

AMUSEMENTS

ADELAIDE THURSTON CHARMING.

Dainty Actress Excels Herself in Her Last Season's Success, "The Girl From Out Yonder."

Dainty, winsome Adelaide Thurston, not a whit the less pretty and even more charming, delighted two audiences—unfortunately almost both times—at the Academy of Music yesterday in her last season's success, "The Girl From Out Yonder."

Storm-swept Great Reef Island and the rock-bound coast of Maine, where this quaint story is enacted afford an opportunity for realism, so well taken advantage of that the salt breath of the sea seems to be wafted from the environment that surrounds the players.

In the portrayal of the wildest, happiest moments of this wail of the sea, or in the deep pathos of the climaxes, Miss Thurston was equally at home.

There is in any adverse criticism of the supporting company it is of Elsie Williamson, who essayed the role of Clarice Stapleton. She was amateurish and betrayed a self-consciousness that jarred one's nerves.

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song called "When the Hammer on the Anvil Rings," which has a swinging chorus, and is certain to be heard on the streets here long after he has gone.

Other numbers which are very entertaining are "The Land of Nod," in which there is some mighty good dancing and singing, a clever parade drill called "Reveille at West Point," and Neil O'Brien's droll humor in the closing act of the program called "Quiet Lunch."

Types of character in "The Clansman" which will be presented at the Academy of Music Tuesday, matinee and night, March 10th, have already become household words in the South.

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THE MANEUVERS IN JUNE

The Appropriation Available For Coast-Defense Maneuvers Ends With Fiscal Year—Much Complaint About Camp Conditions.

The appropriation available for this purpose ends with the fiscal year which expires June 30th, and companies have volunteered for this service.

There have been many complaints because of the failure of the people of Morehead City and the officials of the Norfolk and Southern Railway to carry out the terms of their contract with the State by which the permanent camp was located two miles this side of Morehead City two years ago.

As yet there are no signs as to when Wheeler Martin, who has been named as revenue collector for this district, will take charge of that office.

Mr. Norman H. Johnson, the attorney for the North Carolina Merchants' Association and editor of The Merchants' Journal and Commerce, called to see your correspondent to-day and speaking about the participation of Virginia in the fight against the Norfolk and Western Railway and the Big-Four road will make against the charge that they are discriminating against North Carolina.

It seems pretty safe now to say that Taft will get the whole North Carolina Republican delegation. Speaker Cannon says that he "cuts some ice" in North Carolina.

Receivers For New York Insurance Companies Authorized to Take Charge in This State—Receiver For Elkin Concern.

United States Court costs, 1753.

The foregoing itemized statement seems to be incorrect in several particulars, owing to telegraphic errors.

MARRIAGES.

McCraw-McKinney, at Line. Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 23.—Mr. Zeb M. McCraw, of Gaffney, and Miss Lulu McKinney, of Line, N. C., were happily married at the home of the bride at 11 o'clock Wednesday.

Murlock-Stine, at Stony Creek. Special to The Observer. Stateville, Feb. 23.—It will be of interest to his many friends in railroad circles to know that Capt. J. E. Murlock, formerly of Stateville, now of Mooresville, a well-known railroad man, was united in marriage Wednesday evening to Mrs. J. L. Stine, of Stony Point.

China Grove, Feb. 23.—The Southern Power Company has a force of men located one mile north of town who to-day began hauling out and putting up poles between China Grove and Salisbury.

A New Enterprise For the City—Old Woman and Young Girl Carried to Heaven Recovering. Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 23.—Mr. W. M. Webster, Mr. Tom L. Brown, Mr. E. G. Clary and Mrs. M. P. Pierson, who have been seriously ill, are on the road to recovery.

THE CASE OF THE VIRGINIA MERCHANTS. Mr. Norman H. Johnson, the attorney for the North Carolina Merchants' Association and editor of The Merchants' Journal and Commerce, called to see your correspondent to-day and speaking about the participation of Virginia in the fight against the Norfolk and Western Railway and the Big-Four road will make against the charge that they are discriminating against North Carolina.

Name of Association May Be Changed—Negro Murderer Arrested. Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—A meeting of the secretaries of the fair associations in the North Carolina circuit of fairs will be held in Winston-Salem for the fiscal year will be elected and important business transacted at the meeting.

NEWS FROM CAROLEEN. New Court House Question An Absorbing One Just Now—President Tanner in Court House. Special to The Observer. Caroleen, Feb. 23.—The question of most absorbing interest just now in Rutherford county is the rebuilding of the court house, recently burned.

JUDGE BOYD SIGNS DECREE. Receivers For New York Insurance Companies Authorized to Take Charge in This State—Receiver For Elkin Concern. Observer Bureau. The Beville Building, Greensboro, Feb. 23.

Board Used to Stiffen Condemned Negro's Backbone. St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 23.—Charlie Powers, colored, was hanged in the county jail yard here at 10:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of John Rogers, also colored.

MEETING RELATIVE TO A FAIR.

Not Much Prospects For Such at Wilmington This Year—Fire in Cotton Mill. Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Feb. 23.—The effort that has been made for the past several months to organize an agricultural and industrial fair here will depend for its success this season upon the proposition now made to the twenty-five directors of the Wilmington Fair Association to underwrite \$1,000 of the capital stock each.

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