

Amusements

Coming Attractions

Saturday matinee—'Why Women Sin.'
Saturday night—'Desperate Chances.'
Monday—Creston Clarke in 'The Ragged Messenger.'

For a long while it seemed that the judgment and taste of the theater-going public had been hopelessly perverted. When one contrasted the crowded houses that everywhere greeted almost every musical absurdity and slap-stick comedy that was presented with the thinly scattered audiences that craved shamelessly in the theaters to welcome the more deserving legitimate plays.

WANTED A NEW TEXT.
William Robert Daly, who plays the principal role in 'Are You a Mason,' which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music next Wednesday, tells of a visit that he paid to a colored church in the South one Sunday last winter.

WAS NELSON'S BLOW FOUL.
The battling Nelson-Joe Gans fight pictures will be shown at the Academy of Music starting next Monday. These are the original pictures of the fight at Goldfield, Nevada.

HOITY TOITY'S BEAUTY CHORUS.
A Weber and Fields' chorus is comparable to nothing on the face of the earth; every girl may be said to possess an individuality of her own and found in no other organization.

'TRUCK FARMER' AIMED WRONG.
His Argument Against Extension Really Good Ammunition for Township Extensionists—What a Traveling Man Says.

'I notice a communication in today's paper by 'Truck Farmer,' who attempts to argue against extension. His argument might well be used by the extensionists. He shows that the increase in values of property in the township, that is the territory just adjacent to the city, have increased more rapidly than values of city property.

May Present Petition Monday.
The petition of the local shippers and merchants to the Seaboard Railway authorities for the reinstatement of Nos. 44 and 45, the two trains between Charlotte and Wilmington that were taken off two or three years ago, will probably be presented to (see President and General) Superintendent W. A. Garrett today or Tuesday, upon the visit of that official to Charlotte on his tour of the system.

A HOME MADE HAPPY BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.
About two months ago my baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. I tried all the usual remedies but no relief was obtained.

JOHN BAILEY GETS 25 YEARS.

Murderer of John Miller Pleads Guilty of Murder in Second Degree and Judge Peebles Gives Him the Penal Term.
The most important case of the term was disposed of in the Superior Court yesterday, when John Bailey, colored, pleaded guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree in killing John Miller and received a sentence of 25 years in the penitentiary for the crime.

In passing sentence, which was the maximum allowed for the degree of crime, Judge Peebles stated that according to the evidence the defendant should be hanged.
Bailey shot and instantly killed John Miller the evening of June 25th. Bailey and Miller quarreled about a horse in the morning of that afternoon and Bailey, securing his revolver and loading it, followed his victim home and, calling him out, shot him dead. Bailey attempted to prove his insanity, but his witnesses were weak.

Among the other sentences passed yesterday were the following:
Jim Springs, the young negro who broke into the store of Sellers & Lightsey recently, and after stealing a quantity of provisions, tobacco, etc., was sentenced to 12 months in the penitentiary for larceny.
Charles Orr, for pointing a loaded shotgun at Milton Ross and pulling the trigger, much to the pain and inconvenience of said Milton Ross, was sent to the roads for a term of six months.

Sam Kimball, another negro who had been too careless in the handling of his shooting iron, was fined \$25 and the costs for his offense.

Tom Harris, who had been given four months for carrying concealed weapons the previous day, was yesterday fined \$25 and the costs for selling liquor.

Will Roberts, for carrying concealed weapons, was sent to the roads for a term of four months.
Chas. Brasley, for stealing an overcoat from Tom McClellan will wear stripes for the next six months.

DR. MURPHY CRITICALLY ILL.
The Superintendent of the State Hospital at Morganton, in a Very Precarious Condition.

It would not be right to conceal from the people of North Carolina, to whom he is so important, the fact that Dr. P. L. Murphy, the superintendent of the State Hospital at Morganton, lies in a serious condition in the Union Protestant Infirmary, of Baltimore. He has been operated upon twice by that eminent surgeon, Dr. Finney, who is not able to hold out great hope for him except that he may return to the State.

At the Y. M. C. A.
The boys' Sunday morning rally at the Young Men's Christian Association this morning at 9:45 o'clock will be addressed by Rev. J. F. Totten. He will speak on 'The Boy and the Church.' New boys are joining the rally every Saturday.

Have Established Carding Plant.
Jasper Miller & Son, dealers in cotton waste, have established a carding plant in connection with their waste factory. They have installed a complement of the best carding machinery and are already turning out a good class of work.

Deserted From the Marine Corps.
J. C. Doran, who says he deserted from the United States cruiser Washington at Portsmouth, Va., a few days before Thanksgiving, yesterday went to Charlotte police headquarters and surrendered himself and asked that the department at Washington be notified. Doran was in the Marine Corps. He is a native of Indiana.

Hardly anybody is so sure of heaven that he starts for there with the same enthusiasm he has for going fishing.

A CROWN OF GLORY.
As Well as a Mark of Beauty is Luxuriant Hair.
It has been truly said that the crowning glory of our race is a luxuriant head of hair.

It used to be thought that this was one of the blessings which the gods bestow capriciously, and it is only recently that scientists have discovered that its beauty is dependent upon the absence of a minute germ which flourishes in the hair follicles, where it destroys the life of the hair.

Sporting News

ALL AGED STAKE BEGINS.

Continued From Far and Near Contest for 5000 Stake—Snappy Weather and Many Spectators.
Special to The Observer.
Thomasville, Dec. 7.—The annual all-aged stake of the Continental Field trials was started about six miles from Thomasville this morning. The weather was favorable and quite more plentiful than on previous days. The stake is worth \$500, of which \$250 goes to the first winner; \$150 to the second; \$100 to the third. There are 20 starters. The picked dogs of America and Canada are competing. Dogs have come from distances to compete, from California, Manitoba and Illinois.

The trials are well attended and there is not an available horse in Thomasville and many horses are crowded from High Point to attend the trials. The trials are held on the Thomasville shooting club grounds.

After a ride of six miles in snappy weather, the first brace went away at 9:30. Albert Jingo, handled by Babcock, and Olean Count Gladstone, handled DeLoe, going away in a big stubble field, both missing birds. Going on into a big sage field, both ranged wide and fast in stubble. Olean pointed three times, backed by Jingo. Crossing into sage grass, Jingo made a good bay point, which both dogs had missed previously. Going on into woods for singles, and finding nothing, they were ordered up. Both dogs were going well, ranging wide and fast.

The next brace out, Trans, handled Pease, and Six, handled by Babcock, both going well. Outram pointed a good bay in a stubble field, ranging over good ground, on a wide cast. Spot pointed a bevy which Outram flushed in a stubble field, but could not get up the birds, and was ordered up.

Granite Dick, handled by J. R. Shelly, and Caesar, handled by W. P. Beagle, went away in a big stubble field at a good pace. Caesar, doing his favorite stunts, got lost and after 20 minutes Dick was ordered to finish the heat alone. On the edge of corn field Dick pointed, but failed to produce the birds. Ranging on at a good pace Dick pointed a big bevy in an old grass field, steady to wing. Hanging on to the end of another bevy in the same style and was steady to wing. Dick was found on point and was ordered up. Caesar still among the pigeons.

Tompaugh, handled by Bishop, and Milton, handled by D. C. White, were turned down in a field where a little had put up a bevy of quail. Hunting on through a wood, Milton made a good point on a bevy in a wood, ranging on for singles, but did not realize; ranging on in sage grass Tompaugh pointed a bevy in a wood, steady to wing. Going out from singles in thick bottom, but finding nothing, they were ordered up for lunch, which was served at a farm house.

Lamar Maid, handled by Jake Bishop, the winner of the Eastern all-aged stake, and many other valuable events, handled Maritoba Mike, handled by Babcock, were sent away in sage grass. Lad set, led down to a good bay point, a good point on a big bevy, steady to wing. Mike backed, but was not steady. Lad made a wide cast and Mike went after singles in pines, letting two good single points, steady to wing; ranging on single which was flushed by Babcock. Hanging on to the end of another bevy in a stubble field, steady to wing. Mike, hanging on with great determination, Lad soon had another bevy, Mike backing to order. Crossing a creek onto good ground, Lad pointed twice, running the birds. Both dogs went well, beating out their ground, and Lamar Maid looks her favorite for money.

Label's Frank, the winner of the Eastern field trial sweepstakes, handled by Jake Bishop, and Navel Joe, another great winner, handled by D. E. Rose, went away in a good stubble, Navajo getting busy by using a bevy in the same style, steady to wing.

Frank disappeared but was soon back on the course. Both dogs going well, ranging on in a stubble field, Lad set a bevy. Going on, Navajo pointed two singles. Going on, Frank pointed a single, and Navel Joe pointed a single. Ranging on, Dick soon had pointed a single. Frank pointed a single, and going on, Frank pointed a bevy. There were three orders up.

Miss Ransome, another big winner, handled by Gold and Polley Girl, handled by Babcock, were sent away in a stubble. Miss Ransome pointed a bevy, well backed by Girl. Going into pines after singles, Miss Ransome pointed twice, but finding nothing, going on again, Girl pointed, but could not produce the birds. Hanging on in the big woods, Ransome pegged another bevy in fine style. This is Miss Ransome's day out, as she is going up to form. Crossing a creek onto good ground, Girl pointed big bevy, steady to wing. Miss Ransome pointed, where birds were running, went away at a hot pace. Neither dog displayed nose, as they missed bevy which the judges flushed. The stake will be continued tomorrow.

New Orleans Races.
New Orleans, Dec. 7.—With the mud dried out at the Fair Grounds today favorites again resumed their winnings, taking four out of the six races. Summary:
First race, 7 furlongs, Gold Circle, 3 to 5, won; Glendover, 12 to 1, second; J. Web, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:24 1/2.
Second race, 6 furlongs, Woodstock, 3 to 1, won; Okefator, 20 to 1, second; Happy Jack, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 1/2.
Third race, 6 furlongs, selling, Alrship, even, won; Columbia Girl, 10 to 1, second; Auditor, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.
Fourth race, 7 furlongs, Bill Phillips, 17 to 1, won; Motti Boy, 7 to 1, second; Monet, 11 to 1, third. Time, 1:20.
Fifth race, 4 furlongs, selling, Knight of Ivanhoe, 7 to 1, won; Sir Vagrant, 2 to 1, second; Gold Duke, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 1/2.
Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling, Old Stone, 4 to 5, won; Larcabee, 12 to 1, second; Sanction, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:49 1/2.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY.
J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best brain cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store.

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PUTS IN NEW SWITCHBOARD.

Bell Telephone Making Improvements at Statesville—The Fight Will be on Soon—Other News.
Special to The Observer.
Statesville, Dec. 7.—Misses Margaret Bryon and Minnie Wells, of Greensboro, and Miss Lillian Usher, of Charlotte, three experienced Bell telephone operators, are here training the local "cherry girls" to operate the new switchboard of the Bell Company. The company expects to cut in the new system to-day. The Iredell Telephone company, the independents, is pushing the construction work of lines forward rapidly. Had it not been for delays in getting supplies they would be ready for business in a few weeks. But we'll have the telephone light and two phones in the near future.

Mr. W. R. Stroupe, who has been conducting an up-to-date blacksmith and repair shop in Statesville for several years, has bought the blacksmith business of Mr. John H. Phurr, in Charlotte and will move his family to Charlotte next week. Mr. Stroupe is a good citizen.

George Williams, a young wate man, is in jail here on a serious charge. He was arrested near the Rowan line below Elmwood Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Houston and brought to jail.

The corn shredders are proving themselves hand-shredders as well. There have been many victims of these new and valuable machines. The first in Iredell this season is Mr. Hill Eldin's who lives near town and who operates one of the machines. The accident occurred at the home of Mr. J. Little, east of town, and Mr. Eldin lost a thumb of his hand and the hand was terribly cut up and mangled. The attending doctor thinks he can save the hand if blood poison or something of the kind does not set in.

Messrs. L. D. Caldwell and Z. V. Long, attorneys for Mr. John T. Murdock, a toothsome candy tablet will surely and reliably check an approaching cold or La Grippe. When you first cough, cold or feel it coming on take Dr. Schoep's Preventives, and the prompt effort will mainly surprise you. Please write for a free trial. Sold in all drug stores. External—does not interfere with other treatments. 25c., 50c. and \$1. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

doek, will bring suit against J. C. Steele & Sons for damages on account of injuries sustained by Mr. Murdock while working in the machine shops of the defendants last spring. Mr. Murdock was caught in the shafting and seriously injured, was in the hospital a long time and one leg was amputated. The complaint has not been filed and the amount asked for has not been named.

BOLD ROBBERY IN IREDELL.
Unknown Parties Enter Home of Mr. R. L. Freeze Near Statesville—Italians Arrested on Suspicion, But are Released.
Special to The Observer.
Statesville, Dec. 7.—A bold robbery was committed at the home of Mr. R. L. Freeze, who lives about three miles south of Statesville on the Charlotte road Tuesday. Mr. Freeze and children were in the field at work and Mrs. Freeze was at Troutman, leaving no one at the house. Unknown parties entered the house by raising a window sash, ransacked drawers, trunks and boxes, scattered the contents on the floor and went away with nearly \$40 in cash—about \$30 in paper, and several dollars in silver. Nothing else was missed and the robbers were evidently looking for money alone, as watches, pistols, guns and other such articles were left. The only evidence that developed was that Mr. Bert Murdock, who was passing saw two dogs who had been in Statesville with a monkey and grind organs, come from the house. Mr. Freeze notified the officers and he and Deputy Sheriff Ward went in pursuit of the monkey men and overtook them near Troutman. They were taken before Squire Williamson at Troutman for trial. The only evidence against them was that of Mr. Murdock and this was not sufficient to hold them and they were released. One of the men had about a pint of small change and the other had \$200 in bills. Although Mr. Freeze thought the Italians the guilty parties, he could not identify any of the bills, and the men were turned loose. The officers are still at work on the case.

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