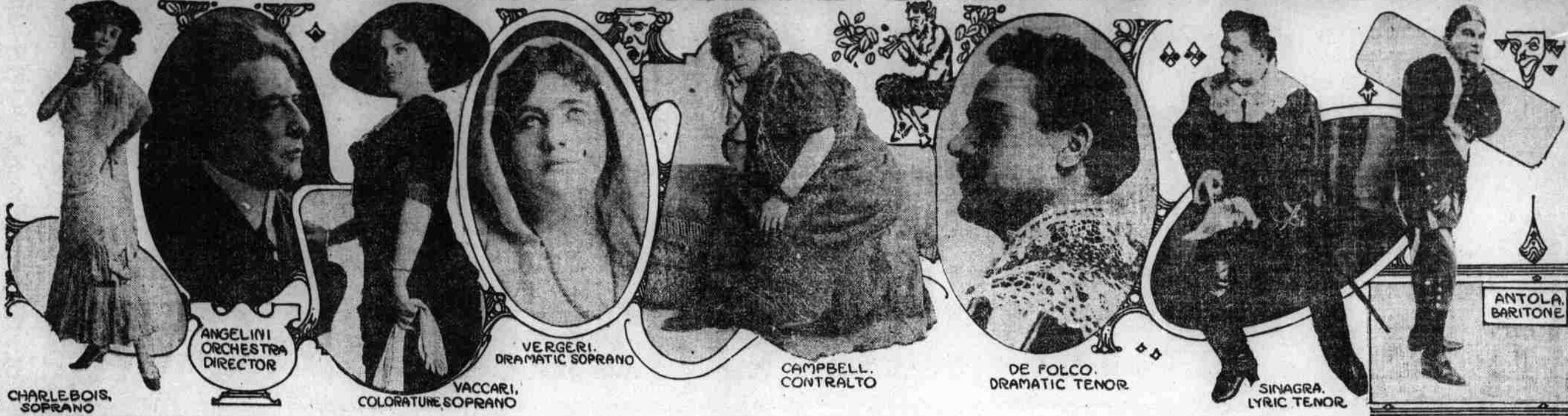


ITALIAN SONG BIRDS of the SAN CARLO GRAND OPERA COMPANY TO APPEAR HERE.



AMUSEMENTS

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.
Matinee and Night.
"Honey Boy" Evans' Minstrels.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.
The San Carlo Grand Opera Company in "Lucia di Lammermoor."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
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"Honey Boy" Minstrels.

Vaughn Comfort will again be found in the interlocutor's chair when the curtain rises on the new minstrel program which George Evans' Honey Boys will offer at the Auditorium on next Monday, matinee and night. It is doubtful if there is another man in minstrelry so well fitted for this important position. Comfort is a past master in the art of directing the "First Part" program, he is one of the principal soloists as well, and an expert stage manager who knows all the tricks of value in vocal shading and directing. There is probably no other one man in this style of theatricals so important as the interlocutor. From him the leader of the orchestra, the electrician, the stage crew, the end men, the singers and in fact all concerned in this opening scene, take their cue. By a look or movement of the head, possibly only a glance, are things directed, and in the past visits of this favorite organization the smoothness of the performance has been a noteworthy feature. Vaughn Comfort has been the interlocutor with "Honey Boy" Evans for the past five years and Evans' managerial acumen is shown by the re-engagement of this competent master. The night prices are from 50 cents to \$1.50. The matinee prices are 50 cents, 75

cents and \$1. Children 25 cents to any seat. Tickets are now selling at Allison's.

The San Carlo Grand Opera Co.
Signor Antola, the eminent baritone, who will be heard here on next Wednesday evening with the San Carlo Grand Opera company at the Auditorium, has been written about and singled out as an artist whose attainments leave little to be desired in operatic stardom. Firstly, he is of most commanding presence. Secondly, in his id'ity to character, to say nothing of his splendid voice, powerful and ringing. His conception of the operatic singer's province includes a thorough understanding of the character to be assumed, to attain which he devotes much study not only of the lines but of the historical original, if he there be, and of the period in which he flourished.

Antola is not so well known in America, having spent most of his time since his debut, in Spain. There is scarcely a city or town in the land of the Bore where he has not sung—Madrid, Barcelona, Cadix—many others. For eight years he was the most popular baritone in the country. He made his debut in Pavia, Italy, in 1903, after which he sung steadily throughout Europe, appearing in the leading cities of Portugal, Italy, Spain and Bohemia, even singing in Africa. He created numerous roles and sung in many premieres. In Portugal, where he attained great success as Tonio, in "L'Pagliacci," his performance is said to have been so realistic that he was constantly greeted on the streets by children, and even grown persons who had witnessed the opera, with, "Hello, Tonio!"

Since reaching America a few weeks ago he has secured marked success in the role of Henry Ashton in "Lucia di Lammermoor." The repertoire for the opera company on next Wednesday and Thursday will be as follows: "On Wednesday evening "Lucia di Lammermoor," on Thursday, matinee, the double bill of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "L'Pagliacci," and on Thursday evening "Rigoletto." The matinee prices will range from 50 cents to \$1.50. The night prices from 50 cents to \$2. Tickets for the entire engagement will be placed on sale Monday morning at Allison's.

Basket ball Monday and Tuesday nights. Y. M. C. A. vs. Tusculum College. Reserved seats 25c.

Socialist Columns.

These columns are published every Saturday, and controlled by the Socialists. Local of Asheville, which alone is responsible for the opinions expressed. The Asheville Socialist Local meets every Sunday at 10 a. m. in its reading room, Central Labor Union Hall. All interested are invited.

A Kansas City Situation.
Kansas City is said to have 125 cars of potatoes rotting on the tracks. Great business. That is enough food to quiet the hunger of Kansas City's poor for many weeks or months. However it won't be used for that purpose. The laboring people of Kansas City have not yet been sufficiently starved to realize that potatoes are not brought from the producers in such quantities so that they may have enough to stay the hunger. Those potatoes will lay there and rot unless somebody can make some profit out of them. Then when they have rotted they will be dumped somewhere so near that the decaying matter will be a good disease breeder for the poor who either can't or are too ignorant to prevent sickness. Great is capitalism! Socialism would not be good for you.

Blind Justice.
Joseph G. Robin, the skyrocket financier, sentenced to serve one year in Blackwell Island penitentiary, was released a few days ago without ever having served a single day of actual prison life for the larceny of \$21,000 from the Washington Savings bank.

Judging from the press reports he must have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was required to serve but five months, and was permitted to leave the prison every morning in time to catch the nine o'clock boat, to remain at business in the city until the four o'clock boat and then resume his place in the penitentiary during the night. While nominally a convict Robin is said to have "made between \$200,000 and \$100,000 during his daily trips to New York."

The Privileged Classes.
The privileged classes of mankind have no conscience on the subject of their privilege. History does not adduce one instance in which a nobility or even a monopoly entrenched in precedent and custom has ever voluntarily made restitution to society of the rights of which she had been despoiled. The iron jaws which close on the marrow bone of privilege never relax until they are broken. So long as the laboring people, ancient or modern, have restricted their organizations to mere picture religion and frugality, they do not appear to have been harshly dealt with, but just as soon as they ventured to consider and act upon the subject of politics, which of all others, was most necessary to their welfare, they have become, and this is true in our time, the objects of hate, abuse and repression.—John Clark Hildreth.

Success of a New Co-Operative.
The Seminoles Co-Operative Mercantile company, Inc., of Sanford, Florida in the first two months of its existence cleared \$227.75.

Groceries sold at 20 per cent advance over cost with freight added. Yet the co-operative is able to undersell its competitors.

The monthly sales average \$2,500. Two delivery wagons are constantly in use.

The housewives of Sanford have been circled with an appeal to buy one or more shares of stock, at \$10.10 a share, and to purchase "from a first class grocery store, capitalized and run by the people—not for profit."

Labor Official Says Church Has Deserted Labor.
That the church has deserted labor and become the defender of wealth was the charge by H. T. Colvin, secretary of the Virginia Federation of Labor. His remark threw the state conference of churches into an uproar, and brought a number of clergymen to their feet, mostly to deny, but some to admit the charge. Colvin's statements were also affirmed by E. C. Davidson, president of the Virginia Federation of Labor.

Colvin referred to the recent meeting of the Episcopal bishops of New York, at which the bishops refused to endorse the law against child labor, and then said that the bishops sat down to a dinner costing \$10,000 while hundreds of men and women and children were literally starving in the streets of New York city.

The Rev. T. C. Darst, an Episcopal minister, defended the bishops' meeting in New York and denied that they had sat down to a \$10,000 dinner as charged, while Dr. Welford entered a general denial that the church of today is for the rich man. He declared that the church is a friend of the la-

There are other little trusts in this town; the town will grow and the trusts will grow. Ultimately, a few fortunate ones will be able to make swollen profits, and the remainder will be put out of business. As Karl Marx pointed out, long before the present industrial era, competition invariably ends in combination. A firm or corporation like a tree, must grow to live. The advocates of competition have always mentally defined it as "competition for others, combination for us." The sole solution of the trust problem is the socialist co-operative commonwealth. When established, it will provide ample opportunity for the talents now devoted to keeping alive our senseless commercial system and will pay honestly for all services rendered to the community.

Reason, Rhyme and Rot.
The details of the Judge Speer impeachment case must stick in the craw of every thinking American. Whoever a public servant is exalted to a tin god, corruption and inefficiency follow as a matter of course. Recall the judges!

Zephyr skirts show which way the wind blows, but one bare fact proves that the high cost of living can be reduced. Parisian ladies, so dispatches say, are discarding stockings.

Chicago is to finance and operate a store where goods will be sold at cost to needy people vouchered for by the county agent. Most likely these will be prospective voters for the Hinky Dinky and Bath-house Johns, but under socialism such a store would directly benefit every man, woman and child in the city.

The people of these mountains will be proud to learn that J. B. Duke is thinking of purchasing the English estate of Lord Crewe for a trifle of a half a million dollars. After being driven out of business, years ago, by the tobacco trust, it is still their humble privilege to contribute about two cents in every five spent for tobacco, towards providing comforts of this kind for Duke and his associate Count Thomas Fortune Ryan.

How profit stands in the way of progress is aptly illustrated by a tale from London, Ky. A Methodist industrial school, there had an experimental farm and managed it in conjunction with the state agricultural college. They hired a superintendent who happened to be a socialist. Many of the neighboring farms and farmers were poor and he arranged for the latter to get fertilizer on a co-operative basis at cost. The merchants of the town protested and before long

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AUDITORIUM Monday 9
Schloss Theatre Circuit
February
MATINEE AT 3:30. NIGHT 8:30

Here Comes "Honey Boy" With the Best Show He Ever Had

GEO. EVANS HONEY BOY MINSTRELS

ALL NEW THIS YEAR COMPANY OF 60

John King, Sam Lee, Vaughn Comfort, Eldon Durand, Tommy Hyde, "Tugs" Leighton, Will Cawley, James Meehan, Wm. H. Thompson, Joseph Gillespie, Joe Wesley, Ed. Lindeman, Master Paul Van Dyke.

Concert Band and Orchestra Edward V. Cuperio, Director.

"THE BLACKVILLE BALLOONATICS"

"Honey Boy" as "Sweetie Jones"

Matinee: 50c, 75c, \$1.00; Children, any seat, 25c. Night, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.
Seats Now Selling at Allison's Drug Store.

This superintendent was dropped on the plea that his salary was more than the school could afford. He was getting seventy dollars a month.

Said Hans to Fritz, "It gife me fits To see der way things go; I works each day; I draws mine pay; It melts away like snow."

Der grocer gets half of it; Der rest all vant a slice; Dey come around on pay day; In a way dot isn't nice.

So glad, mine wife, when dey are gone She wipes away a tear; Und hides der last one nickel; Dot I might buy a beer."

Said Fritz to Hans, "Der vorking man's Got more vot he can bear. But still, some day, he thinks he may Become a millionaire.

Until he gets dot foolishness

From inside his head out, He chust so well might schwap in head
"For another one of kraut."

So soon he learns election day Is der time to make a kick, Und votes for socialism. He gets it better quick."

N. D. L.

School at Night.
Pupils in the Dickerson high school, Jersey City, went to school from 4:30 in the afternoon to 10 o'clock at night on one occasion lately, in order that the adult members of their families might see the school plant in operation. Over 15,000 citizens took advantage of the opportunity offered by Superintendent Snyder to see what the high school was actually doing. The school program was carried out in the regular order, including the serving of the school luncheon about the middle of the session.



SAM LEE, THE MINSTREL MAN WHO ALWAYS PLAYS THE "REAL MAD NIGGER" WITH HONEY BOY EVANS' MINSTRELS, TO BE SEEN AT THE AUDITORIUM MONDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT, FEBRUARY 9.

AUDITORIUM NEXT WEDNESDAY MATINEE
THURSDAY Thursday

The Musical and Social Event of the Season

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RETURN ENGAGEMENT UNDER LARGE GUARANTEE

World's Famous Singers. Grand Opera Orchestra. Increased Chorus.
Complete Scenic and Property Effects.

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Thursday Matinee, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci"
Thursday Evening, "Rigoletto"

NIGHT PRICES 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 AND \$2.00 MATINEE PRICES 50c, 75c, \$1.00 AND \$1.50.

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