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CABINET CHANGES FOLLOW IN RAPID SUCCESSION TODAY

Secretary Houston Department Agriculture Succeeds Glass

EDWIN P. MEREDITH TO FILL HOUSTON'S PLACE

New Secretary Agriculture is Editor and Publisher of Farm Paper—Two Nominations to go to Congress Today.

Washington, an. 27.—Edwin P. Meredith, of Iowa, editor of Successful Farming, will be named secretary of the treasury to the place of Carter Glass. Immediately upon declining upon Secretary Houston for the treasury portfolio when Secretary Glass takes his seat as United States senator from Virginia, President Wilson offered the agricultural secretaryship by telegraph to Mr. Meredith who is in Miami, Fla. Mr. Meredith's acceptance was received at the white house this morning.

Mr. Meredith is 54 years old and his home is in Des Moines, Iowa. Before starting "Successful Farming" he was the publisher of the Farmers Tribune. He was a candidate for the United States senate in 1911 and for governor of Iowa in 1916.

President Wilson was expected to send the nomination of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Meredith to the senate today.

ICE BREAKS MANY TELEPHONE WIRES

Slippery Streets Occasioned Much Slipping and Sliding in City

Rocky Mount and nearby vicinity, contrary to the predictions of the weather man, are still in the clutch of ice although the temperature is moderating considerably and the ice is fast melting in many places. The streets of this city, however, are still ice-coated and have caused many people to sit down suddenly and to cut some fancy capers that reminded one of the days of Jim Jeffries and John Barleycorn at their prime.

While no injury to any resident of the city has been reported, numerous persons modestly admit that they have taken a slide on the ice and that their clothes had been made dirty by the fall. They would either be reminded of home or walking out in the provident barrels today. Not to be outdone by persons, automobiles have crept around over the slick sidewalks in true snake fashion, furnishing more thrills than a Mack Sennett comedy with the bathing girls. Naturally, folks in this cold weather, and evidencing the usual expression of kindness by knocking down every easy mark telephone post.

The situation has really brought more danger today than it did yesterday when a person might "waltz around a spell" and let himself down easy when he had to fall. Today, however, with the temperature moderating, showers of ice have fallen from poles, wires and buildings and have narrowly escaped sending many unsuspecting pedestrians to a Happy Home. Local ex-service men declare that they are going to fish out their helmets if the elements do not cease doing so much ice-skating and numerous others have had a time to keep from coming to the dugouts when a shower fell about them.

The only material damage so far known around the city has been to telephone wires which are down in many sections. A special instance of these conditions is furnished in the vicinity of the railway crossing on Cobb road, near which six or eight poles have been pulled down by the ice-laden wires. These wires are now broken and persons in that section are without telephonic communication with the city. Numerous wires are down between here and Raleigh so the Telegram was forced to get its Associated Press call via Henderson and Spring Hope this morning. Work to relieve these conditions is being rushed and restored service is promised in a short time.

IN POLICE COURT.

Th following cases came up before Recorder Battle for disposal at the regular session of municipal court this morning:

Alonzo Pike was charged with being drunk and disorderly, but the three months road sentence which the court levied against him was suspended on condition that he pay his wife $25 every week and remain sober for the next six months.

J. A. Speight was taxed $10 in answer to a charge of speeding.

In the case of Elwood Sessoms who was charged with giving a worthless check, the defendant was found not guilty by the court.

The relations between both countries need mostly to get down to a liberal business basis with less suspicion on the part of both—stap carrying ships on their shoulder.

WADSWORTH BILL IS EXPECTED TO COME TO VOTE NEXT WEEK

Army Reorganization Bill is Already Slated for Favorable Report

COMPULSORY TRAINING INCLUDED IN MEASURE

Many Other Important Matters now Pending Expected Delay Action on New Military Measure—Three Armies Provided.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Although Chairman Wadsworth, announced he probably would report the measure today because other matters are pending, it was not believed the new army reorganization bill ordered favorably reported yesterday by the senate military committee would be called up in the senate before next week. The bill designed by senator Wadsworth with a million provides for compulsory military training for boys between the ages of 18 and 21 inclusive. This provision being included by a 9 to 8 vote of the committee late yesterday.

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STUDENT COUNCIL CHOSEN AT SCHOOL

Venture has Proved Great Success in Securing Co-operation Students

At recent elections held at the high school the following members were chosen to serve on the student council: the spring terms: Grade 12, Mary Taylor and William Robbins; grade 10, Katherine Dodd and Roper Robbins; grade 9a, Irma Hedgpeth and Kester Spiers; grade 9b, Margaret Smith and Marion Cooke; grade 8a, Lucien Thorne and Edgar Ingram; grade 8b, Lucile Tucker and Charlie Herrington; grade 8c, Frances Jeffreys and Earl Woodson.

The student council of the local school provides a great opportunity for securing the cooperation and interest of the students during the present term and all greater things are expected of it during the coming scholastic period. The council organized yesterday by the election of officers as follows: President, Mary Taylor; vice president, William Robbins; secretary, Katherine Dodd; treasurer, Roper Robbins.

The council is composed of twenty members, one being divided to represent each grade in the school. It is the council's duty to have charge of the school assemblies, to encourage school spirit, to encourage honest work, to encourage good conduct, and to encourage good citizenship. The council is a great help to the school and the teachers and pupils are very much pleased with the work it has done so far.

The council, which carries on its work in cooperation with the high school faculty, consists but one of the ways in which pupils are encouraged and trained in student self-government. The idea of student self-government has been undertaken at the local school for the first time this year. A plan of self-government has been adopted, and it is being published for the first time in the history of the school and all forms of athletics have been placed upon a firm and more successful basis.

Newberry Trial Starts Before Federal Courts

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 27.—Ex-United States Senator Thomas H. Newberry and 22 men prominent in Michigan political affairs went on trial in federal district court here today charged with conspiracy, fraud and corruption in the 1918 senatorial election. The possible duration of the trial was variously estimated as from four weeks to two months.

INFLUENZA KNOCKS OUT 1,300 PHONE EMPLOYES

New York, Jan. 27.—The New York Telephone company reported tonight that about 1,300 of its switchboard operators are on the sick list, most of them ill with influenza.

Three court sessions were adjourned during the day because of the illness with the influenza of a judge, a witness and a defendant accused of murder.

About 200 nurses have answered the health department's call for assistance in fighting the outbreak. One thousand more are needed, health authorities said.

JUGO-SLOVAK WILL ACCEPT ALLIED DEMAND

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—A Belgrade dispatch says that the Jugo Slovak government has decided to accept the allied ultimatum with regard to settlement of the Adriatic controversy.

Whenever the mercury drops to zero at Beaver, Pa., the old town clock begins striking and keeps on until the janitor climbs the tower and muffles the bell.

After the close of the Civil War it was difficult and often impossible to obtain coffee.

DR. E. C. HORNBECK IS CLUB SPEAKER

Local Man Speaks on Character Analysis Before Current Topics Club

Discussing "Some Uses of a Basis of Character Analysis," Dr. E. C. Hornbeck, of this city, appeared as the speaker before the Current Topics club yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building.

In beginning his talk, Dr. Hornbeck declared that he would have his remarks not applied observation and that it would be his purpose to try to aid his hearers to understand human nature and to secure better knowledge of those with whom they were associated by a study of the outstanding physical traits as indicative of character.

After a graphic fashion the speaker pointed out the various qualities and traits of character as indicated by the six different types of people. He next discussed the character qualities that might be made by a study of various other facial marks, such as the various types of eyes and noses. As a means of character study the speaker also discussed the different types of skulls and touched briefly upon phrenology as a further method of diving into the realm of character.

By means of graphic blackboard illustrations and by pointing out the various types to which he referred among his hearers, Dr. Hornbeck made the talk extremely interesting and exceedingly effective. At the conclusion of his talk, the program committee announced that Professor Williams, of Charlotte, who was expected to address the club at its next meeting, could not come until a date later than January, because of the "next week" speaker for next week's session had not been secured.

SACRED DOCUMENTS USED AGAINST REDS

Constitution and Declaration of Independence Given to View

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—For the first time in years the constitution of the United States and the parchment bearing the Declaration of Independence were brought out of their steel home in the state department and were shown the light of day. These two sacred documents of the republic are subject to the fading influence of sunlight and are only brought forth for most important purposes. Secretary of State Robert Lansing brought them out yesterday that they might be viewed by members of congress and others who came to see the parchments, which are the symbols of liberty and freedom.

Protected from the air by hermetically sealed glass plates, each the sacred documents, containing the safety and security of American liberty, were withdrawn from their steel case in the secretary's and held for a few minutes under the lenses of the cameras. Only a few of the state department officials were present with the photographers, but the documents were exposed only briefly, before being returned to their place of rest in the steel case.

The parchments, which are yellow with age, are two feet long and about one foot wide. Many scores of years ago the Declaration of Independence was sent to a letter press copying plant and in consequence is much more faded than the Constitution. Out of 56 signers of that at least 24 signers are still legible, the signatures of John Hancock, Charles Carroll, and probably Benjamin Franklin being the most prominent. To the world of the principle of human liberty has stood for more than 143 years.

Mr. Lansing addressed the group of the citizens flocked over the documents, explaining the purpose of the department to have the Independence days from Maine to California view once again these original "birth papers" of the republic as a reminder of the institutions under which and for which we live in a united country.

"These great documents," Mr. Lansing said, "mark the progress of the struggle of a thousand years to attain the civil liberty which has found expression in American citizenship. Magna Charta, A. D. 1215, the English Bill of Rights in 1689, the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and the Constitution of the United States of America in 1787. Epochs making as each of these documents is, it is the Constitution which represents the highest expression of the sovereignty of a free people.

"Enhanced from the collective wisdom of the ages and forged into a perfect whole in the fires of genius the Constitution, consummating the hopes and aspirations of generations, brought into being a nation founded on the principles that all men are equal before the law and that all are entitled to an equal voice in the government under which they live.

"This great instrument, whose excellence has been proved in war as well as in peace, is the channel through which our national life finds true expression. It is the bulwark of our individual rights and the guardian of the destinies of the republic. With reverence we stand in the presence of the Constitution of the United States, holding in it the symbol of democracy, victorious after centuries of conflict, the visible evidence that this nation is builded on the eternal rock of human liberty.

"May we never surrender this great birthright of American citizenship, may we give to it our undivided allegiance. May we defend it, even with our lives, from every enemy who seeks to destroy it, even in principle or power. As it shielded our forefathers and has shielded us, let us always shield it from profaning hands."

The United States has one-fifth as many Norwegians as live in Norway.

POSSIBILITY FOR A COMPROMISE STILL REMAINS DOUBTFUL

Bi-Partisan Conference Adjourns Without Accomplishing anything Definite

ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY

Democratic Leaders Reply to Republican Ultimatum—Proposed Reservation on Article Ten Submitted by Senator Hitchcock.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The fate of compromise negotiations on the peace treaty resulted in doubt today after the bi-partisan conference had disagreed without disclosure the cause of failure to compromise or arrange for another meeting will be held. The Democratic leaders replying to the republican ultimatum regarding article ten did not represent a definite proposal to go on with the negotiations but expressed great surprise declaring an article ten compromise "already had been agreed to by most of the members of the conference" before the conference adjourned notice they would not accept any compromise.

The proposed compromise as outlined by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the leading democratic senator, would neither be a serious blow to the United States would not impair its independence by any stretch of the imagination nor preserve the territorial integrity of every country, they contended in their reply.

After the meeting which dragged along in discussion some senators said they expect to see hope that a compromise might yet be reached. The general tone of the conferees, however, was one of pessimism.

Nothing was served on Republican leaders of the senate today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the administration spokesman, that unless compromise negotiations on the peace treaty are continued he would carry the fight to the senate floor by moving to take the treaty up there. The notice was given in the reply of the informal Democratic compromise committee to the refusal of the Republicans to compromise on article ten of the league of nations covenant. After the discussion which followed came an agreement for the committee to meet again Thursday. Unless the deadlock is compromised on article ten, Senator Hitchcock agreed yesterday he would not move for action. He did not indicate that the Democrats would recede from their position and that Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, said after the conference that the Republican conferees had not changed their stand on reservations on article ten and the Monroe doctrine.

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX BREAK ALL PROFIT RECORDS

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The earnings of Hart Schaffner & Marx, clothing firm, for the year ended November 30, 1919, were the largest in the company's history, according to the annual report made public today.

Net profits were announced as $2,200,215. After preferred dividends and federal taxes the company earned 17.11 per cent of its $15,000,000 common stock, compared with 8.20 per cent the preceding year, the report showed.

Germany Makes Another Appeal to the French

Paris, Jan. 27.—The German government has sent a note to Paris urging once more to induce the allies to renounce execution of article 228 of peace treaty dealing with the surrender of persons accused of acts in violation of the laws and customs of war.

DISEASE HAS KILLED MANY AUSTRO HUNGARIAN PRISONERS

Geneva, Jan. 27.—Nearly 475,000 Austro Hungarian prisoners taken by Russia have perished in Siberia from smallpox and typhus, according to Vladivostok advices to the Red Cross here.

SOUTHERN CATTLEMEN IN SESSION AT MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 27.—Hundreds of stock men from practically every southern state and many northwestern states attended the eighth annual convention of the southern cattlemen's association which convened here today.

INFLUENZA CONTINUES TO SPREAD OVER THE COUNTRY

Washington, Jan. 27.—Influenza continues to spread over the country. Reports to the public health service today said the total of cases reported in Illinois had reached 14,865.

SAVED AGAIN!

"You didn't you get off once before to attend your grandmother's funeral?"

"Yes, sir, she came near being buried alive that time, sir."—Sydney Bulletin.

Norwegian experiments with fishing with the aid of electric lights lowered into the sea have been failures, the illumination apparently frightening the fish away.

A boy's hair grows at half the rate of a girl's.

WILLIAM W. SHAW DIES AT RALEIGH

Well Known Man Who Passed Away Survived by Relations Here

Mr. William W. Shaw, grandfather of William W. Shaw, who makes his home with his mother, Mrs. E. P. Spruill in this city, died at the Soldiers Home in Raleigh Sunday morning after being a sufferer of that institution since 1916. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter Sunday afternoon by Rev. William McK. White and interment with full Masonic honors followed in the Confederate section of Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh. The following life sketch of Mr. Shaw appeared in the Raleigh papers:

Mr. Shaw was born in Raleigh on the 7th day of March, 1840. He was a son of Matthew Shaw, well known member of the legal profession in Raleigh, and the maiden name of his mother was Hannah Neal Bonner. Mr. Shaw was a grandson of Matthew Shaw, Sr., a Scotchman by birth and one of the principal merchants of Raleigh in the early days of the city.

Mr. Shaw spent some of the days of his childhood in Raleigh and attended Mrs. Taylor's school, but was soon taken back to Washington by his parents. On October 27, 1862, he entered the Confederate army as a member of Company K, Third Cavalry (Forty-first North Carolina Regiment), and was assigned to the staff of Major General Barringer in the latter days of the war.

Upon the return of peace Mr. Shaw engaged in commercial pursuits, and for many years was North Carolina representative of Pelham & Elliott Mill of Maryland.

Many years ago Mr. Shaw was married in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Martin county. His wife, a son and a daughter preceded him to the grave. He is survived by a daughter Mrs. Robert W. Murray, of Greensboro and several grandchildren in that city, also by a grandson, William W. Shaw, who resides with his mother, Mrs. E. P. Spruill, of Rocky Mount.

When seventy years old, ill health necessitated his retirement from business. He then made application for admission to the Soldiers' Home and has remained there since. He was a man of high strength and attractive personality, respected and loved by all who knew him. He was a Mason of nearly sixty years standing and a member of Oak Lodge, No. 104, in the town of Washington.

ATTEMPT TO SAVE SOUTHERN FOREST

Important Meeting will be Held in New Orleans February 28-30

Washington, Jan. 27.—A sane forestry policy that will prevent the extinction of southern timber—a disaster now only a few years distant—will be the principal subject discussed at the Second Southern Forestry Congress to be held in New Orleans January 28-30. The urgent need for such a policy in the south will be presented by Colonel H. S. Graves, chief forester of the forest service, United States department of agriculture, and official representatives of the states taking part in the conference. Spokesmen for interests have manifested concern in the present situation—the lumber, wood using, live stock, agricultural, naval stores, and pulp and paper industries—will discuss the problem from their respective points of view. Out of this varied presentation it is hoped a forestry program can be formulated that will receive general endorsement throughout the south.

J. S. Holmes, state forester of North Carolina, will speak regarding the forestry outlook in the southern appalachian region. Austin Cary, a representative of the United States forest service at Jacksonville, Fla., will present the situation as it is found in the Atlantic coast region. Superintendent of Forestry, R. D. Forbes, of New Orleans, will speak with reference to the gulf coast region, and E. S. Maddox, forester of the Texas geological survey, will discuss conditions in the central hardwood region.

The general situation which will furnish the background for these discussions is indicated by the fact that a leading association of southern pine interests estimates 81 per cent of its mills will cut their supplies in 5 years, 95 per cent in 10 years and 99 per cent in 15 years. Why some of these may be able to acquire additional timber holdings before their present ones are exhausted, such acquisitions at best will be sufficient only to keep the mills going a very relatively few years. The point which will be stressed by Colonel Graves and other speakers is that the forests of the south must be regenerated on a permanently productive basis, and to save the southern lumber industry the present policy of extravagant cutting must be abandoned speedily.

Dr. Cummnigs Slated to Replace Dr. Rupert Blue

Washington, Jan. 27.—Dr. Hugh S. Cummings of Hampton, Va., is understood to have been selected to succeed Dr. Rupert Blue as surgeon general of the public health service. Dr. Blue's term of office expired January 15 and Dr. Cummings nomination was expected to be sent to the senate within a day or two.

Sealskin is naturally of a light drab color, but it is dyed for the market.

SIMS RECEIVES A SEVERE RAKING BY S. C. CONGRESSMAN

Representative Byrns Characterized Him as "Hyphenated Politician"

URGES DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM NAVY

Byrns Declares that Commander American Fleet Overseas Violated Confidence Placed in Him and Ought to be Condemned.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral Sims, a leading figure in the naval decoration controversy and in the pending investigation of the war decorations, was vigorously attacked today in the house by Representative Byrns, Democrat of South Carolina.

Declaring that if the admiral was admonished by a high naval official not to let "the British pull the wool over his eyes" as he testified recently before the senate naval decorations committee he violated a confidence in making the instructions public, Representative Byrns said he deserved the "condemnation of every American and a dishonorable discharge from the navy."

Characterizing Admiral Sims as a "hyphenated politician," Mr. Byrns charged that when serving as commander of American naval forces in European waters during the war he had "libeled the army and depreciated the work of the navy," and had urged that the United States leave the control of the seas to Great Britain.

CENSUS REPORT IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

Population Cities of Country May be Known in May or June

Washington, Jan. 27.—Announcement of the population of practically all cities of the country by May or June and the total population of the country in September or October is the expectation of the director of the census, Sam L. Rogers.

Population statistics of some of the cities probably will be completed by March or earlier. Washington, D. C., is expected to be the first as it was in the thirteenth census in 1910. In that year it was taken April 15, and announced June 21. Rhode Island's population was announced September 4, Boston's September 14 and Chicago's September 18.

The center of population, Bloomington, Ind.ana, was announced July 17 and the country's total population was made public December 16.

"The enumeration is in progress throughout the entire country," said Mr. Rogers today. "Advices from the supervisors indicate that during the first week of the work at least 70,000 enumerators were started.

"We find that in some districts it will be necessary to postpone the enumeration because of weather conditions. There has been no opposition to furnishing the information requested by the enumerators.

"We are now organizing a force of clerks who will be equipped to examine the schedules as rapidly as they are received from the supervisors. These clerks will make a preliminary count of the population. This preliminary count will be made public as rapidly as the totals for the cities and the minor civil divisions are obtained. The population of the cities will be known in September or October of this year and the population of the cities should all be announced by May or June."

BURK-PADGET

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Padgett, on Pearl street Miss Eula May Padgett, became the bride of Mr. Alonzo A. Burk. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Edgar West, pastor of the Arlington Street Baptist church, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Mr. Burk is a resident of this city, and has a host of friends here. Mr. Burk is a resident of Washington, N. C. He is the son of Mr. John Burk, a prominent business man of Hertford county. The young couple left on the afternoon train for Washington, where they will make their future home.

WHITE-NOBLIN

On last night at 9 o'clock, at the parsonage of the Arlington Street Baptist church, Miss Hattie Noblin became the bride of Mr. Robert H. White. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. E. West, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the young couple.

The bride is a resident of this city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Noblin. Miss Noblin is prominent in the social circle of the town, and has a host of friends here. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, of New York. He is now residing in Rocky Mount. Since coming to Rocky Mount Mr. White has made many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. White will make their temporary home here.

Although eggs of different species of birds greatly differ in shape, the yolks of all are invariably spherical.

OUTBREAK BY THE ANARCHISTS IS NOW FEAR OF GERMANY

Government Masses Troops Ward Off any Possible Outbreak in Berlin

BIRTHDAY OF FORMER EMPEROR IS OCCASION

Officials Seek to Forestall Action on Part of Supporters of Imperial Regime—Numerous Rumors Afloat in Capital.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Heavy patrols of soldiers guarded the government buildings during the past night and stopped all traffic over streets in that neighborhood where barricades were thrown up by the troops before nightfall. Rumors were heard during the evening that anarchists had planned an uprising today which is the birthday of former Emperor William and that Gustave Noske, minister of defense, had massed troops as a precautionary measure.

While government officials have denied any knowledge of an intended insurrection and say the attack on Matias Erzberger, minister of finance, yesterday prompted the mobilization of forces, it is declared the authorities sought to forestall action on the part of the supporters of the imperial regime. It was reported last night that attacks against the independent socialists and radicals were planned as the first steps in the Monarchial coupe.

TO USE AEROPLANE IN AUTO BUSINESS

Lt. Harry J. Runser Introduce Plane in Commercial Venture Here

With the opening of headquarters in this city at an early date by Lieut. Harry J. Runser, who has secured the agency in Eastern Carolina for Ace Trucks, the aeroplane will make its first appearance in the state in a purely commercial and business enterprise. Lieut. Runser is confident that his business venture will be a great success and that the aeroplane has come to occupy a permanent place in North Carolina business circles.

The big Curtiss plane which the new automobile man, a former army lieutenant of Raleigh, will have associated with his business will be used for transportation purposes. In calling on the trade and visiting local automobile dealers in other towns and cities, Lieut. Runser considers the train and auto too low for him. For this purpose, as well as an advertising scheme, he will use his big plane to enable him to get quickly to any place in his territory and to distribute literature throughout his territory.

Lieut. Runser is a well known figure in aviation, having done much for the development of flying and made innumerable passenger carrying trips in Canada and twelv states of this country without a single mishap. He holds the record of being the first flier to cross the Blue Ridge during a heavy storm and is the originator of the famous aerial stunt "Falling a Mile in Flames." He has many friends throughout North Carolina who will watch his new venture with the areoplane in a business enterprise with the greatest interest.

DAILY REHEARSALS ARE HELD FOR PLAY

Plans Fast Being Perfected for Local Talent Attraction in City

With practically the entire cast, which numbers something over one hundred, already selected and rehearsals being held daily at Machinist hall, plans for the comic opera, "Billy in Japan," which will be presented at the Masonic Opera House under the auspices of the Woman's Club Friday, February 6, are fast materializing.

Included in the unusually large cast is the best local talent in the city and rehearsals are doing much to round the opera into shape. Assurances are given that the presentation will furnish a most enjoyable occasion as the play is a merry frolic of dance, mirth and song wound round an amusing and humorous plot. One of the main features of the attraction is promised in the dancing, classical, modern and eccentric dancing figuring throughout the entire play.

Plans have already been perfected by which the local young people, after presenting the attraction here, will go to Tarboro the following night to repeat the performance in the neighboring city.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN NEW YORK HOSPITAL.

New York, Jan. 27.—A fire broke out in the main building of the Lenox Hill Hospital at 77th street and Lexington Avenue shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. Three alarms brought a large portion of Manhattans fire apparatus to the scene.