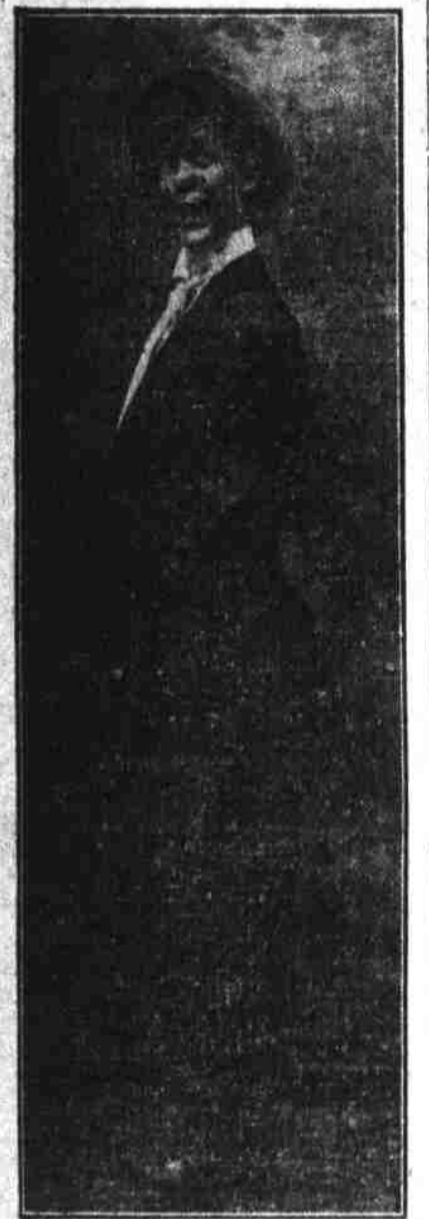


PLAYS OF THE WEEK



A SCENE FROM "PARSIFAL."

"A BELL BOY." "A Bell Boy," in which Johnny Galvin, the clever comedian, who is like Geo. M. Cohen was five years ago, is the chief funmaker, is billed for the attraction at the Academy of Music to-morrow night.



JOHNNY GALVIN, IN "THE BELL BOY."

a never failing source of delight, and Irene Drew, the beautiful singer with a wonderfully powerful and entrancingly sweet soprano voice, are also members of the large company which by the way boasts of a genuine beauty chorus that sings and dances as well as looks pretty.

The company that will present Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals," at the Academy shortly, is headed by Joseph Jefferson, Jr., who is to be the Sir Lucius, and William Winter Jefferson, who assumes

the role made famous by the late Mr. Joseph Jefferson. These sons of an illustrious father will be supported by Theodore Hamilton, Eugene O'Brien, Richard Lyle, Roger Burnham, Blanche Bender, Roberta Brennan and Emilie Melville.

"RED FEATHER." "Red Feather," which will be seen at the Academy of Music Saturday night, is a reversion to straight opera, the music by Reginald De Koven, book by Charles Klein, author of David Warfield's success, "The Music Master," and of "The Lion and the Mouse," and lyrics by Charles Emerson Cook. The story is interesting and the thread of the plot is more closely followed than has been usual of late. Mr. Cook's lyrics are singable and clever and Mr. De Koven's music is always satisfactory. There are at least a dozen musical numbers, all pleasing and many of them up to the very best work that De Koven has ever done. Possibly with the intention of surpassing his notable "Robin Hood" music, De Koven was most ambitious in his writing for the "Red Feather" score and the result is a glorious offering of solo, duets, madrigals, marches, choruses and ensembles. In staging the opera, the Ziegfeld Opera Company spared no expense in giving the piece the richest of mountings that could be secured. For the prima donna role Manager Jos. M. Gaites has engaged Miss Cheridah Simpson, a singer of recognized ability, who is an artist of altogether different calibre from the usual run of comic opera stars. She has a splendid voice and a charming stage presence, is a clever actress and is a very welcome addition to the all too short list of capable singers in light opera. Particularly pleasing are her entrance song, "To Call Thee Mine," and the song "Garden of Dreams."

In the company, which is one of the largest on tour, there are a number of well-known comedians and a large and well-schooled chorus. A feature of the local presentation will be the augmented orchestra. A special matinee for ladies and children will be given Saturday afternoon.

"PARSIFAL." A play as broad in its interests as humanity itself. Elaborate and spectacular in production, weird in its portrayal of the elemental passions, absorbing as a dream of the highest good, yet keen and intense in its appeal to the individual, such is the description of the Wagner wonder drama which Charlotte is again to see in its new English dress at the Academy Monday, October 7th. It is generally conceded to be a condition of dramatic art that human interests must be paramount, and this condition has been complied with in the translation of "Parsifal." Abstract ideas and poetic fancies are made real in the characters and experiences of living persons. The faith that good shall be the final goal of all, forms the legend wrought out to certitude in the action of the play. The faculty of low cunning, craft, duplicity and all the unlovely brood of the nether world, when opposed by the nobler intelligence which comprehends, but disregards, them all, is

demonstrated in this thrilling drama, which centres around the personality of the son of many generations of soldier sires, whom his mother would have made a shepherd of but whom destiny made a king. There is sound philosophy and true art in the final description of the personality of Parsifal. A guileless fool—in the eyes of the foolish—not by wrath, not by cynicism, nor by cheap worldly wisdom, but by pity enlightened. As a spectacle "Parsifal" is a tremendous enterprise; the scenery is on a lavish scale and the illuminations and electric effects form a striking feature of the production. An augmented orchestra of twenty musicians will render the soul-stirring strains of "Parsifal" as an accompaniment to the wondrous story. The hour of commencement will differ from that of the former custom, the long dinner intermission having been eliminated now permits of giving the play at one sitting. The curtain for the evening performance will drop promptly at 7:45. Auditors should be in their seats when the performance begins, as none will be seated during the action of the play. For scenes and complete story of "Parsifal" see page 5 in the supplement.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TAXES.

Large Increase Over 1906—People Want the Streets Paved—A Great Cotton Mill—Bank Made a Government Depository—News in Brief. Fayetteville, Sept. 28.—The taxes of Cumberland county for 1907, exclusive of the municipal tax of Fayetteville, amount to \$101,764.93, against \$77,417.88 for 1906, or an increase of \$24,347.05. Of this the whites pay \$62,311.28 and the negroes \$7,124.15. Public corporations pay \$12,522.58, and private corporations pay \$3,576.17. The special school tax amounts to about \$16,000.

A funny "blind tiger" was unearthed on County's shore grounds on Gillespie street. He discovered that in some mysterious way his employees were getting drunk and drunker as the performance went on. He set out to investigate, and found that Charles Lane, a negro, was a peripatetic barroom, well loaded down with whiskey, besides having it hid about in spots. Mr. Lane is now in jail. The Huske Hardware Company is building a mammoth warehouse in the rear of the handsome Huske Armfield block on upper Hay street, which is designed to be as nearly fireproof as possible. It will have concrete basement floors, all modern arrangements for storing and shipping goods and over 10,000 square feet of floor space.

The correspondent believes that a change has taken place in public sentiment with regard to the proposed bond issue for paving the streets. Six months ago it was not a popular measure, but with a full vote it would probably now be carried. With the burnt district handsomely rebuilt and with Alderman Buckham's ordinance now about carried out, giving the town the best sidewalks in the State, main business streets that are nothing better than rough country roads are disgraceful. The Fourth National Bank, of this city, of which Dr. H. W. Lilly is president, has been notified by the Treasury Department that it has been chosen as a government depository—a merited mark of confidence and a gratifying indication of financial solvency. The National Bank of Fayetteville, of which Mr. W. A. Vanstory is president, has been for some time a government depository.

The revival services going on in the auditorium of the city graded schools are attended by large crowds, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. E. K. Neigabor, of Salisbury. Thursday afternoon, with Superintendent David S. Jones, the correspondent took a walk through the Victory Mill, one of the largest and most complete in architecture and equipment in the State. It covers an area of nearly 120,000 square feet of floor space. Its capacity is 25,000 spindles and 800 looms, one-half now running and the remainder to be soon installed. A striking feature in its architecture is the smoke stack, 157 feet high, of concrete. It looks solid enough to be standing there on the 28th of September, 1907, unless an earthquake toppled it over. The Victory Manufacturing Company will, about the first of the coming year, build a large print mill. Ten years ago Superintendent Jones was a schoolboy at Drewry's Military Academy, in this city, and he is now one of the youngest, but most skilled mill men in the South—a born mechanic, electrician and all-around textile expert. In the office of Mr. A. S. Huske, an extensive shipper of grapes and other fruit, the correspondent saw this morning piles of baskets of scuppernongs going to Newport and New York City—not to commission merchants, but to heads of families in special orders. The scuppernon is only to be known to be loved. The crop is short this year.

HIGH POINT HAPPENINGS.

New York Man to Erect Factory in the City—Narcotics Will Conduct Drug Store—New Street Being Opened Up—Young Lady Convalescing. Special to The Observer.

High Point, Sept. 28.—A colored drug store has been opened here on East Washington street, and in connection with it another drug store is located here by the name of C. J. Gaylord, a graduate of Shaw University, making two colored physicians. Policeman Meyers yesterday went to Sanford and brought back last night George Hicks colored, wanted here for larceny of a suit of clothes. The auditorium skating rink opens to the public again Monday after a shut down of two weeks to make necessary repairs and improvements. The floor has been put in green condition, new skates bought, and the office rearranged so as to give more room.

High Point will in all probability have another factory at an early date, being promoted by a New York gentleman. The gentleman in question requests that nothing more definite be given out at this time, but suffice to say the factory is more than a probability and will do a big business.

Miss Luda Clark, the popular young lady in charge of the folks of the High Point Furniture Company, is improving from a serious spell of sickness. Jordan street, in the northern part of the city, will be opened up through the lands of Mrs. Levi Johnson and L. E. Johnson to the car line, making naturally one of the prettiest streets in the city.

W. H. Ragan, chairman of the executive committee of the A. and M. College, returned from a meeting of the committee which passed upon the matter of heating the new building.

WARRANT IS WITHDRAWN.

Father of J. H. Bush Settles Matters With Frix Company and Charges of Embezzlement Arg Not Carried Out—Stateville to Have Wood. Flix Working Plant—Rev. C. M. Richards' Salary Increased—Lutheran Missionary a Visitor. Special to The Observer. Stateville, Sept. 28.—The warrant for J. H. Bush, charging him with the embezzlement of \$112,000 of the funds of the Frix Company, of Stateville, has been withdrawn. Bush was not arrested and will not be on this charge. His father, Mr. J. K. Bush, of Hudson, Caldwell county, came to Stateville yesterday and adjusted the matter with the Frix Company, and the warrant for the young man was then withdrawn.

Another manufacturing industry is to be added to Stateville's already large and varied list. The new concern will be a plant to manufacture wood fibre plaster, and the promoters are Messrs. W. L. Gilbert, superintendent of the Atha Chair Company, E. S. Pegram, cashier of the First National Bank; J. W. Guy, assistant cashier, and H. R. Cowles, a progressive business man. Five thousand dollars of stock have already been subscribed and more will be. A charter has been applied for and when it is received the company will organize and proceed to business. The plant will be located somewhere near the railroad, but the site has not been definitely decided upon.

The Stateville Presbyterians are greatly concerned about their beloved pastor, Rev. C. M. Richards, who has had several calls elsewhere. They will make a strong effort to keep him, and one important step taken to wards that end is the raising of his salary from \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year. There had been talk of this for some time.

Rev. C. K. Lippard, a Lutheran missionary to Japan, who returned to this country some months ago and has since been in Chicago, arrived in Stateville Thursday night with his family to visit relatives in the county. He will attend a missionary conference in Charlotte to-day, after which he will return to Stateville and vicinity to visit relatives. He will spend a year in this country before returning to his work in Japan and it is probable that he will make this place his headquarters during his vacation.

THE IGORROTRES COMING.

Band of Gentlemen and Ladies From the Pacific Isles to Fill to Overflowing the Cup of Joy of the Mecklenburg Fair Spectator.

Manager C. M. Creswell, of the Mecklenburg Fair Association, received a telegram last night announcing that the Igorrotres, a group of natives of the estate East, had accepted his proposition and are coming to see Mecklenburg and let Mecklenburg see them. They will occupy three-quarters of an acre on the fair grounds. Within the space they will reign supreme. It is possible that they may be required to pay some attention to the statute of Uncle Sam and of civilization which prescribes the wearing of some sort of apparel, but beyond this wholesome restriction they will live just as in their native village.

The following firms are those which have to date taken space in the floral hall to display their wares: The Little-Lonz Company, A. M. Shaw, Dr. A. Fisher, W. S. Shelor, J. E. Croston & Co., National Cash Register Company, Blitrite Shoe Company, W. G. McPhee, Charlotte Hardware Company, International Harvester Company, B. D. Springs & Co., Lubin Furniture Company, C. Valer, Southern Power Company, R. G. Auten & Co., W. T. McCoy, Stone-Barringer Company, American Trust Company, Parker-Gardner Company, the Arcade George P. Robertson. These displays, together with those of the field and garden products, the ladies' fancy work and art, will fill three-fourths of the space in the building.

Several big shows which have been visiting only the expositions and State fairs have been secured. All are first-class attractions and will prove great drawing cards.

LOCAL FIRM BUYS THE BONDS.

Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. Gets Washington Bonds But What the Price Was Is Not Given Out—New York Firm Outbid. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Sept. 27.—The finance committee, mayor and mayor pro tem of the city of Winston yesterday afternoon sold to the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. the \$1,500,000 bonds that were authorized by a majority vote of the citizens on the 24th of last August. The price paid is a secret, known only to the representatives of the city and the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. The simple announcement was made that the bonds had been sold above par. The committee deemed it wise to keep to itself the amount paid for the bonds.

At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen the finance committee, mayor and mayor pro tem were authorized to negotiate and make the sale of the bonds authorized by the election. Bids were asked for and Leak & Co., of New York, and the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., of this city, made offers. The bid of the New York firm was as per Mr. L. C. Warner, of Leak & Co., and Mr. Will Shaffner, of the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., appeared at the meeting yesterday afternoon and submitted their bids.

It was learned that the payments and interest upon the surplus was made decidedly advantageous to the city. But that is all. Just what the "decided advantage to the city" is was not given out.

J. C. Cline, a white man, was arrested here yesterday morning on information received that he was wanted in High Point for beating his wife and mother-in-law. The trouble occurred Wednesday afternoon and Cline left High Point Wednesday night. Policeman Meyers, of High Point, arrived yesterday afternoon to carry the prisoner back to High Point for trial.

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OUT BY MOWING MACHINE.

Stood Before the Blade, Tipped Horns and Got Leg Cut Also Experience of R. J. Bennett, of Winston-Salem. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Sept. 27.—Before the blade of a mowing machine, Mr. R. J. Bennett, who resides in the northern section of the city, was run down yesterday morning as if he was a tuft of grass. His right ankle being almost severed. It was at first feared that amputation would be necessary, but after an examination by Dr. Sullivan it was found that the limb could be saved. Mr. Bennett was talking to Mr. Simon Kiger, who was operating a mowing machine. Mr. Bennett was

standing in front of the slimy blades. During the conversation he struck one of the animals with a stick or switch, causing a sudden movement of the machine. The blades struck Mr. Bennett with great force. The unfortunate man was removed to his home, where Dr. Sullivan attended him. The pieces of bone were taken out and the wound dressed. The Limit of Life. The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 25 and 30, the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 30 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC Mon. Oct. 7 Messrs. Martin and Emery's Reverent Artists and Sumptuous Presentation of Richard Wagner's Mystic Festival Play. PARSIFAL Owing to the length of time required to present Parsifal the curtain will rise promptly at 7:45. Auditors should be in their seats at rise of first curtain as no one will be seated during the action of the play. Seat Sale Opens Scale of Prices. Box Seats \$2.00. Lower Floor \$1.50. Balcony, first 3 rows \$1. Balcony, Remainder 75c. Gallery, Reserved 50c.

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