attend the funeral of our late Past Counselor C. M. Branch, from the residence, No. 116 Queen street this (Sunday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

By order of the Council. JNO. E. WOOD Recording Secretary.