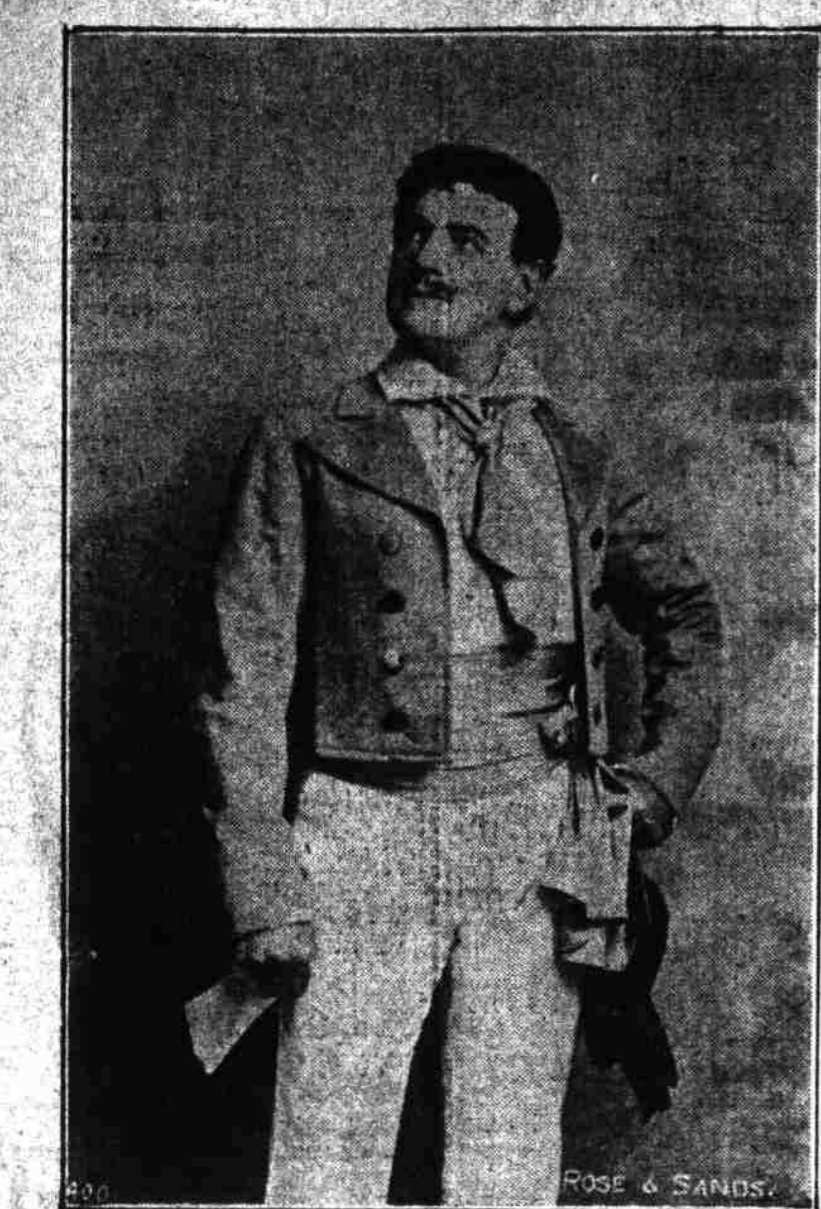


AT THE THEATRE.

The younger version of "Monte Cristo," which James O'Neill will play at the Academy of Music to-night has had a remarkably long life. Charles Fechter, who made his name on the stages of both France and America, speaking English almost as well as he did French, was an eccentric genius—but a great actor. He saw the possibilities in the romance of Dumas and had a play made from the novel. This play he used ten years, and since his death it has been in James O'Neill's possession for over 30 years. Every year or two there is a cry that novels and romances are being turned into plays to the detriment of the original works and the wisecracks declare the stage is going to the "demonstration-how-works." But this cry has been going up ever since there has been a dramatic literature.



James O'Neill, in "Monte Cristo at the Academy of Music To-Night

rose on a foundation of sacred and semi-sacred tales. The "miracle plays" formed from the Biblical stories and popular traditions began the drama of England and the continent. Shakespeare was indebted to the tales of "Boozer" and other Italian poets for the plots of nearly all of his comedies and the romantic plays which came from his pen. A later case is that of Dickens and Thackeray and Walter Scott. Everything these men wrote was staged again and again, and now it is the turn of the present day novelists to see the product of their brain turned into plays. France has seen all of the Dumas romances made into plays, and "Monte Cristo" is still one of the most popular plays in the land of its author.

Mr. O'Neill has made several changes in the version of the book which he uses, and this season the old play given such a magnificent production it is said to be a revelation to theatre-goers.

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FINE CATTLE INDUSTRY.

A Davidson Farmer Who Raises Stock for Sale—Rev. George Cornelson and Chester's Effort to Get Him—The Junior Speaking. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Feb. 15.—One can see in this part of the county of Mecklenburg as fine Jersey cows and as handsome Berkshire pigs as almost any where. Mr. John Caldwell on the eastern side of Davidson has a farm on which he raises for sale both of these kinds of stock. He finds a ready sale for all his pigs and for the Jerseys either as calves or as milking cows. He has just added to his Berkshire family a thoroughbred pig six months old purchased from the Overton Hall farm near Nashville at a cost of \$60. He has also ordered for immediate shipment from Ewell Station near the same city, a young Jersey calf of about the same age and which in round numbers will cost Mr. Caldwell \$100. This young fellow's dam has a butter record of 23 pounds and nine ounces per week. One who likes to see pretty animals can always have his tastes gratified by a walk to this farm by Mr. Caldwell.

RUCKER BILL SHELVED.

And Thus the Last Chance for Dispensary Legislation in South Carolina During Present General Assembly is Gone—Tangle Over Tillman Substitute Measure. Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.

When the committee substitute Tillman dispensary bill came from the Senate to-night, as an amendment to the Morgan bill passed by the House, Mr. Otts raised the point of order that it could not be received under rule 31 because the subject matter did not agree with the title, the subject matter being entirely new and the title being used merely for the purpose of putting the Senate measure in the position of the amended House bill. Speaker Smith said, that if he alone were deciding the matter, he would overrule the point but, as the House had the final say, it could overrule the bill would at once put the matter before the House. Mr. Otts' position was sustained by the House 61 to 41. This sends the bill back to the Senate. If that body sees fit to change the title, the bill will come back to the House as a Senate bill, in which case it will not have time to get through the House between now and Sunday, unless the House should agree to receive the bill with its title amended. In the latter case, though an entirely different measure, it will have the parliamentary nature of a House bill amended. This will likely be the ruling of Speaker Smith, but if the present humor of the House continues, he will be overruled. This move to-night is due to the good generalship of Mr. Morgan, who has managed his bill well throughout.

\$10,000,000 NEW A. C. I. STOCK.

Directors Recommend Issue, Proceeds to Go to Improvements, and Stockholders' Meeting is to be Called for Ratification. New York, Feb. 15.—The directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to-day recommended the issue of \$10,000,000 of new stock to be offered to stockholders at par at the rate of 10 per cent. of their holdings. A special meeting of the stockholders will be called for March 8 in Richmond to act upon the recommendation. It is proposed to use the proceeds of the new stock issue for additions, improvements and new equipment. The directors to-day authorized the purchase of 45 new locomotives, 2,000 box cars, 600 flat cars, 600 coal cars and 48 passenger cars.

PHASE OF COMMERCIAL FUTURE

Movement of Breadstuffs at Southern Ports Shows Increase of 46 Per Cent.—Figures for Seven Ports. Special to The Observer. Baltimore, Feb. 15.—In its issue this week the Manufacturers' Record says: "One of the most interesting phases of the South's commercial future is fore-mirrored in the figures of the movement of breadstuffs at Southern ports. It will be recalled that during the past calendar year the increase in the value of such exports at 23 of the leading ports of the country was from \$32,311,812 to \$50,049,696, equal to 53.3, 799,150, or 53 per cent., while at six Southern ports the increase was at the rate of 66 per cent., being from \$30,015,517 in 1904 to \$50,049,696 in 1905, equal to \$20,034,179, which was more than 37 per cent. of the total increase at the 23 ports. The movement of breadstuffs after the close of the 1905 fiscal year was largely responsible for the exhibit at Southern ports, and the figures for the first seven months of the present fiscal year, including January, maintain the record. The value of the exports of breadstuffs in the seven months ended January 31, 1906, compared with the seven months ended January 31, 1905, are as follows: 1905 1906 Baltimore \$4,884,827 \$15,172,544 Norfolk and Portsmouth 2,967,721 6,480,890 Mouth 300,616 845,056 Galveston 1,250,948 7,441,174 Mobile 1,238,327 1,513,629 New Orleans 4,614,851 10,550,428 Total \$14,957,433 \$41,785,182 All ports \$22,453,063 \$111,577,074

STEVENS MURDER CASE.

True Bill Against Asheville Man and Trial May Begin To-Day. Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 14.—Such rapid progress has been made in clearing the docket of the present term of Superior Court that, but for the trial of the F. M. Stevens murder case, the work would be easily completed this week. Solicitor Brown said this morning that the fall cases were nearly disposed of and that it was expected the Stevens case would be reached Friday. Several days will be required to try this interesting and important case. The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against Mr. Stevens, on an indictment charging murder. The defendant is still out on bond and will not be taken into the custody of the officers, until the trial commences. It is said that the vital facts in the affair resulting in the shooting of Caleb Lee, a negro, early one morning last year, have been presented and that the trial will develop much of interest. Mr. Stevens has employed Carter & Chedester and Craig & Martin, of this city, to defend him and these well-known lawyers will put up a stubborn fight for their client's release. Solicitor Brown will be assisted by able counsel for the private prosecution. The case has excited great interest among the negro population of Asheville especially, and there is little doubt but the court room will be crowded during the entire progress of the trial.

ASHEVILLE CASE ARGUED.

Southern Railway vs. Ernest Thomason Submitted in Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond. Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals convened this morning at 9:30 o'clock with Circuit Judges Goff and Pritchard and District Judges Parrell and McDowell sitting alternately. Only one case was argued: Southern Railway Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Ernest Thomason, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the western district of North Carolina at Asheville; argued by Charles A. Moore, of Moore & Rollins, of Asheville, for the plaintiff in error, and by James H. Merrimon, of Asheville, for the defendant in error and submitted.

He Apologized.

Philadelphia Telegraph. She has bright eyes, rosy cheeks and an awful weighty estimate of the proper rule of propriety. It is an invariable rule of hers to observe that subtle barrier of modesty which all well ordered young women should observe and better still the barrier of sternest sex observes this barrier in all its invisible but nice distinctions. Then how this incident must have shocked her. Being a telephone girl, it is her obnoxious duty to hold converse with the "mean things" of the world—otherwise known as men. The other afternoon a "New Yorker" called for a certain number in Germantown. "What number did you say?" she inquired. "Germantown 2323, quick." "I can't understand, please repeat it." "Well, it's blankety blank, x y z." "You want I can't give it to you. I'm not going to fool here all day." "Now, keep your shirt on, little girl; keep your shirt on."—But the subscriber got no further; she slammed up her cam, rushed to District Judge with flaming cheeks and reported the subscriber. The company rightly said that subscribers had no right to comment on how its employees should treat their wearing apparel, and demanded that the subscriber apologize to her subscriber. The subscriber was willing. He called up the girl with the bright eyes and said: "Are you the young lady whom I just told to keep her shirt on?" "Yes," was the curt rejoinder. "Well, possibly I was a little hasty. It may be your fault, but now you may take it off."

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Sarah Service, of Cherokee County, S. C. Correspondence of The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Sarah Service, one of the oldest and most highly respected ladies in the county, died at her home at Draytonville, S. C., Saturday, Feb. 10. She was 73 years of age and was known in this city, where she has many relatives. A number from Gaffney attended the funeral services, which were conducted at the home Sunday. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. A. D. Davidson. Before her marriage to the late Mr. Service, she was Miss McEwen. L. P. Aaron, of Wayne. Special to The Observer. Goldsboro, Feb. 15.—A phone message from Mount Olive this afternoon brings the sad news that Mr. Leonard P. Aaron, a prominent young physician of that town, well known throughout the county, died at his home there at 4:30 o'clock to-day of pneumonia, after a brief illness. He was a whole-hearted, congenial and all-around fine man and his death will be sorely mourned by all who knew him. He was the only son of State Senator D. J. Aaron.

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