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To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds--Good Reading Makes Good Men

Modern Opera House Now Assured For Washington

TO BE ERECTED BY HASSEL SUPPLY CO.

Large Stables To The Rear Work of Raising Buildings Commenced Yesterday Bricklaying to Commence Monday

Washington at last is to have an up-to-date and modern opera house. The Hassel Supply Company of this city, has recently purchased the J. C. Chancery and the three-block property at the corner of Market and Third streets and the work of raising the wooden buildings for the purpose of the improvements began yesterday. Laying of brick is expected to commence next Monday morning if the weather is propitious.

The property purchased by the Hassel Supply Company has a frontage on Market street of 187 feet and on Third street of 254 feet. The building to be erected will be two stories and will have a frontage on Market street of 187 feet and 122 feet on Third street.

In talking to Mr. George Hassel of the Hassel Supply Company this morning, a Daily News man learned that it is the purpose of the company to have four stories on Market street, 25 feet front with a depth of 75 feet. These will be for rent. The Hassel Supply Company will have a repository where they will handle all kinds and varieties of vehicles, harness and supplies. This part of the building will have a frontage of 57 feet on Market street with a depth of 125 feet. The company will also utilize the second floor of this part of the proposed structure.

To the rear of this building and facing Third street is to be erected a stable building 50 feet by 100 feet. This will be occupied by the Hassel Supply Company. Over the four stories a modern opera house is the plan of the promoters. The auditorium will be 100 by 125 feet and will have a seating capacity of 1000. The stage will be 40 feet wide, 25 feet deep with a pit of 10 feet. Everything modern will be installed in the theater and no pains nor expense will be spared in making it complete, sanitary and safe.

Washington has long needed a creditable place for entertainment and the announcement that such an enterprise is to be carried out with vigor is rejoicing among all the citizens.

For weeks it has been anticipated that an opera house would be one of the city's additions in the near future. It is an established fact and now before many months the city will boast of a theater in keeping with its growth and progress.

ICE COMPANY STORAGE ROOM

The Crystal Ice Company has engaged in enlarging and improving its cold storage room where ice is manufactured is stored until ready for consumption. The addition will be modern and much more convenient both for the company and patrons.

Church Building Started.

The Free Will Baptists of this city have begun the erection of their house of worship on Pearce street on the lot donated to the congregation by the late Thomas Latham. Work on the building will be a creditable one. This religious sect is fast gaining ground in the community. Rev. J. T. Butler of Lewiston, N. C. is the pastor in charge.

CASH PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST CORN YIELDS

FOR THE LARGEST YIELD OF CORN THAT CAN BE GROWN ON ONE ACRE

LET EVERYBODY NOW GROW CORN SHOULD BE THE SLOGAN--NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Let everybody grow corn, and there is no better spot on earth for a more successful cultivation of it than right here in Eastern Carolina and Beaufort county. This section can and should produce the world's second corn yield.

So much faith has the Norfolk-Southern Land and Industrial department in the soil of this section for the production of corn, the company announces that they will pay \$100 in gold for the largest yield of corn that can be grown on one acre.

This amount is to be divided into three prizes: \$50.00 for the largest yield; \$30.00 for the next largest; and \$20.00 for the next. The contest is to be open to everybody--the only condition required is that the corn be cultivated and grown in the territory through which the Norfolk-Southern runs. This is the only requirement. No matter the best the method of what not, if the results are obtained, then the prize is won. Who is going to try? Everybody interested in the development of Eastern Carolina should.

The Norfolk-Southern in addition to the above will offer \$25 in gold for the cheapest acre of corn that can be produced, the estimate being based upon production cost per bushel. The only requisite is that the acre produce as much as fifty bushels.

It is claimed that corn can be raised in this section cheaper than in any other place in the world, and it is the desire and aim of the Norfolk-Southern to prove the assertion. The greatest amount of corn and the least amount of work in the cultivation of corn is the aim of the contest. Now is the time to come forward with the combination and get the gold. Those who enter the contest should send their address to the Land and Industrial department of the Norfolk-Southern, Norfolk, Va.

As stated in the contest, the contest is to be open to everybody. No matter the best the method of what not, if the results are obtained, then the prize is won. Who is going to try? Everybody interested in the development of Eastern Carolina should.

The opening bill of the Lyric last evening was that of Frank L. Smith and his seven merry makers and it was a perfect success from start to finish. Very refined, clean and entertaining.

The opening number was well applauded and received good applause all the way through the entire act; the songs rendered were very clever as well as the monologue and did not contain anything of the suggestive nature that could possibly offend the audience.

The above-mentioned artists are here for a three days engagement only and there is no doubt but what they will play to capacity houses each night, as it was an act that was very highly commended on all sides.

Tonight they give an entire change from that of last night, and with a number that is as highly appreciated as the previous night.

The manager of the Lyric has very good taste in selecting artists and unquestionably this is an act that can well be appreciated.

Sweden Expels Mormons.

Stockholm, Sweden, March 19.—After prolonged discussion the Swedish Parliament has agreed to expel the Mormon missionaries from the country and to grant a yearly subsidy for a well-organized anti-Mormon campaign from 1912 to 1915.

WEATHER THIS WEEK.

Washington, March 19.—The heavy rains and high winds which have wrought damage in the South have subsided and generally fair weather in the disturbed section is promised during the next several days. While railroad traffic has been resumed, schedules are belated and connections are reached in many instances only by crossing and re-crossing round-about lines.

The fair weather which promises relief in the South during the next several days will also overspread the Eastern States and will prevail in the Middle West, the first part of the week, according to the bulletin issued by the Weather Bureau.

THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight. Warmer in extreme West portion. Wednesday probably fair.

RECORDED TRIES SEVERAL CASES

The following cases were disposed of before Recorder Grimes this morning:

Lillian Brown and Josephine Latham, both colored, were charged with an affray. They were adjudged guilty and fined \$1 and the costs each.

Matt Quinn was charged with being drunk. He was found guilty and fined \$1 and cost.

Abner Allgood was before the court for being drunk. He was fined \$1 and cost.

MILLINERY OPENINGS AT J. L. ROYTS AND SUB SUCCESS

The millinery departments of Mr. J. L. Royts and Sub Success are open for the ladies of the city today. All day there has been a steady stream of ladies and misses entering the well known places viewing with admiration the elaborate display of millinery goods for the coming season.

The styles this season were pronounced superb and many beautiful and attractive hats were purchased on the spot. The openings were a pronounced success and reflects credit on both firms. Miss Stock and her assistants at Royts, and Miss Harrison at Subkin and Berry, took great pleasure in exhibiting the headgear and were polite and helpful to all who called.

There is no town in North Carolina where there is a better opportunity to purchase millinery, and the openings today bears out this assertion. Congratulations are in order for both firms.

WOMEN TO RUN A BANK.

Only Man About the Place Will Be the Janitor and Watchman. Warsaw, Poland, March 19.—Europe's first women's bank will soon be opened in the ancient city of Kovno by the Association of the Roman Catholic Women of Lithuania. It will start with a capital of several millions of rubles and be entirely run by women. Only the janitor and the night watchman will be recruited from the sterner sex.

The movement has received great impetus in the neighborhood, as extensive banking methods are especially

WASHINGTON BOY MAKING GOOD IN ADOPTED HOME

N. R. ROBERSON, MADE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF LARGE REALTY FIRM IN CAPITAL CITY. HOME TOWN PROUD

Another Washington boy is "making good" in his adopted city in the person of Mr. N. R. Roberson, now a resident of Washington, D. C. Mr. Roberson has only recently associated himself with Mr. S. R. Norman, under the firm name of Norman and Roberson for the purpose of doing a general realty business. They have fitted up handsome offices on the first floor of the Woodard building 739 Fifteenth street Northwest. The Washington Herald of that city in speaking of this firm says: "That another addition is made to the list of prominent firms which have headquarters in what has become known as the 'Wall Street' of Washington. Both Messrs. Norman and Roberson are experienced real estate men; are young men of the progressive type and are well known in the local business circles. Their aim is not to specialize in any one branch of the realty business, but to conduct an office, the scope of which will be on broad lines. They have gathered to-

gether a corps of experienced salesmen to handle the selling and exchanging of properties and a competent office force to attend to the renting, negotiating for loans, management of estates and other routine matters. Their offices are both well equipped and handsomely decorated. The furnishings, which are of mahogany form a pleasing contrast with green carpeting and cream-colored walls. The renting department and cashier's desk will occupy the front portion of the office. The central portion will be devoted to the salesmen's desks, while in the rear will be located the private offices of Messrs. Norman and Roberson. Mr. Norman is the president of the company and Mr. Roberson is the secretary-treasurer."

Mr. Roberson is a native of this city and for many years was actively engaged in the commission business. As a business man he was a success and soon convinced and impressed the entire city with his business acumen. Several years ago he decided to move to Washington, D. C., and since that time he has gone forward at a rapid pace and to know that he is still going forward is welcome news to his friends in his native town.

OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS

Miss Goldie Ricka, daughter of Sheriff George E. Ricka, was operated upon at the Washington Hospital yesterday afternoon for appendicitis. The operation was successful and the reports from her bedside today are that she is doing nicely and will be away.

Not So Well. The condition of Mrs. E. L. Brooks who was operated upon at the Washington Hospital a week ago, is not so favorable today.

CLAIM \$50 FOR WILSON.

Governor's Managers Say He Will Be Nominated on the First Ballot.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—According to a statement issued by the managers of the Presidential boom of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, the New Jersey Governor will have approximately 300 delegates when the Democratic National Convention assembles in Baltimore.

The further claim is made that Gov. Wilson will be nominated on the first ballot. In making this claim, the Wilson people did not mention States but they pointed out that in less than a month Pennsylvania delegates would elect more Wilson delegates than are now claimed at the present time by all the other candidates combined.

The Wilson managers say that Speaker Champ Clark has shot his bolt. They dwell on the fact that the Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas State conventions were called far in advance of other State conventions in the expectation that the Speaker would have the solid vote from those States. They say the Speaker lost half of Oklahoma and just skinned through in Kansas by a majority of 22 in a convention of more than 700 delegates.

CITY OF PARIS SENDS EASTER EGG TO TAR.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The gift sent by the city of Paris to the Tar and presented to his majesty at Annapolis, Edo by the mayor of Paris, took the shape of a superbly beautiful Easter egg incriminated with precious stones. It rested on a cushion of the finest silk. The egg is surrounded by a small golden crown, of delicate workmanship.

Beneath the crown is an almost invisible button attached to a spring. When the button is pressed the egg flies open, disclosing a charming portrait of the little Tsarevitch.

MILLINERY OPENING.

Miss Hattie Henry's millinery opening takes place tomorrow and she cordially invited the ladies of the city to call and inspect the very latest in spring and summer hats. Miss Henry is a milliner of taste and merit. She has an elaborate assortment. Her millinery store will no doubt be an attraction tomorrow.

Mr. Howard Winfield has purchased the building now occupied by Mr.

NEGRO OF NOTE SPEAKS TONIGHT

John C. Dancy, formerly Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia, is invited to speak at the Colored M. E. Church, at the corner of Fifth and Russell streets this evening at 8:30 o'clock. His subject will be "The advancement of the negro for fifty years." He is reputed to be a speaker of force and no doubt will be heard to a large audience.

WINNER OF \$200,000 GRAND LOTTERY PRIZE.

Paris, March 19.—The winner of the million francs, \$200,000 prize in the French lottery, which under the present disposition is to be the last held in France, is an elderly gentleman of private means residing in the Boulevard Pereire, Paris.

He was at lunch when he received news of his good fortune, and leaving the unfinished meal immediately he left his doors to all callers, ordering the concierge to inform them that he had left for the country.

Wedding Announcement.

The following wedding announcement will prove of interest to quite a number of the Daily News readers: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Austin announce the marriage of their daughter

Janet Jeffreys to Mr. John Randolph Chambliss on Thursday, March the fourteenth, nineteen hundred and twelve, at Tarboro, North Carolina.

The bride was at one time a resident of this city, being the stenographer for the Fulford Hardware Co.

RICH, MISSING FIVE YEARS, RETURNS HOME A TRAMP.

Chicago, March 19.—Andrew Harsco has reappeared suddenly in Kentucky after an absence of five years. When he left the Wisconsin to he was a rich man. He came back in the garb of a tramp.

Wife Liked Mustache; He Shaved.

Atlanta, March 19.—While it was reported that Eugene Grace, who says his wife shot him, showed considerable improvement his physicians would not alter their opinion that Grace cannot survive. He has had his mustache shaved off, because, he said, his wife, who is in jail, admired it.

New Residence.

Mr. R. E. Hodges is erecting a neat residence on Fourth street near the corner of Market. When completed it will be occupied by Mr. Thomas Lewis and family.

Local Politics.

Local politics are beginning to attract attention. Watch the columns

THOS. J. LATHAM JR. OFFICER OF GROWING NORFOLK BANK

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE FIDELITY SAVINGS TRUST COMPANY, WELL EQUIPPED FOR POSITION.

Thomas J. Latham, Jr., formerly assistant cashier of the Bank of Washington, now of Norfolk, where he went over a year ago to accept a position as assistant cashier of the Bank of Norfolk, has been elected as secretary-treasurer of the Fidelity Savings and Trust Company of that city. The news of Mr. Latham's progress in his new home will be learned with pleasure by his many friends in Washington, where he resided for so many years. He knows the banking business from a to z and the Fidelity

Savings and Trust Company is to be congratulated in having him as one of its officers.

This banking institution is making rapid strides in the business world. It was organized in the spring of 1910 with a paid in capital of \$20,000. Since its organization it has earned a surplus of \$6,000 and has outstanding loans aggregating \$78,000. Not one dollar has been lost in the operation of the company and the officers and directors have every reason to be proud of the notable record being made.

Mr. Latham is fully equipped for his work as he has had years of experience. He is the oldest son of Mr. Thomas J. Latham, cashier of the Bank of Washington.

FAMOUS SHIP PLUNGES DEEP IN OLD OCEAN

BATTLESHIP MAINE IS BURIED AT SEA--DECKS COVERED WITH FLOWERS.

Havana, March 19.—Under cloudy skies and a heavy roar of guns the battleship Maine, resurrected after fourteen years burial in Havana harbor, plunged with her colors flying to her everlasting rest 600 fathoms deep in the sapphire waters of the Gulf. The sinking of the hull was carried out precisely as planned marking the end of the great work begun more than a year and a half ago. After imposing ceremonies in the morning which ended with the formal transfer of the custody of the mayor of Havana, Julio de Cardenas, to Brigadier General Bixby, chief of the engineer corps as the representative of the United States, the coffin were taken aboard the armored cruiser North Carolina and deposited on the quarter deck, completely covered by a great mound of floral tributes, under a guard of honor composed of marines. Minute guns were fired by the North Carolina and the scout cruiser Birmingham and the batteries of Cabanis fortress when the ships cleared the harbor.

Soon after 2 o'clock the navy tug Osceola, aboard of which were the United States Minister Beaupre, the staff of the legation and the Maine commission, passed lines to the stern end of the wedge-shaped wreck and started seaward.

Put to Sea on Last Voyage. Her decks were covered deep with flowers and palms and a great American ensign floating from the jury-mast, where the mainmast formerly stood the Maine put to sea on her last voyage.

On deck stood Capt. John O'Brien, famous as "Dynamite John," skipper of the filibustering steamer Dauntless and Three Friends, acting as the Maine's last pilot.

As the wreck passed the American squadron the crew manned the rail, the marines presented arms, the scarlet-coated bandmen on the quarter-deck played the national anthem, while the minute guns boomed a requiem.

Passing out of the harbor, no salutes were fired the flotilla headed by the Maine, proceeded in silence with the flags at half mast.

At 4:35 o'clock the 3-mile limit cruisers took up a position to the west and the accompanying vessels to the north and south. Meanwhile the wrecking crew went aboard the hull and made ready to carry out the arrangements for the sinking.

All Eyes Fixed on the Wreck. At 5 o'clock another whistle sounded. This was the signal for the sinking. Then all eyes in the great fleet were fixed on the wreck. The crews of the war vessels were lining the rails. All was silence but for the wash of the heavy seas.

For ten minutes no change was visible in the trim of the great rusty, battered hulk, which pitched heavily as the huge rollers struck her. Then she was seen to be sinking at the bulkhead end. Soon the waves began to wash over her deck. As she remained pitching and wallowing, the stern was seen to rise. In a few seconds, the hulk was almost vertical, showing first the propellers and then the full keel. The next moment there was a flash of blue and white as the great ensign flying from the mast struck the waves and disappeared. Simultaneously the decks were blown up by the air pressure and with incredible velocity the Maine plunged down, leaving no trace save three barrels on the surface of the sea.

Land Sale Tomorrow.

The big land sale of the Grist property comes off tomorrow. Active preparations are being made for the event and doubtless a large number will attend the sale. The sale begins at 10:30 o'clock.

Ayers' Millinery Opening.

Mr. E. W. Ayers announces his millinery opening in today's issue for Thursday and Friday. All the ladies of the city and county are cordially

AMERICAN WAR DOGS RUSHED TO THE ORIENT

THREE FASTEST SHIPS IN NAVY RUSHED WITH ALL SPEED. SITUATION CRITICAL.

Washington, March 19.—Believing that an attempted partition of China by Russia and Japan is imminent the state department has ordered the armored cruisers Colorado, California, and the South Dakota, the three fastest ships in the navy, to hurry with all speed to the Philippines.

These cruisers which are now at Hawaii were under orders to proceed to the United States when the critical situation developed in the Orient. It was announced that the armored cruiser Maryland upon which Secretary Knox has been visiting the west coast of Central America has been ordered to San Diego, Calif. It is anticipated here that as soon as the Maryland can sail at San Diego she will be hurried after her sister ships to the Orient.

Added to the Asiatic fleet under command of Admiral McDuck the armored cruiser squadron will give the United States the largest naval representation in Chinese waters except Japan.

It is understood that the armored cruiser Pennsylvania, the battleship Oregon, now at Bremerton and the cruisers St. Louis and Raleigh will soon be added to the fleet.

For some weeks the United States has viewed with the greatest alarm the very evident reluctance of Japan and Russia to assist in the pacification of China. They have kept their forces aloof from the international army and are actually acting in co-operation with the imperial legions now marching on Peking with the object of overthrowing the republic.

The sinister purpose of Russia was first laid bare when she proclaimed a protectorate over Mongolia which is equivalent to territorial sovereignty.

In this she was warned by the United States and Germany which announced in no unmistakable terms that such a move was in direct violation of her agreement for the integrity of China.

While Russia apparently yielded to such powerful pressure she did not in fact abate from her determination to grab this most desirable territory which is an empire in itself.

Her reward for adding in the overthrow of the republican government if such result can be attained is the coveted province as a "new sphere of influence." It was with the promise of such an aid that the imperialists again took heart and speeded the present movement on Peking.

Japan is equally determined to be the predominant force in Manchuria, which is the home of the imperial dynasty. Only six weeks ago under the guise of protecting her southern Manchurian railway, she was taught sending suspiciously large bodies of troops into that province. At the vigorous protest of the United States and Germany she also stopped.