



The English Girls, Special Feature, "The Black Crook."

WILL BE IMPOSING EDIFICE.

Contract to be Let in a Few Weeks at Cost of Over \$100,000—Track "Five-Up" and Broke Jaw Bone—Arizona Hobo and His Gun. Special to The Observer.

Durham, March 12.—Work on the new Main street Methodist church is progressing rapidly; that is on the foundation work of the church. Some 700 yards of the concrete foundation has been laid and the other concrete work is being pushed, now that the weather conditions will permit of this kind of work.

two places. He hunted up the surgeon for the railroad and told him he should look after his wound, as the railroad track "blew up" and struck him in the face. His wound was dressed for him.

KODOL digests what you eat and quickly overcomes indigestion, which is a forerunner of Dyspepsia. It is made in strict conformity to the National Pure Food and Drugs Law and is sold on a guarantee relief plan.

Amusements

"The Clansman" to-day, matinee and night. "Black Crook" Saturday, matinee and night.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., has incorporated some of the best lines and speeches from his novels, "The Clansman" and "The Leopard's Spots" in his sensationally successful play, "The Clansman," which will be given here at the Academy to-day, matinee and night, following its run at the Liberty Theatre, New York city.

A funny scene in "The Clansman," to be played at the Academy to-day, matinee and night, shows Nelse, an old darkey, going a-courtin' his peppery wife, after the Reconstruction Legislature has declared the old-time negro marriages invalid.

"BLACK CROOK." One of the features in the Miller and Plohn production of "The Black Crook" is the transformation scene, which comes at the finish of the last act and which has been given the title of "From the Tropics to the Land of the Midnight Sun."

THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. J. M. Owen, of Fayetteville. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, March 12.—The funeral services took place yesterday, at Camp Ground church, Seventy-First township, over the remains of Mrs. J. M. Owen, aged 40 years, wife of County Commissioner Owen, who died of typhoid fever in St. Luke's Hospital Friday night.

Headache in His Hands.

New York Post. "You've got a pretty bad headache, sir, haven't you?" asked the barber, giving a dry shampoo.

G. B. BURHANS TESTIFIES AFTER FOUR YEARS.

G. B. Burhans, of Caville Center, N. Y., writes: "About four years ago I wrote you stating that I had been entirely cured of a severe kidney trouble by taking less than two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It entirely stopped the brick dust sediment and pain and symptoms of kidney disease disappeared. I am glad to say that I have never had a return of any of those symptoms during the four years that have elapsed and I am evidently cured to stay cured, and heartily recommend Foley's Kidney Cure to any one suffering from kidney or bladder trouble." R. H. Jordan, N. Y. City.

MAD DOG SCARE.

Miller & Co. Withdraw From Spartanburg on Account of Recent Legislation—Much Building Going On. Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 12.—Mad dogs are on the rampage in the upper section of this county and the farmers are living in constant fear of their children being attacked and bitten by the rabid canines.

Miller & Co., of New York, who have been furnishing the Spartanburg board of trade with cotton, stock and grain reports, have withdrawn their wire service from this section. It is reported that the New York brokers have decided to withdraw their wires from all points in the South because of the action of the Legislature in many of the Southern States, making it illegal to conduct cotton and stock exchanges.

Never in the history of Spartanburg has there been so much building as at present. Last week Building Inspector Smith issued 62 building permits, 52 being to one man, J. T. Harris, who has undertaken to build a suburb to Spartanburg. Several months ago Mr. Harris purchased a large tract of land on the outskirts of the city and will erect thereon 52 neat and commodious cottages.

THE NEW POLL TAX LAW.

Out of a Possible 3,000 Asheville Has a List of 1,800—New Law Will Reduce Revenue \$5,000. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 12.—The bill passed by the North Carolina General Assembly last week limiting city poll tax to \$2 is of more than passing interest to Asheville. The passage of the bill by both branches of the Legislature simply means that the poll tax in Asheville and other cities in the State shall not exceed \$2. At present and for several years past the poll tax in Asheville has been \$3, with an additional 60 cents street tax and 90 cents school tax, making the total tax of every citizen of Asheville who may have no real or personal property \$4.50.

The new law is agreeable to Asheville people. It has been contended for some time that the poll tax of \$4.50 in Asheville was excessive. Reference to the city tax books this morning disclosed the fact that there are listed for 1906 taxation 1,800 polls. While the law will affect this year's collection of taxes, it is certain that next year there will be equally as many polls listed as this year, if not more, and on this basis of 1,800 Asheville's revenue will be reduced at least \$1,800. If the entire poll tax of \$4.50 is reduced to the limit of \$2 it will mean that the city's revenue will be reduced nearly \$5,000. It is declared by authority that only about two-thirds of the qualified voters of Asheville pay poll tax. It is said that there are collected some 3,000 polls, but that fully 1,000 refuse to pay the excessive \$4.50 poll, and that inasmuch as they have nothing, it is impossible to collect. When Asheville's poll tax was \$3.60 there were scarcely 100 persons returned delinquent, while now there are several hundred.

FAYETTEVILLE'S NEW CHIEF.

Mr. J. H. Benton Elected—Raiding "Blind Tigers" and "Black Brew"—Arrested as Accessory to Walker—Sale of Valuable Truck Farm—News Briefly Told. Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, March 12.—The board of aldermen have elected Mr. J. H. Benton to succeed the late Chief Chasen. A telegram was sent to Mr. Benton, who was visiting his son at Spencer, on which he signified his acceptance, and he was sworn in. A year or more ago he resigned from the police force, on which he had served for 13 years, leaving behind him a fine record. Chief Benton is a man of the highest courage and of Herculean strength. The correspondent has known him intimately from boyhood, and predicts that the city will have found for the head of its police force an exceptionally excellent officer. Chief Benton will be recalled as the policeman who, several years ago, killed a Croatan on Market Square, who was advancing on Chief of Police Flowers, with a long, murderous knife, the latter's revolver being empty. Benton, seeing that it was death to the chief or his assailant, drew his revolver and shot the Croatan. A jury of inquest of course exonerated him from all blame.

The fund for the benefit of the families of Chief or Police Chasen and Officer Lockamy amounted, at last account on Saturday afternoon, to nearly \$400.

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Follicleman Buckingham is steadily improving in the Highsmith Hospital, and, unless something unforeseen occurs in his condition, he can be soon pronounced out of danger.

The "Zellmoor Farm," two miles west of Fayetteville, the property of Messrs. Fitzell, of Maryland, was bid off on Saturday at a commissioner's sale for \$3,000 by Mr. John Underwood. It is one of the finest truck farms in the county, and is worth far more than it brought.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

1493.—Columbus arrived at Palos from his first voyage of discovery.

1519.—Cortez, on his expedition for the conquest of Mexico, landed at the mouth of the river Tabasco and prepared to attack the town of the same name, in which about 15,000 warriors had assembled. Calling upon St. Jago, he fell upon the Indians, who were repulsed.

1676.—Attack on Groton, Mass., by a body of 400 Indians, who had concealed themselves, as usual, in every part of the town during the night, in order to shoot down the inhabitants as they issued from their houses. The town was gathered into five garrisons, as those houses were called, which were pillaged and otherwise treated from assault. Every man went constantly armed, and thus at a moment's warning, two of the enemy having been accidentally discovered, pursuit was made until they were drawn into an ambush and compelled to retreat. Another ambush meantime fell upon the opposite side of the town, and the flames arose from every unprotected building. Having pillaged everything that fell in their way, and cast every indignity upon the bodies of their victims, they collect the garrisons two or three valleys and disappeared. About 40 dwellings were burned, with their outhouses; the town soon after broke up, and the inhabitants scattered to other settlements of greater safety.

1775.—George III gave his assent to the act restricting the commerce of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina.

1804.—The President and members of Congress met in eating the mammoth loaf of bread prepared in one of the committee rooms at the Capitol by the baker who supplied bread for the navy.

1815.—General Jackson having received the ratification of the treaty of peace, revoked his order relative to martial law, ordered a final cessation of hostilities and granted a general pardon for all military offenses. The British took with them 199 negroes.

1824.—A Convention between the United States and Great Britain signed for the suppression of the slave trade; it provides that each government shall send vessels to cruise in the waters of either nation suspected of being slavers.

1852.—Ninety-five Americans, who were engaged in the Lopez expedition against Cuba, and captured and sent to Spain, arrived in New York, having been pardoned by the Queen and sent home.

1862.—The Confederates evacuated their works at New Madrid, Mo., in such haste as to leave 25 pieces of artillery and a large quantity of military stores, valued at \$1,000,000.

1863.—The Confederates made an unsuccessful attempt to recapture Newbern, N. C.

1863.—Commodore Farragut's fleet attempted to pass the Confederate batteries at Port Hudson, but only a part of the vessels succeeded. The Mississippi ran aground and was destroyed.

1867.—Alaska purchased by the United States.

1884.—The bill for the relief of Gen. Fitz John Porter passed by the United States Senate.

1885.—President issued a proclamation barring the "boomers" from Oklahoma.

1904.—Charles M. Pepper, commissioner appointed by the President to investigate Pan-American Railway project, submits report indicating progress by Southern republics.

1905.—President Roosevelt declared those who could have children and would not deserved contempt.

1906.—Two hundred and eighty-one midshipmen declared to be guilty of having; House committee censured Rear Admiral Brownson.

RHEUMATISM WORSE FROM YEAR TO YEAR

The cause of Rheumatism is an excess of uric acid in the blood, brought on by indigestion, chronic constipation, weak kidneys and a general sluggish condition of the entire system. The refuse and waste matter of the body is not carried out as nature intends, but is left to ferment and sour and generate uric acid, which is absorbed into the blood. The first evidence of Rheumatism is usually little wandering pains in the muscles and joints, or a tender, sensitive place on the flesh. These are often so slight that nothing is thought of them and they pass away; but with each recurrence the trouble becomes more severe, and from slight wandering pains and excited nerves, Rheumatism grows to be a painful and almost constant trouble. The longer the poison remains in the blood the firmer hold the trouble gets on the system. Each day the acid deposit is increasing and the disease grows worse from year to year. After awhile the joints become coated with a corrosive substance which seriously interferes with their working and movements and sometimes they become permanently stiff and useless.

S. S. S. PURELY VEGETABLE. cures Rheumatism by going down into the blood and attacking the disease at its head. It neutralizes the poisons and acids and dissolves the salts and irritating deposits, making the blood stream pure, fresh and healthy. S. S. S. is made entirely of roots, herbs and barks, and is therefore a safe remedy. When the blood has been purified by S. S. S., the pains and aches pass away, and the cure is permanent. Book on Rheumatism, and medical advice free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Advertisement for The Phil. G. Kelly Co. Inc. featuring a list of liquors and a stamp. The list includes: 4 Ounces, 6 Ounces, 12 Ounces, 1 Gallon. Items include: 5-year-old Kentucky Rye, 4-year-old Old Corn Whiskey, Donald Kenny Malt Whiskey, Blue Ridge Va. Mountain, Harem River Rye (Bottled in Bond), Dr. Le Barron's Buchu Oil. The ad also includes a table of prices and a list of agents.

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring the slogan 'PREJUDICE AGAINST Coca-Cola TURNED INTO AN ENDORSEMENT'. It includes a testimonial from Sumner, S. C., dated Dec. 15, 1906, and a price of 5c per bottle. The ad also mentions 'SOLD EVERYWHERE' and 'Guaranteed Under the Pure Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906'.

Advertisement for King's Business College. It features the college's name in a stylized font and lists 'CAPITAL STOCK \$30,000.00'. The ad also includes the text 'NO VACATION. ENTER ANY TIME.' and 'It is a conceded fact, known everywhere in North Carolina by those who are informed, that KING'S IS THE SCHOOL—THE RIGHT SCHOOL, viewed from every standpoint of merit and worthiness.'

THE ELEVATOR BOY. "Do you know," said the elevator boy, "I didn't know till to-day that we built elevators." He was addressing the night watchman, who was coming in. "Let me tell you, my boy," said the watchman, "there's a whole lot we do here you haven't found out yet. The elevator we shipped to-day was a regular dandy. The cage was shipped out of the wood shop and the running gear and apparatus out of the Dilworth shop. When I was surprised Billy laughed at me and said he used to sell elevators for the company when he was elevator boy on this elevator. "We make elevators all right," said the watchman, "but don't you listen too much to what Billy says. He's liable to tell you he's bought one of the Pyramids in Egypt. What else have you shipped to-day?" "Four yarn reels went out and a whole lot of hangers and pulleys. It stumps me what people do with so many pulleys. Every day it's pulleys and hangers, and pulleys going out. Big pulleys, little pulleys, split pulleys, and then there's hangers, couplings and set collars. Gears is also a big item. All kinds of wheels, in fact." "Sounds like business is moving," said the watchman. "It's worse than moving—it's humming. People like to send us orders because we deliver the goods on time," said the boy. "We beat the railroads all to pieces on delivering machinery, and we make the machinery, too." "How's the roller covering shop getting along?" asked the watchman. "Covering rollers galore," said the boy. "The mills used to scatter their roll covering some, so the folks in the department tell me, but it looks now like we get 'em all. I haul 'em up and down every day—lots of them, and here's your floor, now hike off."

The D. A. Tompkins Co. MACHINE BUILDERS AND REPAIRERS, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Advertisement for FIRE INSURANCE. THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES REPRESENTED AND AMPLIFIED PROTECTION GUARANTEED: AETNA, HARTFORD, PHENIX, NORTHERN, NORTH BRITISH, R. E. Cochrane. Insurance and Real Estate Agent.

Advertisement for Kelly-Springfield tires. THE KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE "D". To those who drive, a part of their satisfaction is in the smartness of their turnout. The other part is in the good service of good material. Kelly-Springfield Tires are both smart and good. They add to the appearance of the best rigs and they give the good service that goes with their good style. The best carriage makers use them exclusively, of course. J. W. WADSWORTH'S SONS' CO., AGTS.

Advertisement for 49th Series tires. Of the M. P. B. & L. Ass'n went into effect on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The subscriptions for this series are coming in freely, but to accommodate the public we will keep the books open during the whole month of March and prospective borrowers will do well to apply at once.

Advertisement for S. Wittkowsky and R. E. Cochrane. S. WITKOWSKY, President. R. E. COCHRANE, Sec. & Treas.

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