To-night-Creston Clarke in "The Ragged Messenger. Tuesday—The Gans-Nelson Fight

Wednesday-"Are You a Mason?" Saturday matince and night-"The

The Times-Dispatch, of Richmond, Va., had the following notice of the appearance at Richmond of Creston Clarke in "The Bagged Messenger. which will be the attraction at the Academy to-night

Mr. Creston Clarke, one of Richmond's most popular actors, charmed large audience last night with a The Ragged Messenger." It is a dramatization of the novel of the same name by W. B. Maxwell, and no vehicle could have been selected that would have given Mr. Clarke better opportunities.

No stronger play has been seen here in many a day, and no more polished acting than Mr. Clarke's is ever seen. As John Morton, philanthropist and clergyman, he is quiet, dignified, lovable, with a kind word for every one, but after all only human. He rose to the intensely dramatic climax of the third act with masterful ability, and his when he discovers, as he thinks, the faithlessness of his wife, was pain-Mr. Clarke has the peculiar knack of making every line tell, and few actors are more grace ful in gesture than he.

He had the good fortune to be splendidly supported almost without John Carter, as Highand his faithful secretary, did as good a bit of character acting as any one could wish for. He is an actor of the old school. Mr. Jay Mansfield, as Dr. Colbeck,

and Mr. Heffron, as Berthe Carpenter. a Beaux Arts man, came up fully to the requirements of their parts. Mr. Barcus La Blande, as the miser, George Partington displayed

1- cornelite of unusual ability, and doing greater things if given the op-

Incidentally, this contiemen was n war correspondent in the Roor war, and was severely wounded. He came to this country, and was an turn, night city editor of The Detroit Free Press and dramate critic of The Cleveland Plain Indier This season finds him with Mr Clarke, and next year he will star in a play of his

Miss Virginia Thornton, who played opposite him. 14 a hard worker and a woman of no little ability, but shows a tendency to staginess that she will doubtless in

Miss Agnes Herndon, who played a wealthy widow, is a big, fat, jolly actress, not unlike May Irwin, and gave a clever plece of comedy work that was yery refreshing, particularly against such a sombre background. Miss Ada Gifford, as Sarah Part ington, her daughter, hardly did enough to merit mention. Clarke's admir-rs extended

him a most enthusiastic welcome and worked atrenuously for a curtain He showed excellent tiste by failing to comply with their evident desire WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO "MON SIEUR BEAUCAIRE."

Manager Jules Murry has the laugh on those wiseacres in the theatrical world who predicted that he would be unable to find a worthy successor "Monsieur Beaucaire" as a vehicle for Creston Clarke this season. In Ragged Messenger" Manager Murry secured one of the most talked about plays of the past decade -a play so general in its application that the theatre-goers munity in which it has thus far been presented have imagined that it was ritten solely with their own purticular environments in mind. success has been as great financially as has been the triumph of Creston Clarke in its leading character, John

THE HOSPITABLE QUAKER.

Morton, the elergyman, artistically.

The most sober minded people often have a keen sense of humor and the following story, which Eva Condon, of the "Are You a Mason" company, tells of a Quaker friend in Philadelphia, well lifustrates this

'My venerable friend and his wife. said Miss Condon were the cost hespitable people I have ever known, but on one occasion they had a visitor who had prolonged his xind he-yond all reason. So finally one day the old gentleman said:

"My friend, I am afraid thee will never visit us again."
"Oh, yes, I shall," soid the wisiter."
I have enjoyed my visit yery much

I shall centainly come again." "Nay" said the Quaker "I think thee will not west us again." "What make a your think I will not

"If they down to yet longs" replied the old gettle time those canst here

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with the requirements of polite so-

Weber & Pields is a name to conjure with, and the mere announce nent that theis merriest musical of fun and melody, and contains a chorus of dazzling loveliness, a wealth of beautiful scenery, surgeous costumes and marvelous light effects and groupings, is coming to Academy the 20th instant, will doubt cause a stampede for the box office when the seats go on sale.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' WEEK.

A Most Elaborate and Successful Affair in Henderson-The Daughters Doing a Good Work-Fifth District Meeting of Pythlans,

Special to The Observer. King's Daughters' week in Hender-King's Daughters' week in Henderson. Allogether the most elaborate and successful affair of the kind that has been given for a long time was the bazaar held by the "Whatsoever Circle" on Thursday and Friday in Burrell Hall. The building was most tastefully decorated for this occasion board of school commissioners shall tastefully decorated for this occasion board of school commissioners shall be a power and authority to establish a power and authority to establish a power and authority to establish the school commissioners with its handsome booths. Where There were candy booths, flower booths, fancy work

Value received" was the rule, and

On Thursday and Friday nights entertainments were given in the form we are barely able to make ends of amateur theatricals and music by meet with the equipment we now Thursday night the have, leading feature was a very pleasing The cast was Mr. Pryce T. Jones, Dr. John Skinner and Mr. Barney Aron-Mrs. Henry Perry and Mrs. J. This play was present. a packed house. A chorus of voices, with Miss Maud Elmore voices, with Miss Maud Elmore as the city must furnish. What soloist rendered the song. The Moon have so long desired, the logic Has His Eyes on You. They appeared a shout to compel us to a peared on costume, the girls in Empire gowns and the men in convenion but the high school as a part of the tional evening dress.

On Friday evening the play, "Mr. Bob," was presented by a caste consisting of Misses Edna O'Neal, Lella sisting of Misses Edna O'Neal, Lella that direction. And while the pri-Shannon, Rebecca. Watkins, Macey vate venture heretofore referred to. Chavasse, Messrs J. A. Moore, S. T. Peace and Barney Aronson. The chorus of the previous evening was repeated by special request. Both of these entertainments were of a high establishment order of merit and reflected credit the children. upon the management of Mrs G A.

Coggeshall, the president of the circle, and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, who discrease Charlotte is heard everyrected the rehearsals. Several hundred dollars were realized altogether, greater public school system, which which will go to local charitable work

Henderson has two flourishing cir-cles of King's Daughters, the "What-soever" and the "Lend-a-Hami," school the curriculum should be which are doing a splendid work made much higher, and a manual among the poor and the suffering of training department, such as Durham the town. Indeed these are the ban- has, ircles of the State, taking the lead both in attendance and in the amount of work done. A vast deal of good has been done by

of North Carolina, will be held Henderson Thursday, December 13 District Deputy J. E. Pegram, of Durham, will preside. The grand chancellor of the domain, Mr. W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh, will be present, and a large number of delegates are expected Henderson Lodge No will give a banquet in Burrell Hall. Dr C. Alphonso Smith, of the University, will lecture before the Contemporary Club in Burrell Hall Fri

day, December 14. GAFFNEY NEWS.

An Officer of Cowpens Has Negro Wanted in Shelby on Charge of Homicide. Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, Dec. 9 -Officer Brown, of Cowpens, brought Ambroso Sarratt, colored, here this morning and deliv ered him to Sheriff Thomas Satratt is wanted at Shelby, N. C., for shoot ing another negro some time ago.

Your correspondent is glad to be able to report that Mr. C. C. Parish. who was so critically ill with pro-urner

nia, is desidedly better. So much so, indeed, that if there are no unbecked for complications his recovery is as The star course under the direction of the Radeliffe Lyceum and Chat usqua Bureau opened last night at the Star Theatre, the Initial number being

Guy Chaffeton Lee a lecture "Pho Man of Serrows". The lecture wa-was well received by a large cost selest nightness. The next number or the programme will be the their who comes in Pebruary The people of Gaffney regards of denomination are delighted to cause of the fact that the Mechanics Conference has seen fit to severn a

endeared themselves totall scho know them in Gaffney. INJURED BY FALL

this field ites S B Harrer Mr Harper and his excellent family have

Mr. William Wallace, of Unionville, Seriously Hurt by a Fall Into a Ditch at Night. Special to The Observer

Monroe, Dec. 9.—Mr. William Wallace, of Unionville, who has been visting friends in Monroe, started Finday night to call on a friend residing in North Monroe. Accompanied his little son, he was walking on the path alongside of the radiousl track and failing in the darkness to noth that the path ran into a sut under the railroad treatle, he fell to the lostom of the cut, a distance of about 16 feet. When Dr. S. A. Stevens reached feet. When Dr S. A. Stevens reached him he was unconscious and bleeding at the ears, one usual indication of the base of the skull. The fracture of the base of the skull. The of his friend, Mr. J. A Griffin, To-day his condition is unchanged. The bleeding still continues, but Dr. Stev-

is fractured. If Santa Travels by Train.

Columbia Record. The children of Columbia are hoping that Santa Claus will not travel by railroad on Christmas eve. for if he does they feel certain that he will arrive in the city several hours be-hind time and perhaps not reach here at all. The other day a little boy at the Washington street graded school asked his teacher where Santa Claus lived, and upon being told that he lived in the North, the youngster replied that he hoped he wouldn't travel by the Southern or Seaboard trains, as they are always behind.

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now being agitated by Mr. Glasgow and his associates. That there is the most urgent need for such a school not only for boys, but for girls as well, I am well aware, and I have frequently in the meetings of the Henderson. Dec. 9.—This has been the necessity for the establishment of per us in further building our pub-lic schools along large lines for the such a school. Our commissioners Member Board of School Commis-

and with its handsome booths, where have the power and authority to esvarious kinds of articles were dis- tablish one or more high schools in played for sale, and its beautiful the city of Charlotte to be known as tables, made an uncommonly attractemploy a principal and teachers and booths, flower booths, fancy work of the counters and well-laden tables, presented of the study, and in general do whatever the younger contingent of the blood dames and maidens of the town. Dinner was served both days and ice in the glasse of the public gaze earfix their salaries, prescribe courses of the city, without charge, between the as they lasted.

The first day the bazaar was so We have a board, of commissioners the heel, and subsequently suffering The first day the bazaar was so well patronized that the entables were exhausted and most of the booths emptied. One of the excellent features, not always to be found in such affairs, was the very reasonable prices asked both for the articles on sale and the refreshments served by the rule, and the stated that although we may.

We have a board of commissioners willing to establish such a school, we have legislative authority under which to act, and the only reason of the Seaboard freight near this place, now languishes benind prison thority has been due to the lack of funds at our command, which will become apparent to every one when the refreshments served become apparent to every one when fore local Magistrate Milam. Eviit is stated that although we man-

our city must establish a high school as an integral part of our public school system. If the city limits are extended, as now seems certain they will be, a large number of schools now beyond our limits will be added with really uncommon spirit and now beyond our limits will be added wandering ability, and was greatly enjoyed by to our system, and their pupils will berlain's now beyond our limits will be added wandering diptheria germ. When Chamber our system, and their pupils will demand high school privileges, which the city must furnish. What we have so long desired, the logic of have so long desired, the logic of systems is about to compel us to person the logic of R. H. Jordan & Co. form. It will not be an easy task. public school system of the city of Charlotte must come, and that too reor any other of its kind, cannot prevent the final success of the move-ment, it will undoubtedly delay and hamper and make more difficult the

less than we would like to do, still

under the direction of the Daughters: and grammar schools together with has, and a business department, such as Winston has, and any other departments our means would allow, should be added. The high school them should be conducted upon the among the sick and the destitute.

The district meeting of the fifth teacher, a science teacher, a mathematic, Knights of Pythias, Domain ematics teacher, a history teacher, a

This extraordinary attraction a here Saturday.

School Commissioners Are a Unit in Besiring Such an Institution and Brown that their mere announced that their mere announced that their mere announced that their meriest musical such and melody, and contains a so of dazzling loveliness, a though the sense and melody, and contains a so of dazzling loveliness, a though the sense and marvelous light effects.

To the Editor of The Observer:

As a member of the board of school meters the sense of the within our large and growing city? In season and out of season I have urged the establishment of a high school for all the children, and I take the liberty of asking our citizens to reflect carefully before they embark in a private enterprise, which will, in my opinion, seriously ham-

JOHN KNOX IN JAIL.

DAVID B. SMITH.

Young Man Who Was Shot by Con-ductor Deadwild, While With a Robbing Party, is Held For Court —Wound Not Serious.

Special to The Observer. Clinton, S. C., Dec. 9 .- John Knox, the growds of patrons showed their age our schools with the most rigid dence introduced at this hearing was approclation by liberal purchases. sufficient to warrant his being bound over to the next term of court of Laurens county. Chief of Police R. C. Laurens county. Chief of Police R. C. Reed, of the Clinton police force, left Friday afternoon for Laurens with his

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