

"THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO."
 All the indications, the advance sale of seats, the letters of inquiry received by the management and the verbal queries taken over the phone point to the fact that James O'Neill will have a large following at the Academy of Music to-night in Dumas' immortal story of "The Count of Monte Cristo." Mr. O'Neill is considered by many the world's greatest romantic actor and in making this season a farewell tour of the country. He has appeared in Charlotte on several occasions and is a universal favorite.

Everything possible has been done to make the present production the most satisfying ever given the Dumas play. Mr. O'Neill is so closely identified with the character of Edmund Dantes that it is impossible to tell which has the greater drawing power the actor or the play. That his conception and execution of the role is absolute perfection is proven by the fact of the great reputation he has made in every city of importance in the United States. Follow the fortunes of Edmund Dantes and he is like skimming the pages of a fairy tale, with all the emotions, feelings, ambitions and sordid desires of a man portrayed with a clear and striking hand and the lessons of life are taught in unmistakable terms.

SEVERAL CHANGES MADE IN STORY.
 James O'Neill has had several changes made in the Fletcher version of the new "Monte Cristo." Mercedes, for instance, will not be found as another man's wife with Edmund Dantes when he returns with his fabulous wealth of his island. Then, too, there are changes and improvements in the scenic arrangements and a wonderful panorama apparatus lends wonderful effect to the escape of Dantes from the Chateau d'If. Here too, does he not only reach his rock and proclaim the world to be his but he is rescued by a pirate ship. These and other changes have been made which add wonderfully to the play.

The Dumas drama, "Monte Cristo," easily lends itself to the lavish hands of the producer and James O'Neill is this year provided with a production that is said to be the most superbly spectacular yet given the piece.

James O'Neill has announced that the present engagement will be his last in the famous old Dumas play, "Monte Cristo," in which he has appeared almost five thousand times. The production is new and the most spectacular ever given the play, and the company is one of the largest and strongest and includes among others the star's son, James O'Neill, Jr.

THE KLITIE'S BAND OF SCOTLAND.
 When the heavens echo the sound of the bagpipe and drum Friday, Charlotte people need not be afraid The Klitlie's are coming and thus they will let their presence be known. The concert which they will give in the Academy Friday night will be attended by the major portion of the music-loving public of the city. There is not an aggregation of better known experts in the country than the Klitlie's band of Scotland. It should play to a full house.

Several years ago the Klitlies visited Charlotte. Their appearance on the streets created nothing short of a sensation. Led by the giant drum-major, who stood almost 7 feet in his stockings, the band presented a sight not easily forgotten. Each member was clad in Scotland garb with funny little caps, gaily colored shirts, short petticoats reaching from the waist to the knees red striped stockings and heavy shoes. Various and sundry trappings fell from the shoulders and waist. That all presented interesting sights goes without saying.

The Klitlies will be seen again Friday.

Rev. Dr. Kincaid is Coming.
 It is said on good authority that Dr. William M. Kincaid will accept the call to the First Presbyterian church. The members of the First church congregation heard Dr. Kincaid Sunday and were delighted with him. The announcement of the acceptance of the call is expected this week.

SNOW AT ASHEVILLE.
 It is Feared That What Remained of Early Fruit Has Been Killed—Unusual Weather Conditions.
 Special to The Observer.
 Asheville, April 9.—Another cold wave struck Asheville and western North Carolina last night and this morning the ground was covered with snow. Ice formed to a considerable thickness all over the city, and it is feared that what remained of the early fruit has been killed. From the country comes the information that snow and ice prevailed last night and that prospects for a fruit crop are anything but rosy. The cold yesterday afternoon and last evening was ushered in with rain. Later in the night the thermometer dropped rapidly and then the snow began falling. A strong wind came over the mountains and the night was made disagreeable to those compelled to be out. The surrounding country was almost entirely covered with snow this morning, while the beautiful has continued to fall at intervals during the day. Verily, winter lingers in the lap of spring. The shrubbery and trees are in full and half-leaf; lilac and other flowers are blossoming, while the snow covers all. Weather conditions in March were unusual. It was warm and spring-like. Weather conditions in April are also unusual with cold rains and a mixture of snow and ice.

Policeman Skeens Suspended.
 Special to The Observer.
 Greensboro, April 9.—Mayor Murphy this afternoon suspended Policeman R. Y. Skeens for being drunk while on duty. The officer was seen on Main street under the influence of whiskey to-day. The suspension created some excitement, as he has been considered a good officer. He is the man who was recently charged with killing a prisoner, but the grand jury failed to find a bill.

TETTER, SALT RHEUM AND ECZEMA.
 These are diseases for which Chamberlain's Itching Ointment is especially valuable. It quickly allays the itching and smarting and soon effects a cure. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. Jordan & Co.

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ALL LODGED IN JAIL.
 Christenbury and Mr. T. W. Return From Augusta, Ga. Alleged Burglar Who Entered a Hardware Company's and Stole Pistols—Circumstances Against Him.

Southall, the man arrested in Ga., on the charge of being the robber of the Southall Hardware Company's store in this city yesterday morning on the train. He was accompanied by Christenbury and Mr. T. W. Return who went to Augusta to the pistols which were found in the possession of one of the suspects stolen was a Smith & Wesson, No. 22, a side ejector, a weapon for this section of the State. Mr. Dixon felt sure that he would find any one with that, he says his man. This was one of the first weapons found in the possession. Mr. Dixon had no difficulty in identifying a number of his. Of the number stolen, worth are yet unaccounted for.

Wednesday night, April 2d, the robbery of the store at Southall was seen, by a man known him all his life, living house at the Southall. This was at 2 o'clock in the night. Southall is in jail.

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SEVEN MILLS REDUCE HOURS.
 Number of Hours Constituting Week's Work Now 64 in Atherton, Elizabeth, Chadwick, Hoskins, Calvine, Dover, and Louise Mills.

Seven cotton mills in and about the city have reduced the number of hours constituting a week's work from 68 to 64 hours. The changes went into effect with the Atherton, the Elizabeth, the Chadwick, the Hoskins, the Louise the Dover, and the Calvine Mills Monday.

Instead of closing at 6:35 o'clock in the afternoon as heretofore, in the future these mills will shut down at 6:11 o'clock or 24 minutes earlier. This makes the week's work exactly 2 hours less than heretofore, there being but five days to which this rule applies.

When these mills have become accustomed to the new order of things and the condition of the trade justifies the change, another reduction in hours will be made. It is impossible at this time to say when the second reduction will take place for it is impossible to forecast the state of the trade six months or a year ahead. It can be stated with assurance however that as soon as it is possible the hours will be reduced to 62 and then to 60, which is the goal the cotton mill men now have in view. While but seven of the local mills have inaugurated the new system, it is certain that the others will follow at a very early date.

The seven mills making this reduction are capitalized at \$1,475,000, and operate 2,146 looms and 96,168 spindles. They are among the most prosperous and equably managed plants in the South Atlantic States.

Recital at Presbyterian College.
 A very appreciative audience gathered in the auditorium of the Presbyterian College yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock to hear a pleasing recital given by members of Mrs. Fisher's class and also several from the class of Miss McIntosh and Mrs. Stewart. As is usual in this conservatory, the pieces were all played from memory, and after having been annotated, and judging from the applause accorded each performance, the work was highly satisfactory.

This recital work has proved very beneficial in the work of the students and it is both interesting and gratifying to the teachers to note the continued results of their efforts.

Large Crowds Patronizing the Mystic on North Tryon.
 The tastefully appointed apartments of the Mystic, the new moving picture establishment of Col. Peters on North Tryon street, with its lively and up-to-date pictures, is attracting a large patronage, evidently filling a long felt want. It is crowded every afternoon and night. The attractions at present are: "In the Mining District," giving scenes in the coal mines, descriptive of the work and incidents, including a mine explosion and rescue; and another which depicts the amusing pranks of a bunch of mischievous girls.

SO SOOTHING
 Its Influence Has Been Felt by So Many Charlotte Readers.
 The soothing influence of relief After suffering from Itching Piles, From Eczema or any Itchiness of the skin,
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 Doan's Ointment has soothed hundreds.
 C. V. Volla, manufacturer of harness and shoes, Mooresville, N. C., says: "I want to express my appreciation for the cure your Ointment has effected. I was led to use it from a testimonial I read in the newspaper, which stated that one application would stop a very obstinate case of itching piles and eczema, which at times almost drove me crazy. For the last fifteen years I have not had one good night's rest. I was treated by three physicians, tried ointments of many kinds and took internal remedies, with no relief. I had almost despaired of a cure or relief, but as I had a small degree of faith remaining, I bought one box of Doan's Ointment. After I had used the one box the eruption disappeared. I procured another box and used it to prevent a recurrence of the trouble. I have not used any more than a month, and believe I am permanently cured. I feel that the relief I have had is worth the price of fifty boxes of Doan's Ointment. It gives me great pleasure to recommend your remedy to all who are afflicted with any itching skin disease. You may see the following advertisement."

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"LIAR" BRINGS BLOWS.
 Pinkard Struck by Mr. Joe In Gen Restaurant Yesterday Afternoon—Dispute Over Beer Clerk.

Clashing of Mr. Joe Klouse a liar's blows before it resulted in a fight against the front door of the Gen Restaurant yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The affair suddenly and ended quickly. Mr. Klouse, who was drinking, had himself to a disk for which he called. The clerk charged him, whereupon he objected. Klouse, who was standing behind the cashier's desk, suggested to the cashier, that the reason for the increased price of the one referred to, was that he had exceeded the limit.

Mr. Klouse, he said, "you're just a liar." Mr. Klouse began slapping the clerk with his hands. The clerk, so bystanders say, picked up a knife, which was in his pocket, and struck Klouse. Realizing this, Mr. Klouse made a final hard blow against the man who was then turned over to the police and arrested.

Chicken Man—The Recorder.
 The recorder has made great progress in his chicken business. He said he observed yesterday after Mr. Shannonhouse's protest the coming primary.

"You say that? Have you seen his fine Orphingtons?" "I see from the paper learned to count the birds they hatch."

"I suffer from the bell."

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