

INTEREST GROWS IN CHORAL UNION

Success of First Public Concert Exceeded All Expectations.

Interest is growing apace in the work of the Asheville Choral and Orchestral society since the presentation of the first concert at the Auditorium. The house was well filled for this first musical production by the new organization and the applause accorded the various numbers on the program was evidence sufficient that the concert was pleasing beyond the hopes of those attending.

The training of the chorus has been under the direction of A. J. Ruby, while Robert Gray directed the orchestra. Those present were really surprised, although pleasantly, with the finesse of the work. Both organizations are comparatively new, with the membership yet limited, but there is a prospect now of a much greater growth in the near future and other delightful concerts at brief intervals.

- 1. March, "King Huzzars" Leonard
- 2. Chorus, "Gypsy Life" R. Schumann
- 3. Overture, Raymond Thomas
- 4. Part Songs—
 - (a) "Who will O'er the Downs" Pearsall
 - (b) "The Sea Hath Its Pearls" Pinsuti
- 5. Chorus, "Daybreak" Fanning
- 6. Suite Romantique, "A Day in Venice" Nevin
- (a) Dawn.
- (b) Venetian Love Song.
- (c) Good Night.
- 7. Chorus, "My Love Dwells in a Northern Land" E. Elgar
- 8. Kamenoi Ostrow, Cloister scene Rubenstein
- 9. Waltz song, "Spring" L. Milde

SENATOR CLARKE WINS OVER KIRBY IN ARK.

Little Rock, Ark., March 27.—Practically complete returns from 45 counties in Wednesday's democratic primaries, give United States Senator James P. Clarke, seeking re-nomination, a majority of 7341 over his opponent, William F. Kirby, associate justice of the State Supreme court. It is estimated by Senator Clarke's friends that the 10 counties not yet heard from will swell his majority to 10,000. Judge Kirby has not yet admitted his defeat.

Washington, March 26.—The statue of Commodore John Barry, cast in bronze from a full size plaster model by Sculptor Boyle was placed today in Franklin park. Civic and military honors will mark its dedication in May.

VICK'S Croup and SALVE

CASES DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

Important Actions Taken in a Number of Cases to be Called.

Several minor cases were taken up in Superior court yesterday and when the court recessed at night the case against L. F. Davis, charged with false pretense, was being heard. Davis was last fall the owner of the news stand in the Langren hotel and sold out to Messrs. Lange and Green, who allege that he made false statements as to the indebtedness against the stand when they bought it. He left here and was brought back from Lenoir and tried before Magistrate J. J. Mackey, who bound the defendant over to Superior court. Solicitor Reynolds is assisted by Lee & Ford, attorneys for Lange and Green in the matter, and the defense is represented by Thomas A. Jones, W. P. Brown and J. W. Haynes.

B. Fearman was tried on charges of selling coal without a license and a jury found him not guilty. Charles Stewart was brought into court yesterday on charges of assaulting his wife with intent to kill and the case was continued until the May term of Superior court, owing to the reported serious condition of Mrs. Stewart. She is at the home of her sister on Sunset mountain and it was stated that she is in a dangerous condition. A true bill was returned against Stewart yesterday by the grand jury. He is being held without bond.

The grand jury returned true bills against Milton Hamlin and Hassie Jordan, who were brought back here Tuesday from Spartanburg, after Hamlin is alleged to have deserted his wife and eight small children, at his home near Gorman's bridge. Both were released on cash bonds of \$200 each.

The case against Rob Lee, who was fined \$50 and the costs for failing to appear as a witness in a case against Otis Styles in Police court several weeks ago, was called Wednesday afternoon, the defendant having appeared from Police court, but no decision was reached in the matter. Counsel for Lee argued the case before the court and the solicitor spoke for the state. Judge Harding stated that he did not know whether he had any jurisdiction in the matter but would take it under consideration and announce later what he would do in the matter.

Otis Jones was found guilty by a jury of gambling. After the evidence was concluded in the case it went to the jury with the court's charge, neither side presenting arguments. In another case against Jones for malicious injury to property, a nol prox. with leave was taken, as the witnesses failed to show up.

C. H. Shelton, colored, was found not guilty of false pretense. He was found guilty in Police court and bound over to Superior court. He was alleged to have passed a worthless check on a negro preacher on Southside avenue.

The case against Herman Wilson, the small white boy, charged with assault on Fern Cassada with a knife at the Orange street school several weeks ago, was taken up and he was found guilty. Each of the boys appeared in court and both seemed to be under 12 years of age.

COUNTRY CLUB CADDY IS CUT IN A FIGHT

Ernest Fowler Wounded This Afternoon by Jesse Smith—Both Negro Boys.

There was a fight between two caddies, Ernest Fowler and Jesse Smith, in the caddy house near the Asheville Country club shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday, in which the former received a severe knife wound in the left leg. He was taken in the police patrol to the Mission hospital for treatment. Young Smith escaped, but is being sought by men from the sheriff's office.

NEW MUSICAL FEATURE AT THE LANGREN HOTEL

The management of the Langren hotel has secured a most unique musical attraction for the hotel that will be a feature of entertainment there at least for a few days. This is the Guatemala, Marlamba band. The band will give concerts twice a day at the hotel, at the luncheon and dinner hours, through next Sunday. This preliminary arrangement was made this morning and the band made its first appearance at luncheon today.

There are five pieces in this unique musical organization and the program at the first concert today was a most delightful one. The members of the organization come from Central America. They are Spanish, speaking no English whatever, and have been touring a considerable portion of the south for some time.

TANNEBAUM COUNSEL SCORES WITNESSES

New York, March 27.—Defense counsel in the trial of Frank Tannenbaum, accused of taking part in an unlawful assemblage in connection with recent demonstrations of the unemployed, declared state witnesses had grossly misrepresented the facts. The defendant's attorney said he would show that instead of inciting his followers to disorder when they entered St. Alphonsus church, Tannenbaum not only beseeched them to keep quiet but told them they should go elsewhere for shelter if they were not wanted there. Herman Weidemeier, a reporter for a German newspaper, testified that the real disturbance in the church was made by newspaper men "moving about and talking to each other," and that Tannenbaum and his followers had behaved in an orderly manner.

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A BIT OF WAX

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

I had gone out to India to serve as an accountant in a banking house; but, becoming homesick, I decided to return to America. A few days before I sailed the head of the firm called me into his private office and told me that a client of the house desired that I carry for him to Boston a valuable sapphire. He would pay me handsomely for its delivery in that city.

I needed the money and accepted the commission. I called for it the day I sailed, wearing a coat with a pocket in the lining, in which the sapphire was sewed by an Indian woman who was called in for the purpose, though she did not see the contents of the pocket or know that there was a pocket there.

My route was by Aden, the Suez canal, the Mediterranean and over the Atlantic to New York, quite a long journey and all in the same vessel. I made the acquaintance of an American lady, Mrs. Gillette, whose maid was a young Indian woman. The lady told me that shortly before she sailed the woman—Susan she was called, because her Indian name was hard to pronounce—hearing that she was intending to sail for America, came and begged her to take her with her as her maid, with no compensation except paying for her passage. The lady, who was subject to seasickness and wished some one to wait on her, consented. Mrs. Gillette was ill in rough weather, but well on a smooth sea. Susan took very good care of her.

Since I had told no one that I carried a valuable gem and no one except myself and the man through whom it came to me knew where it was I felt very little fear of losing it. I simply wore the coat in which it was sewed by day and used it for a pillow by night, so that it was always either on my back or under my head. But one thing occurred during the voyage to cause me to suspect the possibility of any one being on my track. One day when about to enter my stateroom I noticed something white not as big as a pen on the floor directly under the lock. I have no idea what induced me to pick it up, but I did so and, crushing it between my thumb and forefinger, found it to be wax. Could any one have been taking an impression of the lock on my stateroom door? I dismissed the suggestion at once as farfetched.

We had left Gibraltar and were nearing the Azores when one morning I awoke with a head swimming sensation. I smelled a peculiar odor in the room. I put up my hand to grasp my coat, for I felt that my head was without support, and was horrified to find the coat was not there. I arose and looked about the room for it as best I could, but it was not in the room. I tried the door and found it locked. The key I had concealed under my mattress. It was where I had placed it. The remembrance of the bit of wax I had found came back to me as the only clue to this robbery. If an impression had been made for a key the key must have been made about the ship. It could not have been filed without the filing being heard. Doubtless it had been made in the ship's workshop. I went below and asked the man in charge of the metal working shop if he had been called to make a key. He said that he had not, but after some thought, said that one of the stewards had been in the shop filing something. He remembered the steward, and we found him.

I reported the matter to the captain, who called the steward before him and obtained a confession that he had been tipped by a lady's maid to do some filing on a key. When called upon to identify the lady's maid he pointed out Mrs. Gillette's Indian girl, Susan. Before Susan got wind of the matter a stewardess took her in charge and another went through her effects. My coat was found among them, but the sapphire was missing. We were obliged to tie a rope around Susan, threatening to put her overboard, before she broke down and told us where she had concealed it.

No blame whatever was attached to Mrs. Gillette. She had not the slightest conception that her maid was not only a thief, but had entered her service knowing that she was about to leave for America on the same steamer as I and believing that I carried the sapphire.

This is the explanation of how Susan acquired this information. She had been chambermaid in the hotel where the owner of the sapphire stayed and had suddenly entered the room and had seen him handling it. She had watched him and had seen him go to the bankers. There she had succeeded in making the acquaintance of the woman who had done the sewing on my coat. This was enough. A brother of hers had got from the passenger list of the steamer on which I was to sail the names of several ladies. Susan had gone to each of these ladies, proposing to go with her as maid, and had been successful with Mrs. Gillette.

Susan was kept in limbo to the end of the voyage, when I went ashore. I learned afterward that she was taken back to India, being made to do menial work on the return voyage. What became of her after reaching India I do not know. The incident convinced me that the natives of Asia are very shrewd.

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ALLEGED KIDNAPERS RELEASED ON BAIL

Sheriff C. F. Williams received a message yesterday from T. C. Foster, sheriff of Lewis county, Washington, in which he stated that Mrs. Bettie Hutchinson and Miss Carrie Tinsley, who were arrested in Chehalis, Wash., several days ago, on charges of kidnaping little Bettie Edna Cole, daughter of Enoch Cole of West Asheville, had been released on bond for their appearance before the sheriff on April 4. The message stated that instructions from the local authorities are awaited in the case. Sheriff Williams stated this morning that requisition papers in the case had been asked for, but nothing had been heard from them yet, and that he could not do anything until the papers were acted upon. Just as soon as the requisition papers are acted upon, an officer from the sheriff's office will be sent to Chehalis, Wash., for the women.

CONFLAGRATIONS

Property valued at several million dollars has been destroyed in North Carolina this year! With very little insurance on same. It is estimated that less than one-third value of the property in Asheville township is covered by insurance when the fire insurance companies are willing to carry your risk up to three-fourths of the cash value of same. I represent companies worth millions of dollars and we have never failed to settle a loss.

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MISS LUCY PURSELL DIES IN CINCINNATI

Friends in the city of Miss Lucy Pursell have received news of her death, which occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday at her home in Cincinnati. Miss Pursell was known to a wide circle of friends here, where she resided for about two years at 26 North French Broad avenue. She left Asheville in the autumn of 1912 and spent the winter at Aiken. During the following spring she came here for a stay of about a month and then went to her home in Cincinnati. The news of her death came as a distinct shock to friends in the city yesterday.

Effective Date Postponed
Washington, March 26.—The effective date of the interstate commerce commission's order in the Shreveport rate case was postponed again today from April 1 until June 1. The case is pending before the Supreme court on appeal from the order of the commission; hence the postponement.

UNUSUAL NUMBER OF LOBBYISTS AT ALBANY

Albany, N. Y., March 27.—The unusual number and boldness of lobbyists around the state capitol evoked protests from several legislators yesterday. One assemblyman denounced especially the "church lobbyists who work openly on the floor." A man whom he accused of being such a lobbyist immediately left the chamber. Later the speaker directed the sergeant-at-arms to eject from the chamber any one attempting to lobby and all not officially connected with the assembly were forbidden to enter the well where the members sit. At the beginning of the session of the senate, the rear of the chamber was so crowded with lobbyists and persons interested in pending legislation that rules were adopted forbidding the presence of all except members.

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