## DIVIDEND OF 10 PER CENT DOOM OF THE CONTRALTO?

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The approaching concert of Madame holders next Monday night at a meet Schumann-Heink, the increased inter- ing already called for that date. In est displayed by the public in general addition to this amount there is a in music and musical discussions, and clearing of between 40 and 50, per an article, entitled "The Doom of the Contraito," which appeared in the November numbeer of "The Scrap Book" are the motives which drove writer to the following remarks

Mr. Pitts Sanborn is the writer of The Doom of the Contralto," and he These facts were brought out last The Doom of the Contractor, in his mesh and a meeting of the board of traits species threatens to become ex-tinct, owing to the tendency of com-posers of operatic music to give the recent show. This is so far in excess recent snow. This is so far in excess from Mr. Sanborn's following remarks from Mr. Sanborn's following remarks fhat the best part in an opera, or at least what he considers the hest part, is a good looking heroins, the variety which is always well dressed, has gen-the and befitting meaners, never is ov-eremotional, and in the end always creeps or is pushed into the arms of her male affinity. "All is well that S. B. Alexander and Messrs. Z. T. that made lots of money. A committee consisting of President that Mr. E. D. Latta had been inter-viewed in regard to extending the age of Haendei and contemporaries, for then he might have been able to

plebs (not referring to social standing but to intellect), the low-brows constitute the large majority of opera-going people in the United States today. This category loves salon-heroes ing lots for the market after that surrender, and during this time he and heroines and is a good leal more time, interested in the costumes of the respective singers and the plot of the tor of the Open View Farm, Mount opera, if there is such a thing, than Holly, appeared before the board at the instance of Secretary Creasell in in the singing and music in general. This is not astonishing as the constant thought of the almighty dollar and schemes whereby one will amass a fortune are ever foremost in the "American's" brain and he has no time to study and learn to understand

music or any other art. All that is no reason though why these lowbrows should sit as judges over real artists and condemn a woman because she impersonates a character and dresses the part accordingly.

Sanborn remarks that Mr. comparatively contraitos in few there are the parts for contraltos operas which are most played at pres-That is very true, but one must ent. bear in mind what we know from tradition and what the present shows. us, namely, that there have been and are very few real contraitos in exis-tence. Mr. Sanborn goes on to. say that the entire company which answers the call of contraito hardly presents an alluring array, and that it might almost be recruited from an old ladies' home and an orphan asylum. That is indeed a remarkable state-ment, and it is something entirely new is a hard lot, this anomalous position of the operatic contralio. It is unjust to her rare and beautiful volce, must be seen before the situation is It is an affront to that amiable van- cleared and it can be definitely deity which is the inalienable right of every woman-to appear as charming nathy can rightfully claim the preat least as young as her years permit." This is something rather novel again-indeed, one never ceases to learn! The writer has always been told that a real singer would rather. appear in some character role, as there she had more chance to show that she can act besides sing. ... One al-ways speaks of musicians forgetting their respective surroundings while involved in their art. A singer on the operatic stage, who is forever conscious of her outward appearance, and thinks of nothing but her spoiled good looks is something that one cannot discuss, but he leaves it to the sagacity of the reader to judge whether or not such a singer could be called an

New Fair Grounds-The Aber Matter Postponed After a He The Mecklenburg Fair Association clares a dividend of 35 per cent. which will be reported to the stock-

capades in North and South Carolina, where they cut a wide swath

age of Haendel and contemporaries, viewed in regard to extending the better it is for civilization. "Black for them he might have been able to induce the early opera writers to accept his viewed in regard to extending the present fair grounds, and had refused to extend the lease any copera writers to accept his viewed in the present contract calls their abode there for a season. His grandling Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is four years longer. No fail the prison confined fissifier abode there for a season. His grandling Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is a college graduate; several-including Mr. Woodruff himself—better it is ince, but it was generally dis- astonished the person dungeon from November 13th, 1965, to April 15th, or event in the many of them is and outbursts lightly as there is necessary to be looking around so as the sic. Still one cannot treat such opin-ions and outbursts lightly as there is undercurrent of truth in them. The piebs not referring to social standing but to intellect), the low-brows con-Latta gave as his reason for not ex-good and stick to the rules of the tending the grounds his expectation corrective institution. It required of converting the property into build- more than six months to effect his

> TO BE TRIED IN NORTH CARO- life, Mrs. Young was thoroughly sat-Col. Robert L. Abernathy, proprietor of the Open View Farm, Mount

> the instance of Secretary Creswell in behalf of the premium money which belongs to him, if he can satisfy the directors that he did not make false entries, as has been alleged, and on job were tried a few months ago at leges, she aptly creates the peculiar account of which the money was Mocksville and were represented by atmosphere born of the age and tra-withheld. He is asked to explain his Mr. F. R. McNinch, of the local bar. side in order that the facts might be They

gained in the affair. Colonef Abernathy in his reply him to make the entries in his (Jamthat he (Jamieson) was in a hurry to prepare for the races on the aftertime and undergo the same fate. noon of Tuesday. ' The judges in making awards called on Colonel Ab-ernathy to produce his thorough-BLEW SAFE AT GREERS.

Robber Who Operated in North and South Carolina Five Years Will Come From Atlanta Prison November 19th to Face Indictment in This State For Violation of Government Statutes—James Lang the Last of a Gang of Eleven Who Cut a Wide Swath in the Carolinas and Afterward, Spent a Term in the Federal Prison at Atlanta. Facing a probable imprisonment for a number of years in the North Carolina penitentiary, James Lang, alias "Black Billy," one of the most notorious safe-crackers in the United will be released November 19th from the Federal prison in At-

RELEASE OF NOTED YEGG

BILLY'S WILD CAREES

lanta, where he has served a term of five years for cracking a safe at produced under the personal direction Greers, S. C. His release marks the of Henry Miller, of "Great Divide" disappearance from Atlanta of a fame, "Brown of Harvard," the best gang of eleven who have all served and most delightful of all college imprisonments there for wild es-

lived on bread and water. LINA. "Black Billy" comes under guard, intimately knew the types and condi-when he is released at Atlanta to tions treated of in her comedy. Be-

They were convicted and sentenced ing it its peculiarly distinctive place to the State prison for a number of among our educational institutions. ColoneF Abernathy in his reply years. Black Billy will, in all proba-stated that he got his stock properly placed and went to the office to make his entries and, after having done his partners will be brought against him. Their names are Charles Rogers, H. B. Wilson and Walter him if there was any class for thoroughpred horses, and if there would be any objection to his enter-ing four. Colonel Abernathy contend-ed that he told him there was no ob-fettion and then Mr. Jamieson asked him to make the entries in his (Jamand another put on to serve for a

The indictment which sent Black

breds and then it was seen, as Col-Billy to the Atlanta prison was for

and the three others to keep them

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ives. The other seven who originally

RECORD.

easily civilized than the quartette of

which Black Billy was the recognized

To give the record of this

## AMUSEMENTS

It is rarely that local music lovers w York. Mr. Woodruff appear we the opportunity of enjoying such a treat as is promised in the appearhis original part in every perform ance of the world's greatest singer.

Mme. Schumann-Heink at the Acad-my of Music to-night. Those who attend may be assured of an evening william Rosell, Louis Haines, Frid orick Forrester, Daniel Pennell, Gil ong to be remembered. The heavy bert Miller. Gordon Johnstone, sand for seats indicates that a Martin, Bernice Wiley Golden. crowded house will be on hand to great the noted singer when she makes her appearance here to-night before a Charlotte audience. King, Frank Willard, James Keating, J. R. Rensellaer, James Herman, Al-bert Shower, Charles Durnell, Frances Younge. Robert Compton, Bain Moore, Adrian Bellevue, Chiny Jino and others.

"BROWN OF HARVARD."

The University Souvenir Calendar. With Henry Woodruff as star and Advance notices sent out indicate that the University souvenir calendar which wil be issued soon by the Y. M. C. A. will surpass all predecessors in beauty and attractiveness. A feature will be the reproduction of an elegant plays, will be seen at the Academy of engravure showing the twenty build-ings of the University and the new Music Saturday, matinee and night. The production is the same which pleased theatre-goers of the Princess athletic grounds. In addition to this, pictures of the entire faculty will be shown. The cover designs is hand-somely embossed in two colors. The calendars wil be ready for distribu-

by Rida Johnson Young, author of "The Boys of Company B" and "Glorious Betsy," herself a graduate of Radeliffe College, the girls' depart-ment of Harvard. Through her residence at Cambridge and her student urated with Harvard traditions and

jection and then Mr. Jamieson asked the netrostry for name which he about which centres the plot of the himself from a name which he about which centres the plot of the previously attached, it was done play. The race episode fairly may be maker. Shelby Machine & Supply Co., called one of the most exciting even

Henry Woodruff was a member of

his four-years' stay at Harvard. All

the flags, sofa cushions, books, ath-

in Tom Frown's room in the play ,are

Mr. Woodruff's personal property and

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"Brown of Harvard's" career

been little short of remarkable.

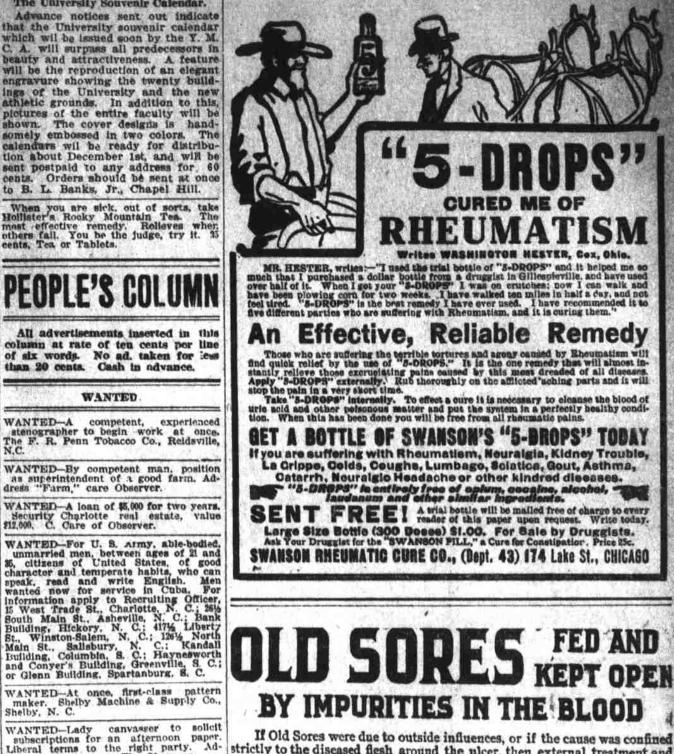
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strictly to the diseased flesh around the ulcer, then external treatment and simple cleanliness would cure them. But the trouble is in the blood, which to the writer, who will set out at once to ransack all the above mentioned institutions in the United States, in search of the contraitos which are mode. To quote Mr. Sanborn again: "It is a hard joi, this anomalous posihas become unhealthy and diseased, and keeps the sore open by continually discharging into it the impurities and poisons with which the circulation is filled. This poisonous condition of the blood may be the remains of some constitutional trouble; the effect of a long spell of sickness, or because the

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artist In the "Doom of the Contralto," is furthermore quoted the apparent ex-trication of Madame Olive Fremstadt from the category wherein nature had placed her to enter the more extenive and more highly paid field of the full dramatic soprano. The writer of this article is well acquainted with Madame / Frematadt's years of study and her early and late career, and would say in explanation of the above mentioned apparent phenomenon, that of this singer, voice the for four long years stud-with Lill Lehmann in Who with in

Berlin, was maily trained for the slag-Information creates interest, and ing of Wagnerian roles. It is a well as one hears of the life and surroundknown fact that the great Richarl reings of young women in the far off quires quite an enormous range of his countries--even in South Africa, Rusingers, sopranos, contraltos, fenors sia and Bohemia, young women are and baritones alike / A contraito of praying for one another. And in anordinary range would, therefore, hard- swer to this mighty volume of prayly find room in any of his operas, as | er going up from all parts of a soprano and contraito parts alike world God is blessing its young woalways run into the mezzo register. manhood.

That Madame Fremstadt has succeed-During this prayer week each asso ed in denying and loosing the alto clation member is asked to set aside color of her voice would be a rather an offering to further the work in preposterous statement, and would re- other lands.

flect greatly upon the reliability of the informant's tympanum. Oliver Frem- is asked to set aside a nickel. In the United Statts each member The local association will observe this prayer week, and the ladies of stadt is simply a contraito with a great

Mr. Sanborn says also in his article the city, as well as all association that roles of the type of "Acuzena" members, are most earnestly invited in "Il Trovatore" and "Fides" in "Il to attend the services at the associa-Prophete" may be good enough for tion rooms. Mise Garrison, student a singer like Schumann-Heink, who secretary for the Carolinas, will speak has long experience in maternity. If at the first meeting next Sunday afwriter wishes to infer that this ternoon at 5 o'clock, and each day at famous contralto lost her good looks 1 o'clock a 15-minute prayer service brough motherhood, he is bally mis- will be held. These services will be taken, for Madame Schumann-He'ak was never endowed with what we mortals term "Beauty," if the writer wishes to involve the meaning that

therhood always impairs the heaufurnished music for last night's ses-sion at the skating rink. The prowomen, he is also wrong for in gramme was a popular one and demany instances women only acquired "Beauty" after they had given birth lightfuily rendered. The porch was well heated and prettily decorated, to calldren.

One might say in conclusion that there is still a great field open to the contraito, on the operatic stage and in the present thoroughly enjoyed the good music and fine sport. watorio allke, and that, if the a were only more of the kind of Sciumann Heink, Puccini, Spinelli, Leoncavallo, Mascagni, Humperdinck and all the living opera writers of repute would surely adapt themselves to the situation and create roles for contraltos in their future works.

HE FOUGHT AT GETTYSBURG. David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who-nest a foot at Gettysburg, writes: 'Elec-tric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For sev-eral years I had stonach trouble, and held out much money for medicine to trite Bitters. I would not take 500 for what they have done for me.'' Grand conic for the ared and for female weak-messes. Great alterative and body build-er; hest of all for hame back and weak kidneys. Guesanteed by W. L. Hand & En, drugslats. Ex.

The matter was held open until a Sam to have first vengeance. This wrote the play given by that famous was but one of a number of instances later meeting. Another party or two where the men made raids on banks and postoffices in North and South bridge Dramatic Society, staging and Carofina, and it is said that when he cided whether or not Colonel Aberserves even his time for breaking mlum money. into the Bank of Davie, enough charges will be brought against him

## Y. W. C. A. WEEK OF PRAYER. Services to Be Held at the Local As-

sociation. The week of prayer observed

belonged to the gang have been more fortunate than the quartette and were atto get off sooner than throughout the world each year in the others on account of good be-November by the Young Women's havior. Had Black Billy been more Christian Association has now bepenitent he might have served bet-ter at the hands of the keepers of come so generally recognized as an important feature in the development the penof each local association as to be A WILD AND UNCHECKED

much anticipated. The call to prayer is issued by the world's executive committee in London, to which have been sent during the year requests for prayer by workers in the different countries. These

requests are printed and circulated as widely as possible so that each of the 400,000 members may know the need of her sisters in all parts of the world.

As the second week in November comes round each year it is observed with increasing earnestness, and as a result of these gatherings for prayer held in each association when the work in the 38 different counties is set forth, the young women of the world came very close to one another at the feet of a common Father.

Concert at Skating Rink.

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man would take columns of ordinary print. Almost an unlimited amount might be written of him since he left he Bowery and, after attacking a bank in Vermont, turned his trail southward, where he winded up his wild and reckless career of crime. BATTLE AT A BANK.

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terms

leader.

The raid on the Bank of Davie was made January 23d, 1983. Lang and his pais had sent off two charges of nitroglycerine without smashing the lock, when the noise awakened the cashier, who came to the door and opened fire on the yegg who was keeping guard. While the Pinkertons were investigating this case, all the safe-blowers having escaped uninjured in the pistol battle, they came to Mecklenburg county and to Charlotte, where they made a few unsuccessful aftempts. After this the men went to Monroe and there they were discovered and, after an exciting chase and a pitched battle between pursuers and pursued, they were brought down and taken to jail. The nerve and coolness of the gang when they were confronted by of-ficers was the feature of the entire capture and was widely commented upon at the time.

Davidson Football Team Passes Through.

The Davidson College football squad, composed of 18 men, was in the city last night en route to Clemson College, where they will play this afternoon on the Clemson gridiron. The boys looked cheerful and will The boys looked cheerful and will go into the game with vigor and en-thusiasm. They are, of course, con-fident of victory, but no walk-over is expected. Those in the aggrega-tion were: Edgerton, Daniels, War-lick, Moore, Dunn, Kluttz, Wilkin-son, Elliott, James, Denny, Morton, Sadler, Rankin Shaw Harris Conch Be as careful as you can you will occa-sionally take cold, and when you do, get a medicine of known reliability, one that has an established regulation and that is son, Eilloit, James, Denny, Morton, Sadler, Rankin, Shaw, Harris, Coach Poilard and Beam.

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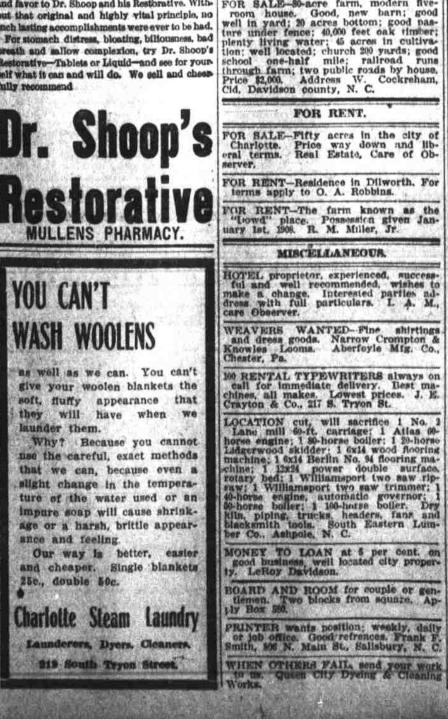
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