THE SPORTING WORLD

ON THE RACE TRACK.

The Savannah Races.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—The best races of the Savannah meet were run at the Thunderbolt track this afternoon. The feature of the afternoon was the handing up of a new track record by Autumn Flower, Crowley up, in the second race. She did a mile and forty yards in 1:48 3-5.

There is a marked improvement in the entries. The summaries:

First race, all ages, six furlongs: Whiskbroom, 2 to 1, won; Risk, 5 to 1, second; Lucullus, 7 to 10, third. Time 1:09.

Second race, mile and 40 yards, for three-year-olds and up: Autumn Flower, 6 to 5, won; Frank Lalor, 2 to 1, second; St. Valentine, even, third. Time 1:48 3-5.

Third race, 5½ furlongs, two-year-olds, purse: Miss Imogene, 8 to 1, won; Poctalogi, 2 to 5, second; Belle of the Ball, 3 to 1, third. Time 1:12 1-5.

Fourth race, purse, $150, selling, for 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs: Belle of the Bay, even, first; Away, 5 to 2, second; Sam Clay, 3 to 1, third. Time 1:19.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs: Ensley, 15 to 1, won; Anna Smith, 3 to 1, second; The Ram, 3 to 5, third. Time 1:18 4-5.

Races at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 29.—The races at Almendares Park to-day resulted as follows:

First race, 5 furlongs: Donah, won; Lizzie Flat, second; Olessa, third. Time 1:04.

Second race, 5½ furlongs: Prince Alert, won; St. Auclaire, second; Left Over, third. Time 1:10.

Third race, 5 furlongs: Miss Pardee, won; Cloisteress, second; Dew of Dawn, third. Time 1:05.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth: Bitter Hand, won; Malange, second; Malediction, third. Time 1:48.

Fifth race, mile: Hand Me Down, won; Gowango, second; Merrigo, third. Time 1:44.

The Golf Tournament at Pinehurst.

Pinehurst, Dec. 29.—Low medal play scores ruled in to-day's match play rounds of the annual holiday week golf tournament.

James C. Parrish, Jr., of Shinnecock Hills; R. E. Sproule, of the Royal Portrush Club, Ireland; R. H. Gwaltney, of Oessola Club, Wilmington, and E. H. Cushman, of the Winchester Country Club, Massachusetts, were the survivors and they will meet in to-morrow's semi-final rounds. The winner will decide the ownership of the president's, or first division cup in the afternoon finals.

A summary of play in the first division follows:

First round—J. C. Parrish, Jr., Shinnecock Hills, beat C. B. Hudson, Rochester C, 2 up; Dr. G. McKee, Oakmount, beat G. U. White, Ridgewood, 3 and 2; Wilbur C. Johnson, Canoe Brook, beat H. W. Ormabee, Alpine, Mass., by default; R. E. Sproule, Royal Portrush, Ireland, beath H. B. Bates, St. Andrews, N. Y., 5 and 4; R. H. Gwaltney, Essoola, Wilmington, beat Captain R. B. Parsott, New Brunswick, N. J., 6 and 5; R. H. Hamilton, Wykagyl, beat C. L. Becker, Woodland, 3 and 2; H. E. Cushman, Winchester, Mass., beat W. L. Hurd, Oakmount, 3 and 1; Dr. Frederick Schavoir, Fairfield C., Greenwich, beat Homer Boyer, Southboro, Mass., 2 and 1.

Second round—Parrish beat McKee, 1 up; Sproule beat Johnson 2 and 1; Gwaltney beat Hamilton, 5 and 4; Cushman beat Schavoir, 4 and 2.

Attel Knocks Out Mackay.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.—Abe Attel retained the featherweight championship by knocking out "Bis" Mackay in the eighth round to-night before the Westside Athletic Club.

FOR GUARANTEED DEPOSITS.

Bill Will Be Introduced in Legislature Prepared by Attorney For Southern Savings Bank at Wadesboro—Other Anson Banks Oppose It.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 29.—John W. Gulledge, of this city, attorney for the Southern Savings Bank, has prepared a bill which he will have introduced at the next session of the Legislature proposing that the State guarantee deposits in State banks.

The measure is modeled after the laws which have been adopted in other States and provides that every bank, trust company or banking company shall be assessed an amount equal to one-half of one per cent. of the daily average deposits for the preceding year, the assessment to be paid directly to the State Treasurer and set aside and known as a fund for the protection of bank deposits. The proposed measure further provides that banks, trust companies and other banking institutions that are organized subsequent to the passage of the act shall pay an assessment of one and one-half per cent. of the amount of the capital stock when they open for business, and this amount shall constitute a credit fund subject to adjustment on the basis of the deposits as provided for other banks and trust companies.

Much opposition to the measure is developing. The bankers of Wadesboro, Morven and Lilesville, with the exception of the officials of the Southern Savings Bank, are unitedly opposed to the proposed bill.

Koreshan Messiah Will Rise From Dead, Says a Follower.

Special to The Observer.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 29.—Declaring that he is firmly of the belief that Cyrus Teed, the dead Messiah of the Koreshan Unity will yet rise in the flesh and walk this mundane sphere, H. D. Silverfriend, of Bristol, the vice president of the cult and chief disciple of the dead Messiah, will leave Bristol to-morrow for Florida to be at the side of Teed's bier. He declares Teed will be resurrected and is at a loss to know why he hasn't returned to life before now. Silverfriend says if Teed fails to return to life within the next few days that Koreshanism is doomed and that nearly 300,000 sincere subscribers to the faith will henceforth grope in spiritual darkness.

"Rats," But No Lives Lost.

Charleston News and Courier.

We are authorized to deny the story that the dimpled widows of Houston, Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Chattanooga and Savannah, whose red hair became entangled in the mistletoe Friday night, broke their necks getting out, although several fine "rats" were lost in the engagements and disengagements.

ASTHMA SUFFERERS SHOULD KNOW THIS.

Foley's Honey and Tar has cured many cases of asthma that were considered hopeless. Mrs. Adolph Huesing, 201 West Third St., Davenport, Iowa, writes: "A severe cold contracted twelve years ago was neglected until it finally grew into asthma. The best medical skill available could not give me more than temporary relief. Foley's Honey and Tar was recommended and one fifty-cent bottle entirely cured me of asthma which had been growing on me for twelve years. If I had taken it at the start I would have saved years of suffering." R. H. Jordan & Co. and W. L. Hand & Co.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE TEST" GREAT.

Play in Which Blanche Walsh Stars This Season Generally Pronounced Fine by One of Charlotte's Cultured Theatre Crowds.

Far less indelicate in its touches and suggestions than had by some been pictured, "The Test" in which Blanche Walsh is starring successfully this season, thrilled a magnificent crowd at the Academy of Music Monday night and set a high pace for the post-holiday attractions which are yet to follow.

In the denouement of the plot Emma Eltynge, whose character Blanche Walsh portrays, and Frederick McVane in the person of Robert Lee Hill, of unfragrant memory to her, are co-suitors at the bar of respect which happens to be the high-toned family of the Thones. And in the interest of his own love for Peggy Thone, and the future decency of the family into which he is about to marry, McVane seeks to overthrow the love of Emma Eltynge for Arthur Thone. Sifted, it is merely a case of a wronged woman and a more villainous man asking the world for re-instatement and the woman, as usual, finding the harder path back to her former self.

Blanche Walsh, pre-eminently fitted for such roles and seeming to crave such characterizations, has discovered in "The Test" an easy conveyance for her fine powers. With a voice that vibrates with its dramatic utterance and a capacity to interpret the several variations in the mysterious and tragic song of life, she has come forth this season as an artist who is able to control an enlarged clientele of admirers.

"The Test" abounds in plenteous touches of dramatic art. And they are not too frequent for the versatile powers of Blanche Walsh and her splendid array of support. Robert Lee Hill as the master Villain of the cast rides the billows of fate with a fine conception of his task. George W. Howard, playing the part of Arthur Thone, through whom the injured woman seeks her moral and social salvation, executed his role with a decisive success. Frank, generous and manly in appearance, his is the face which plainly reflects destiny as it plays with men, for a moment shining upon them in benignant rays and then frowning with the fierceness of an angry and death-dealing storm.

N. Sheldon Lewis as Richard Tretman, the first love of Emma Eltynge and another victim of McVane's intrigues, was no less versatile in his powers of conception than the other leading characters.

From a dramatic vision-piont, "The Test" is superbly presented, and as a production, considered in its effect on an audience, its appeals to the emotions and its various suggestions, it is nothing of which anathemas can be spoken in strict justice. There is no wonder that it is impressing the public as it is this season wherever presented.

THE COMING OF MME. CALVE.

Noted Singer Will Be Brought to Charlotte if Sufficient Interest is Manifested.

A marked degree of interest has been manifested with the music loving people of Charlotte and nearby towns, since the announcement was made that the management of the Academy of Music was trying to arrange for the appearance here next month of Mme Calve, one of the world's greatest singers.

It is so seldom that an opportunity is afforded of hearing such a gifted artist that it is hoped that the advance subscriptions by Saturday will be such that Manager Crovo will be justified in completing arrangements for a local date here of the celebrated star.

Subscriptions can be left at Hawley's Pharmacy, where a record is being kept of all persons who have signified their willingness to purchase tickets, in the event that Messrs. Schloss and Crovo decide to bring Mme. Calve here.

Mme. Calve on her present tour is assisted by her own accompanist, a well known violinist, and another singer of note.

THE RAVEN.

From a dramatic point of view it is supposed, or rather it has been supposed, that New York theatre-goers are too frivolous to be interested in the classical drama. New York is popularly known as the mecca for for musical comedies and the lighter or frothy affairs of the stage. Last season Henry Ludlowe, the star in George Hazelton's play, "The Raven," filled an engagement in New York of several weeks, presenting only Shakespearean plays. So emphatic was the approval of Mr. Ludlowe that he played to crowded houses for many weeks, which was the first time a thing of this kind had happened in theatrical circles in that city since the days of Booth and Barrett. This tells a significant story to the effect that if the classical plays are presented as they should be, they will have the approval of the public. Mr. Ludlowe will be seen here at the Academy of Music next Tuesday night, at which time he will impersonate a character dear to every loyal American who is proud of his country and its achievements—proud of its literature, proud of its great men and women—that of Edgar Allan Poe, the one great literary light whose memory is not only revered in America, but throughout the entire civilized world.

"COMING THRO' THE RYE."

"Coming Thro' the Rye," the whirlwind musical comedy, will be produced at the Academy of Music Friday, matinee and night. This big musical comedy success was written by George V. Hobart, and the musical score was composed by A. Baldwin Sloane. The story tells about the efforts of a rich widow of the Mrs. Malaprop type to get into fashionable Newport society, and the scenes are laid in and around her mansion at that resort. Failing in every other way to gain her object, she hits upon a plan to invite a celebrated portrait painter to be her guest, and his appearance in her mansion results in the visits of all sorts of people to his temporary studio. Mrs. Kobb is elated at the success of her schemes, and it serves the purpose of bringing before the audience in the theatre the characters whose fun making and singing and dancing make up the entertainment. The organization presenting "Coming Thro' the Rye" comprises 60 persons, made up of comedians, singers, chorus and ballet. The leading comedian, Mr. Tom Waters, has won conspicuous celebrity by his clever performance in this piece. Others in the company are Leona Thurber, who plays Mrs. Kobb; Isabell Lowe, who will appear as Bossie Claude; Eveleen Dunmore, who is Loleta, an artist's model; Alec B. Fraser, who impersonates an English nobleman; W. H. Thompson, who assumes the character Van Dyck Brown, the portrait painter; and Carl Hoffman, who has a Western character called Cactus Claude. Alberta Davis will be seen as the fake Countess. Aside from the comedy supplied by Mr. Hobart and the music contributed by Mr. Sloane, monologues and popular songs are introduced, many of which are said to be given in this production for the first time. "Coming Thro' the Rye" is undoubtedly one of the distinctly great musical comedy successes of the day, and there is every reason to believe that it is an entertainment of the most praiseworthy character. The sale of seats is now on at Hawley's.

"THE RIGHT OF WAY."

In what is called the "palmy days" of the American stage, in reference to which one reads much in the dramatic reviews in the magazines and literary publications, it was frequently the custom of the stars to gather about them one or two noted players for the presentation of certain strong plays. The first actor to do this, which was an innovation in his day, was Edwin Forrest, who was desirous of presenting several of the legitimate classical plays like "Damon and Pythias," "Virginius," "The Gladiator," and "Othello," and on his tours took with him such noted actors as John McCullough and Frank C. Bangs. Later, following the same idea, J. W. Wallack, E. L. Davenport and Mrs. Bateman entered the dramatic field in this same class of work. In later years, this same idea was exemplified in what has been termed the "all-star cast' performances of such plays as "The Rivals," "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Two Orphans" and "The Merchant of Venice.'

Following the very worthy example set by Edwin Forrest, Wallack, Davenport and others of twenty or thirty years ago, Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger and Joseph Brooks have signed contracts with Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts, under which they are to star jointly for several years, not only in "The Right of Way," which will pay a visit to the Academy of Music on next Monday night, but in other plays requiring acting of the school which these gentlemen so worthily exemplify. Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger and Brooks, not only intend to present these gentlemen in modern plays, but they also plan to present them in several of the classical dramas. They will surround them with a dramatic organization, the like of which has not been seen in this country for many years. This enterprising firm has already signed contracts with several actors, and before the opening of next season will have gotten together a complete organization of players of great talent and high reputation which will prove the leading dramatic company of the country.

MARRIAGES.

McRae-Treadway, Near Wadesboro.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 29.—Miss Alice May Treadway and Mr. Thomas McRae, well-known young people of the county, were quietly married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. George McRae, five miles north of Wadesboro.

Bowman-Griggs, Near Wadesboro.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 29.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James C. C. Griggs, south of Wadesboro, was the scene of a very pretty home wedding yesterday afternoon, when Miss Cleve Griggs became the wife of Mr. J. C. Bowman. The wedding march was by Miss Goldie Mills, of this place. Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. The home was decorated in holiday colors. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman will reside here.

Was Surprise to Bride's Wadesboro Friends.

Special to The Observer.

Wadesboro, Dec. 29.—The announcement of the marriage of Miss Bernice Burns to Mr. W. E. Housel, at Greensboro, was a surprise to the many friends of Miss Burns here. The family had been informed of the approaching marriage, but the social friends of the bride were not in her confidence. Miss Burns is the daughter of Mr. C. M. Burns and spent several days last week visiting here, and attended the wedding of her sister Wednesday night, playing the wedding march for her.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Ellen Brown, of Burlington.

Special to The Observer.

Burlington, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Ellen Brown, wife of the late Samuel Brown, died at her home in west Burlington yesterday. Three sons and one daughter survive her.

Frank R. Ratts, of Mocksville.

Special to The Observer.

Mocksville, Dec. 29.—This morning at 6 o'clock Frank P. Ratts died at his home in this place as the result of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered several months ago. Mr. Ratts had been a mail carrier on a rural route. He was about 53 years old. Surviving are four daughters and one son.

Sudden Death at Henrietta.

Special to The Observer.

Henrietta, Dec. 29.—Died suddenly of heart failure this morning at her home in this place, Mrs. Zula Fortune. She was 50 years of age and the wife of Mr. J. M. Fortune. The interment will be in High Shoals cemetery to-morrow. Mrs. Fortune was an excellent Christian lady and popular throughout the county. She was the sister of Rev. R. C. Pintuff, who is a well-known Baptist preacher and educator in southern Texas, who was born and reared in Spartanburg county, S. C.

ACADEMY

Friday Matinee and Night
Special Holiday Attraction
SAMUEL E. ROHK'S PRODUCTION
The Greatest of All the Big Musical Comedy Successes

Coming Thro' the Rye

Tom Waters as "Nott, the Tailor"
Leona Thurber as "Mrs. Kobb"
And a Matchless Company of 75
Comedians, Singers, Dancers,
Scenery, Costumes and Other Effects of Rare Magnificence.
Seats on sale to-day at Hawley's.
Prices: Matinee....$1.00, 75, 50, 25
Night, $1.50, $1.00, 75, 50, 25.

AUDITORIUM

Wednesday, December 30th, 8:30

DURNO, "THE MYSTERIOUS," AND COMPANY

In Mystery and Fun.

Be sure to bring the children.
Admission and reserved seat....50c.
Children.....25c.
Reserved seats Monday, December 28th, at Jordan's.

WE MAKE PICTURE FRAMES

Torrence Paint Co.

10 NORTH TRYON.

WILLIAM FIRTH, PRES. THE FRANK R. COMINS, Vice Pres. and Treas.

AMERICAN MOISTENING COMPANY

79 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

J. S. COTHRAN, Southern Representative, 405 Trust Bldg., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

A DANGEROUS OPERATION.

Is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c. at W. L. Hand & Co.'s drug store.

Express paid by us on all orders of $5 or over up to January 1st, 1909. No premiums will be given with these orders. - - - - - -

Write For Our Latest Price List.

ROANOKE WINE & LIQUOR CO.

LARGEST AND OLDEST HOUSE IN ROANOKE.

3 South Jefferson Street Roanoke, Va.

Rex Flintkote Roofing

The Best For Leaky Roofs.
For sale only by

CHARLOTTE SUPPLY CO.

(We carry everything in Mill Furnishings.

WE SELL

Vehicles, Harness, Saddles, Robes, Blankets and accessory goods of every description.

HORSES AND MULES

In our sales barn you will find about 100 good young Horses and Mules. We sell good goods at reasonable prices and on easy terms. Every item we sell must be as represented, small or large purchase.

J. W. WADSWORTH'S SONS' CO.

Our Carriage and Harness Repair Shops are the largest in the State.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOURSELF, YOUR COUSINS AND YOUR AUNTS

The Mechanics' Perpetual B. & L. Assn. brings cheers to 29 mortgaged homes and 94 non-borrowing shareholders of the 40th Series in the announcement that, with the third payment of dues in January next the 40th Series will mature amounting to

$83,500.00

of which

$30,400.00

will be applied to the cancellation of 29 mortgages, and the management shares with you in the happy knowledge that in four weeks more, the mortgage on your "HOMES" will be lifted, and you can and ought therefore enjoy the Holiday Dinner in the happy consolation that no matter what may betide, that your wife and little ones will have a "Home" fully paid for, which, through no other agency perhaps than this one (of 26 years) tried Institution could or would you have owned your own home; and all the management asks of you in return is the verdict, "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS."

Now, what about the 94 non borrowing shareholders of the 40th Series? To you we will pay in CASH on Tuesday the 19th of January next the princely sum of

$53,100.00

How many of you would without the helpfulness of this Institution have anything more to show for this $53,100.00. We imagine very few, if any, would have saved anything of this vast sum; so you too can feel extra cheerful this Christmas. We ask you to tender to us, the management of this concern your unstinted approval of "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS you have for 26 years been weighed in the scale of justice, fairness and honesty and have NOT been found wanting."

NOW A WORD TO THE PUBLIC.

We feel that you will note with satisfaction the statement that we now have in force 23,000 shares of a par value of $2,300,000 and our weekly cash receipts are about $9,000.00 and we have assets to-day of $950,000.00 and are now racing for the $1,000,000.00 mark which we expect to reach by July next, at which long looked for consumation the management will ask a kind and liberal public to join it in a public felicitation function, and we feel sure, aye, we know that the public will join us in celebrating that event.,

BOOKS FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD SERIES WILL OPEN FEB. 1ST.

FOR THE MANAGEMENT.

R. E. COCHRANE, Secty, and Treas. S. WITTKOWSKY, President