

THE MILLINERS

The Department stores of the city will welcome the ladies to their...

This is the eventful day of the fall with the local milliners. The doors of the various stores will be swung wide open...

As a reporter traveled about last night from store to store, he saw many beautiful hats in feathers, hats in flowers, hats in velvet and hats in everything else that is stylish.

Among the striking hats are: A deep-eyed purple velvet, with silk binding of same color, also facing. It has a drooping brim, which is wide from side to side...

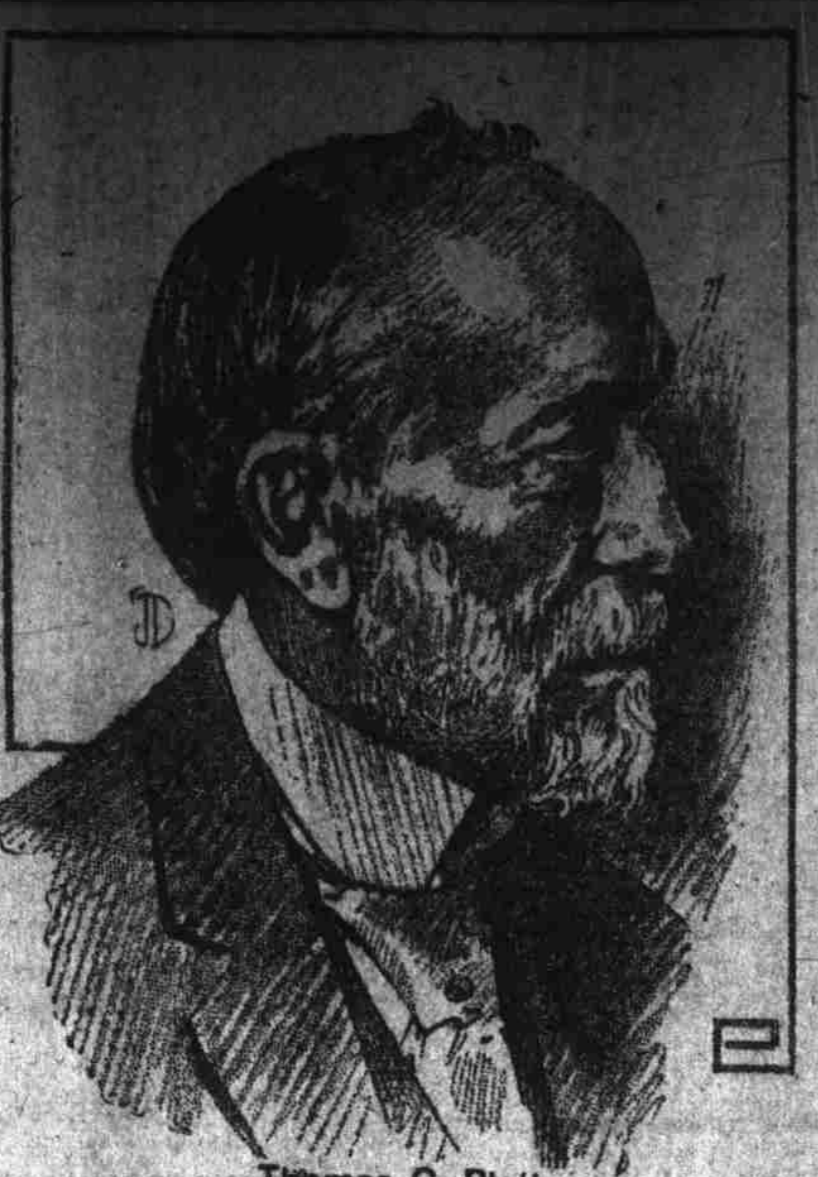
AT BELK BROTHERS. Miss Sarah Houston has charge of the millinery department at Belk Bros. Miss Sidde Strassburg is the designer. Last night when the hats were all placed and the lights turned on, the millinery room of Belk Bros. was a thing of beauty.

Among the pretty hats on exhibition are: A black chantilly lace and mullin sailor, with elegant willow plume. A light champagne cloche, long fancy effect, trimmed with ostrich feathers and large green bird's head. A dark garnet hat, with marabou, American Beauty, ribbon and morning glory.

AT IVEY'S PLACE. At Ivey's Miss Elizabeth Downer, designer, and Miss Annie Felts, chief of the department, will be in charge. The decorations will be green and the flowers, the green of ferns will be used for the green effect.

THE LITTLE-LONG STORES. The golden rod will be used by Miss Katherine Ticer and Mrs. Jessie McDonald, who have charge of the sales room at the Little-Long stores at department. Miss Mae Whitney and Madame Nolley, the designers, will show a large lot of beautiful, assorted hats.

Elaborate arrangements have been made at Erid's for the opening. The hat room is elegantly decorated in geraniums and ferns and music will be furnished by Richardson's Orchestra.



Thomas C. Platt

PLATT SUED FOR DIVORCE

Mae Catherine Wood, Former Government Clerk, Alleges That She Was Married to the Senator in 1911—Aged Lothario, Through Counsel, Denies the Allegation.

New York, Sept. 30.—Mae Catherine Wood, the former government clerk, who has been suing United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for several years to-day brought action in the Supreme Court for absolute divorce from the senator alleging that she had been married to him in the

THE DEATH RECORD

ROWAN LOSES A GOOD MAN

Mr. Thomas M. Kern, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Succumbs to a Throat Affection—Was a Born Leader of Men and Succeeded in Whatever He Undertook—His Death Greatly Deplored.

Salisbury, Sept. 30.—Mr. Thomas M. Kern, chairman of the Rowan county board of commissioners, a large planter, real estate dealer and banker, died this afternoon about 2 o'clock after a long illness with a throat affection. With him were Mrs. Kern, his mother, and two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Carlton and Miss Beulah Kern.

There have been very few cases in Salisbury sadder than this fine, handsome man's protracted combat with a mortal malady. In the latter portion of the winter there developed a small trouble, which, becoming severer, sent him to Dr. Morton, the great New York specialist. He spent April and May there, always coming home to meet with the board of commissioners. His devotion to public duty characterized his life, and when barely able to speak he continued to advise with his conferees until driven to his bed. He died in public benediction.

Mr. Kern was born in Rowan county 55 years ago, on July 27th. He spent his younger years on the farm, which he made a model and retained throughout his life. Born to lead and to command, he was successful and always a power in his community.

He held by reason of his fine judgment many public positions and was accounted one of the safest trial officers in the county. He dealt ceaselessly in everything that he undertook and when he moved to Salisbury two years and a half ago became at once a man among men. His life has been a synonym of triumph.

It was his chief among men abroad, he was prince at home and brought his best life about the fireside with his family as the ornaments. He made the household and he made the home. In 1899 he lost his beautiful daughter, Mrs. W. G. Anderson, a bereavement that is a whole county shared with him. A beautiful affection grew up between himself and his little grandson, Thomas Kern Carlton, and they were chums up to his sudden taking at 11:30 afternoon. Approaching death was taken for a change for good, and he died without a struggle.

Mr. Kern leaves besides his immediate family two sisters and three brothers and numerous relatives. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum and these will attend the funeral in a body, but not officially. The services will take place Wednesday afternoon from the Lutheran church at 4 o'clock. Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinnard, pastor, Rev. G. H. C. and Rev. C. A. Brown will conduct the burial.

AMUSEMENTS

A good-sized audience greeted 'The Bell Boy' at the Leeds hotel music last night. There were no features save some musical feats in dancing. There was no plot. Some of the scenic effects were pretty.

Of all the characters in 'Parisian', which Martin and Emery bring to the Academy for one performance, Monday evening, October 7th, there is none more colorful and thrilling than that of Kinglor, the magician and master of evil. Representing hatred, craftiness, deceit, envy and intellectual pride, this creation of Vaguer genius exercises an influence of baneful malevolence, besides which the diabolism of Mephistopheles in 'Faust' utterly pales.

It was absolutely imperative that an actor of peculiar and tried ability should be secured to present the convincing side of the elusive character of Kinglor. Managers Martin and Emery discovered just the man in W. F. Harmon. With many years and experience with companies organized by the Freshmans and the Lydell Company in prominent character parts, Mr. Harmon has proved a fine acquisition to the Martin and Emery company. In the scene between Kinglor and Kundry in the chamber of magic, Mr. Harmon's portrayal of the sorcerer partakes of the supernatural.

During the 'Parisian' engagement here the custom of beginning the performance at an early hour will prevail. The curtain will rise promptly at 7:45. The theatre being in business during the first act will prevent showing late comers to their seats until its conclusion. Tickets will be placed on sale Friday.

'RED FEATHER'

Next Saturday De Koven, Klein and Cook's 'Red Feather' will be at the Academy of Music. This is one of the most notable comic opera presentations of the past few years and from all reports is fully deserving of the modicum of praise that has been bestowed upon it. From the day that Reginald De Koven offered the musical public the sparkling air of 'Robin Hood', although since that his successes have been many, he has not written such brilliant music as the comedy in 'Red Feather'. There are songs that are masterpieces of duets that for daintiness, grace and expression are unsurpassed, inspiring marches, stirring choruses, and robust ensembles that fully merit the most flattering commendation that has been accorded them. To interpret this music Manager Joseph M. Gaites has gathered a company of singers who are fully adequate to perform the important task assigned them. The prima donna of the organization is Miss Cheridiah Simpson, who possesses a remarkably sweet voice and in addition is an accomplished actress. In all, the company numbers some seventy-five artists and has gained the reputation of being the best singing and acting light opera body on tour. A luxurious production, costing in the neighborhood of \$70,000, was made by the Ziegfeld Opera Company and this will be seen in all of its splendor of detail. An important auxiliary is the augmented orchestra. A special matinee will be given Saturday afternoon. Seats go on sale Thursday at the Academy box office.

'The Empire', which is crowding houses every night on its tour through the South under the direction of the Askin-Singer Company, is the work of a combination of authors, who have a series of five highly successful musical comedies to their credit, all produced within the last three years. Joseph E. Howard is the composer, and Will Hough and Frank Adams are the librettists. A mere list of their musical comedies shows the class of this kind of collaborators. They are 'The Empire', 'The Time, the Place and the Girl', 'The Girl Question', 'The Isle of Bong Bong' and 'His Highness the Bey'. 'The Girl Question', their latest, is now filling the La Salle Theatre, of Chicago, to capacity every night and will without doubt run through the season there, while a second company will tour the Middle West. Howard-Hough-Adams have never written a failure.

Bulletins and the Public

The baseball and football ballparks are necessary and very interesting to the sporting population, but they make about three out of every five passersby mad. The matter-of-fact, sedate business man is not thinking of sports and when he sees the sign of paper he at once infers that the President has been assassinated or some other dire event has happened. When then he reads that A. M. Beat Randolph-Mason it is a shock, in the direction of an anti-climax.

Transfers of Titles to Land. Mr. L. M. McAlister has sold to Mr. Thomas Garibaldi a tract of land in Marshall township, containing 31 acres. The consideration was \$1,800. The Pearson-Wadsworth Land Company has sold to Mrs. Sallie R. Herndon a lot in North Charlotte. It fronts 150 feet on Twenty-first street. The consideration was \$300.

TOOK ADVANTAGE OF TELEGRAPH COMPANY. Mr. Zach McGehee, The Observer's Washington correspondent, who was married yesterday afternoon at Spartanburg, S. C., received telegrams of congratulation all the forenoon. One of these Mr. McGehee read aloud to the assembled company. It was as follows: 'Jane is dead. Congratulations. Compliments. Gift expressed to Washington.' 'Well,' breathed the company in astonishment. 'What does that mean?' 'That's not so bad as it sounds,' Mr. McGehee reassured them. 'There's nobody dead. That's only his way of securing prompt delivery.' 'Was plain there was method in it.'

THE OLD-TIME SOUTHERN MERCHANT. 'That reminds me,' said a Charlotte traveling man. 'When I first went on the road, 15 years ago, there was not as much hustle and push in the South as there is now. It was the customer who was under obligations then, not the merchant. I recall that I was sitting in the back of a store one day talking with an old-time merchant, when prospective customer came in from the door, looked about for some one to wait on him and turned to go when he saw me. I started to tell the merchant that he need not mind me, but before I could move he touched me with his hand and said: 'See—just keep still, he'll go out directly.'

HICKORY TO HAVE HOTEL. Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, was in the city yesterday. He told an Observer man that a party of Hickory people had made all arrangements to build a \$50,000 hotel. The site, which is on the north side of the railroad, has been selected.

Advertisement for 'Your Fall House Cleaning' by Charlotte Steam Laundry. Includes address: 219 South Tryon Street.

Large advertisement for PEPSI-Cola. Features a bottle of Pepsi-Cola and text: 'A Very Good Evening and a Very Good Night... PEPSI-Cola... Beware of Imitations'.

Advertisement for RAMON'S BONE OIL. Text: 'FOR NERVE & BONE CUTS, SORES, BURNS & RHEUMATISM 25c'.

Advertisement for BRICK. Text: 'Georgia-Carolina Brick Company. HOWARD H. STAFFORD, President. Write for Prices. AUGUSTA, GA.'

Advertisement for PEOPLE'S COLUMN. Text: 'All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.'

Advertisement for Woman's Nightmare. Text: 'No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much so as it is to love the beautiful and pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror.'

Advertisement for Cravenette Overcoats. Text: 'A Modern Day Necessity. Men of to-day find the Cravenette Overcoat as necessary an adjunct to the wardrobe as a pair of shoes. If Cravenettes are made right (and our coats are fashioned of the highest order of fabrics and tailored properly) they form a thorough protection in rain and afford a stylish, smart appearing overcoat in fair weather. \$20.00 to \$30.00. The Tate-Brown Co. No. 6 S. Tryon Street. "Just a Whisper Off the Square."

Advertisement for FOR SALE. Text: 'FOR SALE—In town of 10,000—moving picture show; \$50 week in it. Cash, time or rental. Box 55, Rock Hill, S. C.'

Advertisement for MISCELLANEOUS. Text: 'SEND THAT DRESS to-day to Queen City Dyeing and Cleaning Works.'

Advertisement for NEW CROP COLTON SEED. Text: 'NEW CROP colton seed meal and hulls. Our plant is now in operation and we are prepared to supply new crop meal and hulls at our mill—North Charlotte—17th street and 2nd street branches. Inquiries for car lots collected. Eiba Mfg. Co.'

Advertisement for LOST. Text: 'LOST—Masonic pin, 3d degree, 6th North Tryon street. Reward for return to Observer office.'

Advertisement for Priscilla and Martha Washington WASHABLE RUGS. Text: 'See them in our window. Beautiful colors for bath rooms and tasteful upstairs bed rooms. Prices from \$1.35 to \$2.00. Large room sizes if you want them. \$12.50 and \$15.00. If you want to see something beautiful you should ask to see our new stock of Hall Curtains. Nothing newer or better out this season than we are showing. Our full stock of Carpets all on display now. Parker-Gardner Co.'